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ONE DOLLAR

## Board of Education holds special called meeting

*FY23 Property Tax, 5-Year History and CSRA RESA FY23 Contract Approved*

The Emanuel County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on Thursday, August 25, at 8:30 a.m. at the Central Office in Swainsboro. Six of the eight board members were present and included John Allen Bailey, Phyllis Dixon, Mason Henry, chairman; Tanya Lane, Johnny Parker and Sandra Swinney. Del Brown and Phyllis Dixon were absent. Chairman Henry called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone before giving invocation and was followed by Vice-Chairman Parker leading in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members then reviewed the morning

agenda and approved it as presented.

### Discussion of Consent Agenda

Listed for discussion and/or action on the consent agenda were two items, the FY23 Property Tax Digest and 5-year history and the CSRA RESA FY23 contract.

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

### Executive Session – Employments

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

Board members approved the certified

employment of Megan Bush, SHS Teacher.

Classified employments approved by the board included Katherine Copeland, SMS MTSS paraprofessional; Linda Ford, Transportation – Bus Driver; and Jessica Mack, Transportation – Bus Monitor.

Classified employee resignations approved by the board included Tamara Garcia, SPS Food Service Worker; and Bethany Way, SPS Paraprofessional.

Board members approved the retirement of classified employees, Luis Machado, SES Paraprofessional; and Gayle McKenzie, Maintenance – Clerical.



TWIN CITY COTTON BLOSSOM LOGO

## Twin City to host 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cotton Blossom Festival

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cotton Blossom Festival will be held on the first Saturday in November, with the festival taking place on Saturday, November 5, 2022. The festival will be held at and around the Twin City Welcome Center from 9AM – 5PM.

The Cotton Blossom Festival will host craft vendors, food trucks, and entertainment for all ages. There are no vendor fees! However, vendors should act quickly – there are a limited number of vendor spots. The vendor form is on the city website at [www.twincity-ga.com](http://www.twincity-ga.com) under the “Cotton Blossom Festival” page.

Please contact City Hall at 478-763-2695 for additional information.

Also, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Don’t Bale Out!” 5K will be hosted the same day. There will be another announcement once registration is open.

On behalf of the Festival Committee, Mayor Donaldson stated, “We have been working for months on the preparations to host our annual festival. We are planning for more family fun and entertainment, as well as many unique vendors to start your Christmas shopping early! We are hoping for a beautiful fall day to enjoy fun, family,

and fellowship. We hope you will travel to Twin City on November 5<sup>th</sup> and enjoy a festival that is twice as fun!”

The Twin City Festival Committee is made up of citizens, volunteers, a Twin City business owner, city staff, and an elected official – the committee members are Joann Bell, Donna Scott, Janna Gay Tucker, Huddie Culbreth, Michelle Millsaps, Municipal Court Clerk Jessica Sumner, Recreation Director Brent Freeman, City Clerk Genia Ducker, Police Chief Hank Whithers, and Mayor Matt Donaldson.



FROM L TO R - OVERSTREET, BOATRIGHT AND FAGNALL

## Three more Veterans attend Monday’s breakfast at the Library

The Veterans at the Library met Monday morning, August 29, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the George L. Smith II Room for their weekly meeting. With Chair John Tapley presiding, there were 32 veterans in attendance. Newest veterans in attendance were Jimmy Overstreet, Pete Boatright and Robert Fagnall. Overstreet is a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving from 1965-1967 and was

a SP-4; Boatright served in the U.S. Air Force in 1952 and was an AC-3; and Fagnall served in the U. S. Army in 1972-1975 and was a SP-5. During the meeting, Chair Tapley thanked everyone who attended the Service of Remembrance event Sunday, August 27, honoring those 13 service members killed in Kabul, Afghanistan on August 26, 2021. Chair Tapley also talked about

the upcoming “Wreaths Across America” that will take place on December 17. The public’s help is still needed in identifying those veterans in East Brook Cemetery, Old Settlers Cemetery, First Baptist Cemetery and the Swainsboro City Cemetery that are not marked as veterans. Please call Shari Watt at the Library at 478-237-7791 with your information as soon as possible.

## Thursday plans for Grand Opening, Ribbon Cutting announced

Direct Furniture, Mattress and Appliance Outlet will host a grand opening and ribbon cutting event tomorrow, September 1, from 5 until 8 p.m. The new store located in the old Walmart Shopping Center at 501 South Main Street will hold its “celebrational” event starting at 5 p.m. with a ribbon cutting and will also include prize giveaways for a recliner, a queen size mattress, a \$500 shopping spree and four \$50 gas cards. Gas cards will be given away at 8p.m. on the afternoon of the event. All other prizes will be given away Friday, September 30th.

## STC announces September Medical Job Fair

Southeastern Technical College will host a medical job fair for organizations seeking to hire medical personnel employees on Tuesday, September 20. The event will be held from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Vidalia campus. There is no fee for participation. To register, visit [http://www2.southeasterntech.edu/student\\_services/med\\_fair.html](http://www2.southeasterntech.edu/student_services/med_fair.html).

## Don’t forget to attend tonight’s Touch-A-Truck event

Dellwood Baptist Church invites all to tonight’s Touch-A-Truck event for a fun, hands-on learning experience about people that serve the local community and view other cool displays such as racecars and more! The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and a meal will be provided.

Dellwood Baptist Church is located at 175 Dellwood Main Street, Swainsboro. Joe Bedgood is pastor.

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ECI FBLA MEMBERS: WILL SASSER, NATALEIGH BELCHOR, LILY ROBERTSON, ANSLEY MOXLEY, BRAILEY RADFORD AND PARKER FREDERICK

## ECI FBLA awarded Champion Chapter

Emanuel County Institute's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was recently awarded Champion Chapter. This is a series of membership, engagement-focused challenges that chapters may complete for national recognition. By completing activities, chapters accrue points. Completing activities across four sections will result in Champion Chapter recognition. The four sections included Summer Starter, Shaping Success, Service Season, and CTE Celebration. Chapters were awarded a banner for the adviser's classroom.

## THANK YOU!

Wounded Warriors Retreat Inc. would like to say "THANK YOU" to all of the members of Mill Creek Foundation of Swainsboro for the Grand of \$5,000 on August 5th, 2022.

It is people like you that make it possible for us to minister to our Wounded Warriors and their families. They need to know that they are "NOT ALONE" and "ARE NOT FORGOTTEN".

Our Mission if providing as many different outdoor events as we can is made possible with your financial help. These activities add to the quality of their lives and thereby make them feel they can still have a fulfilling life. They once again can have that special hunt or fishing trip with their children and grandchildren.

They have given all but the unlimited sacrifice for you and me. Thanks for helping us say to them that we really appreciate what they have given. We know that with a little extra help and kindness they will see how much they are loved and appreciated.

Thanks for your support.

Terry Reynolds and All of Our Group at Wounded Warriors



## Swainsboro Rotary Club has been busy

The Swainsboro Rotary Club helps host our veterans. There were several visitors on this date. Emily Conner brought Gabrielle Story and Gary Mason from the Wreaths across America project spoke to the club. Their mission is to place a wreath on every veteran's grave in Emanuel county. This way they can honor our veterans and teach our young people about the importance of defending our freedom and honoring those that have served our great county. The Rotary Club made a \$500.00 donation to this worthwhile cause, and looks forward to seeing all the wreaths that are being placed to honor



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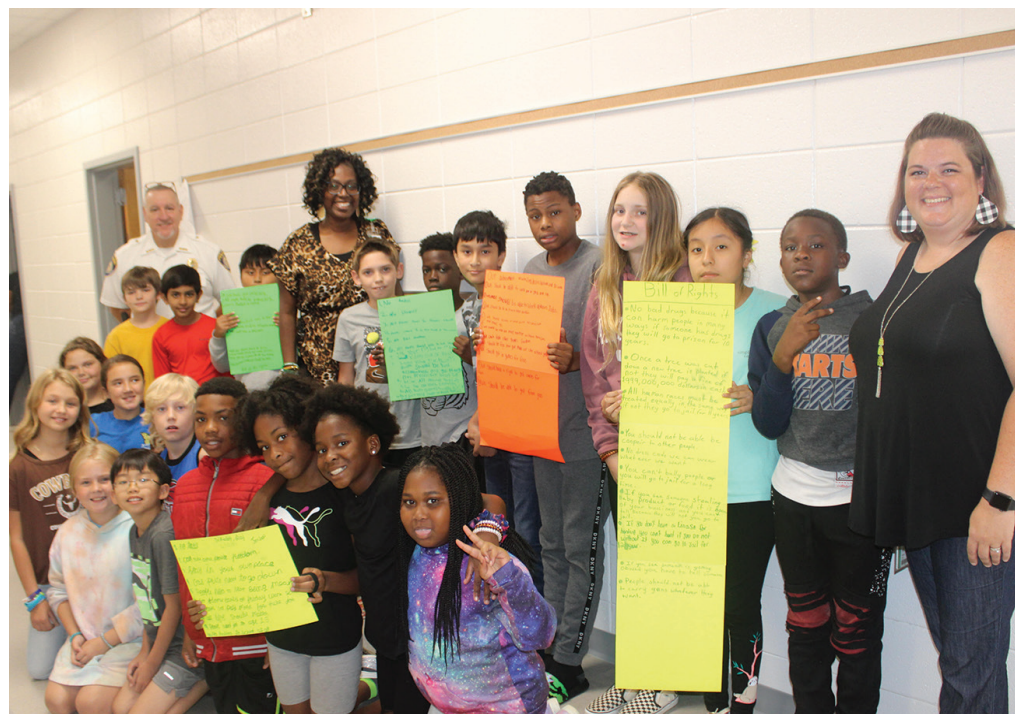


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MRS. OLIVER'S CLASS WITH CHIEF ELLISON AND PRINCIPAL VALERIE WATKINS

## Chief Ellison visits SES

Students in Angel Oliver's 5<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies class at Swainsboro Elementary School enjoyed Police Chief Randy Ellison's help in understanding how citizens' rights are protected under the U.S. Constitution. Students were actively engaged in their learning by working in small groups to write their own Bill of Rights. Each group presented their work to the class. In this unit, students are expected to explain

how the Constitution was designed to establish a basic system of government for the United States and protect its citizens' rights. Students understand their basic rights as determined by the first ten amendments to the Constitution. Mrs. Oliver proudly expressed how her students have awesome curiosity. She said, "I always want my students to feel safe to be able to express their thoughts and opinions. I've learned over

the years that to truly touch a student's life is to get to know their interests, hobbies, and what they do outside of school. That way, they feel comfortable talking with me and let me know when they need help. After that, I let the students know that it's okay not to know how to do something or make a mistake. Mistakes make us smarter, and that's why we have pencils to erase the past. They are our future, and to me, their opinions matter."



HARDEN, STC PRESIDENT LARRY CALHOUN AND BOSTON

## First board meeting for two new Southeastern Tech board members

Two new board of directors attended their first Southeastern Technical College (STC) board meeting last week. Brandon Boston, J.D. Dickerson Primary School Principal, joins the board as representation for Toombs County. Boston moved to Toombs County in 2014 and has spent the last seven years working with Vidalia City Schools. "I look forward to serving on the board and helping the community," said Boston.

Jeffrey Harden, Chief Nursing Officer at Me-

morial Health Meadows Hospital for the last five years, will represent Toombs County. "Our hospital has had a close relationship with Southeastern Tech for many years and we value the education Southeastern provides," said Harden. Board members are selected from a wide variety of occupations, businesses, schools, and industries across STC's service area of eight counties to have input from all communities.

The new members will be sworn in during the September board meeting. They will also

attend the upcoming Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) Leadership Conference in Savannah where they will attend the Technical College Directors Association (TCDA) to further orient themselves with the latest updates and offerings of technical education. The TCDA workshops during the two-day conference will earn them board certification.

For more information on STC, visit [www.southeasterntech.edu](http://www.southeasterntech.edu) or call (912) 538-3100 (Vidalia) or (478) 289-2200 (Swainsboro).

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## BOBCAT SPOT

what's going on at your hometown college

### Participate in Family & Friends Fun Day!

EGSC will hold our annual Family and Friends Fun Day on Saturday, September 24, 2022, and we want you to be involved! The day begins with our Annual Bobcat Regatta, where community and college groups construct boats out of nothing but duct tape and cardboard and race across Ezra Pond. The deadline to sign up for the Regatta is September 10, so don't miss out on this great opportunity to have a lot of fun at EGSC!

Another great competition looking for participants is the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest. Reserve your spot and show off your art skills!

To sign up, visit <https://www.ega.edu/events/fun-day> or scan the QR code below. We can't wait to see your creativity in action!

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<p>September 5 September 6</p>	<p>Labor Day Holiday - All Locations Closed 12 Week Session Classes Begin - All Locations SGA Elections Voting Day BCM Weekly Meeting - 10 a.m.</p>
<p>Sept. 6 - 8</p>	<p>12 Week Session Drop/Add - All Locations</p>

SAVE THE DATE

September 22	Vision Series returns with Chancellor Sonny Perdue
September 24	Family & Friends Fun Day featuring the Bobcat Regatta

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 5:30 PM - Bible Study  
 6:30 PM - Family Dinner  
 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir

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## Johnny Roy Scott, 72

Mr. Johnny Roy Scott, age 72, beloved husband of the late June Beasley Scott of the Beasley Hill Community, joined her on Wednesday evening, August 24, 2022, while a patient at Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin. Funeral services were conducted at 12 p.m. Saturday, August 27, in the Williams Chapel of Sammons Funeral Home with Reverend Allen Green and Pastor Josh Woods officiating. Mr. Johnny Roy was laid to rest beside his wife in the Beasley Family Cemetery on Corsey Grove Way in Soperton. His family received friends on Saturday, August 28, at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until the hour of service. Following the service, a meal was provided at Hebron Holiness Church.

Serving as pallbearers were David Beasley, Evans Lanford, David Beasley Jr., Blake Harelson, Brandon Lanford, James "Buddy" Ipock and Jeremy Lanford. The members of Hebron Holiness Church served as honorary pallbearers.

Born in Wayne County, Screven, Georgia, he was the eldest of five children born to the late James Roy Scott and Zelma Ree Beasley Scott. He was a lifelong resident of Treutlen County, where he attended Soperton High School and was a member of the football team. In September of 1967, he married childhood friend, Dorothy June Beasley and they began a fifty-three-year journey of love and commitment to each other and to their Lord. Mr. Johnny Roy was a man of many talents and skill sets. He worked as a Carpenter and Cabinet Maker, a Mechanic with Royal Sullivan in Tarrytown, served as the Transportation Coordinator for the Heart of Georgia Community Action Agency in Dublin as well as time spent with Zeigler Paint in Dublin. He was a lifelong musician; picking up his first instrument at the age of eight years old. He played the bass, fiddle, banjo and rhythm guitar. He and Sister June played and sang gospel music for many years, not only at their home church but also other church home comings and special church events; as well as being regular invitees at the,

Mr. Johnny Roy leaves behind his and Sister June's two daughters, Bonnie Holt (Lee) of Dublin; Amanda LaPoint (Patrick) of Soperton; three sisters, Joanne McGhee (Mitchell) of Arab, AL, Joyce Toler (Kenneth) of Dublin, and Jean Scott of Soperton; grandchildren, Justin Rigby, Gregory Rigby, Hannah Holt Bridges (Tyler), Lane Holt, Aaron Lapoint, Laurie June Simpson (Kevin), Augustus Lapoint, Kenny Roy Scott, T. J. Stevens and Blake Fisher (Kristen); great-grandchildren, Colton, Cason, McKassey, Kaydence, Kenlee, and Parker; and numerous nieces and nephews.



