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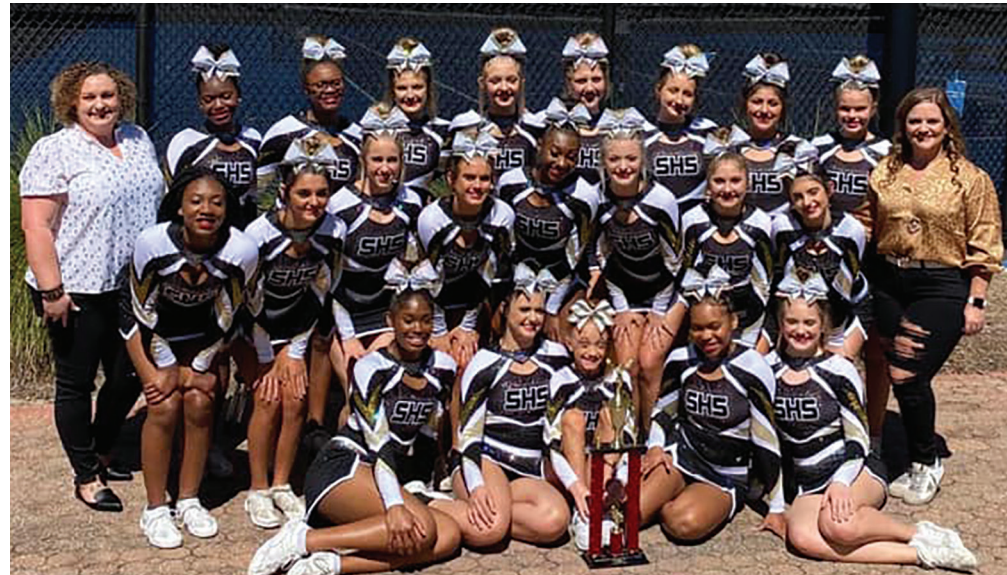
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Swainsboro Cheer clinches first, second place

Swainsboro Cheer took the mat this past weekend while participating in the first competition for year 2022-2023. The event was held in Statesboro on Saturday, September 24, at Georgia Southern University and featured middle and high school competition squads.

Swainsboro squads sported a different look this year with new uniforms for middle and high school cheerleaders and gave an outstanding performance with Swainsboro Middle School placing second and Swainsboro High School cheerleaders taking first place.

Both middle and high school Swainsboro Cheer squads will compete again this coming Saturday, October 1, in Vidalia.

Don't miss the Art Block Party on Green Street

by JACQUIE BRASHER

Emanuel Arts Council will host its first Art Block Party on Thursday, Oct. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. The 100 block of Green Street will be closed during that time. All artwork will be displayed outside.

The event is sponsored by Advanced Metal Components, Mill Creek Foundation, Citizens Bank, Durden Banking Company, Daniels Chevrolet, Hotset America, and Swainsboro Rotary Club.

Artwork by students at Swainsboro High School, Emanuel County Institute, and East Georgia State College will be displayed on Green Street across from the EAC, and a sidewalk chalk contest for the art students will be conducted on both sides of the street. Donald Jenkins will be playing music beginning at 5 p.m.

For more information on EAC programming, follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

Lack of quorum delays business matters for Swainsboro City Council

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

Two city council meetings have now either been interrupted or vacated by certain members of the six member council resulting in early adjournment or cancellation. Last week's edition of The Forest-Blade reported in an article pertaining to the first special called meeting held by Swainsboro City Council on Monday, September 19th that city officials announced that information on the executive session was not available at time of press. This information has now been made available:

A motion to enter into executive session resulted in a 3-3 tie. Mayor Bennett cast his vote in favor of the motion, breaking the tied vote, and the motion passed. The following action then took place:

- A lack of quorum resulted due to failed compliance of Councilpersons

John E. Parker, Bobbie Collins and Gregory Quarterman. The three councilmembers walked out of Swainsboro City Hall doors and refused to entertain further action and/or discussion that was scheduled to take place during the session.

- Councilperson Dr. D.J. Davis then made a motion to return to regular session due to the lack of quorum in executive session. This action was seconded by Johnny Ray Stafford, with remaining Councilperson Julian Sconyers voting accordingly.

- Councilperson Stafford then made a motion to adjourn which passed on a 3 - 0 vote due to Councilpersons Parker, Collins and Quarterman not returning to the meeting.

In Other News...

Since Monday's failed executive session, a second special called meeting was scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. via Zoom on Wednesday,

September 21. This meeting was also cancelled due to another lack of quorum by council. The agenda for the second special called meeting featured five new business items for discussion that included:

- Implementing "Plan A" for fulltime employees based on results received from a salary survey conducted by Condrey & Associates.
- Fulltime employee insurance benefits.
- Changing the city's employee payroll status to direct deposit for all employees on a biweekly basis.
- Part-time pay rates for part-time employees.
- Implementation date of all employee benefit changes made during meeting.

A special called meeting was held Tuesday night at 7 p.m. If you missed the live stream on Facebook, you can view the meeting by visiting our Facebook page, emanuelcountylive.com.

"Wreaths Across America"

You might call it a platoon or a squadron or a detail, but regardless of the name you use, the "Veterans at the Library" is a force with a priority mission. They come from all of the military services, and they still understand what "service" means. Starting early this year with about 14 loyal members, this group began work on its biggest project ever; bringing Wreaths Across America to Emanuel County. Now with an attendance of 30 to 35 each week, the operation is rapidly picking up speed, and by the end of October, the group will have a master list of hundreds of veterans' names and places of burial. On December 17, every grave of every Emanuel county vet-

eran whose name has been listed will be honored by the placement of a live Christmas wreath. Members of the veterans' group will be dispatched all across the county on that Saturday to place the wreaths, or family or friends can choose to pick up the wreath and place it themselves. Project Chairman John Tapley explained that the group has only one objective. "We just want to make sure that we honor the memory of every veteran we possibly can in Emanuel County during this coming Christmas season. We have had great response from the public, but this is a big job. We believe that we may be placing over 700 wreaths, and we can use all the volunteer help we can get

when the wreaths arrive in December." The project is affiliated with the national Wreaths Across America campaign. Tapley added, "This group would like to thank everyone who has purchased a wreath and those individuals and organizations who have donated. We also want to thank the Director and staff at Franklin Memorial Library for their support and especially Shari Watt for her assistance with the project." The public is reminded that names of veterans can still be submitted and added to the list until October 31, either through a form available in each week's issue of The Blade or by directly contacting Shari Watt at the Library (478) 237-7791.

Emanuel County Ferst Readers Book Character Contest

Emanuel County Ferst Readers is sponsoring a virtual fundraiser to get books into the homes of children under five. Local "celebrities" are asking for you to donate to Ferst Readers by casting a vote for them. Every \$3 vote you make will provide another book for a child, so vote as many times as you like and for as many characters as you like. Beginning October 1, you can see your favorite celebrity in their book character costume on Facebook. Look for their posts throughout the month of October. Ferst Readers addresses one of the most basic issues of childhood literacy -

ensuring the availability of quality books in the home so that parents can read to their child.

Every month, Ferst Readers mails quality books and materials for parents to families of children from birth to age five. Every dol-

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Visit <https://bit.ly/VoteEmanuelCharacters> to cast your votes.

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EREA holds September meeting

The Emanuel Retired Educators Association held its September meeting in the Swainsboro High School Media Center on Wednesday September 21, 2022, at noon. President Jean Schwabe called the meeting to order and recognized past president Bobbie Daughtry and thanked her for doing such a great job last year as president and leading the charge in organizing EREA's 50th Anniversary Celebration last May. She also thanked members who participated in the Forest Blade's Golden Years Tabloid, as well as Elese Turner for agreeing to serve as the EREA photographer this year. Swainsboro High School Assistant Principal Lindsey Sconyers provided a wel-



PICTURE L TO R: GRACIE STAPLETON, CALEY WILKERSON, SCONYERS, THAIS BUSTAMANTE, GABBIE HAYES, SCHWABE, HATTAWAY

come from the school and shared a special message from Swainsboro High Principal Brandon Andrews. Mr. Andrews expressed his gratitude for all retired educators and said Swainsboro High School's doors are always open. He encouraged members to visit at any time.

The tables in the Media Center were decorated with beautiful fall decorations. Syvetta Young provided an invocation, and members enjoyed a delicious meal prepared and served by students from SHS Future Farmers of America, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, and the Culinary Arts Department.

President Schwabe then introduced Superintendent of

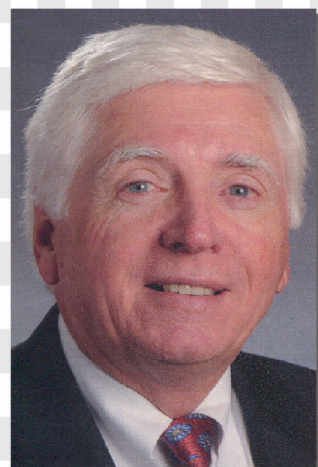
Emanuel County Schools, Scotty Hattaway, who centered his presentation on the students of Emanuel County and the many opportunities made available to them. His challenge to the teachers and staff is to approach each day with the following mindset toward students, "Learn 'Em, Love 'Em, and Lead 'Em". He then shared a host of student and teacher achievements from across the school district.

Following the presentation, Lynn Torrance recognized four new EREA members - Toney Golden, Theresa Bright, Tim and Cheryl Goodman. She presented each with a pen from GREA President Henrietta Gray.

President Schwabe reviewed her goals for the year which includ-

ed supporting the GREA President's March of Dimes project, strengthening EREA's partnership with The Sunshine House Children's Advocacy Center, awarding an EREA Scholarship to local students who plan to become teachers, and supporting Emanuel County Schools through volunteer service to classrooms.

EREA wishes to thank Swainsboro High staff and students for the warm hospitality they extended. The next EREA meeting is set for Wednesday, October 19, at Emanuel County Institute at noon. East Georgia State College President Dr. David Schecter will share his vision and goals for the college.



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Chamber Spotlight: Toms Pawn Central

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electronics, guitars, and more. They were awarded the Best of Pawn Award from Pawn Broker Network this year.

Tom's Pawn Central is very involved in the local community through contributions to Swainsboro Boosters, Rotary, Kiwanis, and Pine Tree Festival. They believe the Chamber has many opportunities for them as a small business. While they may not take advantage of all those opportunities, Tom's Pawn Central believes the Chamber also plays an important role in business development, leadership development,

and community development in our town, working toward the betterment of our community.

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Leadership Emanuel 2022 leadership class kicks off

The 2022 Leadership Emanuel class kicked off this past Wednesday, September 21. The group met for an overview of what to expect over the next eight weeks before heading to industry tours. There will be a different leadership topic covered during each session. Wednesday's class discussion included what leadership means and important attributes of a leader. Each week

will also include industry tours throughout the county with the first class covering a tour of the East Georgia Regional Airport and Hotset America.

Leadership Emanuel is a program sponsored by the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce and funded in part by the Millcreek Foundation. Its intent is to build better, more informed leaders in our community through a

series of sessions emphasizing practices of exemplary leadership, business and industry tours, and group discussions on issues facing our community both now and in the future. The sessions meet at various locations throughout our county allowing the participants to experience the opportunities available, better equipping them to be more effective leaders for the future.

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Homecoming Service – Sunday, October 9th at 11 a.m.
 Rev. Nick Hazelton, guest speaker
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Revival Services – October 9th- 11th at 7 p.m. nightly
 Sunday, October 9th - Rev. Mark Hardin, guest speaker
 Monday, October 10th – Rev. Steve Sirmons, guest speaker
 Tuesday, October 11th – Rev. Mark Sweat, guest speaker

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October 3	Session I Final Exams - SW/ST Swainsboro Primary Planetarium Visit
October 4	Session II Classes Begin - SW/ST Swainsboro Primary Planetarium Visit BCM Weekly Meeting - 10 a.m. Unity EGSC Women's Group Meeting - 5 p.m. Open Mic Night - 6 p.m.

