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City Council zoom meeting held

A special called Zoom meeting of Mayor and City Council was held Thursday, March 9, at 6 p.m. at the City Hall. Members present were Sconyers, Parker, Collins, Davis, and Quarterman. Member absent was Stafford.

Old Business:

Council considered for approval of an alcoholic beverage license application for Ashley Brewer Youmans/dba The Liquor Vault

located at 403 North Coleman Street. Motion was made by Councilperson Sconyers and seconded by Davis with a 5-0 vote.

Council considered for approval of an alcoholic beverage license application for Niranjan A. Patel/dba Mojo's Wine and Spirits located at 546 South Main Street. Motion was made by Councilperson

Sconyers and seconded by Davis with a 4-0 vote. Motion was carried by Collins. Mayor Bennett recused due to conflict of interest.

Council considered for approval of an alcoholic beverage license application for Denise Miles/dba Lounge 2020 located at 406 Rentz Street. Motion was made by Councilperson Parker and seconded by Sconyers with a 5-0 vote.

Hummingbirds are back

by WANDA THOMPSON SCARBORO

Ruby-throated Hummingbirds have arrived in Swainsboro. The first sighting was reported in Ogburn Subdivision on Thursday, March 9. Prior to this, the earliest reported sighting in Emanuel County was March 16 in 2013, 2016, and 2021.

People often ask if they come back to the same yard every year and the answer is yes. Most return to the same feeders and gardens to breed year after year. What's more, they often stop at the same spot along the way and arrive on the same date. Their ranges go as far north as Canada.

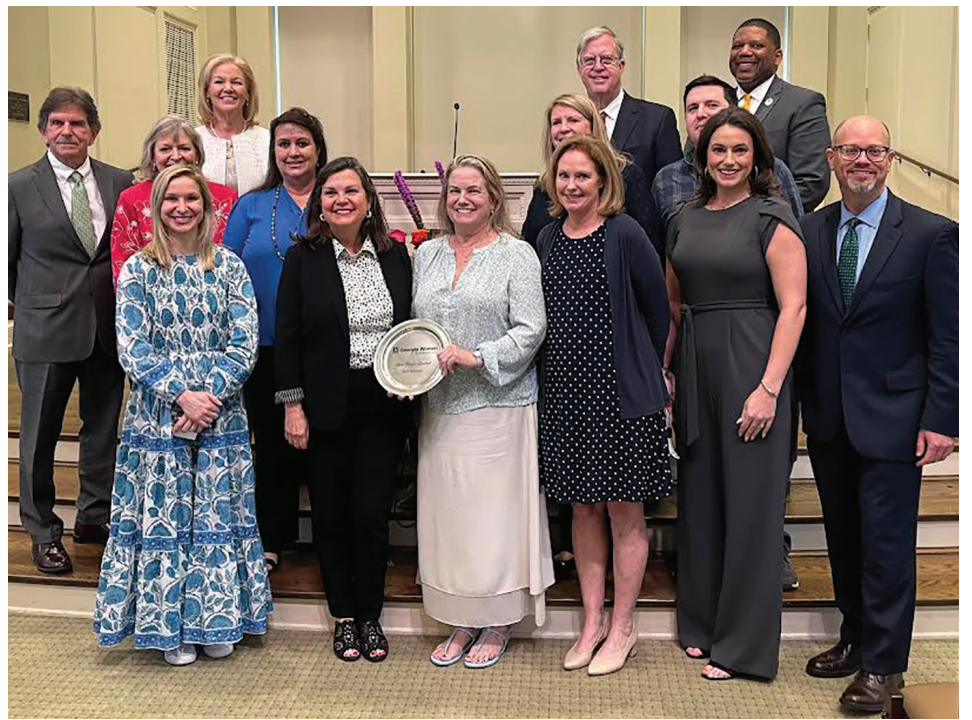
A Hummer's menu includes such insects as ants, aphids, fruit flies,



Photo by Wanda Thompson Scarboro
HUMMINGBIRD ON FEEDER

gnats, weevils, beetles, mites, and mosquitos. Directions for making safe hummingbird food are as follows: Mix 1-part sugar with 4

parts water. Do not add red dye. Change feeders every other day and thoroughly clean them each time to prevent harmful mold growth.