SCOTT

Saturday night, Coastal Georgia Oprey in Woodbine, Georgia.

Throughout their over fifty-three years together, they had been affiliated with several local fellowships to include the Four Square Pentecostal Holiness Church, Harvest Time Church at Beasley Hill Place, Soperton Holiness Church, Holy Church of God in Soperton and the Hebron Holiness Church, on Hwy 15, for the past twelve years. He was not ashamed of his faith and was quick to share his belief in God and the power of prayer. In his earlier years Mr. Johnny Roy had been an avid coon hunter.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Scott is preceded in death by his paternal great grandparents, William T. and Sarah Butler Scott; paternal grandparents, James Bartow Scott and Hattie Lou Willis Scott; maternal grandparents, John Thomas and Frankie Etta Hutcheson Beasley; his loving wife, Dorothy June Beasley Scott (who passed away thirteen months ago); daughter, Dorothy Janene Scott Stevens (Terry); infant son, Steven Roy Scott; and brother, Jimmy Scott.

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## Wanda Wilson Smith, 79

Mrs. Wanda Wilson Smith, 79, of Adrian, passed away Sunday, August 7, 2022, at Community Hospice in Vidalia following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, at New Beginnings Worship Center with Reverend L. T. Logue and Reverend Tim Price officiating. Interment followed in Bay Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 9, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Thomas Sconyers, Gene Hall, Aaron Hall, Johnny Smith, Adam Murphy, and Ray Downer. Honorary Pallbearers were T. L. Jones, Mary Faye Jones, Elaine Black, and Delane Way.

Wanda Wilson Smith entered into this world on May 23, 1943. She was born at home to Tobie Mitchell and Nannie Dell Wilson. Her parents were a farmer and a homemaker. Wanda was the third of four children. She has two brothers, Joe Wilson and Tobie Wilson Jr., and one sister, Gail Sconyers. While she grew up during tough times, Wanda never wanted for love. She attended primary school in Kite and Middle and High School in Swainsboro. At the age of fourteen, Wanda left high school and went to work at the shirt factory in Swainsboro. She became a mother at the age of 20 to her first son, Mitchell. Wanda lost two daughters, Nancy Robin and Elizabeth Ann, at birth. She welcomed her second son, Michael Douglas, at the age of 26. At 29 years old, Wanda earned her GED and put herself through nursing school to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. At the age of 39, she married the love of her life, Monty Smith, with whom she was married to for 20 years until his passing. Wanda worked as a nurse at Scott Nursing Home, Emanuel Medical Center, and Swainsboro Nursing Home for 42 years. She was an avid reader and she loved to



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cook, garden, fish, and dance. Wanda loved old movies, especially westerns with John Wayne or Clint Eastwood. She had a love for her family like no other, especially her grandchildren. Her love for life was infectious and she spent her time caring for those who were ill and less fortunate. Anyone who knew Wanda understood that this was her passion in life. She was gracious and yet honest to a fault. Her stubbornness knew no bounds. Wanda lived her life as a godly woman and loved everyone for who they were. She was a member of Scott Baptist Church for many years until she transferred her membership to New Beginnings Worship Center in 2010. Wanda retired from nursing at the age of 74. Her years following nursing were far from easy due to various health issues, including a bout with lung cancer. During these difficult times, her faith never wavered. Wanda's infectious laugh and love for her family remained until the very end.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her sons, Mitchell Guthrie (Martha) of Tucson, AZ and Michael Guthrie (Stephanie) of Adrian; grandchildren, Tiffany Murphy, Caleb Guthrie (Rebekah), Kyle Guthrie, Jerry Akridge, Grayson Guthrie, and Jordan Foskey (Dusty); great-grandsons, Adler Murphy, Tristan Akridge, Michael Akridge, Logan Foskey, and Libby Foskey; brother, Joe R. Wilson (Gail) of Kite; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Homecoming and Revival services announced

Corinth Church, located near Meeks, will host 2022 homecoming service Sunday, September 18. Service will begin at 11 a.m. and will feature Reverend Wes Webb, church pastor, as speaker. Revival services will begin the following night on Monday, September 19, through Wednesday, September 21. Services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly and will include speaking and special music presented by Josh Gale, Bobby Gale and Jared Middleton.

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## Hurting Women's Conference at Jones Temple to unfold this week

Jones Temple Pentecostal Church of Deliverance, Inc. announces its 2022 Hurting Women's Conference featuring Dr. Catherine Braswell, Apostle Alice Davis and Elect Lady Faneisha Outen set for September 1 through September 3. The three-night religious event will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 1, and Friday, September 2; and at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 3. Thursday night's fea-

tured guest speaker will be Dr. Braswell, who will discuss praise and worship serving and will hear special testimony by all. Friday's service will welcome Apostle Davis as guest speaker as she speaks on the triumph of praise, and Saturday's speaker will be Elect Lady Outen.

Jones Temple Pentecostal Church of Deliverance, Inc. is located at 42896 N. Hwy. 23 in Metter. Elder Hattie Gordon is pastor.

### Sherry Ann Mason, 58

Mrs. Sherry Ann Mason, 58, of Swainsboro, passed away Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at her residence following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, August 26, in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Joe Bedgood officiating. Interment followed in Eastbrook Cemetery & Mausoleum. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, August 25, at Chapman Funeral Home.



MASON

Pallbearers were Lonnie Henry, Jr., Randy Henry, Christian Henry, Tyler Smith, Camron Gruber, and Eldrick Graddy.

Mrs. Mason was born March 15, 1964, in Swainsboro to Randolph Henry and Johnnie Clyde Henry. She was preceded in death by her parents. Sherry was a sweet and loving lady. She had one of the biggest hearts and a sweet and humble soul. She was a very loving and devoted daughter, wife, mother, nana, sister, aunt, and friend. She loved her daughters-in-law, or as she would've said her bonus kids. She was a very family-oriented person and loved spending time with them, especially her kids and grandkids. Family meant everything to her, but her grandkids meant the world. She also had

a heart for nature and loved going to the beach, camping, and mountains. She enjoyed riding the motorcycle and 4-wheeler with her husband, going fishing, and yard sales, as she was a collector of antique dolls. Most importantly, she loved her family. Her sister, Sandra, said, "To know her was to love her."

Mrs. Mason is survived by her husband, Tony Mason of Swainsboro; son, Clarence Jones (Desha) of Soperton; daughters, Jessica Mason (Lauren) and Erica Johnson, both of Dublin; brothers, Lonnie Henry (Kathy) and Charles Henry, both of Kite; sister, Sandra Scarborough (Glenn) of Wrightsville; grandchildren, Gage Jones, Keili Jones, and Asher Mason; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Pray

You know we want life to be all easy. We want everything with no effort. But life is a journey bigger and greater than you. There is a power which places the universe in motion. That power is God. God is. That means he is everything and has all power. He is supreme. There is nothing or none before him nor after him.



JONES

When we consider the magnificent awesomeness of God, we will adore him. Yes, we will adore him. Yes, adore him and be thankful. When you can pray without being self-centered, then you are really praying. Just try adoring God and telling him how wonderful he is and admire him.

Pray by giving him thanks. Start by naming all the wonderful things he has done and is doing for you. Don't overlook the simple things which you have been taking for granted. Try praying without asking things for yourself and your family. Pray by praising and thanking God. Just worship him. Make him feel loved. Make him feel important. Make him feel special.

When you adore him and show gratitude,

your atmosphere will change. Psalms 34 says, "I will bless the Lord at all times and his praises shall continually be in my mouth. O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together." When have you just exalted his name and given him a day of praise and Thanksgiving?

Make this day be about Him. Make this a "Bless You Lord Day". Don't worry about what's going to happen to you, God is going to take care of you as he always has. Just go in faith, praising him and giving him thanks. Isaiah, for he will keep thee in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him. Keep a praise and a "thank you Lord" on your tongue. May God bless you as you experience a beautiful day with him.

## Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter to hold meeting

The Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its first meeting on September 8, at 3 p.m. at the Sudie Fulford Center located on the campus of East Georgia State College. Members are requested to support the following projects: eight children books for empty stocking, personal care items such as soap, shampoo, and hair conditioner for day of service, crayons, coloring books, playing cards, and school supplies for the home front.

## Kite School Reunion set for October

The five-year Kite School Reunion will be on Saturday, October 1, at the Kite Gym. Anyone that attended Kite School is welcome to come and join in for a night of reconnecting, remembering and enjoyment. Doors will open at 4 p.m. and a catered meal will be served at 6 p.m. Price for food will be \$20 per person.

Checks can be made payable to Kite School Reunion Fund.

The registration deadline is set for September 17. RSVP to Martha Claxton by mail at 498 Badger Road, Kite, GA, 31049 or via phone by dialing 478-575-0088; or to Delaine Martin Cook, 2208 GA Hwy. 57 E., Kite, GA, 31049 (mail) or 478-494-7034 (phone).

## Swainsboro High School Class of 1982 plans 40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion

Classmates of the SHS Class of 1982 want to invite you to the 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion. The reunion will be held on September 24. The class will meet at the Swainsboro Country Club at 6:30 p.m. After dinner, a class picture will be taken and then attendees will continue with activities. Dress will be casual. Please send payments by September 7. The cost per person is \$50 or \$100 per couple. Checks may be mailed to Donna Glisson Bellamy at 134 Community Avenue, Swainsboro, GA, 30401.

Please check the class of 1982 on Facebook for any updates for the reunion. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Sasser Hundley at 912-687-2823.

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# EMC: One of 9 Level IV Trauma Centers in the state

In the state of Georgia, there are nine Level IV Trauma Centers, and one of those is here in Emanuel County. Emanuel Medical Center (EMC) was designated a Level IV Trauma Center by the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) because of its ability to provide advanced trauma life support (ATLS) prior to transfer of patients to a higher-level trauma center. Achieving this designation required a lot of commitment and training from multiple teams who are dedicated to seeing EMC provide the best care possible for its community.

Courtney Terwilliger, a lifelong Swainsboro resident, knows first-hand how important quick and quality care is in an emergency. He spent 45 years with Emanuel County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), 43 of those years as its Director. Terwilliger is still employed with the hospital as the Emergency Program Manager, but his main role now is Public Safety Coordinator for Emanuel County.

"I'm just so proud of our hospital and what we have done in changing the ER, Med Surge, and the entire world of what we do," Terwilliger said. "We have the capability and training, and we have made our commitment to be designated as a Level IV Trauma Center."

Damien Scott, CEO of EMC, explained that often in trauma, time is everything. In EMC's case, the fact that they are 80 minutes away from a Level I Trauma Center means the EMC team must perform at a much higher level.

"For example, if you are in an urban area and have a car accident or some other type of trauma and it takes 10 minutes to get to the hospital, and it's maybe a Level I Trauma Center, then that staff may only have to stabilize someone for 10 minutes," Scott explained. "Well, we may need to stabilize them for two hours. Often times in trauma, time is everything. We need to know what kinds of medicine and care need to be applied for two hours, instead of 10 minutes. I want my staff to be trained at the highest point they can be trained within their license."

Brooke Marsh, EMC's Emergency Department Manager, said the training and requirements on the Level IV designation are important for a rural facility like EMC because there are so many miles between them and tertiary centers and higher levels of care.

"There are very few Level IV Trauma Centers in Georgia, so we are very proud of that," Marsh said. "But it is difficult also – it comes with requirements and standards we have to meet. It holds us accountable, and it makes us strive to do better. It is a lot of process improvements, quality measures, and data collections and abstraction. It helps us provide better care for our patients."

"For a physician and nurse, we take trauma courses to be certified in advanced trauma, life support and more," said Dr. Olalekan Akinyokunbo, emergency medicine physician at EMC. "You have to be able to recognize when to act in order to save lives."

"A person may come in and say, 'My tooth is hurting,' and then there may be someone who comes in from an industrial accident and has a crushed leg," Scott said. "So, you don't really know what's coming through that door. In the ER, you really see that all of a sudden, everyone jumps up and they have a task to do. We have goals to get someone out of the ER within a certain amount of time. You can save someone's life if you get them to a Cath lab in a certain amount of time. The longer it takes to get to that lab, the more damage to a heart muscle. If we can get them where they need to go in a period of time, it's to their great benefit."

Allison Holton, RN, Emergency Room (ER) Nurse at EMC, said the only thing constant in the ER is that it's never the same.

"It could be anything from major trauma to minor cuts and scrapes. You have to stay on your feet and be ready for whatever," Holton said.

According to Holton, when patients come through the door, the mechanism of injury is the first thing the team takes into consideration including what happened, signs and symptoms, pain points, and the normal baseline for a patient versus how they currently feel.

"Through a series of testing, we get our plan of care," Holton said. "Where do they need to go? Can they stay here? Do they need to be sent out?"

Marsh echoed the unpredictability of the ER.

"It is hard to prepare, but our team works so well together," Marsh said. "What comes with that Level IV designation is we get a lot of feedback from other facilities and from the Georgia Trauma Commission. It helps us improve the quality of care we provide. We have a trauma activation for any trauma that comes in the door, and we can call in the proper team members."

Dr. Akinyokunbo said EMC has the capability and trained personnel that know how to react to trauma quickly.

"We can quickly act to get them blood that they are losing, and we can get them transferred to a center where they can get to an operating room to fix the problem," Dr. Akinyokunbo said. "Most of the other small and rural hospitals don't have that Level IV capability. That's what makes Emanuel a little different. We've been able to save a lot of lives just through that. It's a great thing for us, the community; it makes us feel like we are doing the things we can to save lives in this community."

In the cases where patients need to be transferred to higher levels of care, Nicky Drake, EMS Director, said the teams work closely together and know what to do to make it happen.

"If you need to go to a Level I Trauma Center, the staff knows what to do and the process to get you to a Level I," Drake explained. "If we go to a car accident, and we see a person needs to go to a Level I, we are going to go straight to Augusta, Macon or Savannah. We sit in the middle of those three, so it depends on what end of the county we are on."

Drake said that training is the key to staying on top of treating a trauma patient.

"We have staff meetings to try to implement and train on new equipment so we can put it in service," Drake said. "If we're in a trauma committee meeting and we are lacking in certain areas, we sit down and come up with a syllabus or a training guide so we can get things implemented to do better."

Terwilliger and Drake said the EMS and ER teams sit down once a month with a small group and look at everything that transpired over the month to determine what the teams did right, what could have been done better, and where they are lacking.

"If we need equipment, we try to get it; money is a big issue," Drake said. "But we've been lucky to get a grant from the Georgia Trauma commission this year."

Terwilliger said the requirements to make EMC a Level IV Trauma Center were difficult, but that great leadership helped make it possible.

"Change is hard, because it takes effort, commitment, and often times it takes a lot of money, to make sure that your staff is committed to learn and to improve," Terwilliger said.

"Then we need drivers, like Dr. Akinyokunbo, Damien Scott, our CEO, and Brooke Marsh, our ER manager, who has been a great driver to improve quality. Our EMS director, Nicky Drake, he's pushing the envelope, so to speak."