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Mary Evelyn Williams, 89

Mrs. Mary Evelyn Williams, 89, of Swainsboro, passed away Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at Emanuel County Nursing Home following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 5 p.m. Saturday, September 24, in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Pastor Andrew Flowers officiating. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery. The family received friends from 3 until 5 p.m. Saturday, September 24, Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Bradley Braswell, Jeremy Odom, Justin Gray, Jackson Gray, Chandler Radford, and Billy Williams. Honorary pallbearer was BJ Braswell.

Mrs. Williams was born November 13, 1932, in Statesboro, to Joe Willie Fail and Lillie Mae Fail. She enjoyed crocheting, gardening, and she loved flowers. Mary was a member of Eastwood Church of God. Mrs. Williams is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arthur Lamar Williams; and son, Billy Monroe Williams.



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Mrs. Williams is survived by her sons, Bobby Williams and Ray Williams; daughters, Betty Hall, Barbara Hall (David), Becky Rutherford (Nathan), Emily Miczek, and Geneva Hall; sisters, Carrie Finch and Dorothy Underwood; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; many great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chapman Funeral Home, 427 North Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Doris J. Faircloth, 96

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors, announces the death of Mrs. Doris J. Faircloth, age 96, of Swainsboro, on Monday, July 25, 2022, at the Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home.

Mrs. Faircloth was born August 18, 1925, in Nunez, to the late Josh J. and Ida Webb Johns. She graduated from Wesley High School and received a degree in cosmetology from Swainsboro Tech. Mrs. Faircloth was previously employed with Creston Knitting Mills, and retired after 18 years with George J. Meyers Co. She was very active, never one to be idle, so she decided to return to work and spent many years as a sales clerk at Walmart in Swainsboro.

Mrs. Faircloth was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; her family was her greatest joy. She was a member of Church of Christ in Rincon. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Faircloth is preceded in death by her husband, Rollie D. Faircloth; infant



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daughter; eight siblings; granddaughter, Melissa K. Cranford; and son-in-law, Doug Cranford.

Survivors include her daughter, Janice Faircloth of Grantville; sons, Danny Faircloth (Susan Thompson) of Twin City, Josh L. Faircloth of Grantville, and Greg Faircloth (Debra) of Rincon; sister, Frankalene Williams of Nashville, TN; granddaughter, Tonya Sanders; great-grandchildren, Joshua Sanders and Allison Mulkey (Shawn); four great-great-grandchildren; special niece, Gloria Ellison (Gene); and numerous extended family.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Marie R. Johnson, 80

Tomlinson Funeral Home announces the death of Mrs. Marie R. Johnson, age 80, of Swainsboro, on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, September 23, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Tomlinson Funeral Home with Rev. Cail Pressey officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to service time. Interment was private.

Mrs. Johnson was born November 5, 1941, in Emanuel County, to the late Elton Roberson and Vondelle Turner Roberson Sherrod. She was of the Baptist faith and attended Hawthammock Baptist Church. Mrs. Marie was retired from the Emanuel County School System. Mrs. Johnson is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Anthony Johnson; brother, Jack Roberson; and sister, Dot Dykes.



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Survivors include her daughter, Angie Sanchez (Tony) of Atlanta; granddaughter, Hannah Sanchez of Atlanta; three sisters, Wanda Youngblood (Wyatt) of Swainsboro, Vicki Sherrod of Swainsboro, and Roma Roberts of St. Louis, MO; several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Georgia Baptist Children's Home 9420 Blackshear Hwy, Baxley, GA 31513.

Tomlinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The light has come

The world seems to be in a very dark place right now. As each day goes by it seems to be getting darker. When I say dark, I speak of gloom and unrest. Darkness indicates no sight and no insight. When you wake up in the dark and try to walk, you stumble, you fall, you are confused and you go in the wrong direction.

The world is living very confused today. There is corruption in high places. There is implementation of the flesh as we see through deception, lies, discourse, hatred, jealousy, prejudice, greed, murder. The effects of such is seen through man's destruction of the world by climate change, earthquakes, storms, drought, and the list goes on.

There is coming upon this earth very shortly a time that has not been seen before.

In the beginning Genesis tells us that God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form. Darkness moved on the face of the waters and God said, "Let there be light and there was light." Once God spoke the light appeared. The darkness could not comprehend the light. When God spoke, the darkness disappeared.

In the book of Saint Matthew chapter three, John declares,



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"Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the Sin of the world." He declared that Jesus is the Light of the world. He is the true which lights every man's life.

Yes, the world is confused and operates in darkness with Jesus.

So, to alleviate darkness, receive the true light. You can see and know where you are going through Jesus Christ. You don't have to stumble in life. He came to make the crooked straight. He came to bring light to the dark places in your life. Not only your life but to your children and to your children's children. Be diligent to tell them about the Light. Be diligent to let the Light shine through you. Let them see your love, your kindness, your joy, your peace, and your long suffering.

Yes, Jesus will light up every area of your life if you receive him and let him shine in. So, rise up and shine in this dark world because the Light Has come. Jesus is the light for the world.

Wilbur "Flip" Eugene Jackson, 100

Mr. Wilbur "Flip" Eugene Jackson, age 100, passed away Monday, September 19, 2022, at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, September 23, at Corinth Church with Rev. Wes Webb officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 12 to 12:45 p.m. at the church Friday prior to the service.

Mr. Jackson was born on February 9, 1922, in Slater, Missouri, to John and Daisy Jones Jackson. He was a Master Sergeant in the United States Army and served in World War II. Mr. Jackson was a GE Appliance Repairman for Cook Furniture Company for many years and was known as "Mr. Fix It" because he could build or fix most anything, and also worked at the local movie theatre and skating rink, where he taught many kids how to skate. He loved to golf and was a member of



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Corinth Church.

Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife of 73 years, Josephine Riner Jackson of Kite; son, Joe H. Jackson (Daphne) of Kite; daughter, Sara Jackson (Chuck Canady) of Swainsboro; brother, Wayne Jackson of Independence, Missouri; and two grandchildren, Jake Jackson and Kate Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Corinth Church, c/o Phil Foskey, 199 Ohoopce Rd, Adrian, GA 31002.

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Calvary UMC to hold Homecoming and Revival

On Sunday night October 9th, following a day of Homecoming celebration, Calvary United Methodist Church will begin a three-night revival. Nightly services will begin at 7:00 p.m. and a nursery will be provided.

The Sunday night guest speaker will be Rev. Mark Hardin. Rev. Hardin, a native of Macon, is a U.S. Navy veteran having served in the Persian Gulf War. He is a graduate of Georgia Southwestern State University. Rev. Hardin has been in the ministry since 2008, having received his call

while an active member at Calvary. He currently serves Poplar Spring Church, Adrian Memorial Church, and Kea's Memorial Church. He is also employed with Clearwater Solutions in Swainsboro. Married to his wife Keta for 27 years, they share an awesome son, Dak, who is a senior at West Laurens High School.

Rev. Steve Sirmons will be the guest speaker on Monday, October 10th. Rev. Sirmons, also called while attending Calvary, has been in the ministry for 19 years. He has served Wesley UMC, Rockledge

UMC, Sardis UMC, Ellis Chapel UMC, Hiltonia UMC and is currently serving at Oak Grove Church in Screven County. Steve is also a full-time funeral director with Deloach-McKerley-Prescott Funeral Home in Waynesboro. He has been married to Wendy Altman Sirmons for 30 years and together they have two children, Sierra Petty and husband Chase and Wesley Sirmons who is engaged to Nikki Dye. They have two granddaughters, Taylor, and Oakley Petty.

Concluding the revival on October 11th,

Rev. Mark Sweat will deliver the message. Rev. Sweat has been a minister for 40 years having served many churches in our area. Currently he is involved in volunteer ministry to churches in transition. Mark is a retired public-school teacher, having taught 31 years in Emanuel County schools. He has been married to his wife, Terry, for 35 years and has a son John Mark (Chelsea). The couple is blessed with 2 grandsons, Carter (6) and Jameson (2).

Calvary pastor Rev. Tom Tidwell commented, "Much planning and



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prayer has gone into this time of revival and this Revival. I encourage and invite the entire community to come to Calvary and join us in

renewal. If ever there has been a time when we need the Lord, it is NOW".

FBC of Swainsboro to host third annual Christmas Craft and Vendor Market this Fall

First Baptist Church of Swainsboro is hosting their third annual Christmas Craft and Vendor Market on November 12, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. This annual event is a fundraiser for the FBC youth to be able to travel to camp and winter retreat. FBC's Annual Christmas Craft and Vendor Market will be a host to a wide variety of vendors that specialize in woodworking, novelty items, embroidery and monogramming, and honey. Check out their Facebook event and RSVP to see sneak peeks of items that will be for sale. You can find the event on the @FBCSwainsboro Facebook page. Be sure

Christmas Craft Market
Set up: Nov 11, 4 - 6:00
Market: Nov 12, 9:00 - 2:00

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Emanuel Media Center (EMC) has provided Emanuel County top-quality medical care for more than 50 years. Many changes have occurred over the years with technological advancements, improved grants and funding, and the strides made in medical care. One thing that hasn't changed is EMC's commitment to excellent patient care and customer service, something that their staff takes great pride in. The EMC staff is invested in EMC and the community, because it's their community as well.

"I started here 18 years ago as an LPN," said Mary Radford, Chief Nursing Office at EMC and Swainsboro resident. "Then I was a staff nurse, I started on Med-Surg (medical-surgical). Ten years after I received my LPN, I went to an RN bridge program. I started doing some house supervision, then the Med-Surg management role, and I was in that role for about three years. I have recently taken on the role of chief nursing officer."

Radford is not alone in living and working in the community she grew up in.

"If you polled our staff, a large percentage of them came from here," said Radford. "I think this hospital should serve as an opportunity for members of the community to grow in a profession."

Radford said that not only is staying close to home to receive care beneficial to the patient, so is seeing familiar faces.

"You are caring for people that you have a personal connection with. It means a lot to the patient, and you see a familiar face," Radford said. "You instinctively feel like they care a little bit more, even if you don't know them personally, you know they are from Swainsboro, so you have something in common and a personal connection with the person that is caring for you. I do think it is really important to keep our patients from our community in the hospital here, and it's important to the staff here. We love seeing patients from this community trust us. Trust us with their care and with the care of their loved ones. Everybody here cares about every patient that comes in this hospital."

Courtney Terwilliger, a lifelong Swainsboro resident, is a familiar face to many in the community.

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. Terwilliger said that familiarity can present its own challenges.

"The good thing, can be good and bad, is that here in Swainsboro if you treat somebody there is a good chance you know them," Terwilliger said. "That is a different level of commitment. If you know that person, or their parent, grandparents, you go to church with them, now you have a whole new level of commitment."

Brooke Marsh, who started at EMC 20 years ago as a nurse when she was 20 years old, is now EMC's Emergency Department Manager. She agrees that caring for patients that you know personally does indeed have an impact on the staff.

"Living here, being born and raised here and working here for half of my life - it is good, but there is also bad with that," Marsh said. "I have a personal interest. I want the facility to thrive and grow. I want the best for our staff and our community. You have a professional aspect, but also a personal one. This is where you were born and raised, this is where your family is. We deal with those things in the community. You see your family and friends, and you treat them. It does make our jobs very difficult. You have to maintain professionalism, but it is very hard."

The personal connection between EMC and the community is something that the staff not only values, but has the utmost respect for. The hospital's culture of excellence and kindness is something that is maintained in each department, and they know that patient experience is imperative to the hospital's success.

"I think working in a community hospital is something that leadership has to be super mindful of," Radford said. "Everyone I have interviewed, I spend time talking to them about what it means to treat your patient with respect. I spend a lot of time trying to make them understand that if you are going to work here, you have to buy into the culture of our hospital. The culture of our hospital is that we give great care, compassionate care, we treat our patients with kindness and respect. One bad experience in this hospital can have a waterfall effect. If the patients in this community don't want to come to this hospital, we won't have a hospital. If that is not a culture you can connect with, this is not the place for you."

Damien Scott, CEO of EMC, knows that creating a positive and supporting culture is important for everyone who walks through EMC's doors.

"This hospital for a long time has had a culture of excellence and a culture of kindness," Scott said. "We've always had a culture of excellence. I want everybody in this facility to be excited about being excellent. The awards and recognition are great, but what's really exciting is going home at the end of the day and know that you made an impact on somebody's life."