FAMILY AND FRIENDS JOIN GAMBRELL DAUGHTERS, LUCK G. DAVIDSON AND MARY G. ROLINSON, AT THE AWARD CEREMONY

Luck Flanders Gambrell named to Hall of Fame

One of Swainsboro and Emanuel County's most caring and philanthropic daughters was honored on Wednesday of last week by Georgia Women of Achievement. Luck Flanders Gambrell was among the four exceptional Georgia women of history chosen by the Board of Selections for induction into the 2023 GWA Hall of Fame. During the event at Pierce Chapel on the campus of Wesleyan College,

Dr. Penny Elkins, President of GWA, referenced the founding of Georgia Women of Achievement originally as a suggestion by Former First Lady Rosalyn Carter. Since

1992, one hundred outstanding women have been inducted into the organization. In a video presentation,

Mrs. Gambrell's life of service and devotion to her hometown, her state and country was aptly portrayed. As an active participant in state and national politics, a benefactor of worthy projects throughout the region and the world, and a busy Atlanta mother with an active, growing family, Mrs. Gambrell's core campaign steadfastly remained education, and making a difference in the lives and prospects of anyone seeking to learn. In 1971, Mrs. Gambrell and her family donat-

ed the land that made the dream of an institution of higher learning in rural Emanuel County possible. In last week's ceremony, she was remembered as a life-long Higher Education Advocate and Philanthropist. To many of the students who graduated from Emanuel County Junior College and as it later became East Georgia State College, she will simply be remembered as the reason that a college education and everything beyond that was possible in their lives. For more information on Georgia Women of Achievement, visit <https://www.georgia-women.org>.

Jonquin McKinney leads State Championship

by HAROLD SCOTT
Jonquin McKinney, a former Swainsboro Tiger basketball player and coach, recently led Saint Francis High School to win the State Championship title. Saint Francis is a Class A, Division 1 High School in Alpharetta, Georgia. On Saturday, March 11, they defeated Galloway High School of Atlanta at the Macon Coliseum on in the championship game.

Any basketball fan from Emanuel County or Southeast Georgia knows McKinney, better known as Coach Q, or ATAP. McKinney played at SHS under Coach Leroy Jordan in early 2000. After graduating from SHS, he attended Morris College, where he excelled on the basketball court. A few years

after graduating from Morris, he returned to Swainsboro, where he worked as an assistant coach. He was an assistant under Coach Jordan, Coach Bobby Andrews, and Coach Bryce Hobbs. McKinney also coached at Swainsboro Middle School.

While coaching in Swainsboro, he won a championship at Swainsboro Middle and was an assistant

on Swainsboro High School 2020 State Championship team. Additionally, he was an assistant on two final four teams in 2011 and 2015, and an assistant on the state runner-up team in 2017.

McKinney had a stop on the collegiate level at Savannah State University before returning to high school. By a twist of fate, he heard Coach (Continued on page 2A)



STEVENS PRESENTING \$440.40 CHECK TO LIBRARY

Quality Air gives back for their 40 years of service

by BRITTANY HALL
A library is proof that you can never have too much of a good thing and Swainsboro resident and business owner, Ricky Stevens, understands the importance of keeping Franklin Memorial Library's shelves alive, and our children's imaginations soaring.

"The library has always been an important part of my life." Stevens began, "Fifty some-odd years ago I can remember going there as a child and checking out *Where the Wild Things are*, and diving into an adventure every time I opened the pages of an old American war tale

or a Georgia History book. It doesn't matter who you are or what you're going through in life, you can go over there and get you a book and escape to a different place and time and that's why it's so important to keep our library thriving."

Stevens is the owner (Continued on page 2A)

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Quality Air gives...

(From front page)

of Quality Air, the longest operating heating and air conditioning company in Emanuel County that he founded alongside his tech instructor, Gary Hodges, when he was only 21 years old. "I was living in Savannah, pulling up tacks on an old boat, and pretty much immediately decided that it wasn't for me. So, I met with Gary one Saturday at the Kite Hunting Club and told him that I was homesick and had an idea. After that moment we ran with it and opened our doors in March of 1983." Stevens explained, "At the time there were several other companies like ours who told us that Swainsboro wasn't big enough for another one and we wouldn't last a year', but 40 years later here we are." He said with a smile.