"Damien is the only CEO that I see attending these trauma meetings," said Dr. Akinyokunbo. "He goes everywhere we go. Brooke, Courtney and all these people we work with are great people, brainiacs."

Scott shared his excitement for and commitment to EMC's Level IV Trauma Center designation and wants to see the availability of high-level care grow across Georgia.

"I'm very excited to be a part of the trauma group. The community wants to know that if my loved one was in an accident, then I'm going to get excellent care," Scott said. "I want our team to be excellent in the field with EMS, excellent here at the hospital, and excellent communicators with those Level I Trauma Centers. We have invested in that greatly, we are invested in the training, we are so invested that we are developing a rural trauma course. We were awarded a grant to do that. We are taking information from trauma surgeons, information from the military, and creating a rural trauma course that they will pilot here and hopefully be able to teach to rural hospitals throughout the state."

"It takes a lot of dedication," said Dr. Akinyokunbo. "You have to go through a lot of credentialing and certification, and the hospital has to be committed monetarily to it. It gives you a lot more opportunity to save lives. Every rural hospital should be looking into it."



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# Some teachers come into our lives to teach; others come into our lives to inspire

by BRITTANY HALL  
Some teachers come into our lives to teach; others come into our lives to inspire. Motivation to learn isn't found in the places where pressure is applied but is found in the spaces where others want to be. If a teacher can draw a crowd of students without trying, or constant laughter can be heard through the thick walls of their classroom, ask them what they're doing right because they are the ones who are leading and inspiring the minds of our future.

There are countless former and current Emanuel County students who, if asked to recall one such educator that embodies these incredible traits, would without a doubt say Mr. Robbie Warnock. Warnock is a local legend of a teacher who has been inspiring Emanuel County's youth for the past 25 years. Like Gandalf said, "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us," and for over two decades, Warnock has dedicated his time to embolden the intelligence of the children in our communities through humor and heart.

Born to Robert and Rosemary Warnock, Robbie Warnock was raised in the small community of Oak Park. After graduating from Swainsboro High School in 1993, he attended East Georgia State College or as he described it; "The best college ever!", where he obtained his Associates Degree before going on to graduate from Georgia Southern University in 1997. Although Warnock had received the necessary requirements to become a teacher, he had to wait for the right position to come along before the next chapter of his life could begin, so he acquired a job at Statesboro Walmart. It was during this time of patience that his stars aligned, and his greatest journey began. While waiting and working at Walmart, he met the love

of his life Lisa Myers and was later approached by Marion Shaw who offered him the opportunity to come back home and teach English for his Alma Mater, Swainsboro High School.

By 1999, Warnock had gained the titles of husband and teacher - adding to his family tenfold.

"I grew up in a family of teachers." Warnock began to explain, "My dad has always been a major inspiration for me with his combination of intelligence and humor. Lots of people remember Ms. Juanita Harrell or her nickname 'Bip' who was a long-time educator and one of the matriarchs of our family. When I began my career at Swainsboro High School, my dad, and later Mr. Von Johnson, kept talking to me about going into leadership, I think they double-teamed me." He said with a laugh before continuing, "so I got my master's degree in Educational Leadership and taught half day and did admin work the other half for a year."

Taking his idol's advice, a step further, Warnock became a full-time Assistant Principal at SHS until he and Lisa received the sweetest news that they were expecting a baby boy. While the young couple were excitedly anticipating the arrival of their first born, Warnock was also struggling with learning how to balance being a new father while also wearing so many hats in his career. Then an Assistant Principal position opened at Swainsboro Elementary School and Warnock knew that it was where he was meant to be:

"I got the awesome chance to go work with my former 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Syvetta Young." He said with a smile. "I had three years at The Best School on Tiger Trail before I spent some time at Swainsboro Middle leading up a program called 8.5 with another year at SHS as Assistant Principal over testing and instruc-

tion before I applied for the Assistant Principal position at Twin City Elementary. I was later named principal at Twin City Elementary right before the pandemic started and I have been here ever since!"

Mr. Warnock's inspiration for education was brought about by not only his family's history but also by his former teachers: "So many Emanuel County teachers have built me into the educator that I am today." He said before continuing, "My kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Beulah Fulford, gave me a love of reading in front of a group of students. Mrs. Debbie Powell taught me the first math lessons I remember. When Oak Park Elementary was folded into Swainsboro Primary and Swainsboro Elementary, Mrs. Helen Harper and Mrs. Miriam Fagler welcomed all the new kids right into the fold of the 'city kids' and made us feel welcome. My teachers through 4th and 7th grade at the Gumlog school gave me the happiest years of my school career. Mr. Jenkins showed us that teachers could teach and still be cool. In Mrs. Young's English class, I met JRR Tolkien. Her introduction of fantasy literature was one of the most formative parts of my intellectual life. Mrs. Margaret Ashcroft and Mrs. Mary Clyborne at SHS totally committed me to literature. I will never be able to thank Mrs. Fay Flanders enough for the love she gave me for science."

No one ever doubts that teaching is a challenging profession, often the most difficult parts are not in the lesson plans but in the interpersonal interactions. Mr. Warnock laments in his personal experience, by explaining that it's difficult to be a classroom teacher because teachers tend to be the adults that students spend the most time around other than their parents. "I spend as much time with other peoples' children as my

own." He explained, "That means that teachers have to not only educate students in a subject area, but they also have to act as parental figures, too."

Now as a Principal, Mr. Warnock has taken this knowledge and contributed it to the atmosphere that he leads throughout. He is currently working diligently with his team to convert Twin City Elementary from 'schoolhouse' to 'school home' to ensure that TCE is always a comfortable and safe place to learn and play:

"My staff truly considers every student who comes through our door to be our kids. When a student walks into a classroom at TCE, I know that student is going to be loved and taken care of, nurtured, and educated. I cannot count the number of conversations that teachers have had with me that shows just how far they go above and beyond what their job descriptions say. We may not get everything right, but your babies are safe and taken care of while they are with us!"

In his downtime, Warnock enjoys reading, gaming, and watching his two children, Robert and Ava Lane, thrive and compete in their athletics and extracurriculars which include basketball, soccer, and 4-H. He also added that he appreciates collecting and reminiscing on all things that the greatest decade had to offer. "A large part of my brain is hardwired into the 80s, so anything that falls into that nostalgia period is awesome!"

From a former student of Mr. Warnock's to the writer that I am today, thank you for your tireless effort and helping me find my way at a time when things seemed pretty dark in my personal education journey. Keep doing what you do, you are changing lives one at a time. Collectively from all of us you've touched, Thank you, Mr. Warnock!

"Even the smallest person can change the course of the future."

- J.R.R. Tolkien

Now that you've met the teacher and heard his story, read his Q/A's below to further understand Principal Warnock's incredible values of teaching and how he's changing and inspiring young lives in our community.

What do you find most rewarding in your career?

Warnock: This career is full of rewards. The single most rewarding thing? The sheer number of former students of mine that are now teaching. I know that what Emanuel County Schools is doing works when so many of our alumni come back to take care of our kids.

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

Warnock: When teaching is a one-way street, it fails. I feel that I learn as much from my students as they do from me. I am a good parent because I have worked with students the same age as my own children. Each interaction with a student makes me a better educator, a better parent, and a better person.

What advice would you like to give to new or upcoming educators?

Warnock: New teachers, read the answer before this one and then let me tell you a secret. Those lesson plans and stuff your university folks drill into your head? Those things do not drive your life or career at all. When your first period class walks in and something bad has happened in the community or the news has them upset, you are going to have to trash that lesson plan and tend to your flock. Don't let the media taint your mission. Hang in there. Find out which fellow teachers suck on a persimmon before they clock in and avoid them. Listen to your students and give them what they need. It may not be something on the lesson plan. Build your whole educational platform on two words: Do right.



**TEACHER, PRINCIPAL, INSPIRATION; ROBBIE WARNOCK**

How does it make you feel to see the success that many of your previous students have become?

Warnock: It is the best thing in the world. It is like watching your own child take his first steps over and over again. I walked out of a former student's classroom one time and thought She did that WAAAAAY better than I could have done. That is pure awesomeness.

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?

Warnock: Above all things, do right. You are human, so when you don't do right, do your best to make it right.

What's a favorite memory or some of your favorite memories that you have from your time as an educator?

Warnock: Forgive me for the sentence fragments. So many good ones. When a student looked up and said "Hey, I didn't know there was a chair behind your desk!" When I drop the final word of a lecture and a student says "Whoa...." When a former student publishes his first book, when one makes a career teaching Latin, when two previous students introduce you to their new child. I can't count the times a former student has thanked me for being their teacher. When that student who could argue the horns off a billy goat has a major career as a lawyer. Teaching is the best job in the world, and these memories just keep that fire burning.



**SHERIFF BREWER AND WIFE, CONNIE, WITH CHURCH CONGREGATION**

## Local church hears from Sheriff on Active Shooter scenarios, protocols

Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer was recently invited to attend Pine Hill Baptist Church and gave information on active shooter protocols at the request of church members. Brewer's presentation covered active shooter scenarios and included a simulated viewing of a security plan being implemented in a place of worship.

## Powell receives Outstanding Academic Achievement award

Bailey Powell, a student at Daytona State College, received an Outstanding Achievement Certificate for Summer 2022.

"It is my pleasure as Dean of Student Development at Daytona State College to present you with this outstanding academic achievement award. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I am happy to recognize your achievement. Your success now and in the future is very important to all the faculty and staff at Daytona State College. The staff of Student Development is especially proud of your success and accomplishments. We are confident that you will stay on the course of high achievement every semester until graduation," stated Cerese Ramos.



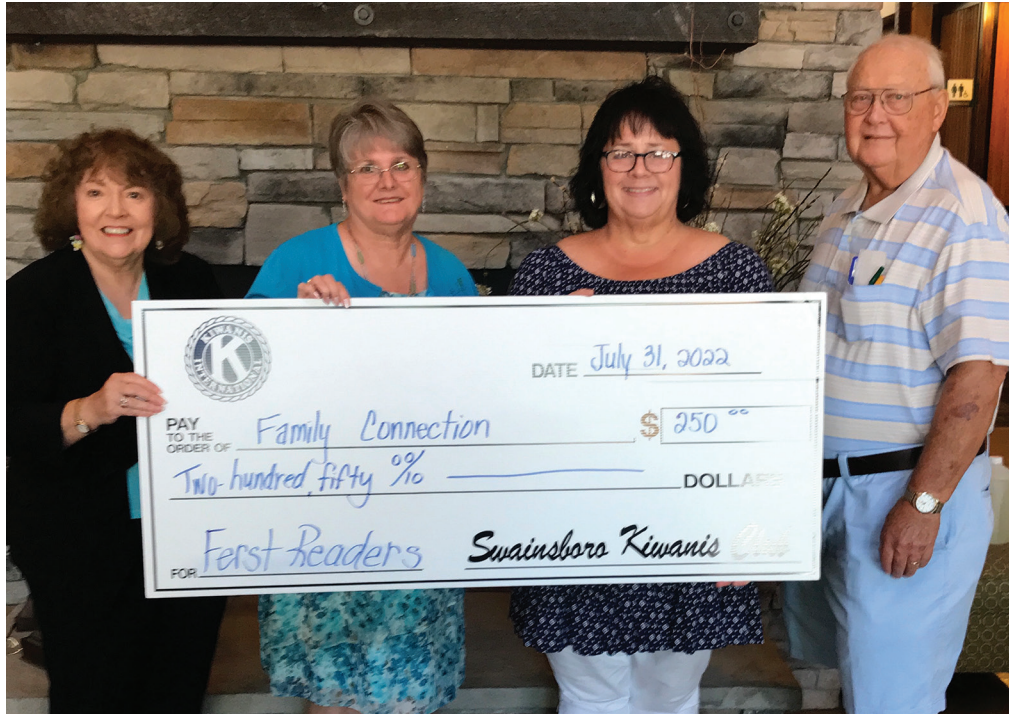
**POWELL**

Powell is the daughter of Becky Way Powell of Ponce Inlet, Fla. She

is the granddaughter of Tony and Patti Way of Swainsboro

# Swainsboro Kiwanis Club invests in local youth

Swainsboro Kiwanis club is investing in the children of Emanuel County by donating to the First Readers program. The program is totally funded by community members who give to sponsor free books to children under 5. The books are mailed to the children's homes every month for just \$36 for the year. Pictured here are Kiwanis members Cheryl Goodman, Wanda Ellis, Tammy Allen, and Travis Garrett.



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HOMEcoming REPRESENTATIVES

## SHS celebrates Homecoming

Swainsboro High School celebrates Homecoming this week with a "Roadtrip to Homecoming." Dress up days include "Tropic Like It's Hot (Hawaii) on Monday, "Let the Good Times Roll" (Mardi Gras) on Tuesday, "Victory is Under Construction" (roadwork) on Wednesday, "Blame It All on our Roots" (Texas) on Thursday, and "Home Sweet Home" (black and gold) spirit day on Friday.

Each grade level selected students to represent their class on the Homecoming Court. They are Quinia Boynton and Yasmin Rios for ninth grade, Akira Marion and Di'Mya Snelling for tenth grade, and Jocie Hendrix and Jordan Wadley-Gardner for eleventh grade.

Four senior girls and four senior boys will vie for the title of Homecoming King and Queen. Boys are Ty Adams, Jayson Brown, Ozzie Gonzalez, and Nauseen Hall. Girls are Chasity Adams, Morgan Green, Ja'Naiya Linder, and Brianna Parks. Crowning will take place at halftime during Friday's game against Jeff Davis.



SCENES FROM WEEKEND BENEFIT TAKEN BY EVENT-GOERS

## Revved Up for a good time and good cause

If traveling the roadways in Emanuel County this weekend, you may have spotted a usually large number of motorcycles pass through areas in Emanuel County. The reason behind the fun weekend ride was nothing short of a good cause

as bikers revved their engines to and from this year's seventh annual Ladies of Fire Dice Run Benefit.

This annual benefit drive was prompted following the 2015 death of local Lt. Firefighter Ricky Thurman who lost his

life after an unexpected accident occurred while working in the line of duty. He succumbed to the injuries two weeks later. During the two-week timeframe before Lt. Thurman passed, local firefighters swapping shifts to spend time with the lieutenant received support from firefighters and families from Augusta, where Lt. Thurman was receiving treatment and care at a medical facility. The kind gestures received touched the heart of local firefighters and families which eventually led to the first inaugural benefit being held that year. The purpose of this annual drive is to raise money for first responders and their families facing tough times.

## Outdoor classrooms at Swainsboro Primary School

When you drive onto the campus of Swainsboro Primary School, you can't help but notice the new colorful outdoor classrooms complementing the school facilities. Months ago, Swainsboro Primary School Principal Ron Hirst envisioned creating unique spaces that would enhance students' learning experiences and allow for creativity. Now, teachers and students are benefiting from that vision.

Mr. Hirst explained, "When the principals were given the opportunity to assess their schools and find potential areas to enhance the school with the Cares III money, I first thought about spaces that were underutilized. The front patio was a great space where I saw the potential for outdoor classrooms, sunshades, and cafeteria tables that would enhance our ability to give students unique learning experiences in an outdoor space as well as host special events and eat outside when the weather was nice. This unique space gives teachers an area to spread out and be creative with learning activities that will enhance the student learning experience."