For the EMC team, living and working in the community they grew up in is an opportunity, and getting to do it with this team is a gift. That type of bond is important when you maintain the schedules that they do.

"I tell people all the time, there is no other team I would put up to ours," said Allison Holton, RN, Emergency Room (ER) Nurse at EMC. "We are a family here, when you spend as much time as we do together, you become as close as family. A lot of times we are here more than we are home. Our managers will come out of their offices in a heartbeat, change hats and keep moving. The rest of our nurses too, they are extreme team players. We're open to communication, listening to each other, and having each other's back. That's how you have to be."

Marsh agreed: "We do really have a strong, united front at Emanuel Medical. It's a sense of home, not just because I live here. We strive to improve, and we work well together. We are like an extended family, and teamwork is at the heart of that."

Scott realizes that a person's profession can be a large part of who they are, and the EMC team is no different. But for many of EMC's team members, work isn't just work, it's their community.

"For a lot of people here, this is their identity," Scott said. "It is a job, but we do have a family atmosphere. It can be challenging, your co-workers might be friends and family, and the people you care for might be friends and family. When you walk the halls here, people smile and say hello. That is because you are talking to your friends and family."



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ECI Celebrates Homecoming 2022

Emanuel County Institute is celebrating Homecoming this week with several fun activities. Dress-up days for students, faculty, and staff were "No Mirror" Monday (PJs or tacky attire), Tuesday was "Adam Day" (dress like Adam Sandler or any Adam), Wednesday students are invited to wear their "Sunday Best," Thursday is "Decades Day," and Friday is "Bulldog Spirit/ Neon Day" culminating with a Neon Party pep rally. Something new this year was a homecoming dance which was held Saturday, September 24 in ECI's gym. ECI high school students were invited to attend.

ECI is bringing back the homecoming parade which is scheduled for Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin at ECI and continue to TCE. Any community members or organizations wishing to participate are asked to contact Mrs. Tabatha

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A community pep rally and tailgate will be held on Thursday, September 29 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Our Bulldog community is invited to participate in this event. There is a junior varsity football game that will be taking place at the 6:00p.m. More information will be published on ECI's Facebook page. Students in grades 9-12 selected

homecoming representatives for their classes. Freshmen representatives are Brooklyn Dorsey, Erin Standford, Lola Walden, and Briley Womack. Sophomore representatives are Kinley Grimes, Halli Kate Johnson, Jaelyn Dixon-Rowland, and JaMyra Shivers. Junior class representatives are Asia Gibbons, Jarei Oglesby, Dhahami Salgado, and La'Tyra Stone. Six senior boys and six senior girls are vying for the title of Homecoming King

and Queen. Representing the senior boys are Drew Grimes, PJ Farnum, Bryce Kearson, Cordarius Lee, Lawson Mercer, and David Stapleton. Representing the girls are Sullee Boddiford, Angel Carrillo, Cierra Fann, Taylor Flakes, Myia Steele, and Toddrianna Watson. Crowning will take place during halftime at Friday's game against Jefferson County.

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Community Spotlight

Born to stand out

by BRITTANY HALL

Like a songbird whose notes become more beautiful with every breath, some people are born with music inside of them. Those whose souls are marked with such an exceptional and diverse characteristic, fully understand the magnificent strength that's found in the diversities of the world and not in the similarities. As a musician, alum, and more recently a current national title holder, Swainsboro native Terry Andrews embraces the extraordinary talent that lies within him and is inspiring other hopeful artists by simply sharing his incredible abilities with humankind.

"It truly feels amazing!" Andrews said with a beaming smile when asked about how it feels to be in the position that he's in now, "In many ways my life has come full circle. It feels surreal at times to now be in the same circles as people I have looked up to as a young musician. It feels great to be chasing my dreams and accomplishing the goals I set for myself many years ago."

As a child, Andrews knew that he wanted to pursue a career in music. His elementary school teacher, the late Rebecca Bailey Lee, first saw a glimpse of the unmatched brilliance that lay inside the vibrant young mind of her student, who excelled in her music classes, every week. As Lee helped him nurture his God given talent and guided him to empower it, he unfolded into a shining star, which allowed him to soar in middle and high school where his band directors, Dr. Gene Hundley and Barry Golden embraced his gifts and gave him the opportunity to run with it. It was during this time that he discovered a newfound love for the flute.

"Thanks to my elementary music teacher the late Rebecca Bailey Lee and directors Dr. Gene Hundley and Barry Golden for being so much more than just educators, but mentors whose gifts of knowledge, wisdom, guidance, and advice have extended well beyond the band room and into my adult life pursuing a doctorate degree in music. I owe so much to them for

believing in me and fostering my raw talent and eagerness to do more. Not too many students from Emanuel County go off to study music, but because of their passion and dedication I knew from an early age what I wanted to do for the rest of my life." He said in reminiscence.

Since graduating from Swainsboro High School, Andrews has earned many incredible titles and trained under some of the nation's top, influential professors and musicians which have contributed to his vast success. He obtained a Bachelor of Music Education from Albany State University, where he studied with Dr. Michael Decuir before going on to earn his Master of Music Performance from Valdosta State University, where he studied under notable flutist and composer, Dr. Elizabeth Goode and music professor, Dr. Daniel Alexander. He later received an Artist Diploma Certificate from the renowned Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University, where he studied with Dr. Andrée Martin. However, even after accomplishing so many admirable distinctions, Andrew's perseverance has proved unwavering, as he is currently pursuing a DMA in Music Performance from the University of Missouri – Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance, and devoting himself to the expertise of Professors Michael Gordon and Ebonee Thomas and their classes until he receives his Doctorate.

"I am constantly inspired by the gifts of others. I am inspired by seeing more and more African American people obtaining doctorate degrees in music, winning teaching jobs at major conservatories, winning jobs in major symphony orchestras, and being sought after by composers. Representation matters! It is important to see people who look like you achieving greatness so that you know that you too can do it. I hope to join the ranks of those who have come before me and inspire the next generation of musicians."

Andrews most recent achievement has left the deepest impression on him not only because

of the experience but because of the way it has been attributed to the goals that he set for himself as a child.

He took a journey to Nationals over the Summer, where he represented his home state of Georgia, the Eastern Region of the United States and beautiful people just like him. The required repertoire embraced the works of European and American composers while highlighting the contributions of black composers. The competition was held on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., at the Atlanta Airport Marriott Gateway Hotel.

"I first competed in the local level competition of the David I. Martin Music Guild branch of the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc. where I won first place and \$2,000. I advanced to the regional level competition where I was awarded first place and \$3,000. I represented the Eastern Region at the national level of the competition for a chance to win the national title and \$5,500." He explained.

At the end of the experience, Andrews not only walked away a First-Place winner at the 2022 NANM Scholarship Competition but also as a First-Place winner at the 2022 NANM Scholarship Regional Competition and as a First-Place winner NANM Scholarship Local Competition. Yet, even with these prestigious, well-deserved titles, he holds an even greater honor as a vision and an idol for children like him, who have dreams just like the one that young Andrews first had in Mrs. Lee's, Swainsboro Elementary School music class, so many years ago.

"I was overcome with emotions and at a loss for words." Andrews said, thinking back on that momentous day, "When I hugged my mother, I immediately broke down crying, almost collapsing in her arms. It was such a huge weight lifted off my shoulders. There was an overwhelming sense of pride with me being the only contestant from Georgia and winning in my home state. Even though I've accomplished a lot prior to winning this competition, I used to feel like those accomplishments weren't valid and I had

nothing to show for all of the work I had put in. I was seeing all of my friends and colleagues win and succeed and I felt small, but at that moment I knew it was my time and season."

Andrews, will never be trivial but will always be an inspiration to so many, especially to those of us who are here at home. To add to all of his remarkable endeavors and accomplishments, Andrews also just completed his fellowship with the United States Air Force Band where he was featured in the Diversity Fellowship Spotlight after being selected as their recipient, from a pool of over 50 applicants. When announcing his selection as a fellowship diversity recipient, the United States Airforce Band said this of Andrews:

"Mr. Andrews' exciting performance career as a student and professional freelance musician includes experiences in chamber groups, orchestras, wind bands, jazz ensembles, and pits. He is the former principal flutist of Orchestra Noir, Atlanta's African-American Orchestra and has performed with the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra. He has also performed alumni recitals at Albany State University as well as been a feature performer with the Symphonic Band. He has premiered a piece composed by Dr. Julián Brijaldo at the College Music Society Composers Conference and is currently the flutist for the Plaza Winds Graduate Fellowship Quintet at UMKC. He is also a flutist with Pinnacle Winds, a professional wind band in Kansas City, MO. Mr. Andrews has been afforded the opportunity to perform in masterclasses for Valerie Coleman, Christina Smith, John Bailey, Ransom Wilson, Nancy Schneeloch-Bingham, Leslie Mars, Ebonee Thomas, Doris Spooner-Hall, Elise Blatchford, James Hall, Eva Amsler, Amy Likar, Amy Porter, Göran Marcusson, Alice Dade, Jim Walker, and Demarre McGill."

Finding passion in what you do, means that everything else in your career and life will fall into place. Andrews, who understands the depth and importance of what it means to strive and strive again until you're where you want to be in life, says that the keys to success are; "patience,



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and Steve Davis. This list could go on for days. I am very thankful for anyone who has sown a seed into my life whether it was spiritually, mentally, or financially." He said with a grateful heart.

Before our interview concluded, Andrews wanted to leave a very special message for any teens or young adults who may be struggling with their identity: "Embrace what makes you different. You are not meant to blend in with everyone else; you were meant to stand out. Be your authentic self and never jeopardize your individuality. Surround yourself with people who love and support you. Take advantage of every opportunity you have to grow. Do not get complacent because everyone around you is. The worst thing you can do is tell your big dreams to a small-minded person."

Mr. Andrews truly embodies the quote by Pelé, who said; 'Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.'



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Young Miss – Winner, Rayleigh Faircloth; 1st

Runner-up, Bethany Henry; 2nd Runner-up, Lara McNure
Junior Miss – Winner, Jillian Davis; 1st Runner-up, Madison Slater; 2nd Runner-up, Lexa Jukes
Miss DEA – Winner, Chirsten McCoy; 1st

Runner-up, Kyli Bell; 2nd Runner-up, Maddie Perkins; 3rd Runner-up, Alivia Fortner
 Candidates also received recognition as follows: Interview Winner, Chirsten McCoy; Photogenic Winner,

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God bless the children

BY RONNIE JOHNSON

Children grow up too fast today. Parents are eager to get their small children into an academic program before they take their final step. What happened to belief in Santa Claus coming down the chimney, or getting several coins under your pillow from a visit

from the tooth fairy? Yes, we are stealing the simple joys of wonder and bliss of what it means to be a child.

Today, parents want their children to know there is a scientific reason why the leaves change from drab green to the colors of the rainbow. In other words, there are no jack frost in the scientific

world. But in truth, science and nature go hand in hand in today's world.

It seems the wiser and smarter we become, we are leaving behind good morals and biblical principles. The classic song "Dust on the Bible" reminds us that we no longer take God's word seriously or study the Bible daily. When my

generation was growing up, everything was a miracle. Children knew there was a mysterious man in the moon, and jolly old St. Nick flew across the star-filled night guided by Rudolph the red nosed reindeer with a sleigh filled with Christmas toys for every little boy or girl on Christmas Eve. A

girl once told us where babies came from and we believed her, and it was shocking to learn that they came from a big bump on the bottom of a giant oak tree. Life for a child was a giant, mysterious puzzle that we wanted to figure out for ourselves. In time, we would solve all the urgent mysteries., but our par-

ents were wise enough to let luck and fantasy lie undisturbed like our hunting dog sleeping on the front porch.