Staying forever humble in remembering those first few years of being the underdog business, Stevens, and his crew at Quality Air, have decided to give back to the community in the most benevolent way to celebrate the wonderful 40 years that they have been in business.

"The county's been good to us so we asked ourselves 'what can we do for the county?' and after brainstorming we came up with an ad campaign that let the people of our community know that we appreciate their business. Then we decided to do something monetarily that'll in turn do something good for the community." He said.

On Friday, March 10, Stevens presented the first check of many, to Franklin Memorial Library in the amount of \$440.40, to honor the

40 years that Quality Air has been in business. What was their reason for presenting the first check to Franklin Memorial Library you might ask? To honor the service that they have always provided for the people of Emanuel County, of course.

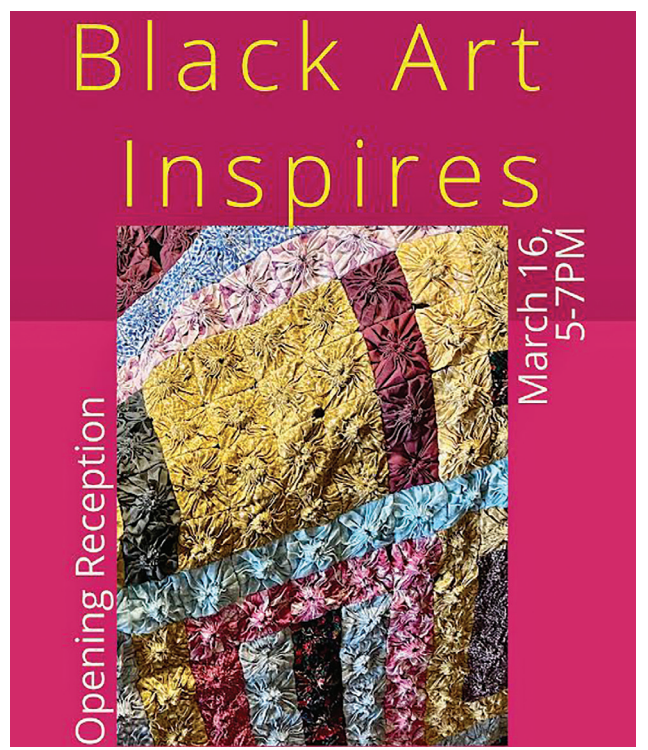
"Many of us are blessed to have services like internet browsing, faxing, copying, or reading a book directly from our phones. However, many people right here in Swainsboro, don't have those same luxuries, but the library offers them for free, so, it was only right that we gave the first check to an organization who gives so much to us." Stevens explained, "Giving the first check to the library was just a small way that we could give something back to them. Although it may only buy 100

books, those books will be something that will hopefully give someone an escape from reality."

Throughout the remainder of the year, Stevens hopes that this is something Quality Air can continue to bless others with.

"Everybody is struggling right now. Individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations are struggling so we told ourselves that we could spare this much to help them. If we don't get anything out of this other than the little awareness that we bring to each of these agencies we're going to try and feature each month, then it'll all be worth it." He concluded through a smile.

Quality Air thanks Emanuel County for the support they have provided them with over the past 40 years.



ART SHOW FLYER

Community art show debuts at EAC

The Kalmanson Gallery of Emanuel Arts Council will present "Black Art Inspires: Honor, History, Culture" tomorrow, March 16th, from 5 to 7 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public and will feature numerous art pieces from the African American community of Emanuel County.

The exhibition will be on display through April 24.

The EAC is located at 109 North Green Street, next to Bangles II Salon and Stewart's Jewelers. For more information on events and programming, find the EAC on Instagram and Facebook.

CITY OF SWAINSBORO BICENTENNIAL "CELEBRATING 200 YEARS" 1822-2022

"Downtown Swainsboro, North Main Street 1937"

If you were strolling around the Courthouse Square in the late 30's, you had a choice of visiting over 30 retail establishments and professional offices crowded into one block. It was a bustling downtown that opened early and usually didn't close until the last customer was served. Included in the business roster were 2 shoe shops, 2 jewelry stores, 4 drug stores, 4 taverns, 3 banks, 2 pool halls, 4 department stores, 3 hotels, 2 furniture stores, and 2 hardware stores. The bus station was just across the street from the White House Café which had been moved to make way for the new John C. Coleman Hotel. In those days, the population was less than 4,500 people. The coming war would soon put an end to the hard times of the Depression, but would bring hard times of another sort.