During a visit, we found kindergarten teacher Donita Freeman and her class utilizing one of the new classrooms. Students were excited as they listened to the teacher read a story and got involved

with movement, expressions, and responses. Mrs. Freeman believes outdoor learning delivers many benefits; reducing stress, improving moods, boosting concentration, and increasing a child's engagement at school. Mrs. Freeman said, "Fresh air is always a good thing. I believe the space will be very beneficial for our students."

Sara Tapley, Assistant Principal and a strong advocate for student engagement, said, "At Swainsboro Primary School, we are always trying to think of new and creative ways to engage students in learning. Providing outdoor space teachers can utilize for experiments, projects, and other activities expands our classrooms beyond the usual four walls of the traditional classroom space. It is our vision to be able to spark creativity in new and exciting ways by providing this new learning space."

Not only does this space provide more room for learning, but it also expands our cafeteria area. On days when the weather is nice, classes will be able to enjoy some fresh air and have outdoor lunches while still covered by the shade of the canopies.

We are looking forward to putting this new space to good use and thinking of new and exciting ways to use our new outdoor classrooms."

Instructional Coach Jodi Singletary commented, "We love for teachers to think outside of the box when teaching-- outdoor classrooms give teachers that opportunity!"

These outdoor classrooms will bring our students learning experiences they will never forget. We know that outdoor classrooms increase student engagement and attention span, aid in behavior management, and promote positive social interaction with peers and teachers. I am excited to see where this new addition takes our SPS scholars!"

Mrs. Devin Coxwell, a first-grade teacher, agrees that the outdoor classrooms will help her teach outside the box. She said, "I can reach every student and learner with a different approach. I was always that student staring out the window in class, ready for recess. So now, with an outdoor classroom, no student will be staring out the window. They are already outside where they love to be. This is an opportunity to make learning even more fun than it has already been in my classroom. I've always said, "feed them, and they will learn." I mean that in two ways. One, give them snacks and treats to work towards. Two, feed their needs! If they need outdoor learning, LET'S GO OUTSIDE! I am so excited for these new outdoor classrooms at SPS!"



MRS. FREEMAN'S CLASS ENJOYING THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

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MR. AND MRS. WADLEY ON THEIR WEDDING DAY ANNIVERSARY

## Mr. and Mrs. Wadley celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Rhoda and Paul Wadley celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on August 4, 2022. They were married August 4, 1972, in Bridgeton, New Jersey. Today, Mr. and Mrs. Wadley share love for two sons, Randy Dekle and Steve Wadley; four grandsons; and two granddaughters.

"Fifty years ago, what a long time that seems. When two people are just starting out to follow their dreams and see where they lead, to discover what life's all about. But, when they look back on the joys they have shared and the love that has held them together, then those fifty years do not seem long at all. Just a beautiful start on forever," – Rhoda and Paul Wadley.

## Swainsboro native receives Emeritus Status at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Dr. Frank Flanders, a native of Swainsboro, has been selected for emeritus faculty status at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Flanders has been named Associate Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Education.

Former ABAC President David Bridges informed Flanders of his emeritus status before Bridges retired on July 31.

"I know that I speak on behalf of many colleagues and students in expressing appreciation for your long and distinguished career," Bridges said. "I am pleased that you have been recognized in a manner so appropriate to your contributions."

"We want you to return to campus often and maintain the ties you developed during your years of service."

Emeritus status privi-



DR. FLANDERS

leges extend to the Baldwin Library, ABAC social, cultural, and athletic events, and campus faculty meetings.

A faculty member at ABAC since 2017, Flanders was selected for the 2022 W. Bruce and Rosalyn Ray Donaldson Excellence in Student Engagement award at ABAC. He retired on June 30.

Flanders, who recently moved back to Emanuel County, is a 1970 graduate of Swainsboro High School where he was ac-

tive in the FFA Chapter. He then pursued a college education, receiving his associate degree from ABAC and his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Georgia (UGA). In 1988, Flanders earned his UGA doctorate degree.

Flanders taught high school agriculture classes for six years before serving as a Special Instructor of Agricultural Education at the UGA College of Education from 1981-96. He then served as a Curriculum Coordinator in Ag Ed and CTAE for 14 years before becoming a UGA Assistant Professor in Agricultural Education for seven years.

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# Community Spotlight

## Local Medical Professional Katie Durden, is off to Vanderbilt for Fellowship

by BRENDA MCBRIDE  
 Local Katie Durden, a recent graduate of Augusta University's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program, will be moving to Murfreesboro, Tennessee just outside of Nashville, Tennessee, in May of 2022 as a recipient of the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing (VUSN) HRSA-funded Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Residency program. The purpose of the project is to prepare advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to work in rural and underserved communities. Dr. Durden applied for the fellowship while still attending Augusta University's DNP school of study. The Augusta University doctoral-level education provides nurses the clinical and management expertise to improve health care outcomes, making them expert collaborators in solving health care problems in systems. Graduates of the DNP program are eligible to seek the following professional state licenses or certifications: Certification

as an APRN [Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (depending on program completion)] and licensure as an APRN. The DNP-PMHNP concentration prepares advanced practice nurses to provide psychiatric and mental health care to clients, families, and communities. Coursework emphasizes the care of adult, pediatric, and geriatric patients, and their families. The doctoral-level education provides the clinical and management expertise to improve health care outcomes. This past June, Dr. Durden passed the American Nurses Credentialing board exam, obtaining the credential of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. She is also presently licensed as a Registered Nurse and certified as a PMHNP in both states of Georgia

and Tennessee. The Fellowship at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing offered Durden a position after she participated in an application and reference process. After being selected as one of the finalists, Dr. Durden was given an opportunity to advance to the interview process. She was offered a fellowship with a HRSA-funded Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Residency (NPR) program. The program's purpose is to increase the APRN primary care workforce in rural and underserved communities through collaboration with partner community-based health clinics. It will also provide funding and support for seven fellows (6 FNP/AGPCNPs and 1 PMHNP) each year. "I am very honored to be selected for one of the 7 fellow positions, but extremely grateful to have received the one PMHNP position." Dr. Durden stated while adding that she has already visited her placement site and feels very welcomed and at home. Dr. Durden was able to demonstrate a strong desire to work with rural and urban underserved populations. With her years of work with CarePartners of Georgia and Emanuel Medical Center she has demonstrated a commitment to her community. She also completed a practicum in Wrightsville, Georgia while attending Augusta University with a Federally Funded Health Center in which she conducted and completed a study implementing the need for health-care workers to understand the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma in overall health outcomes. Vanderbilt University School of Nursing screens applicants and recommends candidates for interview; The second part of the process is the interview of the applicant and then the CBHCs hires the chosen colleague as a full-time employee for their organization. CBHC Fellows complete a structured 12-month residency program with guidance from a clinical mentor at the CBHC. The program includes continuing education tailored to post-graduate NPs in rural practice, monthly group debrief conferences, and ongoing coaching and support from VUSN faculty. CBHC Fellows receive additional psych/men-



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tal health content and gain valuable experience applying this knowledge through integrated behavioral health care in their CBHC site. CBHC Fellows and their CBHC have access to consults with behavioral health experts via telehealth. The Fellows agree to 12 months of full-time employment at the CBHC. Participation in the additional didactic and focused experiences involving social determinants of health, psychopharmacology, and telehealth in the context of a rural or medically underserved clinic is required. Katie stated, "I am really excited to be exposed to this type of medical facility and care. I feel it will help me grow professionally and be a more diverse healthcare provider." Dr. Durden's fellow placement is with Primary Care & Hope Clinic in Murfreesboro, Tennessee for the 2022-2023 CBHC Fellowship. The fellowship is funded through the Health Resources and Service Administration and the Advanced Nursing Education-Nursing Practice Resident Program grant. Her role as a PMHNP fellow at the Primary Care & Hope Clinic will include being responsible for providing direct patient psychiatric care (assessment, evaluation, medication management, and counseling). She will be providing telehealth consultations and patient encounters. She will also be actively participating in ongoing quality improvement and regular conferences and meetings as prescribed by the ANE-NPR grant. Dr. Durden will also engage in collaboration and weekly reflective supervision with the PMHNP mentor. The staff at the Primary Care & Hope Clinic in Murfreesboro, which has a population of over 150,000,00 residents, has already told Katie if she begins to get home sick, they have clinics 30 to 60 miles out in "more

farm like country" and she can go provide face to face services whenever she wants. She is excited to work with such a welcoming staff. Vanderbilt University is a private institution that was founded in 1873. Vanderbilt University's ranking in the 2022 edition of Best Colleges and National Universities is number #14. Vanderbilt University offers a wide range of student activities and is in Nashville, TN. When asked what her reaction was to receiving the news that she got in, Katie stated, "I just decided to put in an application because I thought a change could be good. I never thought I would get it because it is so competitive. However, when I did, I knew that it was what path I was supposed to be on at this time in my life. I am very excited. I am eager to meet new people, but also excited that all my friends and family are thrilled to come to visit often since I am so close to Nashville—a place they all love." She also added, "I am also blessed that I will be able to practice in both the state of Georgia and Tennessee over the next 12 months. I will continue to be an employee at Emanuel Medical Center with the Behavioral Health Unit as well as an out of state member of the Swainsboro Country Club and I will be flying into Savannah for Georgia Southern University games when I can." Katie ended by saying, "I am just grateful and excited about the learning opportunity before me." Dr. Katie Durden is the daughter of Jesse A. and Kathy Durden of Metter, Georgia. The granddaughter of Joyce Durden and the late Jesse A. Durden, Sr. of Metter. The granddaughter of the late Kenneth and Juanita Riddleberger of Swainsboro, Georgia. Dr. Katie Durden is a proud graduate of Metter High School and Georgia Southern University.

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2022 MISS EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION WINNERS – MISS DIVISION



2022 MISS EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION WINNERS – TEEN DIVISION

## Hoyle Crowned Miss Emanuel County, Browne Miss Southeast Georgia's Outstanding Teen

McNeil named Miss Crossroads of the Great South, Griffins named Miss Southeast Georgia

The 43rd Annual Miss Emanuel County Scholarship Competition was held Saturday, August 20. We had a great evening as we went back to the 80's. Miss Crossroads of the South 2022, Abby Callaway provided entertainment and crowned the new titleholders. Destiny Levant, Miss Emanuel County 2018, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

**The winners were:** People's Choice, Aubrey Page; Bob Ritchie Photogenic, Allie Griffis; Congeniality, Brooke Story; and Alyssa Beasley Overall Talent and \$100 Scholarship, Mary Margaret McNeil.

**Outstanding Teen Awards**

Talent, Brooke Story; Evening Wear/On-Stage Question, Riley Browne; and Miss Southeast

Georgia's Outstanding Teen and receiving a \$250 Scholarship, Riley Browne.

**Miss Awards**

Talent, Mary Margaret McNeil; On-Stage Question/Social Impact Statement, Allie Griffis; 2nd runner up receiving \$250 Scholarship, Charleigh Harper; 1st runner up receiving \$500 Scholarship, Hannah Conway; Miss Emanuel County receiving \$1000 Scholarship, Chyann Hoyle; Miss Crossroads of the South receiving \$1000 Scholarship, Mary Margaret McNeil; and Miss Southeast Georgia receiving \$1000 Scholarship, Allie Griffis.

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### A simple plan, a life well lived

Labor Day is upon us. Summer has reluctantly started its slow stroll into fall. It's a chance to pause a little and look back. That's natural. Just as natural as the way life gently leads us through the seasons of our accumulated years until one day, we reach that rise in the road, and with a quick look back, we walk on over and join the others up ahead. It's not easy parting, but it's just as natural as summer becoming fall and young becoming old, and old moving on. We lose good people every week, and with them go treasure troves of the human experience; goodness, kindness, knowledge acquired by hard knocks,

failings and victories and memories of smiles and laughter that circle around us like an afternoon breeze. My high school class of 1968 said goodbye last week to a member who, to the best of my knowledge, never wrote a best-selling book or achieved fame throughout the planet but who was a world champion, living example of the simple wisdom embodied in the phrase, "a life well lived". Wayne Scarboro was an original. It was not a quality he sought or worked to develop; it was just who he was. In our school years, while many of us were trying to figure out who we thought we were, Wayne was just Wayne,

and stayed like that for a lifetime. He grew up out on the west side of Swainsboro. That was a lively, up and coming part of town for kids growing up back in the 50's and 60's. There was a place called Hundred Hills (where the bypass is now) where you could have some great bike races and spectacular bike crashes, Holloway's Pond where you could fish and swim and have motorboat races and sometimes a few exciting minor mishaps, Flanders Tire Company where you could secretly drive a car around even if you were only 12 or 13, and there were always backyard baseball and football games going on. Wayne had a

natural talent for athletics. I did not. But back in the second half of the last century, I played little league football and baseball with Wayne, and I will always have a special appreciation for his football skill. He and I played the same position, and naturally, the Coach would run us in and out trying to give us both some playing time. Wayne was good at getting the tackles. I was good at getting buried at the bottom of a pile. So, the best part of the game for me was seeing Wayne come running out onto the field which meant I was going back to the bench. It's funny how you remember those things. As we moved

## Charles Schwabe



on through life, I didn't see Wayne that much, but when I did, he was always the same, and just like way back then, I was always glad to see him. In spite of the years that separate you, somehow your classmates always remain part of a special group, with a bond that doesn't go away. Our group and others of that generation were lucky to be raised by parents who had been tested and fortified by a depression and a recent world war and just

plain tough times. The rules of that generation centered on honesty, responsibility, hard work and respect and those rules were passed along to us intact. Wayne believed in those rules and the proposition that living a life of simple goodness was how you did your part in this world. I would agree with that. When Wayne left last week he left a good name, a good family and a good path for anyone to follow. Wayne did his part.

### The answer to school violence begins at home

The new three R's of School Days: Rancor. Rants. Retaliation. And forget the hickory stick. We're not singing that tune anymore. In Clayton County alone, the school system reports that fights are up some 200% over the same period last year and we are only one month into the new school year. The district had already

banned bookbags and lockers because of an increase in weapons on school premises. A report by the Atlanta Newspapers revealed that during the last academic year, Clayton County school officials confiscated nearly 100 weapons, including – are you ready? – an AR-15 assault rifle. It is this environment in which beleaguered

schoolteachers are trying to force-feed some education into their students while worrying about guns. So, what to do? School principals in Clayton County have asked School Superintendent Morcease Beasley to go public and appeal for help from – are you ready, again? – parents. Uh, wild thought here but parents just might be a

part of the problem. "Darling? Are you ready for school?" "Yes, Mom." "I have packed your lunch and put in a couple of ginger snaps I know how you love ginger snaps." "Thanks, Mom. I'm running late. See you tonight. Bye." "Young man, you come right back here! You were about to walk out without your AR-15 and stripper clip! You kids! You can be so absent-minded! What in the world would you do without your Momma to look after you!"

## Dick Yarbrough



-- got into a screaming confrontation. The woman accused the masked man of spitting on her. (Through his mask?) The masked man accused the woman of hitting him in the mouth. What great role models they are. I can't wait to see how their kids turn out.