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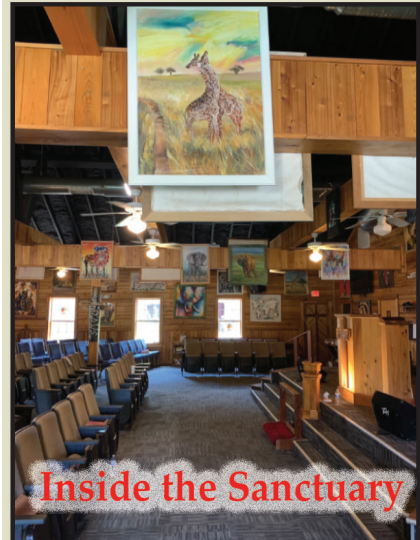
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New Beginnings in Christ

by N Luree Bowen

Donald and JoAnna Atkinson's life has been quietened considerably since Donald's 1994 sobriety and his 1996 walk to Emmaus.

Emmaus is a European town mentioned in the Gospel of Luke of the New Testament. Luke reports that Jesus appeared after His death and resurrection, before two of His disciples while walking on the road to Emmaus.

After Donald's 1994 sobriety decision followed by his "Head to Heart" talk on the Emmaus walk in 1996, Donald began his path to sobriety which included giving others an opportunity to do likewise.

According to his wife JoAnna, "We began providing sleeping arrangements and meals for alcoholics and drug addicts wrapped around and near our home here in Garfield, Georgia. Various trailers began to fill our yard and in 2005 we admitted it was time to start thinking about incorporating which in 2007 materialized."

JoAnna stated, "Our goal has been to do tomorrow what we did today, just better." She further implied, "We have never made long-range plans; we pray about it and give it to God," she concluded.

In later discussion with JoAnna, she stated, "Donald and I both admitted that his recovery was guided by God every step of the way and He gets all the glory. New Beginnings in Christ (NBIC) is God's doing and we just said "yes" to God!"

There are several reasons NBIC doesn't charge those seeking recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.

Around about 2007, in fervent prayers, JoAnna told God, "We don't want to borrow any more money, but if God will fund it, we will run it!"

JoAnna admitted the recovery cost \$30,000 which was a struggle to pay!

In sharing the goals for the men that come to NBIC, they must:

1. Obtain sober minds, that comes with time
2. Hear the Word of God and get committed to Christ during 17 meetings weekly along with Bible study
3. Obtain physical fitness and equip each man with job skills and good work ethics so they will be an asset

My Recent Experience with NBIC

Summer weather coupled with frequent rains such as we have had recently in Emanuel County can take its toll on exterior finishing.

In desperation, I phoned my niece to get her input in hiring locals to correct my outside carpenter challenge. She provided me with a gentleman's name and phone number in our community named Jason Baggatt from our local men's recovery home and the calls began!

On Labor Day morning, when J. R. Faircloth, Adam Meyers and Skylar King arrived on site at my cabin between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., planning for workday number one began soon after I handed them a container of homemade cookies.

Being well into my eighties, I am fully aware that our men folks like their meals on time. For this reason after our shopping at Lowe's to purchase supplies, we purchased our lunch at McDonald's where we washed our hands, ordered and ate lunch and headed back to my cabin to tackle what lay ahead.

As daytime temperatures continued to increase daily, it became a challenge to be working on a ladder ten or twelve feet up. Under these conditions, on days two and three, we welcomed additional men to assist with climbing and repairing roof-high challenges while outside in hot 90+ degree weather.

With Lamar McCallister and Chris Shaupp joining the team, by Wednesday noon my cabin was repaired and looking like home again.

Did I mention that on their final day, I cooked the crew an appetizing noon day meal and even topped it off with a delicious lemon pound cake!

Thanks to all of you for a job well done!

--N Luree Bowen

A Gift from God

Many men are first to admit they owe their gratitude to New Beginnings in Christ (NBIC) located in Garfield, Georgia.

I had met Donald and members of his staff years ago and we are all saddened to learn that Donald Atkinson passed away December 4, 2021.

It pleases us to know that the Good Lord allowed Donald and JoAnna to build and continue building structures that will add beauty and the will of God within the Garfield community. I'm proud to be part of the Garfield community and it's good to be home again on the same land where I grew up.



Pastor Michael Ogden



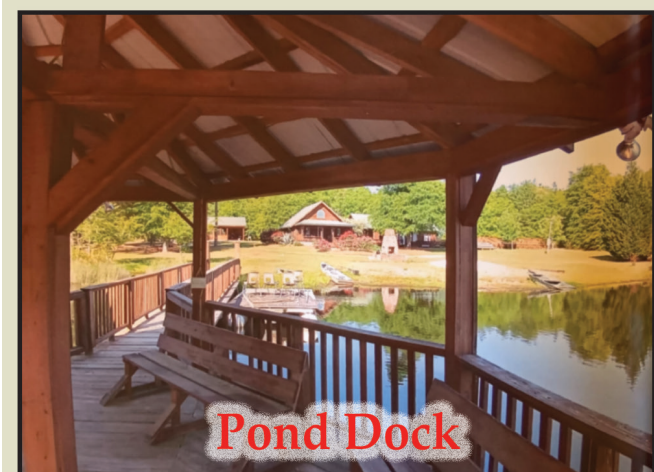
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Editorials Columns

An idea, a vision, an opportunity

Every once in a while, we should make it a point to stop and think about all the good things that surround us here in Emanuel County. If we sat down together and tried to list them all, we would end up with a document as thick as an old Sears and Roebuck catalog. It would be a bulky directory packed with the stories of the best hopes and dreams and ideas and plans that came along to shape the history and the progress of this place. The list would give us a pretty accurate picture of the soul and character of our area and how folks worked to make it better. In short, this list of the "good things" would show what this county is all about. The people, programs, and organizations

that stood up and sacrificed in order for "good things" to flourish would certainly be on that long list. What wouldn't be on that list unfortunately, would be all the many good ideas that never got a chance or that withered away and died from lack of support or indifference or just from being taken for granted.

Last Thursday evening, my wife and I sat in the auditorium at East Georgia State College with several hundred other folks and listened to the new Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, Sonny Perdue, speak about his work with the Board of Regents and their plans for the University System

of Georgia. The former Governor of Georgia and former Secretary of Agriculture was the first guest speaker in this year's Vision Series. Chancellor Perdue was obviously pleased to be in Emanuel County again, but what pleased him even more was to see the return of the Vision Series to the campus of East Georgia following a two-year suspension due to the pandemic. Most of all, the Chancellor was eager to conduct a direct dialogue with the students in the audience about their own vision for the future and the role of education and specifically East Georgia State College in turning their vision into reality. Listening to Chancellor Perdue, reminded every-

one in the room of the potential that has been realized and is still yet to come from the partnership of Emanuel County and East Georgia State College. While the economic impact of 69.3 million dollars to the local economy is extraordinary, it's only one aspect of the many benefits flowing from the college to the community. East Georgia continues to be the most affordable school of any in the University system in the state, and the additional grants and other scholarship programs available such as the Correll Scholars program combine to make East Georgia a unique institution in providing unparalleled opportunity toward the achievement of an Associate degree.

Charles Schwabe



Simply put, East Georgia State College offers the opportunity to earn a college degree to deserving students who may not otherwise ever have that chance.

The new Chancellor was a good voice to hear as the first installment in the revived "Vision Series". He left us with the message that challenges may lie ahead as this country continues to move forward in the "post pandemic era", but time waits for no one, and the time for mov-

ing ahead is now. Locally, our part in this plan is to remember and support that list of "good things" in Emanuel County. East Georgia State College is definitely high on that list, and today, our support is called for again; just like back in 1971, when people here made the decision to approve a bond issue to underwrite the cost of establishing a college. "Good things" when properly cared for can become great things. It just takes a little vision.

School Days

Labor Day has passed and that "use to be" the beginning of a new school term. It was exciting to walk into the class of your higher grade, dressed in the latest school fashions and meet your new teacher. This lasted a few days until this little ditty surfaced. "School Days, school days, dear old golden rule days. 'Readin' and riting' and 'rithmatic' taught to the tune of a

hickory stick." Let's take a trip back to the good old days. I do not remember seeing a hickory stick, but in every teacher's, desk was a paddle. Corporal punishment was deemed necessary for discipline. You did not complain of this to your parent. Their rule was "If you get in trouble at school, you are in trouble at home also." That kept you walking a straight line. My biggest offense was talking to my

desk mate and that did not warrant a paddling. I confess that I did have to stay in at recess often. Thinking back, I know that few of our early grade teachers opened that drawer. The paddles did not follow us to SHS. A damaging affront sent you to the office to face the principal, and that was fearful. Compared to curriculums of today, SHS was lacking. We had no guidance counsel-

ors, physical education, Career and Technical Education, advanced placement, higher math and science and a strange subject called STEM. Even without the extravagant curriculum of 2022, our students received an education that produced teachers, ministers, doctors, nurses, dentists, lawyers, political leaders, business owners, successful farmers, military leaders and many other

Shirley Proctor-Twiss



contributors to society. We did not have the curriculum, but we had outstanding, dedicated teachers who fulfilled our needs. Guidance counseling took place when you stopped by to visit a teacher. Recess outside

in the fresh air kept us active. Discipline became a part of our lives not from the paddle but the example of our caring, dedicated teachers and 'readin' riting' and 'rithmatic. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com.

Some reflections on National Newspaper Week

I recall a BellSouth officer's conference years ago

where we spent several days wrestling with the problems

we were facing in the marketplace. At one point, one

of my colleagues said with exasperation, "This is a tough business!" to which our CEO John Clendenin shot back, "Name me one that isn't!" I thought about that when I realized that next week is National Newspaper Week. The newspaper business is indeed a tough business these days. According to a study by the University of North Carolina, some 1,800 papers have ceased operations since 2004. That's roughly one in five of the country's local papers. Yet, studies show that despite the organizational and financial issues facing the industry, readers still rely on the local newspaper to do what they have always done: Act as a check on those in power, give national developments a local context, keep people informed, and encourage civic involvement. That's a lot of big words to say that we are here to serve you, dear reader. There are a lot of ways to get your news these days but no better way to get local news than on these pages. City council and county commission meetings, school board doings, road closures, high school sports, obituaries, all is one place. A critical responsibility of the newspaper is to maintain its credibility and your trust in how we cover the news. Although political wingnuts can find a sinister adjective in every declarative sentence, reporters and editors make sure to keep things straight on the news pages and leave the opinions to opinion-grinders like me. William McKenzie, senior editorial advisor at the Bush Institute at SMU, says, "A respected news operation becomes a place to air grievances, discuss problems, learn about neighbors, celebrate big moments and define the identity of a com-

Dick Yarbrough



munity." A salient description of the local newspaper. Advances in digital technology have expanded the ways news can be delivered, and younger generations seem to prefer tap-tap screens to paper. But that is how it gets to the reader, not its content. I am bothered as I suspect most journalists are at the rise of social media. Some of it is good in its instantaneous delivery of information and many local newspapers are taking advantage of that opportunity as a part of their efforts to get news out to you quickly, but much of it is bad - very bad - in putting out erroneous information that gullible people buy into. I had a doctor once tell me that patients were coming to her office, saying they needed a certain prescription for their particular malady. There was no need for an examination. They already knew what was wrong with them because they "had read it on the Internet." Carry that over to the plethora of websites and platforms these days that spout loony conspiracy theories, many originating from foreign sources hoping to sow seeds of discord among those same gullible souls who diagnose their own diseases. Who and what can you believe? I say this very newspaper. I became a part of the newspaper profession - and it is a profession - after a career as a vice president of BellSouth Corporation and as a man-

aging director of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. I was asked to write a guest column for a local business publication. That led to one more and one more and 24 years and more than 2,000 columns later, I am still at it. I have made good friends all over the state that I will likely never meet in person. You applaud me when you agree with my opinions, chide me when you don't and have consoled me through personal tragedies. I consider you, my customers. I answer every piece of mail I get, whether email or U.S. mail. And I get a lot. I take great pride in being unpredictable. Unlike the Johnny-One-Note columnists that view the world through a myopic liberal or conservative prism, I like to keep folks guessing. Sometimes, I can almost hear the political wingnuts sputter at my offerings. I have been called an "Obama bedwetting liberal" and a "racist redneck" - all in the same week! I do love this job. In closing, yes, the newspaper business is tough these days, but we are still here and still serving you. As for me, editors willing, if you promise you will keep reading, I promise I will keep writing. We are a team. And a darned good one. Happy National Newspaper Week! You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dictyarbrough.com; at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dick-yarb

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Bulldogs lose to Trojans in overtime

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

In a tale of two halves, the Bulldogs lost in overtime to fifth ranked Johnson Co.