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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: KYLEE FARLEY, JAYSON BROWN, BO BROWN

Swainsboro High School students make District Honor Band

Three students from Swainsboro High School made the Georgia Music Educators Association District Ten Honor Band. The students went through an audition process that included students from Augusta to Swainsboro. The students are, Kylee Farley, 5th chair trombone, 9th-10th grade band; Jayson Brown, 2nd chair Alto Saxophone, 11th-12th grade band and Bo Brown, 4th chair, 9th-10th grade band. They had their concerts on February 11, 2023, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Evans, GA.

ECI FFA to host annual plant sale March 25

The Emanuel County Institute FFA will host its annual plant sale for the general public on **Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 8 am to 1 pm.** All plants have been raised and cared for by students at very affordable prices. A selection of hanging baskets, such as ferns, geraniums, herbs, and assorted annuals, will be available. The ECI greenhouse is located at South College Street, behind the school. All sales will be cash or check only. FFA members will also be accepting dona-

tions to the Emanuel County Animal Shelter. Donations include wet/dry dog food, blankets/towels, and cleaning supplies. Lemonade and baked goods will be available for purchase, and proceeds will be donated to the animal shelter.



PHOTO TAKEN BY MARK WILLIAMS: (L TO R) ADAMARIE MORAN-ESPARZA, 4TH PLACE RUNNER UP; ALLISON HELTON, 2ND PLACE RUNNER UP; JOCELYN WILLIAMS, 1ST PLACE RUNNER UP; KAYLEE SCREWS, 3RD PLACE RUNNER UP

Atkinson crowned Miss SES 2023

Friday, March 10, 2023, 44 beautiful young ladies competed for the title of Miss Swainsboro Elementary School. Congratulations to all of the Miss SES contestants.

Bre-Lynn Atkinson was crowned Miss SES 2023. Members of her court include Adamarie Moran-Esparza, 4th place runner up; Allison Helton, 2nd place runner up; Jocelyn Williams, 1st place runner up; Kaylee Screws, 3rd place runner up.

Arabella Sheppard was named Miss Photogenic, and Jocelyn Williams won People's Choice Award. Sophie Farrow was named Top Selling Spokesmodel.

Jonquin McKinney leads...

(From front page)

Aisha Kennedy at Saint Francis High was looking for an assistant coach. The two had one meeting and formed a coaching union. McKinney made an impression at that meeting and throughout the season. Watching the interactions between coaches and the team and coaches was a testament to the trust and respect created. It couldn't have been more evident than in the final seconds of the championship game. St Francis

was ahead by two points and needed a defensive stop to win the game. Coach Kennedy deferred to McKinney during a timeout to draw up the defense. McKinney designed the play, and Coach Kennedy implemented it. St Francis won the championship. McKinney said of Coach Kennedy, "She is definitely a legend, but she has always trusted my decisions."

In addition to coaching, McKinney trains athletes with camps and

individual training sessions. Countless players have attended his camps and sessions. He started the training in 2015 and named his organization ATAP (All Things Are Possible) Fundamentals. Many players who attended his sessions are now excelling in high school or college.

For information on the training program, you can contact Jonquin McKinney or visit the website at <https://atapfundamentals05.wixsite.com/>.



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Timothy Stephen "Tim" Allmond, 65

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. Timothy Stephen "Tim" Allmond, age 65, of Twin City, on Friday, March 10, 2023, at East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro. Funeral services were held Monday, March 13, at 3 p.m. in the Twin City United Methodist Church with Rev. Mark Miller and Rev. Randall Smith officiating. Interment followed in the Wimberly Family Cemetery near Twin City. The family received friends Monday, March 13, at the church from 2 to 3 p.m.

Pallbearers were Butch Brinson, Bob Watson, Lee Campbell, Johnny Johnson, Russell Hinson, Casey Lee, Jordan Coleman, and Ethan Coleman.