Public education is under attack these days. Who wants to send their kids into a war zone? Republican legislators have made it easy to walk away from these problems with their nefarious tax-credit voucher schemes that encourage sending kids to private schools instead of working to fix the issues our teachers face in the classroom. It is almost as if they want public schools to fail.

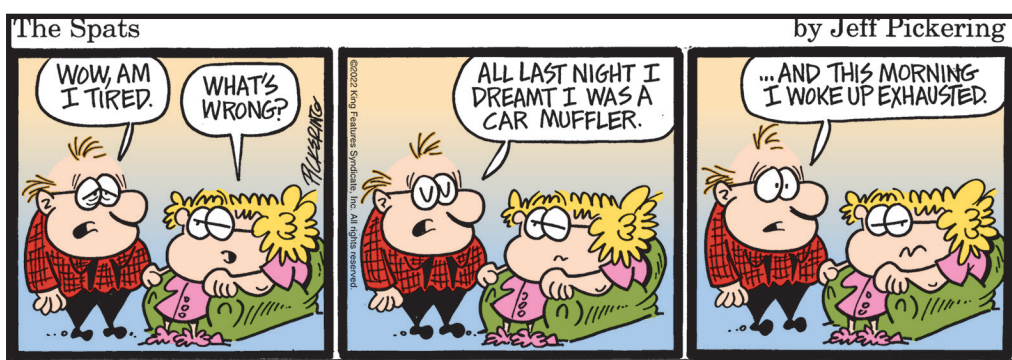
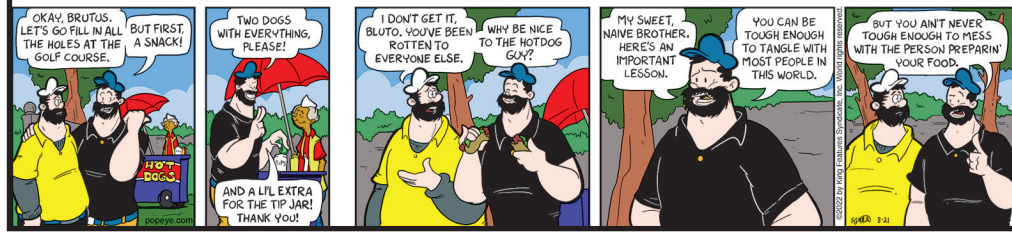
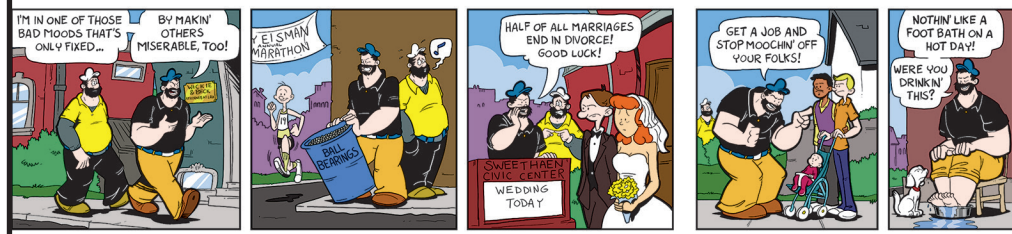
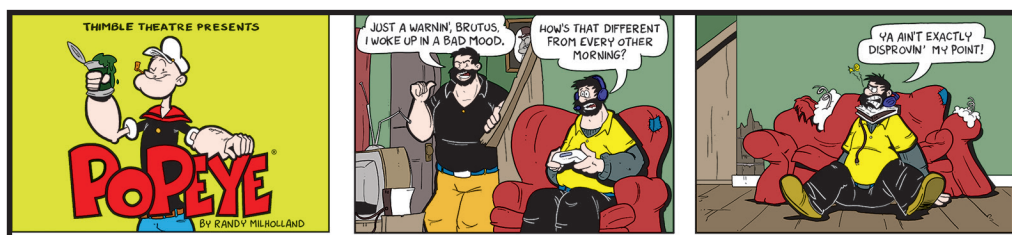
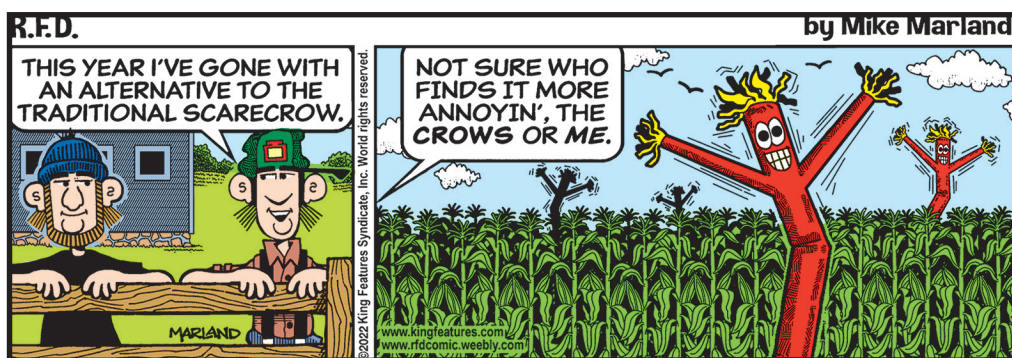
Supt. Beasley went on YouTube and observed, "Let's all as adults model the behavior we expect our children to exhibit. We must be parents. We must be the role model. We need you to talk with the staff, not at the staff." Sorry sir, but that train has left the station. Children are the way they are because their parents – if they are even around – are the way they are.


And it is not just Clayton County where parents as role models leave much to be desired. Last fall, Cobb County parents squared off against each other in competing demonstrations over whether their urchins should be required to wear masks in class. Parents chanted and waved signs at each other. At one point, two of them -- a masked man (not the Lone Ranger) and an unmasked woman

have been mistaken for Albert Einstein, I got a good education for which I thank my teachers and my parents who were denied educational opportunities while growing up in the rural South and didn't want that to happen to my brother and me. I also had my share of fights growing up and a checkered won-lost record, but in every case when it was over, it was over. We were friends again. Today, fights are being filmed and shown on social media and the violence is shocking and definitely not friendly. According to the Georgia Department of Education, there were more than 56,000 "incidents" last school year in our public schools in 2021-2022 school year with a number of arrests. To those looking for some deep-meaning root cause as to what is causing the three R's of violence in our public schools these days, much of it could be avoided if there was some discipline in the home. It starts there. In other words, it's the parents, stupid. Or to put it another way – it's stupid parents.

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## SHS Tigers to take field 2-0 this Friday

### Metter, WACO teams no match for Roaring Tigers

The Swainsboro High School varsity football team kicked off this year's season Friday, August 19, and have maintained an undefeated status so far.

The Tiger team hosted rival Metter Tigers for the first game of the season and defeated the Candler County team 21-7. The two Tiger teams went toe-to-toe in the first quarter and entered the second quarter with 7 points each. The Swainsboro Tigers gained an additional 7 points during the second quarter of play and maintained a 14-7 scoreboard during the game's third quarter. The Swainsboro Tigers added their last 7 points to the scoreboard during fourth quarter of the game and

sent the Metter Tigers home defeated, 21-7.

The Swainsboro Tiger varsity team entered its second week of play as guests this past Friday, August 26, when traveling to Sandersville for some Friday night action against the Washington County Hawks. Scoreboard numbers for both teams reflected an 0-0 status throughout the game's entire first quarter. The Tigers took lead over the Hawks during the second quarter by racking up 21 points before entering halftime and returned to the field eager to release total domination on the hosting Hawks team during the game's second half. The Hawks Team's

screeches for redemption were muted to the mighty roars for Tiger victory.

As WACO fans screamed redemption and Tiger fans roared victory, the Hawks struggled taking flight after the fast, downward spiral experienced in the first half. The hosting Hawks stayed nested for the remainder of the game with a 0-point score as the Tiger's furthered their lead for a victorious final score of 42-0.

The Swainsboro Tigers will play their third game of the season 2-0 this Friday, September 2, and will host Hazlehurst's Jeff Davis varsity team for non-region play. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.



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SCENE FROM SHS TIGERS VS. METTER TIGERS GAME



SCENE FROM TIGERS VS. HAWKS FOOTBALL GAME

## Bulldogs hope to have shaken off the rust

by RON WEATHER-FORD

The Bulldogs hosted the Metter Tigers Friday in their first game of the season, losing the home opener 28-14. The Bulldogs ran just 12 plays in their lightning cancelled scrimmage against Fitzgerald while the Tigers had the benefit of 3 quarters against Statesboro and a full game against Swainsboro. Without the benefit of a scrimmage game, it was obvious that the Bulldogs still had pre-season rust Friday night in the first half against the Tigers. "Their advantage was the live reps they had prior to our game, where we only had 11 minutes of a scrimmage, they had a full game plus 3 quarters in a scrimmage against Statesboro," commented coach Kearson. Down 21-7 after a mistake filled and lackluster first half the Bulldogs got in gear in the second half and shut down the Tiger running game. The defense limited Metter to 19 yards rushing in the second half.

"Obviously it was a tale of two halves," commented coach Chris Kearson about the game. "We didn't do a very good job stopping the run in the first half. We woke up after the rain delay and competed like I thought we could. It was a hard nosed physical game as we expected."

After a long lightning delay before action started, the Tigers put the first points on the board on their initial possession to start the game on

a one yard run to lead 7-0 with 7:50 left in the quarter.

Metter added to their lead on the first drive of the second quarter on another 1-yard touchdown run to lead 14-0. The Bulldogs drove the ball to the Metter 11 on their first drive of the second quarter before it stalled. The field goal try on fourth down was blocked by Oglesby with Metter taking over at their own 26 yardline.

With 4:12 left in the first half, the referees called another lighting halt to the game. After the delay, the Bulldog offense scored their first points of the game. After a leaping 17 yard catch by James Parker, PJ Farnum put the Bulldogs in the end zone with a 30 yard touchdown run on the third play of the possession. The Tigers answered back scoring their third touchdown of the half with 20 seconds left in the second quarter, giving Metter a 21-7 lead at the break.

The Bulldogs came out of the locker room and made the game closer on their first drive. Setup by a 45 yard run to the one yard line by Cordarius Lee, Brian Steele scored his first touchdown of the season from 1 yard out, with Metter still leading 21-14 with 8:55 left in the third.

The Bulldogs had the Tigers on the ropes with the momentum on the home side. Metter found themselves at third and 41 at their own 35 with ECI looking for another stop to set up another scoring drive. Metter

broke any momentum the Bulldogs had pulling a Houdini trick. On third and 41 the Bulldog defense lost Oglesby who was more alone than someone in a covid quarantine. Waiting on the ball to drop, the Tiger receiver grabbed the pass for a 65 yard touchdown to put Metter up 28-14. The Bulldogs had the ball most of the fourth quarter running 23 plays to Metter's 3 plays but could not push the ball in for a score. They got to the Tiger 23 on one drive and down to the 4-yard line on the second drive but were turned away on downs to end the 2 scoring threats in the fourth quarter. Cordarius Lee with 45 yards and PJ Farnum with 42 yards led the Bulldogs on the ground for ECI. Brian Steele had 16 yards rushing with Bryce Kearson carrying the ball 5 times for 21 yards. Kearson was 8-16 for 87 yards in the passing department.

"We obviously have some mistakes to correct but this team has a unique quality that I like. They stick together and that is so very important.

The Bulldogs have a week of practice to work on some of those mistakes and their snap issues before they travel to Lincolnton Friday to face the Red Devils from Lincoln Co.

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# Busy week for the Lady Dawgs

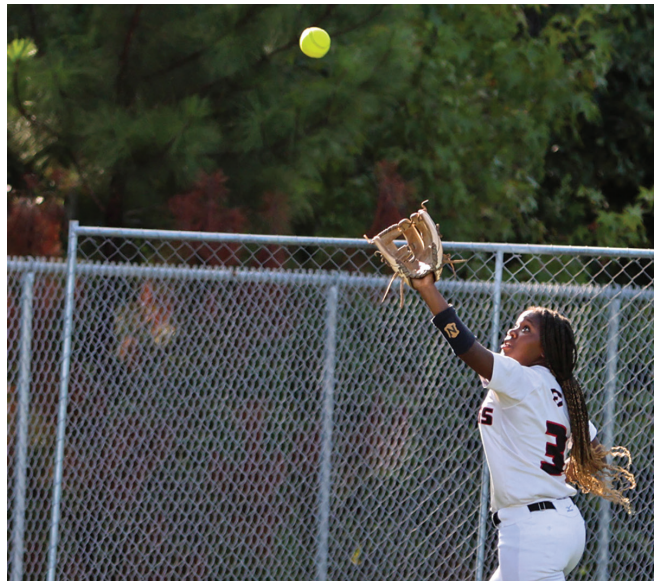
by RON WEATHER-FORD  
The road warrior Lady Dawgs softball team were busy last week scratching 5 games off their schedule. They played in Vidalia last Tuesday then traveled to Winder, Georgia to play 4 games in the Titan-Warrior Tournament. If the Lady

Dawgs had a theme for this season's schedule, it could be gotten from Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

They continued to play up in class last week from state runner up, AA Vidalia to AAAAAAAA Lambert, facing stiff competition readying for region play and eventually the state playoffs.

The Lady Dawgs defeated Vidalia the second game of the season 7-3. The Indians evened the season series on Tuesday giving the Bulldogs their second loss of the season by a score of 6-2.

ECI scored the first run



**RUSSELL TRACKS DOWN FLY BALL IN LEFT FIELD**

of the game in the top of the first. Jayna Kearson, on after a one out single, scored on a Charla Clifton double to put the Lady Dawgs up 1-0. The Indians had a runner in scoring position with one out in the bottom of the inning, but Clifton struck out the next 2 batters to end the threat. It would be Kearson scoring the Bulldog's second run in the third after hustling for a one out triple for a 2-0 lead after 3 innings.

The Indians struck for 3 runs in the bottom of the fourth inning on a walk, two doubles and a single to take a 3-2 lead. Vidalia added 3 more runs in the bottom of the sixth, putting ECI in the hole 6-2. The Bulldogs failed to score after the third inning as the Indians took the game 6-2. Kearson and Kaylan Lamb led the Bulldogs at the plate with 2 hits each with Clifton and Dot

Russell collecting one hit. Clifton started the game in the circle for ECI giving up 5 hits while striking out 5 Indian batters. Sullee Bodiford closed out the game giving up 2 hits.

The Bulldogs spent Friday and Saturday in Winder, Georgia playing in the annual Titan Tournament. The first game saw the Bulldogs facing AAAAA Flowerly Branch. They defeated the Falcons in the 4 p.m. game 7-2. They faced AAAAAAAA Lambert High School from Suwanee, Georgia in the second game. The Longhorns gave the Lady Dawgs their third loss of the season by a score of 5-1.

The Lady Dawgs had a short rest. After playing Lambert Friday night, they were back on the field to face Hebron Academy from Dacula at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. ECI defeated the Lions 4-2 for their second win of the tournament. They faced South Effingham in the second game Saturday. The Lady Dawgs defeated the Mustangs earlier in the year 2-1. It was the Mustangs taking this game 5-3 giving the Dawgs 2-2 record in the tournament.

The Bulldogs played their first region game Tuesday, (yesterday) when they traveled to Portal to face the Panthers for their 6 consecutive road game. They don't have another game on the schedule until they face Bryan Co. on September 6 in Twin City.