Friday night 27-21. The game did not start out well for the Bulldogs in the first half with the Trojans

finding room to run putting ECI down 21-7 at halftime. Down 7-0 the Bulldogs tied the game on their first drive of the game. On fourth and 5 at the JOCO 40, Bryce Kearson found James Parker on the sideline taking it down to the 6-yard line. PJ Farnum took it in from there for a 7-7 score with 6:22 left in the first. The Trojans put 14 more points on the board in the first half to make the score 21-7 at the break. The Bulldogs took the opening kickoff in the second half and marched 65 yards to draw closer 21-14 on a 21-yard Farnum touchdown run. "Our team wants so bad for things to turn out different, but they are searching

for ways that to happen instead of making it happen", commented coach Kearson. Case in point is the second half. We played so much better than we did early and all we need to do was trust ourselves and make plays". The Bulldog defense played their best half of the year, attacking the Trojan offense. ECI held the JOCO running game to minus 6 yards in the third quarter and 46 in the fourth for just 40 yards of offense in regulation. The Bulldogs tied the game 21-21 with 1:10 left in fourth on another Farnum touchdown run for the senior's third score of the night. ECI overcame a fourth and seven on a leaping one-handed catch by Cordarius Lee to keep the drive alive. Deep in their own territory, the Trojans at their own 13, ran out the clock to set up overtime. The Bulldogs got what they wanted winning the coin toss putting ECI on defense at the 15-yard line. Expecting another Tucker carry on the zone

option the Trojan quarterback kept the ball for the first time in the game taking it down to the ECI 3. Tucker scored on the next play for a 27-21 lead. Johnson Co. missed the extra point try giving the Bulldogs a chance to upset the Trojans leading by only 6. The Bulldogs were unable to find the endzone with the fourth down pass falling incomplete to lose to the Trojans in overtime 27-21. The Bulldogs rushed for 155 yards with Farnum leading the way for 120 yards on 21 carries. Kearson was 5-11 for 84 yards in the passing department with Cordarius Lee grabbing 3 and Parker catching two balls. Johnson Co. was the fourth top 10 team the Bulldogs have faced this season. They have one more non-region game this Thursday night against the unranked Jefferson Co. during homecoming week. ECI will have a week off before they begin region play on October 14 in Portal against the Panthers.



STEPHENSON

Lady Dawgs improve to 5-0 in region

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

The ECI Lady Dawg had a rare one game week. Tuesday, they hosted Portal, taking the game 2-0 to remain undefeated in region play. Both pitchers in the game were dealing as they say. The only mistake by either pitcher was a 2-run homerun by Charla Clifton in the bottom of the first inning.

Kelsey Harper was on after an error and Clifton put the Bulldogs ahead with all the runs they needed for the day.

Clifton and the Lady Dawg defense were 2 errors away from a perfect game with the senior pitcher no hitting the Panthers giving up no walks during the game. Ally Taylor had the multiple hits for the Bulldogs with 2. Clifton and Kayanna Thompson had the other 2 hits for ECI.

The Lady Dawgs have a busy week coming up. Tuesday, (yesterday), they hosted McIntosh Co. Thursday they will travel to Mt. Vernon to take on the Eagles from Montgomery Co. This weekend, you will find them in Loganville Ga. playing in the Grayson High School tournament.



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Swainsboro Raceway Twin 20's

Swainsboro Raceway held its Daniels Chevrolet Road Warrior Twin 20's race on Saturday, September 17. The field was split into two features with twenty laps each, each paying \$1000 to the winner. Winners in all divisions were:

Daniels Chevrolet - Henry Carter #28;
Road Warrior - Chase Litchfield #99;
Chase Litchfield #99;
Crown Vic Pros - Wesley Watkins #4.

The next race is scheduled for October 8, then the Schaeffer's Oil Super Late Models on October 15.



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Boston sworn into STC Board of Directors

Brandon Boston was sworn in at the Southeastern Technical College (STC) Board of Director's September meeting on Thursday in Swainsboro by Emanuel County Probate Judge Don Wilkes (former chair of the board).

Boston joins the board to represent Toombs County. He currently serves as J.D. Dickerson Primary School Principal for Vidalia City School System. He brings experience from both Northwest Laurens Elementary School as a fourth-grade teacher and Toombs County School System as Lyons Primary School Assistant Principal.



STC BOARD MEMBER BRANDON BOSTON AND EMANUEL COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE DON WILKES

Boston has a B.A. in Early Childhood Education from Georgia Southern University, a M.Ed. in School Psychology from Georgia Southern University, and an Ed.S. in Educational Leadership from Georgia Southern University. He and his family live in Lyons. Board members may serve up to three three-year terms.

Eagles return from Watkinsville with 42 – 2 win

David Emanuel Academy Varsity Eagles traveled to Watkinsville last week for some football action against the Westminster Christian Academy and returned to Stillmore with a 42 – 2 win over the Lions team. Jesse Moore added the first 6 points to the scoreboard by completing a 20-yard run for an Eagle touchdown. The DEA Eagles score doubled to 12 – 0 after Racyn Faircloth ran the ball 28 yards, scoring the second touchdown in the game. A completed play from Riley Griner to Faircloth brought the score up to 14 – 0 prior to Tony Sutton completing a 35-yard run for a 20 – 0 scoreboard reflection. A two-point completed play



SUTTON GOING IN FOR A TOUCHDOWN

from Griner to Randon Williams increased the Eagle team's lead 22 – 0 and was backed by a 70-yard reception from Richard Braddy to Williams bringing the tape to 28 – 0. Griner earned the Stillmore team's next 6 points with a 3-yard run that was backed by a completed 2-point play from Cavan Calhoun to Ebb McCullough for a 36 – 2 score. A 6-yard run completed by Billy Martin capped off the Eagle team's winning tally at a final 42 – 2 score. The Eagles will feature "Senior Night" at their next game set for October 6 in Stillmore against Covenant Academy.

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ECS educators visit local industries

The mission of Emanuel County Schools is to prepare and inspire all students for college and career success through personalized learning and relevant experiences. To help support the mission, on Tuesday, September 6, approximately 100 educators, including ECS district leaders, high school administrators, teachers, and staff, were invited to load on school buses to tour eleven local industries. Partnering with the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce, the Emanuel County Development Authority, Southeastern Technical College, and Chick-Fil-A, teachers were given a unique opportunity to see first-hand the career opportunities in Emanuel County. Teachers were assigned to one of four groups. Each group toured two industries. The teachers toured the facility, discussed potential careers, and learned what skills were required to work in that industry. Following the tours, the groups met back at Swainsboro High School for an overview of the initiative from Ken Warnock, CEO of Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce and the Emanuel County Development Authority, and an inspirational talk from Britt McDade, owner/operator of Chick-fil-A Vidalia.

Thank you to the following industries for hosting, educating, and partnering with the ECS community. The industries visited were the following: AirStar Flight Support, Advanced Metal Components, America Knits, American Steel, Crider Foods, Emanuel Medical Center, Faircloth Forest Products, Hotset, Nordson, Stitch and Print, and Wincore.

Ken Warnock, CEO of the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce and the Emanuel County Development Authority, commented, "It is an important part of our student's education and educational experience to learn of the opportunities available in our community. By allowing the educational community access to local industries and businesses, the teachers, counselors, and

administration will be better informed when giving our young people the necessary tools and advice to succeed once the students graduate. The Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce and the Emanuel County Development Authority were honored to participate and have already seen the promising results from the excitement observed with the school system participants during their visits. This experience should allow a practical connection to the materials used in the classrooms."

Stefanie Mason, Director of CTAE and Student Information System, stated, "Tours for teachers and administrators allow more open conversations in our schools regarding what is out there for our students after graduation. Having a supportive Chamber of Commerce and Workforce Development Authority also makes a huge impact. Thank you to Mr. Ken Warnock for inspiring such a great initiative."

Dr. Shannon Lawrence, School to Career Coordinator, chaired the event. Dr. Lawrence expressed that industry tours have been part of a vision for the community, school district, and local industries for several years. Dr. Lawrence said, "I count it a blessing to be part of this initiative because it can help young people in many ways. I believe that Emanuel County is a great place to live, work, and thrive. I hope that we will be able to help students, teachers, and industry perceptions about the opportunities in our community. We have a great history, more infrastructure, a thoroughfare to the coast, and more opportunities are coming available each day. The future is bright, and it's a great time to be here in our county!"

Dr. Lawrence shared that more tours are planned, and the Emanuel County School District hopes to increase the number of participating companies. Please visit the news page on our Emanuel County Schools website to see more pictures.

Kiwanis officers & board members installed

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, September 20, 2022, at the Rustic Grille at 7 p.m. With President Dianna Wedincamp presiding, there were 26 in attendance including their guest, Division 17 Lt. Governor Beth Upchurch. The program was the installation of the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro's 2022-2023 Officers and Board of Directors. The installation ceremony started by Lt. Governor Beth Upchurch thanking Dess Smith III, Cindy Ware and Cayla Scarboro for their

service as they are leaving the board. Lt. Gov. Upchurch installed the 2022-2023 Directors: Jane Durden, Tracy Mason, Jeff Brewer, Jim Clapham, Cassie McIntyre, Sondra Fortner, Gary Howard and Wanda Ellis. She then installed the 2022-2023 officers: Tim Goodman as Secretary, Travis Garrett as Treasurer, Cheryl Goodman as President-Elect, Dianna Wedincamp as Immediate Past President, and Tammy Allen as President. Past President Dianna gave President Tammy her President's pin and Tammy

gave Dianna her Past President's pin. Tim Goodman presented a Club Sponsor patch to the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club for their sponsorship of the new Effingham County Kiwanis Club. He then presented 2021-2022 Perfect Attendance awards to Tammy Allen, Jim Clapham, Travis Garrett, Cheryl Goodman, Tim Goodman, and Mary Ellen Smith. Tim presented Kiwanis Legion of Honor awards to Edwin Canady as a 50-year Kiwanian, Roger Peebles as a 40-year Kiwanian, Frank Patrick

as a 35-year Kiwanian, and Travis Garrett as a 25-year Kiwanian. He also presented a 2020-2021 Outstanding Kiwanian Award to Jane Durden. Past President Dianna Wedincamp presented Kiwanian

Character awards to club members Gary Couse and Deana Patrick, a Chairperson of the Year award to Jane Durden, an Extraordinary Diligence Award to Tim Goodman, a Helping Hand award to Mary Ellen Smith, and

Kiwanian-of-the-Year to Petite Garrett. The carrot cake, donated and baked by Petite Garrett, was won by Petite Garrett. The Domino's pizza, donated by Domino's Pizza, was won by Jane Durden.