Mr. Allmond was born July 26, 1957, to the late Charles E. and Margaret Walls Allmond, in Peru, IN. He was a 1976 graduate of Emanuel County Institute where he excelled in football and baseball, and was an MVP Catcher for ECI. During his days living on McCoy Air Force Base in Orlando, FL with his parents, Tim was on the swimming and diving team. Many will remember Tim for his swimming and diving antics on the high dive at McKinney's Pond and Fulmer's Beach diving platform, as well



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as riding a unicycle. He became affectionately known as "Ranger Tim" during his 30 years as Park Ranger/Assistant Manager at George L. Smith State Park. In Tim's spare time, he enjoyed wood working and wood burning. He attended Twin City United Methodist Church. In addition to his parents, Mr. Allmond is preceded in death by his sister, Maria Coleman; and brother, Tony Allmond.

Survivors include his loving wife of 44 years, Donna Wimberly Allmond of Twin City; daughter, Lori Allmond Phillips (Aaron) of Twin City; son, Sam Allmond (Kala) of Twin City; sister, Angie Lee (Dennis) of Statesboro; brother-in-law, Ricky Coleman of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Canady Cole and Ava James Allmond and Waylon Reid Phillips; nieces, nephews and extended family.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Susan Christine Johnson Brinson, 59

Mrs. Susan Christine Johnson Brinson, 59, of Swainsboro, passed away Sunday, March 12, 2023, at her residence following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 15, at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Edwin Taylor officiating. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery. The family received friends Wednesday, March 15, from 12 to 1 p.m.

Pallbearers were Don Gay, Richard Gay, Lincoln Gay, Logan Gay, Landon Gay, Tim Rich and Frank Nasworthy.

Susan was born March 14, 1963, in Swainsboro, to Betty Blackburn Johnson and Kenneth Johnson. She lived her childhood and adolescent years in Millen where she attended Jenkins County schools and Buckhead Academy. Susan was a Christian of Baptist faith. Her love for children was evident in her work with Jenkins County Elementary School. Susan worked with Ogeechee Behavioral Health. She had a great love for her family and friends. Her biggest delight was being "Gammy" to her granddaughter, Ellie and "Mama" to Arley and Tyler. Working in her yard and growing beautiful flowers



BRINSON

brought her much joy. Susan was never without fresh flowers from her husband, Randall. Mrs. Brinson is preceded in death by her father; and nephew, Jarad McNorrill.

Mrs. Brinson is survived by her husband, Randall Ray of Swainsboro; mother, Betty Johnson of Millen; son, Tyler Brinson of Millen; daughter, Arley Piper of Savannah; granddaughter, Ellie Escobar; sisters, Carol Gay (Don) of Millen and Lisa Rich (Tim) of N. Myrtle Beach, SC; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, P. O. Box 1525, Ranson, WV 25438.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Pruitt Hospice for their care of Susan.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

St. Philip Food Pantry distribution

St. Philip Center of Hope will be open for March distribution on Thursday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Paul Edward Williams, 75

Mr. Paul Edward Williams, 75, of Kite, passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Twin View Nursing Home following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 9, at 11 a.m. at Kite Church of God officiated by Reverend Morris Brantley, Mr. Johnny Claxton and Reverend Don Carroll. Interment followed at Kite Church of God Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Derick Hawkins, Jason Hawkins, Henry Wilkerson, Joey Claxton, Zack Walters and Nathan Meeks.

Mr. Williams was born February 24, 1948, in Kite, to the late Rufus Williams and Esther Claxton Williams. He was a member of Kite Church of God. Paul was a sweet and loving man. He loved to work on cars, trucks and anything he could repair. Paul would come home from work, eat, and fix vehicles until dark. When he wasn't working, he was fishing and hunting. Paul was always in church on Sundays. He was a family man, and always made sure his family had ev-



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everything they needed, but not always what they wanted. Paul's grandchildren were his heart. He didn't like to travel out of town, but the birth of his granddaughter took him to Statesboro, surprising his family. Paul was a caring man. If he saw someone on the side of the road, he never hesitated to stop and help them. Mr. Williams is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Vera Williams; and brother, Arthur Williams.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Ruth Williams of Kite; daughter, Holly Bennett of Kite; grandchildren, Christina Williams of Athens and Edward Bennett of Kite; sister, Lizzie Mae (Roy) Hawkins of Kite; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Holy Zion Church to hold youth revival