**MEADOWS**



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## ECI FFA students place in the Georgia Young Farmers Association Livestock Show

Two Emanuel County Institute FFA students competed in the Georgia Young Farmers Livestock Show at the GA National Fair in Perry. Amelia Meadows showed Dolly, a Hampshire (Natural) sheep. She achieved third place in the 7th-grade showmanship and third overall in weight class. Nataleigh Belcher, a 10th-grade student, showed Chippy, a prospect market steer, and placed fifth in weight class. Belcher also showed Reba, a commercial breeding heifer, who placed fourth in weight class; and Blaze, a registered Hereford heifer, who placed second in the weight class.

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## Yearty visits Engineering & Technology classes at SHS

Mr. James Yearty from Swainsboro Technical College visited Joseph O'Neal's Engineering & Technology classes at Swainsboro High School last week to talk about STC's Computer Numerical Control (CNC) program. Students learned that the CNC program would teach them to set up and operate various computer-controlled and mechanically con-

trolled machine tools to produce precision metal parts, instruments, and tools. Many companies in our area have expressed a need for trained CNC operators. Hands-on training learned in Mr. O'Neal's Engineering & Technology classes and Mr. Yearty's CNC classes would help our students gain the skills and training required to fill this need.



**YEARTY AND STUDENTS**



# State championship teams recognized by the City of Swainsboro

Two teams, two schools, two championships, and one city are forever united. On August 6, 2022, Swainsboro recognized the 1969 Emanuel County Elementary and High School Rattlers girls and the 2007 Swainsboro High Tigers boys state championship track teams. The teams were honored with the unveiling of signs at the city's entrance. These teams are forever immortalized in the city's history of excellence and for their significant contribution to the community. Several years have passed since their titles were won, but the legacy of the accomplishment is not diminished.

### 1969 Rattlers:

Emanuel County Elementary and High School existed in Swainsboro from 1956-1969. Before 1969 there were two high schools in Swainsboro. During this era, black and white students did not attend school together. Laws existed in society and the public school system, making separation by race acceptable and legal. Emanuel County Elementary and High was the school attended by black students. The principal was Mr. DD Boston. Mr. Boston's daughter Cheryl was a member of the Rattlers team. Also, the current Swainsboro High School principal's aunt was a team member. In 1966, the Freedom of Choice plan was implemented. This plan allowed any student in Swainsboro to attend either school. During the 1969-1970 school year, full integration was implemented in the school system. At integration, Emanuel County High and Swainsboro High merged and became the Swainsboro High Tigers.

The Rattlers won their championship at Fort Valley State college. Unfortunately, several of the Rattlers team members have passed away. Others live out of town, and some have health challenges that precluded them from physically being present for the event. Several family members attended in their absence.

Along with erecting the sign, the 1969 Rattlers have also had their achievement added to the Georgia Interscholastic Association (GIA) list of state champions.

The 1969 Rattler team include: Rosetta Parrish Adams, Elaine Parrish Saunders, Barbara Ann Parrish Trice, Zobera Nesbitt, Betty Joe Williams, Linda Hodges Williams, Vivian Johnson, Bertha Johnson Adams, Sadie Richards Brown, Cheryl Boston, Joan Wadley, Coach James White Sr, Coach Dessie Davis, and Coach Earl Donaldson

*Below are thoughts shared from a Rattler team member and other Rattler family members:*

**Bertha Johnson Adams, team member:** "It feels awesome to be recognized as State Champions. Unfortunately, several of the "girls" have passed away and are not able to be a part of this moment in history. I remember the excitement of the team and the proud look on Coach White's face".

**Beverly Parrish Steele, sister of Elaine and Barbara Ann Parrish:** "Witnessing the unveiling of the 1969 Girls track State Championship sign was



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1969 RATTLETS GIRLS TRACK TEAM FAMILY MEMBERS: BEVERLY PARRISH STEELE, TERA DANIEL, JOE ALSTON, HARRIET HODGES MAZYCK, ARIAN WILLIAMS, DEBRA BELL, JUSTIN CORLEY

an emotional and joyful occasion for me. This dedication represented the eve of era of the Emanuel County Rattlers; and to know that my two older sisters Barbara Ann Parrish Trice and Elaine Parrish Saunders and also my cousin Rosetta Parrish Adams were a part of this state championship team. If my sisters were here, they would've been so proud to see their achievement being displayed. This is History!! History as a Rattler and also history for our family".

**Joe Alston, sister of Zobera Nesbitt:** "Seeing the unveiling of the 1969 State Championship sign made me feel very proud. It's wonderful to share my sister's enthusiasm. Zobera enjoyed running long distance. Running the state championship meant the world to her. Zobera's trophy and medals are symbols of her dedication to a sport she loved".

**Harriett Hodges Mazyck, sister of Linda Hodges:** "I am extremely proud, this brings back so many memories".

**Arian Williams, daughter of Linda Hodges Williams:** It gave me and my family a sense of pride and excitement to experience that moment. Even with her gone it's a great feeling to learn new things about her and even more reason to celebrate her. If she were here, I'm sure she'd share our Sentiment and offer a bashful grin of modesty and youthful humor to punctuate the moment. My mother is a Family first kind of per-

son so I'm sure that sense of camaraderie extended to her team. The feeling of taking home a championship with friends is unmatched so I know it meant a lot to her

### 2007 SHS Boys

Coach Brice Hobbs took over the SHS track program in 2001. He says that it took a few years for the guys to buy into him and his style. Coach Hobbs says that upon arriving to Swainsboro High he was impressed with the abundance of quality athletes. Around 2004 things were starting to come together for the track program. After a couple of years of coming close in the region, Coach Hobbs said it was time for him to step things up. The following year he and the team made a commitment to winning. They began practicing Monday - Sunday and their hard work quickly paid off with the 2007 state championship. Coach Hobbs is one of a few coaches in Georgia high school history to win a state title in two different sports at the same school. He won a championship in track in 2007 and in basketball in 2020. Additionally, his teams were runner up in track in 2008 and basketball in 2017.

### Below are comments from a few team members:

**Javon Young:** Accomplishing something like a state championship was always something that I wanted to achieve since the day I started playing sports. Doing it with a group of guys that I grew up with and had a personal relationship with is still one of the best feel-

ings ever.

**Rashad James:** The best feeling aever! We're in the history books... We continued the winning tradition for Swainsboro high track and field... hard work paid off for all of us... the state knows about Swainsboro track!

**Byron Eligah:** With Swainsboro being a historically competitive town, it feels great to be mentioned as a champion.

**Dwight Smith:** Growing up, it was always a goal of ours to win a state championship and have a sign put up. We had seen siblings and other relatives do it and we just wanted to do it to. It means a lot to have this sign put up, no matter how many years later. Thanks to the city of Swainsboro for recognizing us.

These two championship teams are connected by more than just a sign. In 1969 Elaine Parrish, Rosetta Parrish and Barbara Ann Parrish help lead the Rattlers to the championship. In 2007 it was yet another Parrish who was instrumental in the Tigers championship. Coach Hobbs recalled a story from the state event in 2007. The Tigers needed only to place in the final event to win the championship. He recalled how Justin Corley fell over the finish line to give the Tigers a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the 1600 meter relay, thus winning the state championship for the Tigers. Justin Corley is the nephew of Rosetta Parrish and cousin of Elaine and Barbara Ann Parrish.

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Marquel Byner, entered 8/22/22; Hold for Burke CO; ECSO  
 Kenneth Eugene Jackson, entered 8/22/22; Hold for out of county billing; ECSO  
 Thomas Haskel Barnes, entered 8/23/22; Hold for Toombs Co; SPD  
 Miranda Kay Brantley, entered 8/23/22; Possession of meth/VGCSA possession of drug related object; SPD  
 Amanda Virginia Harden, entered 8/23/22; Disorderly conduct; ECSO  
 Rafael Demetrius Mack, entered 8/23/22; Driving lic susp/rev/Tag light requirements/Taillight requirements/Child restraint violation/Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle GA Probation; SPD  
 Brandon Matthew Meadows, entered

8/23/22; Theft/shoplifting; SPD  
 Leanne Nicole Shaw, entered 8/23/22; Probation/Superior court/Theft/shoplifting/ Hold for Toombs Co/ Theft/shoplifting/Theft/shoplifting/Theft/shoplifting/Theft/shoplifting/Thief/shoplifting; SPD  
 Kristi Edenfield Stevens, entered 8/23/22; Theft/shoplifting; SPD  
 Carl Edward McKinney, entered 8/24/22; VGCSA possession of drug related object/ Hold for out of county billing/ Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga probation; SPD  
 Dominique Elisa Rose Pannell, entered 8/24/22; Financial transaction card fraud/Financial transaction card fraud/Financial

transact card theft; SPD  
 Alfonza Brown, Sr, entered 8/25/22; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation/Bench warrant/State court  
 Michael George Coleman, entered 8/25/22; Other; SPD  
 Christopher Nakia Jones, entered 8/25/22; Other/Other; SPD  
 Joann Wight, entered 8/25/22; Other; SPD  
 Michael Antwon Coleman, entered 8/26/22; Child support/Superior court contempt order/Probation/Superior court/Bench warrant/City/Other/Crim damage to prop; SPD  
 Santuan Easterling, entered 8/26/22; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; SPD

Brandon Matthew Meadows, entered 8/26/22; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; SPD  
 Jordan Lee Pieroni, entered 8/26/22; VGCSA possession of drug related object; ECSO  
 Galen Alexander Sterling, entered 8/26/22; Flee/attempt to elude police/Reckless driving/Speeding 30+ MPH over/Failure to maintain lane/Failure to stop at stop sign/Failure to maintain lane/Failure to maintain lane/Failure to maintain lane/Failure to stop at stop sign/Failure to stop at stop sign/Other/Driving lic susp/rev/Driving on wrong side of road/Possession of meth/VGCSA possession of drug related object/Firearm/knife

possess/crime/attempt crime/VGCSA drugs schedule I & II drugs/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; ECSO  
 Angela Michelle Burnette, entered 8/27/22; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; SPD  
 Tamyah Yvonne Cooper, entered 8/27/22; Driving lic susp/rev; SPD  
 Lindsey Taylor Marlowe, entered 8/28/22; Theft/shoplifting; SPD  
 Hermilo Vera Morales, entered 8/28/22; Driving while unlicensed/expired/DUI/alch; SPD  
 Norman Bernard Parrish, II, entered 8/19/22; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation/Firearm poss by conv felon/Terror threats and acts/Aggr assault; SPD

## Sheriff's Reports

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

### August 22

Deputies responded to Pendleton Springs Rd. in reference to a suspicious vehicle. Store employee advised that around 8pm she observed a vehicle driven by an older male back up to their dumpster, the left and later returned and was parked for about half an hour on the side of the highway and left shortly prior to deputy's arrival. Employee was concerned the store's employees when closing. Deputies rode the area and did not see any vehicle fitting the description. Deputy stood by while the store closed.

Deputies responded to Hwy 80 East in reference to stolen car keys. Complainant advised that he left his keys with his mother and he sold the vehicle but could not find the keys. C/p then stated that he was told that the suspect was last seen with them and she moved to Sylvania. C/p stated he reached out to suspect on 8/21 and she confirmed that she did have the keys and would bring them back but he had not heard from her and was advised of the process to seek in resolving the matter further.

Deputy took a walk-in report where victim stated she had been scammed out of \$19,500. Victim stated it all started when an app popped up on her computer. Victim stated it said she needed to pay \$499.99 to fix her computer and she attempt-

ed to pay \$500 and the screen typed \$5000 and she immediately tried to delete that amount but could not. She then called the number listed on the McAfee app and that's when she spoke to offender who stated victim made a mistake and had to pay \$5000 or he would lose his job. Victim then stated she was feeling sorry for him and went to WalMart and bought six WalMart cards with \$500 each on them. She then gave offender the card information that totaled \$3000. Offender then stated to victim that she still needed to get the remaining \$2000 or he would lose his job. Victim then became suspicious and said she was going to the bank and offender advised her not to but when she did, she became aware that she was missing \$16,000 from her account. Victim stated offender kept calling and harassing her for more money and knew about all her accounts and had her SS# as well. Victim stated that her accounts had been frozen and her banks were trying to stop the wire transaction that had already been wired but advised her that she would be out of the \$3000 she purchased in WalMart cards.

### August 23

Deputy made contact with complainant in reference to a Criminal Trespass incident concerning alleged suspect. C/p expressed interest in obtaining a Protection Order due to an incident that occurred the previ-

ous Sunday stating that the suspect took a set of keys that were property of c/p. C/p was advised of the legal process to obtain said order.

Reporting highway deputy was dispatched to Roadway Inn in reference to a vehicle unlock. Vehicle was unlocked without incident or damages.

Deputies responded to Hwy 1 South in reference to a domestic in progress. Upon arrival complainant and witness stated that the offender had kicked his door in and attacked c/p. C/p had two minor scratches on face from altercation. Offender stated witness had come into her home and beaten her boyfriend two days prior. Offender had admitted to trying to fight c/p. Offender was taken into custody for disorderly conduct and then began to beat on patrol vehicles once in back seat. Offender stated after she was bonded out, she would finish what she started and deputies advised her parole officer. All parties live next door to each other and were advised to resolve the matter through the courts.

### August 24

Deputy met with complainant at ECSO where he stated he was traveling on Lambs Bridge Rd. when a deer ran out in front of him. Vehicle sustained moderate damage.

Complainant stated she has no trespassing signs up and her neighbors keep cutting across her yard in a vehicle. C/p stated this has been an ongoing problem and she made reports in the past. C/p doesn't know who the neighbors are. Deputy tried to make contact with the neighbors but nobody was home.

Deputy was dispatched to Norristown Coven Rd. in reference to an animal collision. Complainant stated a deer came out in front of him, causing extensive damage to his vehicle.

### August 25

Deputy unlocked a vehicle on Durden Rd. in Twin City. There were no incidents or damage to the vehicle.

Deputy responded to Lake Luck Dr. in reference to a complainant stating her neighbor cut down a few fine trees and drug the remains and dumped them behind her wooden privacy fence on her property. Deputy took photos. Deputy talked with complainant who stated

his aunt/suspect is abusing his grandmother. C/p stated that his aunt is a nurse and before his grandfather died, his aunt is always going to the school and pretending for parents to sign some kind of school papers but in fact the aunt is getting them to sign a POA paper. C/p stated they did not find this out until it was time to take his grandfather off of life support and his aunt came in with the POA and overrode everyone else's wishes and pulled the plug. C/p stated that nothing is wrong with the victim but the suspect keeps saying she can't make decisions. C/p wasn't going to say anything until the suspect talked the victim into selling the house he lives in, which is in FL. C/p stated the suspect keeps threatening the victim with jail to get her to do what she wants.

Deputy unlocked a vehicle at Little Ceasars. There were no incidents or damages to the vehicle.

Deputy responded to a call on Leman Rd. regarding an unwanted person. Complainant stated offender went onto his property on several occasions and has been told not to go back. C/p stated offender walked through the gate of his residence and was walking around his yard string through his kitchen window. C/p stated that once he and his family noticed offender, offender started beating on the window. C/p stated the he confronted offender in the yard and offender asked for a ride. C/p told offender to leave and he was not welcome on his property. The fence surrounding the residence has several No Trespass signs displayed as well as signs on the gate that offender used to make entry onto the property.