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Jail Report

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

Probation Office (PROB). Elizabeth Chapman Hendrix, entered 9/19/22; Theft/shoplifting/Theft/shoplifting/Theft/shoplifting; released 9/19/22; SPD Brian James Hendrix, entered 9/19/22; Theft/shoplifting; released 9/19/22; SPD Melissa Michell Thomas, entered 9/19/22; Theft/service; released 9/19/22; ECSSO Megan Deanna Jones, entered 9/19/22; Theft/shoplifting/Theft by taking/motor vehicle/Burglary/Hold for Laurens Co; SPD David Charles Portalatin, entered 9/19/22; Disorderly conduct; released 9/19/22; ECSSO Willie Lee Thomas Jr, entered 9/20/22; Disorderly conduct; released 9/20/22; SPD Wiley Edward Chance III, entered 9/20/22; Probation/Superior court/Hold for Bulloch Co; ECSSO Adam Lloyd Hackle II, entered 9/20/22; Terror threats and acts; released

9/23/22; ECSSO Stephanie Lynn Forsythe, entered 9/20/22; Disorderly conduct; released 9/21/22; ECSSO Arnold Edgar Wright IV, entered 9/20/22; Hold for Toombs Co; HOLD Charles Willie Harmon Jr, entered 9/21/22; Driving lic susp/rev; released 9/21/22; SPD Justin Jerrell Cannady, entered 9/21/22; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation/Cruelty to children 3rd degree/Battery/Battery; released 9/21/22; SPD Reginald Lenard Hood, entered 9/21/22; Battery/simple battery - family violence/Crim trespass; released 9/23/22; SPD Charlie Fluellen Jr, entered 9/22/22; COURT - brought from another agency/facility; ECSSO Shawn Mitchell Martinez, entered 9/22/22; COURT - brought from another agency/facility; ECSSO James Dewey Gregory, entered 9/22/22; Theft/rec/stolen prop/Other; released 9/23/22; ECSSO

Donald Eugene Gregory Jr, entered 9/22/22; Hold for Johnson Co; ECSSO Robert Seabron Hilliard, entered 9/22/22; Bench warrant/State court/Bench warrant/State court; SPD Henry Paul Brett Jr, entered 9/22/22; Burglary; ECSSO Timothy Jonathan Brown, entered 9/22/22; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; SPD Robert Lee Mack, entered 9/23/22; Cruelty to children; SPD Darion Lamar Moody, entered 9/23/22; Flee/attempt to elude police/VGCSA possession of marijuana/No license on person/Reckless driving/Failure to maintain lane/Leaving scene of accident/Obstr/hindering of officer; released 9/23/22; WALK-IN Patrick Javon Tyler, entered 9/23/22; Driving while unlicensed/expired/Hold for Treutlen Co/Hold for out of county billing/DUI/alch/Speeding 15-29 MPH over/Open container/Seatbelt viola-

tion/VGCSA possession of drug related object/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/Failure to maintain lane/Other/Other; GSP Antroy Vertiz Butler, entered 9/23/22; Driving lic susp/rev; released 9/23/22; SPD David Alexander Rowland, entered 9/23/22; Probation/Superior court; ECSSO David Charles Portalatin, entered 9/23/22; Aggr stalking; ECSSO Nathaniel Curran Streeter, entered 9/23/22; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 9/24/22; SPD Kelvin Leon Kirkland, entered 9/23/22; DUI less safe/Other/Other/Other; released 9/24/22; SPD Macey Leighann Ansell, entered 9/24/22; DUI/drugs/Failure to maintain lane/No license on person/Violation of license restrictions/Other; released 9/24/22; GSP Apolonia L'Shari Brooks, entered 9/24/22; DUI less safe/Open container/Tag light requirements; released 9/24/22;

GSP Brandon Tremaine Brown, entered 9/24/22; DUI/alch/Obstr/ofc/Failure to stop at stop sign; released 9/24/22; GSP Mario Taravis Gardner, entered 9/24/22; Theft by taking/motor vehicle; SPD Cristian Salzwedel Flagg, entered 9/24/22; Speeding 15-29 MPH over/Other; released 9/24/22; GSP Phillipe Aaron Riner, entered 9/24/22; Bench warrant/Superior court; ECSSO Omar Marque Burnett, entered 9/24/22; Fleeing/attempt to elude ofc/Driving lic susp/rev/No proof of insurance/Other/Child restraint violation/Child restraint violation/Obstr/ofc/Reckless driving; GSP Joe Mario Moser, entered 9/25/22; Theft/shoplifting; released 9/25/22; SPD Darien Reshun Kirkland, entered 9/25/22; Driving lic susp/rev/Give false name/false info/police/Other; GSP



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Swainsboro Police Reports

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

September 16
Officers were dispatched to North Green Street in reference to a damage to vehicle report. Upon arrival, reporting officer met with complainant in her vehicle. The vehicle's front passenger side had been pulled away from the vehicle and the middle of the hood had a dent in it. C/p stated that she had left her vehicle in park and rode with her significant other in his truck and upon return found her vehicle like this.

Officer initiated a traffic stop due to vehicle not having active insurance. Driver stated that he had forgotten to pay insurance for the month. After running his license, it was also found to have been suspended. Driver was issued a citation and was served with an official notice of suspension.

Officer responded to Empire Expressway for an unwanted person. Upon arrival, officer made contact with offender and proceeded to go inside to make contact with c/p. C/p stated that offender was threatening victim before he got to work that morning. C/p stated that victim left work when she saw offender pull up to work. Offender was advised to leave, and if he returned, he would be criminal trespassed.

Officer conducted a traffic stop due to vehicle having a non-working passenger side headlight, non-working tag lights, and no tag being displayed. Driver stated that she had just gotten the vehicle. When other officers arrived, driver and passenger were asked to exit the vehicle, and K-9 was brought out. K-9's behavior changed after approaching the passenger's purse. After a search, two plastic bags of methamphetamine, a syringe with clear liquid inside of it, four used syringes, and one digital scale was found. Passenger was placed under arrest and vehicle was given back to the driver who stated that she would purchase a tag.

Officer responded to Walmart in reference to a shoplifter who was no longer on the scene. Upon arrival, officer met with an employee who advised that the offender was involved in fifteen different incidents where shoplifting had occurred. Transactions dated back to 7/31/22.

Officer responded to Longleaf Dr. in reference to a report of a stolen cell phone. C/p stated that she and the offender had gotten into an argument and that when she walked out of offender's residence, offender snatched her phone and closed and locked the door. C/p stated that she ran to her daughter's car and got into the car and locked the door. C/p is scared of the offender because he had beaten her in the past. She sent her daughter to ask for the phone, and if not returned, the police would be called. Offender cussed her and then left the residence on foot. Officer followed c/p to her residence for safety and warrants will be taken out on offender for theft by taking.

Officers were dispatched to Huddle House in reference to a fight in progress. Upon arrival, the fight had dispersed and the victim did not wish to press charges. While entering the establishment, officer came in contact with offender who had warrants for his arrest. Offender was searched and two bags of marijuana were found. Offender was taken to Emanuel County Jail and was booked for marijuana more than an ounce.

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September 18
Officer was dispatched to North Coleman Street in reference to a dispute between neighbors. Upon arrival, officer met with c/p who explained that the neighbor was cursing at her after giving her several furniture items and wanted them back due to c/p spending time with a male acquaintance. Officer advised offender to keep her voice down and to avoid any further contact with c/p. Later that night, officers were dispatched back to the same location where c/p stated that offender continued to shout at her after officers left. Offender was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct.

Officer was traveling down North Main Street and encountered a van only moving about 5 MPH, then a red golf cart turned onto West Church Street and officer initiated a traffic stop. Offender appeared to be highly intoxicated and asked to give a breath sample which came back positive for alcohol. Offender was placed under arrest for DUI along with passenger being placed under arrest as well for a probation warrant.

September 19
C/p came into SPD to make a report about a dog at large. C/p stated that a brown pit bull tried to attack her on Canoochee Road. She stated she tried to ask her neighbors to keep it on a chain but no results are being shown.

Officer arrived at an accident scene on Calhoun Street where one person had been shot and was still breathing. While enroute to the location, they also received word that two people had been shot in the leg. Upon arrival, officers were doing chest compressions on the victim who had been shot in the back. Victim was pulseless and apneic. Compressions continued until EMS arrived. Other victims were transported to Emanuel Medical Center ER, then later transported to Augusta.

Officer was dispatched to Durden Road in Twin City for the purpose of assisting the ECSSO locate an offender that fled on foot. K-9 was brought to track offender and located his trail going east. Offender's trail was lost, meaning he may've been picked up by a vehicle.

September 20
Officer was dispatched to Braswell Boulevard in reference to the resident in the home not wanting the kids there anymore. Upon arrival, officer spoke with c/p who stated that his wife had passed a while back and he did not want the kids to live with him anymore because none of them do anything and one of them doesn't go to school. He stated that their mother lived on Lee Street, but the kids were living with him and his wife and continued living with him after she died. C/p appeared to be intoxicated. The two juveniles were taken to their mother and the mother took charge of them.

C/p came into SPD to make a report in reference to a damaged vehicle. C/p stated that he had woken up and found his vehicle damaged and did not know who or what happened because he was asleep.

Officer was dispatched to Rodeway Inn. Officer met with c/p who stated that she wanted items she left in a room, but c/p did not have them because her mother had retrieved them. C/p stated that offender was harassing him via Facebook. C/p nor the hotel is responsible for lost items.

September 21
Officer found offender had a suspended drivers license after initiating a traffic stop. Offender was arrested and issued a citation for driving on suspended license and turn over to Emanuel County Jail Staff.

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Sheriff's Reports

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September 16

During a dispute during the ECI/Swainsboro game, deputy was called to the home side. Upon arrival, complainant stated her and listed suspect got into an argument due to suspect telling her that she needed to go to her side. C/p also stated that suspect put his finger in her face and cussed and threatened her. When speaking to the suspect, he stated that he did in fact tell her to go to her side, but explained that he did not threaten her. He stated that c/p kept yelling and told her she could take that to the other side, to which she kept asking "What you gonna do?" so he pointed his finger in her face and said "I can show you." While witnesses were trying to resolve the argument, c/p's friend intervened and continued to yell at officers and witnesses. The friend of the c/p was asked leave because he would not stop yelling. C/p was advised that she did not have to leave but she had to keep her distance from the suspect, but she chose to leave the game.

September 19

Deputies responded to a traffic accident. There was significant damage to the front of c/p's vehicle. The party that struck the vehicle left the scene. C/p's vehicle was towed.

Deputies were dispatched to Highway 80 East in reference to a business alarm. Motion was advised to be office glass break with no contact being made with key holder. Upon arrival, all doors and windows were checked and appeared to be secure with no signs of forced entry.

Deputies were dispatched to Marlynn Drive in reference to offender refusing to

remove camper from the property. Upon arrival, deputies met with both complainants. C/p stated that offender had been allowed to leave the camper on her property for approx. 3-4 days before asking him to move it. C/p stated that offender moved the camper to another residence on Bonsue Drive. The other c/p told offender he could leave it there for a few days, but it needed to be moved eventually. Both parties advised that the landlord wanted it moved as well. Offender refused to move camper.

Deputy was dispatched to US Highway South in reference to threats made. Deputy had already made contact with offender before about the situation and told him that the officers would handle it and to leave it alone. Offender stated that no one was doing their job so he was going to take care of it himself. Shortly after, victim called 911 stating that someone was at his residence about to shoot him. Offender was arrested for disorderly conduct and was criminally trespassed from the property.

Deputy took a walk-in report from c/p stating that he was on his way to court when he saw offender's truck parked at a residence on HWY 1 South, which is the residence of c/p's children. C/p stated that a condition of his bond was to stay away from c/p and his two minor children.

C/p stated that someone transferred \$125.25 out of the victim's checking account, who is his wife, without the victim's knowledge. Victim called the company, but could not receive and information.

Deputy responded to Pelican Road in reference to an unwanted person identified as a list-

ed offender. C/p stated that he did not want the suspect on her property anymore. Suspect had lived in a camper prior on this property. Suspect was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning CTW and was given a court courtesy ride into Twin City.

September 20

Deputies responded to Harrison Drive in reference to a suspicious vehicle that followed c/p home. Upon arrival, c/p advised that a car was in front of her on HWY 80 East and the vehicle suddenly stopped in the roadway. C/p advised she went around the vehicle and then the vehicle tried to run her off the road. Vehicle followed c/p through town and turned his lights off once entering Harrison Drive. C/p's husband confronted that driver after they pulled into abandoned property, but was told by the offender that he was trespassing. Offender was picked up by another vehicle and left.

Deputies were dispatched to Highway 23 South in reference to an abandoned vehicle being left too close to the roadway. Upon arrival, vehicle was found and had been left with the front left tire and mirror crossing the white fog line. Vehicle was also on a hill.

Sheriff Department was called about a subject going down old Nunez Road with a load of pallets and losing one. Deputy found driver and driver stated that a strap had broken and he was going back to get the pallet.

Deputy was dispatched to Highway 1 South in reference to a motor vehicle accident. Driver had fallen asleep at the wheel while southbound on Highway 1 and hit the guardrail, crossed the median into the northbound lane and

hit the other guardrail. I-16 towing was called due to inoperable vehicle.

Deputies received a report from the c/p at SPD in reference to harassment. C/p advised that he was dating the witness two years ago, when she was 17 years old and her brother (suspect) found out and was angry. Suspect called c/p's residence and asked c/p's wife "if he was home in bed." C/p was scared for his safety.