Youth Revival will be March 23, 24, and 26, with guest speaker Pastor Frank Bedford. Thursday, March, 23 at 7:30 p.m., guest churches will be Holy Zion Church of Statesboro, Jones Temple of Millen, Jones Temple Pentecostal Church of Metter, Living Way, Newton Grove, Mount Zion, Highpoint Temple, Mercer Grove, Triumph of Praise, and

Brinkson Rock. Friday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m., guest churches will be St. John, Ada Grove Pentecostal, New Hope Faith Mission, and St. John Baptist of all People. Sunday, March 26, guest speaker will be Evangelist Shirley Wadley with guest church Johnson Chapter House of Hope. Sunday School will be at 10:30 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Smith Grove Missionary Baptist Church to celebrate 18th Pastor Anniversary

Smith Grove Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their 18th Pastor Anniversary honoring Rev. and Mrs. Wilbert J. Kennedy Sunday, March 19, at 10 a.m. at 50 Mixon Rd., Swainsboro.

Everyone is invited to attend, and lunch will be served.

Cleaning gravestones demonstration scheduled

Anyone interested in learning the proper way to clean a gravestone is invited to a demonstration at Oak Chapel Cemetery on Saturday, March 18, at 10 a.m. Lillian Wingate, Regional Genealogy and Local History Coordinator, will be doing the DO's and DON'Ts of gravestone cleaning. She will demonstrate what is safe to use to keep from damaging the stone. Some gravestones can be cleaned by using water and a soft scrub brush. Lillian

welcomes anyone who would like to participate in the cleaning of stones, so go on out to 28 Oak Grove Chapel Road near Kite, take your lawn chair, and learn something new. You are asked to wear closed toe shoes and long pants.

For more information about this and other Genealogy classes coming up, call Franklin Memorial Library at 478.237.7791 or check out their Facebook page. You may also contact Lillian Wingate at lilliw@strl.com.

Daughtry speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, March 7, 2023. With President Tammy Allen presiding, there were 17 members in attendance. Club members shared information about the loss of their good friend and Kiwanis member, Ruby Virginia (Ginny) Lockhart Smith. The 16-layer chocolate cake, donated by Sondra Fortner was won by Sondra Fortner. The Domino's pizza donated by Domino's Pizza was won by Jill Briercheck.

The program for the evening was hosted by Jim Daughtry, who entertained guests with commentary about his "Last Coon Hunt in Stillmore." In his story, Daughtry explained that he was accompanied by a few of the elite citizenry of Stillmore, some of whom were his relatives. Taking place sometime in the 60's, the hunt involved dogs, guns, windshields being shot out of a truck, at least one participant being shot by accident, and expansion of the coon hunt into a possum hunt. No one was arrested, but it did end up in court. Since this was the 60's and the story was so convoluted, no one was

charged or fined. Petite Garrett used the Kiwanis spotlight to honor the memory of Ginny Smith. Smith hosted numerous events at her home, taught kindergarten, first grade and fourth grade for 40 years in the Emanuel County School System and sang in the Methodist Church choir. She and her husband Dess enjoyed many RVing trips around Georgia and the US for 46 years. They have camped in all 48 contiguous states.

If you would like to become a member of the Kiwanis Club, please contact their membership chair Jane Durden at 478-494-4113 or e-mail

her at hsdurden@bellsouth.net. Also, if you would like more information about the Club and the many community service projects that

they do each year, go to their Club website at <http://www.swainsborokiwanis.org> or to their Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.



KIWANIS MEMBERS TAMMY ALLEN AND JIM DAUGHTRY



KIWANIS MEMBERS TIM GOODMAN, CHERYL GOODMAN, WANDA ELLIS AND TAMMY ALLEN PARTICIPATE IN READ ACROSS AMERICA

Time to check your love gauge

Sometimes we just need to check the basic things in life. You know the things which you have heard and been reading all of your life. The things which you have been practicing but don't frequent the manual because you just know that you have it together.