Deputy was dispatched to N. College St in Twin City in reference to threats. Complainant stated his brother/offender called him and threatened to go over and beat him up and stated he was going to do the same to other family members. C/p stated he also received text messages on his phone with threats. Witness stated she heard the phone conversation and saw the messages.

### August 26

Deputy observed a vehicle with a defective headlight, at which time he initiated at traffic stop. Further investigation revealed the vehicle

had no valid registration or insurance. Vehicle was towed and offender was transported to EmCo Jail to wait for a ride.

Deputy was dispatched to Old Savannah Rd. in Midville in reference to a tree being down and blocking the entire roadway. Victim stated that due to it being dark, she did not see the tree in the road and ran into it, causing damage to her windshield.

Deputy attempted to stop a vehicle for traveling 78 MPH in a 55 MPH construction zone. Upon initiation of the turning his blue lights on, the vehicle accelerated. Deputy notified 911 that the vehicle was fleeing. Vehicle surpassed 100 MPH numerous times and was even talking on a cell phone he was holding in his hand. Once the vehicle finally stopped, the driver was ordered out of the vehicle and placed in handcuffs. Driver advised his aunt was having a heart attack and that's why he ran, however when deputy spoke to the aunt, she advised she was ok and did not need EMS. Upon searching, the driver was found to be in possession of marijuana. The passenger was arrested for giving false name, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug related objects. A search of the vehicle revealed a 22 cal rifle in the passenger side of the vehicle and prescription pills found in an unmarked pill bottle as well as a box containing suspected meth and a glass pipe. A scale was also seized from the vehicle. Female passenger was found to be in possession of 22 cal ammo, a knife, and a small pipe with marijuana inside. Vehicle was towed and both were arrested with passenger refusing to cooperate and not providing her correct info. While at the jail, the owner of the vehicle arrived and advised that the vehicle had been taken without permission. Complainant's tag was taken or came off his vehicle.

### August 27

Deputies were dispatched to Reba Dr. in reference to a call of loud music. Deputy traveled the neighborhood but did not observe any loud music or other disturbances at the time.

Deputies were dispatched to Ed Youmans Rd. in reference to a residential alarm. Motion was advised to be indoor stress

sensor. Upon arrival, all doors and windows were checked and appeared secure with no noted signs of tamper or forced entry. Contact was made with the homeowner via phone call and advised of the incident.

Deputies responded to Hwy 23 S. in reference to threats and harassment phone calls. Complainant advised that offender had been calling him from several phone apps and posting stuff about him and his family on social media. C/p stated he has been having issues with offender since the tow had a relationship in the past. C/p stated offender has made threats or showed up at his house and made a scene. Deputies advised c/p of the process to seek through the courts to resolve the matter.

Deputy was dispatched to Braswell Blvd. in reference to the 3ft of two aluminum rims off a truck that was parked on Sunset Dr. Victim stated he parked his truck on Sunset Dr. and had been using it for parts and stated he had two aluminum rims in the back of this truck but are gone. Victim stated one of the neighbors said they were stolen by some other neighbors and that his rims were at the scrap yard. Victim contacted the scrap yard and they told him they had rims but were unsure if they were his, but if they were, they couldn't give them to him without a police report.

Deputies were dispatched to Egret Place in reference to a welfare check. Call was transferred to EmCo from Candler Co.

### August 28

Deputies were dispatched to Ogburn Dr. in reference to several 911 hang-up calls. Deputies met with the residents who advised of issues with a cellphone. The residents had been trying to restart the phone due to a technical difficulty and accidentally used the emergency call feature.

Deputy was dispatched to Wanda Ln. in Adrian in reference to a burglary. Victim stated she has been back and forth to Augusta helping her sister who had been sick and when she returned home, her back door had been broken into and her window unit and flat screen TV had been taken. Deputy walked around the house to the back door and there was evidence of forced entry.

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# Swainsboro Police Reports

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

## August 16

A woman came into Swainsboro Police Department to turn in a wallet that her brother had found. A phone number supposedly belonging to the wallet's owner was called, but was found out that the woman no longer had that number. Wallet was placed into lost and found, nothing further at this time.

Officer was called to South Main Street by a detective to do a report. Officer made contact with detective and two women. One woman stated that she cleans houses for a living and a man called her to clean a house, she states he sent her a check for \$3,950.00. She was told to go cash the check at the bank. When check was taken to the bank, they state that the check along with the counted it was supposedly linked to was not real.

Officer met with complainant at Swainsboro PD in reference to a walk-in report. C/p advised that while trying to maneuver under a sign on South Main Street, their vehicle sustained visible minor damage. Officer reported to said area and did not see any damage to a sign in this area.

Officer was dispatched to South Main Street in reference to a dispute. Complainant reported that her drive thru order came to \$10 and some change. After giving the cashier \$21, she received less than \$1 in change back. Officer spoke to the general manager of this restaurant, manager stated that she took the payment in the amount of \$11. Manager stated that after c/p started to argue about the change, she conducted an audit of the drawer, which matched with the sales for the day. C/p was denied a copy of this report and was told to consult the Magistrate Judge for a civil hearing.

Patrol units made contact with both offenders at their residences, both on West MLK, to threats being made. Allegedly a verbal altercation occurred at Mike's Food Mart, which then led back to the residence. Verbal dispute led to a broken flower pot on one of the women's front porch and allegedly someone was threatened with a hammer as well. Both parties were arrested for disorderly conduct and transported to Em. Co. Jail. Both parties were released on citation with approval from the chief due to cooperation.

Officer was dispatched in reference to a wanted person. Officer observed that offender was sitting on the porch of a house on Rentz Street. Offender had active probation and criminal warrants for his arrest. Offender was then taken into custody and was taken to Em. Co. Jail.

## August 17

Officer was patrolling area of Thigpen Drive and noticed a vehicle failing to stay in their own lane of traffic. Officer initiated a traffic stop and the tag was called out to 911. Both the officer and the detective assisting knew of the name of the offender due to past illegal drug possession charges. K9 was brought onto scene and alerted at the driver side door of offender's vehicle. Detective located methamphetamine inside the vehicle. Offender was

placed under arrest for possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug related object, possession of controlled substance, and failure to maintain lane.

Officer was in patrol in the area of South Main Street. He pulled into the Enmarket parking lot, and when leaving the store, a vehicle was seen parked at a gas pump with air condensing in the windows. Officer observed a woman asleep in the passenger seat. Car was reported to have been there for a while. Officer pulled behind the car to check on the passenger, and saw a woman in the driver's seat slumped over the center console. Neither of the women would wake up when the officer knocked on the window if the car, until the dog in the backseat began to bark. The passenger awoke and then began to shake the driver to wake her up as well. They stated that they were tired and decided to pull in to rest. They were coming from the beach in Brunswick and were headed to their homes in Alma. Driver could not keep her head up or her eyes open, officer could not smell any alcohol on them, but felt the driver was impaired. She stated that she had taken a Percocet 10 a couple hours prior. After another officer arrived on the scene, the women were asked to exit the vehicle. The driver's feet were very unsteady, and she was asked if they were any illegal narcotics in the vehicle. The offender said that there shouldn't be anything in there. Driver then gave consent for a vehicle search. During the search, a few razor blades, some syringes, a couple marijuana roaches, a bag filled with a few prescription medications, one which was covered in white powder were found. After being asked what the white powder was, the women stated that they didn't know and were placed under arrest. The white powder tested positive for Fentanyl, but when asked, the driver stated that she thought it was heroin. Officers started to feel weird after possibly injecting Fentanyl, and dispatched EMS to check on them. After observing that the driver was slumped in the back of the patrol car, she was taken to Emanuel Medical Center. Officer was advised to go home and decontaminate.

Officer was dispatched to Enmarket in reference to shoplifting. The employee working at this time stated that she was reviewing footage of someone possibly taking a lighter. While viewing the footage, a man placing a hat under his shirt without paying was also seen. She advised that a white female had entered the store with the alleged shoplifter, and white she was at the register he committed the act. The officer ran the plate number of these individual's vehicle and called the number connected to it. The man who answered stated that is daughter had his truck on this day. The daughter stated that she gave her friend and his girlfriend a ride to Enmarket and that they both went inside while she waited in the truck. Offender was contacted, and agreed to turn himself in.

Officer was dispatched to Swainsboro PD in reference to a report. Upon arrival, the officer spoke with a woman stating

that she failed a license plate to her daughter in Alpharetta, GA on August 5th, 2022, through UPS. Woman advised that she sent it two-day shipping, and checked on August 9th and it was in Roswell, GA. She stated that the package had not been found and the last place it had been scanned was Roswell. She was advised to report to the Swainsboro PD if she found anything else out.

Officer was dispatched to South Green Street in reference to a report. Upon arrival, officer spoke to a woman stating that she was informed that damage was made to one of the state vehicles. It was discovered the damage was done by several dogs.

Officer was dispatched to West MLK Blvd. in reference to a physical altercation. Officer greeted victim upon arrival, who stated that she had pulled up to her house with a friend who was a witness. After pulling in, her neighbor came around the truck to the passenger side and punched her in the face. There were no visible marks on her face. The two women were involved in conflict days prior and were both taken into custody. The victim stated that she just wanted the offender to leave her alone, and also wanted to press charges. A warrant for simple battery will be taken upon the offender.

Officer was dispatched by 911 to Walmart where he spoke with a lost and theft employee who stated the offender was skip scanning items and proceeded to leave without paying for them. The total amount that was not scanned was \$98.49. All items were recovered.

Officer observed a vehicle in the roadway on New St. and as he turned onto New St., the vehicle was leaving. Officer then turned around initiated a traffic stop. Officer approached the vehicle and asked the driver for her license and explained why she was being stopped. Officer could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from within the vehicle and called for back-up. Officer asked offender to step out of the vehicle and asked how much alcohol she had consumed and she stated one. Offender agreed to take a field sobriety and failed. Offender also gave consent to a breath test and failed. Offender was transported to SPD and gave two breath samples and due to the second one being less than the limit, it was agreed that offender did not commit a less safe act in officer's presence and she was released.

Officer was dispatched to WalMart in reference to a shoplifter. Offender shoplifted several items by not scanning them and taking them past the last point of sale. The total was \$174.21. Offender stated some of them items did not scan and the register stated to wait for assistance and then the message went away and she thought it scanned them. Offender was told to have someone pick up her two small children and she called her mother and father. After about a 45 minute wait, they finally arrived to get the children in which they have custody of. Offender was driving with suspended license for failure to appear. During a search of the vehicle, marijuana and meth were found.

## August 18

Officer was dispatched to Dairy Queen for a person acting funny in the drive-thru. While talking to the driver, officer noticed she was moving all over the place and continued to move her arms back and forth as if she was dancing in the vehicle. Officer looked over at the passenger who was hunched over in the seat wearing shades and had his hat pulled way down looking down. After noticing the odd behavior of the two in the vehicle, officer approached his partners and advised them of his findings. K9 Unit was requested and detected something. Inside a clear bag, powder like substance was discovered.

Officer ran the tag and learned that the registered owner had suspended license and was able to verify that the driver was the actual owner of the vehicle. When the vehicle pulled out of the store parking lot, officer conducted a traffic stop. Offender advised officer that she paid her fines online the night prior. As officer was speaking with offender, he could smell alcohol coming from her person and asked how much she had consumed and she stated none. Offender performed a field sobriety test and gave a breath sample and she was positive for alcohol. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail for suspended license and DUI.

## August 19

Officer was dispatched to SPD in reference to a complainant stating she used her food stamp card and noticed that after she left the store, it was used again. C/p called the store and was told that offender gave them her card number to use. C/p does not know how offender had her card number.

Officer was dispatched to SPD I reference to complainant stating her food stamp card was used at Harvey's for \$2494.64 and advised she believes offender used it because she had already done it before. C/p stated she confronted offender and she told her that she would say she paid her to use her card.

Officer responded to NewSt. for a window being busted. Complainant stated she took her kids to school and saw her front windshield cracked with a small area that had been busted causing glass to be on top of the dash.

Officer was dispatched to S. Main St. in reference to stolen property. Complainant reported that she allowed offender to borrow her vehicle to get food and offender was arrested for DUI near Oak park and the vehicle was towed but she did not know where the vehicle was located. C/p stated she did not authorize offender to take it anywhere except to get food. C/p also stated offender took her cell phone.

Officer was dispatched to Rodeway Inn in reference to a welfare check. 911 advised that victim was possibly being held against her will with an individual with a firearm. Officers were advised what room victim was in and after several moments, a male subject finally opened the door. Officer asked the male subject if anyone else was in the room and he stated no, but after speaking with him for several moments, they heard a female's voice in the bathroom. Victim reported

that offender began sending her messages claiming that the loved her and sent pictures of a firearm. Victim is afraid of offender and believes he is not in his right mind and witness allowed her to stay with him for protection.

Officer was dispatched to kind Cir. Dr. in reference to damage to property. Complainant stated his ex-girlfriend moved out and damaged his property.

Officers were dispatched to W. Church St. in reference to a neighbor shooting at the caller.

Officers were dispatched to KT's in reference to female caller being jumped on by her husband. Offender has active warrants for his arrest through probation. Perimeter was set up to catch offender and offender called in a fake 911 call to force officers to break the perimeter. His phone was pinging in the area of his aunt's home but she refused to allow them to search.

Officer responded to N. Anderson Dr. for blood being in the hallway. Complainant stated she was walking down the hallway when she saw the blood. The blood was tracked to a room where victim stated he fell outside. Officers asked if someone hit him and he stated they could have but he wasn't sure. Victim stated he fell on the floor by his door but officer could not find anywhere victim hit his face on anything. Victim was transported by EMS to EMC for a deep cut on his face.

## August 20

Officer saw an older man using a walker drop a glass bottle in the road and got out to help him and observed offender coming down the road. Officer asked offender if he had anything on him and he dropped his head and stated yes. A part of offender's probation is he has a 4<sup>th</sup> amendment waiver that allows law enforcement to get out with him an search him. Offender had a glass pipe on him. Offender then began to assault officers and obstruct as he was being detained.

Officer was dispatched to WalMart in reference to a theft by shoplifting. Offender failed to pay for \$113.44 worth of various items but paid for \$135.15 worth of items, and bagged the ones that weren't scanned and proceeded to exit the store.

Officers were dispatched to Rainbow Ridge in reference to complainant stating she and her child's father had a fight and she was scratched up. C/p stated offender tore up her property and left.

Officers were dispatched to Gloria St. in reference to damage to a vehicle.

Complainant stated he was fussing with offender when she cut all four tires on his vehicle.

## August 21

Officers were dispatched to N. Racetrack St. in reference to male subjects with guns and they looked like they were going to use them. One suspect stuck his hands in the air and when officer attempted to pat his waist, he took off and shoved his hand in the satchel he was carrying. No further contact was made with offender.

Officer was dispatched to McLeod Bridge Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute. Offender had left and complainant stated her husband hit her in the face with a closed fist

and took off in her vehicle. C/p advised she is tired of it and wanted to press charges.

Officer was dispatched to WalMart in reference to shoplifting. Offender was scanning some items and then would skip scan other items. The total amount of skipped items was \$201.17.