Deputies assisted SPD with a 911 hang up call from Oak Street.

Deputies were dispatched to Highway 1 South in reference to a two-vehicle accident. GSP and MCCD were requested and responded for accident investigation. Injured were transported to Augusta for treatment.

Deputy responded to GA4 in reference to a tractor trailer accident where the tractor trailer rear-ended a road paver.

September 22

Complainant stated that she struck a deer when it entered the center of the travel lane, causing minor damage to the vehicle.

Deputy observed a vehicle traveling 68 MPH in a 55 MPH zone, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Driver was unable to provide registration and insurance and advised that the vehicle belonged to his friend. Upon running the driver's license, it came back with an outstanding warrant. Deputy asked for the warrant to be verified and once done, offender was placed under arrest and transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputy took a report via phone in reference to three damaged mailboxes in Adrian. Victim stated someone knocked over three mailboxes, one belonging to her.

Victim stated she believes someone might have ran into them with a vehicle because 2x4's were also laying in the road next to the mailboxes.

September 23

Deputy was dispatched to Bull St. in reference to a burglary and a stolen dog. Victim stated she left her house for about an hour and when she returned, her back door was open and her Yorkie was missing. Victim also stated the last time her dog went missing, it was posted on Facebook and a lady contacted them that had her dog, and victim believes the same lady might have it due to her boyfriend doing construction work on her home.

Deputy was flagged down by two individuals on W. Ben Blvd. Victim stated he was driving on Hwy 80 West when a piece of metal flew out from under the car in front of him and hit his vehicle. Victim stated after the metal hit his vehicle, it started making a weird noise and his AC stopped working.

Deputy responded to Lambs Bridge Rd. in reference to an alarm call. Deputy encountered two large breed dogs that would not allow him to get out of his patrol unit but he was able to ride the perimeter of the residence and did not observe any doors or windows unsecured. There were no signs of attempted forced entry.

Deputies responded to Nora Blvd. in reference to a dispute. Complainant advised his 15-year-old daughter allowed his mother to enter the home while he was at work. C/p stated the suspect took a military flag, photos and some bandanas that belonged to his uncle. C/p's wife stated the c/p gave the property to the suspect years ago but was upset because the suspect went

to c/p's house when he wasn't home.

September 24

Deputies responded to Hwy 80 East in reference to a single vehicle accident with injuries. Complainant advised she swerved to avoid hitting a deer and lost control. C/p was transported by EMS to be evaluated.

Deputy was dispatched to WalMart in reference to a vehicle unlock.

Deputy observed offender walking who was known to have a warrant. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

September 25

Deputies were dispatched to EMC ER in reference to a male with a gunshot wound to the foot. Victim stated he was target practicing and accidentally shot himself when the pistol malfunctioned.

Deputy was dispatched to Hwy 192 North in reference to threatening text messages. Complainant stated he received several threatening messages from offender. Offender is/was dating c/p's child's mother and has been sending messages stating c/p is going to get what he has coming to him. C/p just wants documentation in case the situation escalates.

Deputies received complaints about loud music coming from Club Rolex.

Deputies were dispatched to Flounder Rd. in reference to a vehicle with two unknown male occupants stuck in the caller's driveway.

September 26

Deputies were dispatched to Old Dellwood Rd. in reference to a residential alarm. Motion was advised to be interior. Deputies met with the homeowner and performed a walk through, finding everything to be secure with no noted signs of tamper or forced entry.

Heroes helping heroes

We all know that firefighters are our humble, public heroes. They rescue citizens from burning buildings, pull them from wreckage, and place their own lives at risk to protect their brother and sister firefighters and the public at large. No matter the danger of the call, they're always ready to save the day. However, Swainsboro Fire Department recently received a call from a different set of heroes, The National Guard, who needed their help on a laidback mission. The rope from their flagpole became loose, so like all brave and noble warriors, Swainsboro Fire Department sprang to action and put it back into place for the National Guard. Saving the day once again.



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Middle School Eagles defeat Sparta Rebels

Middle School Eagles from David Emanuel Academy traveled to Sparta to play John Hancock Rebels on Thursday, September 22, and came back with a 20-8 victory. Tucker Free ran the ball 1-yard to grasp the middle school team's first touchdown. A completed play from Free to Lake Bush that followed brought the score up 8-0. Another 6-points were earned by the Eagle team after a completed play from Free to Paxton Dixon for a 38-yard touchdown reception. Scoreboard numbers reflected 14-0. Free racked on final points for the Eagles by running the ball 10-yards.



SMITH III AND PRESIDENT HARGROVE

Carr receives SAR streamer

On Monday, September 12, the Patrick Carr Rangers of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held their quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. with President David Hargrove presiding and eight members in attendance. After a short program on the *Battle of Shell Bluff* by Compatriot Bill Tinley, dual member Dess Smith III presented President Hargrove with the 240th, 2nd Siege of Augusta 1781 Streamer from September 2021.

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Lisenby speaks to the Fall Line Chapter

The Fall Line Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting, Thursday, September 13, 2022, at the Chamber of Commerce in Sandersville at 7:00 p.m. with President Sandy Mercer presiding, and ten members in attendance. The program for the evening was presented by Mike Lisenby who held a presentation on the Battle of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina. This battle was successfully won by Charleston's recruit artillerymen against a powerful British Royal Navy Squadron on the 28th of June 1776. The Royal Navy had 274 cannons and two mortars mounted on 10 British warships and 30 transports carrying their 2,500 troops. The British Navy was commanded by Commodore Sir Peter Parker and the British troops were commanded by Major-General Sir Henry Clinton. The American forces had 6,500 troops commanded by Colonel William Moultrie. During the battle, the fort was struck by several thousand cannon balls, but the palmetto trunks used in



MIKE LISENBY PRESENTING HIS PROGRAM



DUAL MEMBER DESS SMITH III PRESENTING TO PRESIDENT SANDY MERCER 3 SAR EVENT STREAMERS

the structure absorbed the shock of the strikes and the fort's structure remained intact. The American gunners were protected by the sixteen-foot-thick sand and timber walls and suffered

few casualties. American's casualties were 17 dead and 20 wounded. 7,000 British cannon balls were collected on Sullivan's Island after the battle. After Lisenby's presentation,

Dual member Dess Smith III presented the Fall Line Chapter with three streamers from three different Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution events.

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Fair Housing Act which makes
it illegal to advertise "any pre-
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nation based on race, color,
religion, sex, disability, familial
status including or national
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crimination." Familial status
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opportunity basis. To complain
of discrimination, call HUD
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the hearing impaired is
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to city regulations' regarding the issuance of an alcoholic
beverage license, notice is hereby given to the public that an appli-
cation has been filed by Shaishav Patel DBA
A & D Mart LLC, for a license to retail beer and wine packaged sales
on the premises, located at 504 East Main Street, Swainsboro,
Georgia 30401.
This application will be considered at a meeting of Mayor and city
council to be held on Oct. 3, 2022, at Swainsboro City Hall.
This 12th day of September 2022.
City of Swainsboro
Melissa Kirby, City Administrator

Legals

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from ROBERT ANDREW RUFFING to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR NATIONALS LENDING CORPORATION., dated September 11, 2020, recorded September 18, 2020, in Deed Book 502, Page 670, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Nine and 00/100 dollars (\$90,909.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationals Lending Corporation, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Emanuel County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the **first Tuesday in October, 2022**, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: ALL THAT REAL ESTATE SITUATED AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF EMANUEL, STATE OF GEORGIA, AND IN THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO, 53RD G.M. DISTRICT, AND BEING MORE FULLY, ACCURATELY AND COMPLETELY DESCRIBED BY PLAT MADEBY J.D. MCLEOD, C.S., ON MARCH 19, 1956, WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN DEED BOOK 1, PAGE 56. SAID PROPERTY FACING THE NORTH SIDE OF MORING STREET A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET AND BEING BOUNDED, NOW OR FORMERLY, AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH BY LANDS OF MR. AND MRS. FLANDERS PEEBLES; ON THE SOUTH BY MORING STREET; ON THE WEST BY LANDS OF MRS. R.L. COLEMAN, MRS. M.G. MORRIS AND LANDS OF MR. AND MRS. PEEBLES. Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **550 W MORING ST, SWAINSBORO, GA 30401**. The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the abovesigned, and the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is ROBERT ANDREW RUFFING, or tenants(s). The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

ty, Georgia, in Deed Book 450, Page(s) 453, et seq., Grantee will offer for sale at public outcry before the Courthouse Door, in Emanuel County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the **First Tuesday in October 2022, being October 4, 2022**, for CASH to the highest bidder, the purchaser paying the transfer tax, all costs of preparing and recording a deed of conveyance, ad valorem taxes and all other assessments or liens against the property, if any, the following-described properties, to-wit:
SEE "EXHIBIT A" ATTACHED HERETO
The above-referenced Deed to Secure Debt was given to secure an indebtedness evidenced by a Promissory Note in the original principal amount of ELEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINE AND 43/100 DOLLARS (\$11,709.43) with interest thereon, and also any renewals, extensions, or modifications of any such indebtedness in whole or in part and all future advances that were made by Grantee. The indebtedness secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is again declared due and payable in full because of, among other events of default, the failure of Ellie Bruce Spearman to make payments when due in the manner provided in the Promissory Note. The indebtedness remaining in default, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed to Secure Debt, accrued interest thereon, expenses of the sale, attorneys' fees (notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees having been given) and all other sums secured by the Deed to Secure Debt, and the remainder, if any, shall be applied as provided by said Deed to Secure Debt and by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the property described on "Exhibit A" is in the possession of **ELLIE BRUCE SPEARMAN**, or a tenant or tenants. The property is more commonly known as **449 J.M. SPEARMAN ROAD, ADRIAN, GEORGIA 31002**. Said property will be sold as the property of **ELLIE BRUCE SPEARMAN** and subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but are not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, zoning ordinances, covenants, all liens, encumbrances, easements, restrictions or other matters of record that may have priority over said Deed to Secure Debt, if any. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U. S. Bankruptcy Code, and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the Loan with the holder of the Deed to Secure Debt.

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In compliance with Official Code of Georgia Section 44-124-162.2, Grantee hereby states that the person with full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the security deed with the debtor is Mr. Tom Watson, whose address is 113 East Broad Street, Louisville, Georgia 30434 and whose telephone number is 478-625-2021. However, this statement does not imply that Grantee will in fact agree to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the security deed. Queensborough National Trust and Bank Company, James C. Overstreet, Jr., KLOSINSKI OVERSTREET, LLP, 1229 Augusta West Parkway, Augusta, Georgia 30909, Tel: 706-863-2255.