Well, I was reminded this morning of checking my love gauge. When we say we love, are we loving our way or by our standards of Love? Since we didn't create love, we must go to the one who is Love to measure our love gauge. I John 4: 7,12 & 16 tells us that, "God is Love". So, let's see what Love

says about love. Are you ready to see where you stand? I found out that I was not up to standard with God's love, so I am striving for perfection.

I will use the English Revised, Easy Read, and King James Versions of the bible in I Corinthians chapter thirteen to measure the qualities of God's Love through his Word.

- Love is patient
- Love is kind
- Love does not envy
- Love does not boast, brag not proud. (does not pat itself on the back)
- Love is not arrogant
- Love is not rude
- Love doesn't insist

on it's own way. (Not selfish)

- Love is not irritable
- Love works no ill to his neighbor. (Romans 13:10)
- Love is not resentful. (doesn't keep records of wrong, it is forgiving)
- Love never rejoices in wrong.
- Love rejoices in the truth.
- Love bears all things. (it never gives up on people.)
- Love believes all things. (Never stop trusting)
- Love never loses hope
- Love endures all things. It never quits.
- LOVE NEVER



BISHOP JONES ENDS

All gifts will come to an end but love never ends. These three will continue; faith, hope and love but the greatest of these is Love. So keep these measurements to check your gauge regularly so we can truly say "I love you".

St. Philip Food Pantry distribution

St. Philip Center of Hope will be open for March distribution on Thursday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Summertown Food Pantry distribution

Summertown Food Pantry distribution will be Saturday, March 25, at Summertown Baptist Church from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are invited, and anyone wishing to volunteer is welcome and appreciated.

The Second Union Missionary Baptist Association to hold 2023 Adjourned Session

The Second Union Missionary Baptist Association will hold its 2023 Adjourned Session on March 25, 2023, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Association Center. The Center is located on 296 Oak Grove Church Road, Swainsboro. Speaker for this event will be Reverend Benjamin J. Martin, Pastor of the Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Tennille, Georgia. Everyone is cordially invited to join for praise and worship. Reverend Doctor E. Muriel Bell serves as the Moderator and Reverend Melvin Adams, Jr. serves as the Vice-Moderator.

Claxton Reunion planned

Plans are being made for the 2023 Claxton Reunion for May 7, at Gumlog Baptist Church in Kite. Save the date and plan to attend. For more information, contact Johnny Claxton, President, at 478.455.0465.



WATT LEADS HAYNES INTO THE MEETING

Haynes speaks at Kiwanis convention

The keynote speaker at the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis Mid-Year Convention was Tommy Z. Haynes. Haynes was the Track and Field Captain at the 1976 Olympics.

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Miriam
Exodus

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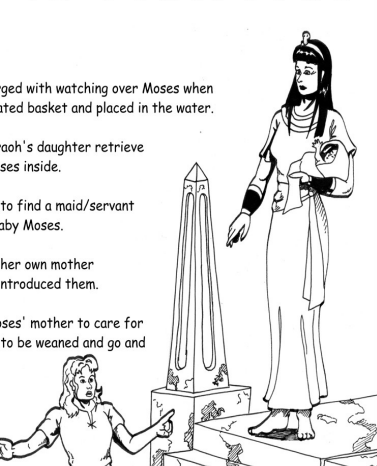
It was Miriam who saw Pharaoh's daughter retrieve the basket and discover Moses inside.

It was Miriam who offered to find a maid/servant to nurse and care for the baby Moses.

It was Miriam who brought her own mother to Pharaoh's daughter and introduced them.

Pharaoh's daughter paid Moses' mother to care for him until he was old enough to be weaned and go and live in Pharaoh's palace.

Exodus 15 records a song that Miriam sang and led the women to sing.



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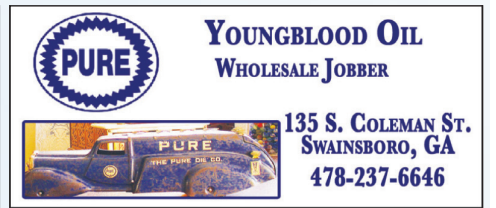
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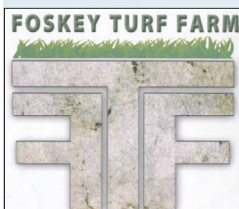


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Projects worth finishing

Mid-March is a strange time. It's not quite one and not quite the other. Spring is poking its head around the corner every few days, but the season of renewal is not quite sure it's ready to commit. Winter surely has one last cold surprise planned. But thankfully the azaleas and dogwoods are blooming with a promise that our heating bills may soon be shrinking. Along with all of this comes the natural human urge to get outside and get busy. Cleaning, planting, cutting, pruning, painting, fixing; it's all good, productive exercise. Good for the mind, body and soul. All those old, unfinished projects from the past just kinda drag you down, don't they?