Officer was dispatched to Youngblood St in reference to a criminal trespass and theft by taking. Complainant reported she was out of state for several days, leaving her daughters at home, and her daughters left to pick her up from the airport in Augusta and when they returned home, they observed damage and missing items. The carport door was damaged, the interior door knob was in the floor, and the exterior door knob and deadbolt was hanging loose, but no pry marks were visible.

Officer responded to Alice Cir. in reference to the caller stating someone shot the window and she had the bullet. Complainant showed officer the window and he observed a hole in it. Officer also observed a .45 bullet laying on the window seal.

Officer observed a vehicle with a headlight out and performed a traffic stop. Offender advised he didn't realize his headlight was out but noticed it was dim. Officer then asked offender for his license and he provided them. Officer observed a female in the passenger side whom he knew well from previous encounters and was aware she had active warrants for her arrest through Toombs Co. Officer ran the tag display and found the driver also had an active warrant for his arrest through Emanuel Co. During a search of the vehicle, a loaded syringe and clear bag containing a crystal-like substance was located. Both were arrested for possession of meth.

## August 22

Officer went to Roadway Inn and spoke with complainant who advised he did not want offender back on his property.

Officer observed a vehicle with no tag lights and initiated a traffic stop. Officer approached the vehicle and asked for the driver's license and he stated he didn't have them on him at the time. Officer then recognized the driver and he gave name and DOB and they returned suspended due to failure to appear. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer observed a vehicle parked on the side of the road and when he approached it, the vehicle was unoccupied with all doors locked. Officer then ran the tag to find it had no valid insurance. Officer contacted the owner and she stated it was left due to no brakes and she was advised it would be towed due to not having any insurance.

## August 23

Officer observed a vehicle without a tag light and brake light, so he initiated a traffic stop. Officer approached the driver and asked for his license and he stated he did not have them on him so officer asked for his name and DOB. It was determined that the driver's license is suspended. Det. advised that there was an unrestrained child in the rear floor board asleep. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

# Community Outreach event held at shelter for National Dog Day

In honor of National Dog Day celebrated Friday, August 26, the Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter welcomed youth and Probation Officers Brooke Ramos and Buffy Snellgrove with the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice for a tour of the shelter and to hear a presentation on proper pet care and ownership and the responsibilities involved in having a pet.

Animal Control Officer Mercedes Hepworth and Shari Watt, shelter volunteer and Emanuel County Humane Society member, gave a presentation and discussed the importance and responsibilities of being a good pet owner. The presentation included a few examples of local animal neglect/cruelty cases that have been responded to in the county and entertained discussion, questions and answers on related topics. The guests were then given a tour of the facility and were able to meet and greet with many tail-wagging canine shelter friends available for adoption.

Don't forget – Today, August 31, is the LAST day for free adoptions at Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter! Sponsored by the Emanuel County Humane Society, costs coverage includes alter, rabies vaccinations and adoption fees. Go find your new best friend today or view some of the available shelter pups online at [https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fga1049.petfinder.com%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR1os9gArnV8Vfn8KEz2BC6crjkGQWoVxINnkH7jPDqmt3v978ole4N-wXk0&h=AT1Qb7TiwjDvW0w3rf-2ajAZ\\_jc5t-mMIWchqMTLU3KUjHm4OFjdQlp-LycvLUQn7cJvXyO\\_Hb1DUi\\_cq30LgnlWJXaruKFluVGUuaXOjctOxOpjg2aqU-52jTw4a1FEzhMlfETK](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fga1049.petfinder.com%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR1os9gArnV8Vfn8KEz2BC6crjkGQWoVxINnkH7jPDqmt3v978ole4N-wXk0&h=AT1Qb7TiwjDvW0w3rf-2ajAZ_jc5t-mMIWchqMTLU3KUjHm4OFjdQlp-LycvLUQn7cJvXyO_Hb1DUi_cq30LgnlWJXaruKFluVGUuaXOjctOxOpjg2aqU-52jTw4a1FEzhMlfETK).

The Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter welcomes volunteers interested in lending a helping hand and accepts donations also! Donations can be brought to the shelter during regular business hours or purchased from the shelter's Amazon Wishlist. All items purchased through the Amazon Wishlist will be delivered by mail to the shelter. Shop for donations online at [https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2Fhz%2Fwishlist%2F%2F3N1TX-7W6lZ5DU%3Fref\\_%3Dwl\\_share%26fbclid%3DIwAR2KW5-YCjk0ONxl\\_VRGY18Yq7EzB-Om-EsqojqceMqJ3jxCPJSVvxrh0Z0&h=AT30oeEHiliGCCnOU9nAlNriZ8WT\\_OBldhF26i0cnco1UUVtwk12rc\\_nKtoLiimVAQz1ClqDnHVGbP3o78btPrmpD9sUIUzL9ul8Opc-kejqYcoxD90I-dJRyG57CgsFdbsm0DjPw&tn=RI-R&c\[0\]=AT-04V1MMx9NAPzS82GR\\_4sK17mTcHFwCmlZ\\_asl-Sf9jxJCTd4D3F472cVRTcb80N3g0NVo7NI9XEX77h6hnbR7Wjg6-or5ZbCNRPNLeLR1oGFU5wj\\_9NfEvKTu45B-T7y8Auaes-f3JTKEh1cnzoLUNxd8y4vRCw0IU6d-drWY2MMypgkU9YLIrQrvjTgKnlM](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2Fhz%2Fwishlist%2F%2F3N1TX-7W6lZ5DU%3Fref_%3Dwl_share%26fbclid%3DIwAR2KW5-YCjk0ONxl_VRGY18Yq7EzB-Om-EsqojqceMqJ3jxCPJSVvxrh0Z0&h=AT30oeEHiliGCCnOU9nAlNriZ8WT_OBldhF26i0cnco1UUVtwk12rc_nKtoLiimVAQz1ClqDnHVGbP3o78btPrmpD9sUIUzL9ul8Opc-kejqYcoxD90I-dJRyG57CgsFdbsm0DjPw&tn=RI-R&c[0]=AT-04V1MMx9NAPzS82GR_4sK17mTcHFwCmlZ_asl-Sf9jxJCTd4D3F472cVRTcb80N3g0NVo7NI9XEX77h6hnbR7Wjg6-or5ZbCNRPNLeLR1oGFU5wj_9NfEvKTu45B-T7y8Auaes-f3JTKEh1cnzoLUNxd8y4vRCw0IU6d-drWY2MMypgkU9YLIrQrvjTgKnlM).

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.



SCENES FROM FRIDAY COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT AT SHELTER

# Georgia DOT Awards \$151 Million in Construction Contracts in July

In July 2022, the Georgia DOT awarded a total of 22 projects valued at approximately \$150,615,453. The largest single investment, worth approximately \$35 million, was awarded to Vertical Earth Incorporated. This widening and reconstruction project consists of 2.373 miles on SR 9 from McFarland Road to Post Road/Mullinax Road in Forsyth County. This contract, along with one other widening and reconstruction contract, represents 34 percent of the awarded funds. The second largest contract is a safety project worth approximately \$10 million. This project was awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc and will consist of 1.278 miles of pedestrian upgrades and realignment on US 441/SR 15 from I-85/SR 403 to Faulkner Road in Banks County. It also includes the construction of a median from the Jackson County Line to south of I-85/SR 403. This contract, along with three other safety projects, represent 20 percent, or approximately \$21 million, of the awarded funds. Bridge Construction projects represent 31 percent, or approximately \$33 million, of the awarded funds. Approximately \$15 million, or 14 percent, of the awarded funds were for bridge rehabilitation projects. The remaining one percent is allotted for a construction project in Toombs County. The July awards bring the total construction contracts for Fiscal Year 2023 to \$151 million. This total includes TIA, Design-Bid-Build and locally administered projects. Fiscal Year 2023 began July 1, 2022. Award Announcement list (includes rejected and or deferred projects). Bids for Design-Bid-Build projects were received on July 22, and contracts were awarded to the lowest qualified bidders on August 5. Supplemental Award Announcement (includes previously deferred projects that have now been let). Information on schedules, lane closures and detours will be available in advance of construction activities taking place. Contractors and consultants, including Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), registered small businesses and veteran-owned small businesses interested in bidding on projects or performing work must prequalify with Georgia DOT. To learn more, please visit <https://www.dot.ga.gov/GDOT/Pages/DBE.aspx>. Georgia Department of Transportation plans, constructs and maintains Georgia's state and federal highways. We're involved in bridge, waterway, public transit, rail, general aviation, bike and pedestrian programs. And we help local governments maintain their roads. Georgia DOT and its nearly 4,000 employees are committed to delivering a transportation system focused on innovation, safety, sustainability and mobility. The Department's vision is to boost Georgia's competitiveness through leadership in transportation.

## Wounded Warriors Retreat 11th Annual Sportsman's Banquet and Auction

Wounded Warrior Retreat, Inc. is a Georgia Non-Profit 501 C3 organization that gives opportunity to Wounded Veterans and their family to enjoy the great outdoors. Our Mission: "To make a difference in the lives of wounded warriors by mentoring, promoting, supporting and encouraging spiritual healing for wounded warriors and their families while participating in the many outdoor activities offered by the private hunting retreat." This 11th annual event is hosted by the Swainsboro Rotary Club and the Emanuel County Sportsman's Club. The funds raised will go to support our country's heroes at Wounded Warrior Retreat retreats. This event will include social time, prime rib meal, with silent and live auction items.

Event Sponsorships are available at the following levels

<b>MEGA PLATINUM: \$1,000</b>	(50 Extra House Gun Tickets)
<b>PLATINUM: \$500</b>	(25 Extra House Gun Tickets)
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# SHS Cheer Camp welcomes 113 mini-campers at annual event

The Swainsboro High School cheerleaders saw another record-breaking year in the number of youth participants attending the 2022 annual mini-cheer camp. On Saturday, August 20, a total of 113 mini-campers spent the day with the SHS Varsity Cheerleaders learning stunts, cheers, chants, dances, jumps, motion technique and participating in other fun and engaging activities. The upcoming group of young recruits contin-

ues to grow each year with rising participation each summer. Last year's camp brought in 82 mini-cheerleaders which was the largest turnout ever in Swainsboro Cheer history prior to this year's increase of 31 spirited mini-cheer campers. At this year's record-breaking event attendees enjoyed a pizza lunch and drinks and were presented with take-home souvenirs and certificates following their 2 p.m. performances

for family and friends at pick-up time. SHS Varsity Cheer Coach Luci McNeely stated in response to this year's turnout, "Thank you for all the support. It is overwhelming and such a blessing to be supported by the community in this way. Our future at Swainsboro Cheer is so bright! We can't wait to see this year's group of participants cheer for our tigers on Friday, October 7, against Jefferson County at the pregame show!"



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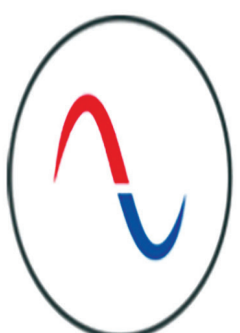
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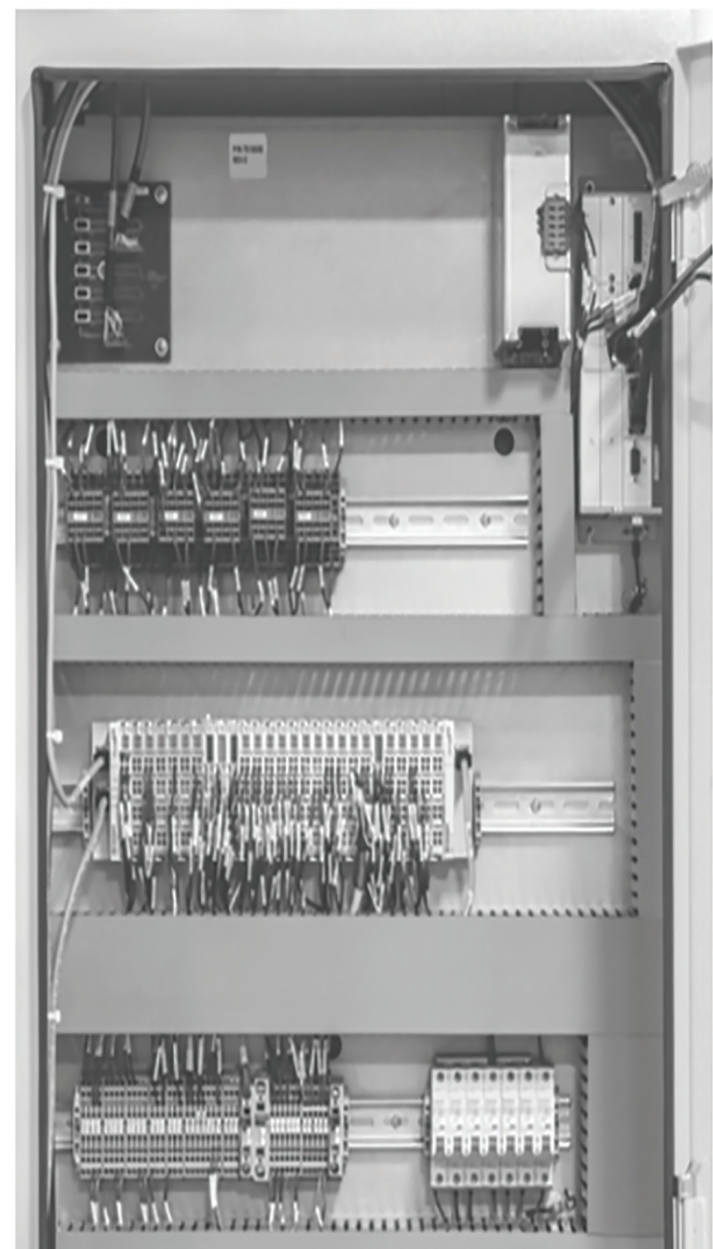
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STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF EMANUEL  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
IN RE: The Estate of Willard S. Wilkes, Jr., deceased.  
All debtors or creditors of the Estate of NAME, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are to make immediate payment to me.  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2022.

DANILE J. O'CONNOR  
Attorney for Executrix, Ann Wilkes BRYANT & O'CONNOR LAW FIRM  
P.O. Box 28  
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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.  
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By: Jeanie Hooks  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
P.O. Box 70 / 125 South Main Street  
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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
RICARDO 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 wither 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Rensasant 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 58<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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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 Rensasant 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 foreclosable 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 redemption 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.  
Rensasant Bank, as Attorney-in-Fact for Herschel Hart Enterprises, LLC. M. Todd Westfall, Esquire  
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**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 the 28<sup>th</sup> 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  
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE KAY HORNE, ESTATE NO. 22E0115  
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.  
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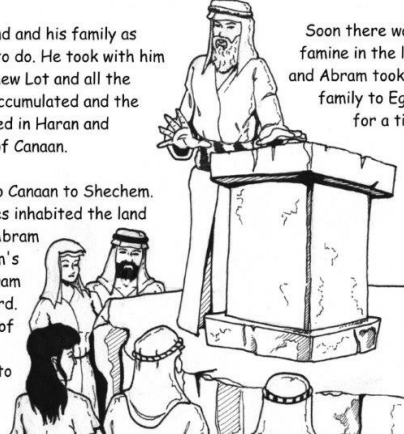
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Soon there was a famine in the land and Abram took his family to Egypt for a time.

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