"EXHIBIT A"
All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the 395th G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 2.812 acres of land as shown on a plat prepared by George William Donaldson, Surveyor, dated September 2, 2008 and recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 61 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 property being bounded as shown on said plat, now or formerly as follows: On the Northwest by County Road 164, also known as J.M. Spearman Road; on the Northeast by property of Bruce Spearman; on the Southeast by property of Jennie Spearman Hirdges; and on the Southwest by Polly Circle, also known as County Road 167 **Map and Parcel No.: 023 006A**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of David A. Haley, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 30th day of August, 2022.
Wilbur Vincent Haley, Executor of the Estate of
David A. Haley, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of David A. Youmans, a/k/a James W. Youmans, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 30th day of August, 2022.
Linda Sue Kingery, Executrix of the Estate of
J. W. Youmans, aka James W. Youmans, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Under and by virtue of the power of sale granted by Ellie Bruce Spearman ("Grantor") to Queensborough National Trust and Bank Company ("Grantee") in that certain Deed to Secure Debt dated February 4, 2009, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 321, Page(s) 276, et seq., further modified by that certain Modification Agreement dated August 23, 2013, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 340, Page(s) 369, et seq., Grantee will offer for sale at public outcry before the Courthouse Door, in Emanuel County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the **First Tuesday in October 2022, being October 4, 2022**, for CASH to the highest bidder, the purchaser paying the transfer tax, all costs of preparing and recording a deed of conveyance, ad valorem taxes and all other assessments or liens against the property, if any, the following-described properties, to-wit:
SEE "EXHIBIT A" ATTACHED HERETO
The above-referenced Deed to Secure Debt was given to secure an indebtedness evidenced by a Promissory Note in the original principal amount of SIXTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE 00/100 DOLLARS (\$16,125.00) with interest thereon, and also any renewals, extensions, or modifications of any such indebtedness in whole or in part and all future advances that were made by Grantee. The indebtedness secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is again declared due and payable in full because of, among other events of default, the failure of ELLIE BRUCE SPEARMAN to make payments when due in the manner provided in the Promissory Note. The indebtedness remaining in default, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed to Secure Debt, accrued interest thereon, expenses of the sale, attorneys' fees (notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees having been given) and all other sums secured by the Deed to Secure Debt, and the remainder, if any, shall be applied as provided by said Deed to Secure Debt and by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the property described on "Exhibit A" is in the possession of **ELLIE BRUCE SPEARMAN**, or a tenant or tenants. The property is more commonly known as **281 AC POLLY CIRCLE, ADRIAN, GA 31002**. Said property will be sold as the property of **ELLIE BRUCE SPEARMAN** and subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but are not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, zoning ordinances,

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF SAMUEL RICHARD THOMPSON, ESTATE NO. 22E0128 DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
RICHARD SETH THOMPSON has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **SAMUEL RICHARD THOMPSON**, decedent, 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. § 53-12-26.1.) 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 **OCTOBER 3, 2022**.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
DON E. WILKES
Judge of the Probate Court
By: **Jeanie Hooks**
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 70 / 125 South Main Street Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
Address
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS (Continued on page 3D)

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 ITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
 All creditors of the estate of Wilder Dale Kirkland, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 31st day of August, 2022.
 Donnie Ray Kirkland, Executor of the Estate of
 Wilder Dale Kirkland, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF GREGORY ELLIOTT BARWICK, ESTATE NO. 22E0131
 DECEASED
 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
 NOTICE
 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern
 DONNA SUE HOLDER BARWICK has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of GREGORY ELLIOTT BARWICK, 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 OCTOBER 10, 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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 Judge of the Probate Court
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF MELROSE JENKINS, ESTATE NO. 22E0130
 DECEASED
 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
 NOTICE
 [Strike the sentence in parenthesis below if not applicable.]
 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern
 LATOYA V. JENKINS has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of MELROSE JENKINS, 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 OCTOBER 10, 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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF DEREK MARTIN SCONYERS, ESTATE NO. 22E0137
 DECEASED
 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
 NOTICE
 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
 JESSICA WILKERSON SCONYERS has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of DEREK MARTIN SCONYERS 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 OCTOBER 17, 2022.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 DON E. WILKES
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Jeanie Hooks
 Clerk of the Probate Court
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 Swainsboro, Ga. 30401

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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
 IN RE: ESTATE OF DAISY MARLENE RICKS FOSKEY, DECEASED.
 All creditors of the Estate of Daisy Marlene Ricks Foskey, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Jean Denise Foskey Hackle and Candace Larhee Foskey, Executors of the Daisy Marlene Ricks Foskey Estate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate. This 14th day of September, 2022.
 RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
 Attorney for Jean Denise Foskey Hackle and
 Candace Larhee Foskey,
 Executors of the Daisy Marlene Ricks Foskey Estate
 Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
 P.O. Box 767
 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
 (478) 237-4225

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF DORIS JOHNS FAIRCLOTH, ESTATE NO. 22E0138
 DECEASED
 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
 NOTICE
 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
 RICHARD DAN FAIRCLOTH has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of DORIS JOHNS FAIRCLOTH, 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 OCTOBER 17th, 2022.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Don E. Wilkes
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Nicky Neal
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 P.O. Box 70 / 125 S. Main St.
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
 All creditors of the estate of Frances Delaine C. Sumner, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 22nd day of September, 2022.
 Debora Inez S. Mulling, Executrix of the Estate of
 Frances Delaine C. Sumner, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANCES DRAKE DURDEN, ESTATE NO. 22E0108
 DECEASED
 NOTICE
 IN RE: Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form and for Letters of Admin-

istration with Will Annexed TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.
 This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before OCTOBER 24, 2022.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Don E. Wilkes
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Jeanie Hooks
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA
 RE: Estate of Billy J. Johnson, Deceased
 Estate No. 22-EO-120
 ALL CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF BILLY J. JOHNSON, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO RENDER THEIR DEMANDS TO THE UNDERSIGNED IN ACCORDANCE TO LAW, AND WILL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE ESTATE ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE PAYMENTS TO THE UNDERSIGNED.
 THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.
 Jessie N. Johnson, Executor
 CHARLES P. AARON
 BROWN ROUNTREE PC
 PO BOX 1988
 STATESBORO, GA 30459
 (912)489-6900

Health is a state of body, wellness is a state of being

by DARBY GATES
 Cooler temperatures mean a myriad of things. Warm sweaters, comfy boots, throw blankets, hot drinks, head colds, congestion, and flu.

We as a society, prepare ourselves for the coming sick season, by stocking up on all things preventative medication. OTC (over the counter) vitamins, supplements, capsules and everything listed cold & flu. Somehow, we have been conditioned into thinking that packing our bodies full of artificial, chemically processed, glorified, and flavored poison, is going to protect us.

What it does is absolutely nothing of the sort.

The idea of using natural health and wellness is not new, by any means, but new enough to people that it's viewed as being completely out-of-the-norm. For years, when people talk about the natural approach to wellness, it's done with an air of oddity. Only the hippie's and the new age folks do those sorts of things.

That is changing right before our eyes, yet...

Take a walk through your local box store or grocery store pharmacy (even the grocery isles). You will see that many of your products (as much as up to 80%) contain natural ingredients. More herbs and plant-based components are listed now than ever before, yet, the idea of just using the herb or the plant as a means of remedy or preventative treatment, is still considered absurd.

The Ancient system of wellness and medicine is aimed at keeping the individual healthy. It stresses more prevention and strong health and thereby minimizing the treating the disease.

Modern medicine emphasizes more on curing the ailment or disease. While modern medicine largely looks at treating the symptoms by common group of medications; the natural approach to wellness is to first restore the balance in the WHOLE body, cleansing it from toxins and free radicals, increasing patient's strength, immunity, and vitality to be able to fight and cure the ailment naturally.

This is the case for ANY imbalance we face, from mental and emotional distress, to physical ailments such as cancers, and diabetes. Even your seasonal colds and flus are a sign of an unbalanced body that natural wellness addresses.

Usually, the first thing people associate with natural health and wellness is Elderberry, and there is a good reason for that. Elderberry has been used for centuries as an herbal remedy for immune support. They're packed with phenolic acids, anthocyanins, and flavanols, which are powerful antioxidants that help boost your immune system and repair damage! In addition to being one of the most powerful antioxidants, they're loaded with beneficial minerals such as iron, potassium, phosphorous, and copper as well as vitamins A, B, and C. The anthocyanins in elderberries boost the production of cytokines – proteins that act as messengers within the immune system – thereby enhancing the body's immune response. Cytokines play a crucial role in the immune system's response to disease and work in ways very similar to hormones. They can be both inflammatory or anti-inflammatory

depending on what is needed and are released by immune cells either directly into the blood stream or locally into body tissue during an immune response. This could be why Hippocrates, who is often referred to as the 'father of medicine' described the elder as his 'medicine chest'.

Using a syrup or elixir created from the Elderberry, and packed full of other beneficial natural ingredients such as RAW honey, cinnamon, and ginger, can fight off anemia and lower blood pressure. It can help promote healthy skin, teeth, bones. It's an excellent source of Vitamin A which help aid in vision and cell growth. And it boosts your immunity, which allows your body to prevent the common colds and flu.

If you find yourself wanting to explore more about natural health and wellness, and ways to keep the sick at bay, Elderberry is a wonderful jumping off point. This is a great introduction to other methods of whole-body prevention, like using plants such hibiscus, and even dandelion. I am always available for your questions, your concerns, and to even help you add natural products into your daily regimen.

**As always, I am NOT a doctor, and I am NOT doling out medical advice. I am just in tune with my body, my surroundings, and have learned to adapt to using what God has given us naturally to heal from within. I am led to share and help others on their own journey. Please, if needed, consult your trusted physician with any concerns. And ALWAYS DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH.

Be safe, stay well, and forage your backyard.

Notice of NAACP meeting

The October meeting of The Emanuel County NAACP Branch # 5199 will meet in person at the Sudie A. Fulford Center at East Georgia State College on Thursday, October 13, 2022. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the election of officers. The time of the meeting is 6:00 pm.
 President Donald Jenkins urges all members to attend!

THIS CHRISTMAS, BE A PART OF WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



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

Name of Veteran _____
 Branch of Service _____
 Date of Birth and Death _____
 Name of Cemetery _____
 Location of Cemetery _____

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 (Check should be payable to Gov. David Emanuel-Adam Brinson chapter DAR)

Your sponsorship is needed to help defray the cost of this project. However, the "Veterans of the Library" have committed to making sure that each and every reported gravesite receives a wreath before Christmas regardless of expense

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

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

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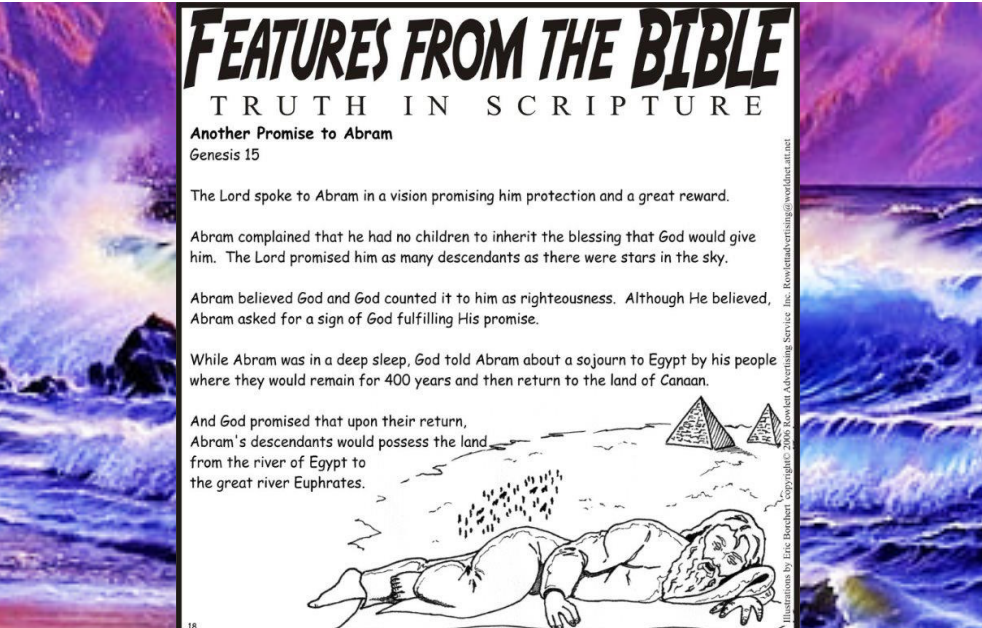
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LISENBY DISCUSSING THE BATTLE

British troops were commanded by Major-General Sir Henry Clinton. The American forces had 6,500 troops commanded by Colonel William Moultrie. During the battle, the fort was struck by several thousand cannon balls, but the palmetto trunks used in the

structure absorbed the shock of the strikes and the fort's structure remained intact. The American gunners were protected by the sixteen-foot-thick sand and timber walls and suffered few casualties. American's casualties were 17 dead and 20 wounded. 7,000 British

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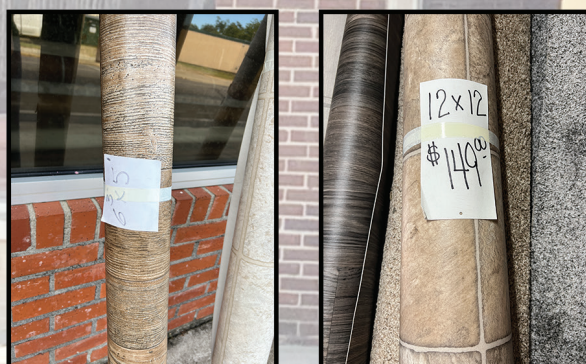
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