Well, as a matter of fact, the City of Swainsboro

has a few projects just like that. Back in 2014, the Karrh family generously donated the old downtown movie theater built in 1934 to the City of Swainsboro. During the next few years, a planning group of varied citizens got started, and an executive council with a chairperson was formed. Fund-raising efforts were successful enough to come up with the private donations needed to move things ahead with the first phase of planning, design and construction. More than 300 interested citizens supported the idea of turning the old theater into an ultra-modern entertainment facility. They demonstrated that support with their own money, and the City Council voted to get behind the project too. So, after a

great start and almost 2 years of steady progress, what happened? You might ask. Not surprisingly, the answer lies in the upheaval caused by the Covid epidemic, but also by the unpredictable, fickle nature of politics. The city council voted to suspend work on the theater project, and for a little over a year, things stood still. Disagreement and Hibernation happened. Then, in November of 2020, council voted a second time to support the theater project as well as the restoration of another city building, the old Swainsboro Elementary school gymnasium. From that point, both projects moved forward with significant activity including structural improvements, HVAC, and plumbing until the end of 2021.

Since then, both projects continue to try to raise funds but not much progress has taken place. Both projects are at substantial stages of completion thanks to the efforts of local citizens. Both projects continue to have tremendous potential, but both projects require guidance, direction and the involvement of our local government. The need for both of these projects has been demonstrated repeatedly by surveys and polls that list the lack of programs and activities available for our young people as a serious detriment to our community. This is true today in many rural areas like ours. The theater project would directly address this problem, and provide a gathering place and a venue for events featuring state of the

Charles Schwabe



art sound and visual-effect experience. Not only would it provide first run movies in an upscale, comfortable setting, but it would also be a focal point for live performances and special events from all sides of local life. The gymnasium project would serve as a center for the extension of educational opportunity, goal-direction, and career building skills along with personal growth and community involvement. It would also address the ever-growing need for recreational and leisure activities. In short, both of these projects would

open eyes and minds to new possibilities and opportunities not just for the young, but for all ages. I was recently very encouraged to see that City Council voted to allocate funds from ARPA grants and other non-tax revenues toward finishing these two projects. They both would certainly provide benefits for our community for generations to come. These are things that need to be finished, and we respectfully encourage the City to get it done. It would be good for the mind, body and soul of Swainsboro.

My President

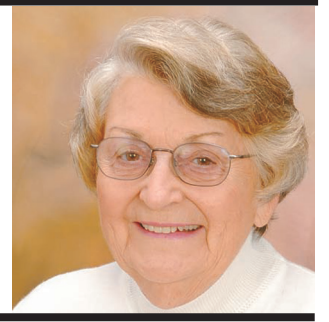
From the peanut fields of South Georgia to the statehouse and into the White House, I have watched the political life of this compassionate and faithful Georgian. When my granddaughter, Allison, was in grade four, she was assigned to make a poster of a president. She complained that everyone was choosing Washington or Lincoln. She wanted someone different. I suggested she make her poster of Jimmy Carter and offered the clippings I

had saved since his first campaign. When I brought out my files, she was excited to make the poster. On the day it was presented, the teacher and class claimed it to be best of all and A+. From that day forward, she treasured everything she saw or heard about the thirty-ninth President of the United States. I enjoyed and shared her zeal. I learned that on Sundays when he was at home in Plains, he taught a Bible class at his home church. I knew this would make a memora-

ble trip for grandmother and granddaughter. At the beginning of summer vacation, we headed to Plains with an overnight stopover in Norristown with Aunt Iris and Melvie Stephens. When we arrived the next day in the President's hometown and checked into the B & B, we asked if he would be in Plains for the Sunday service "Oh yes", she replied, "He was in here just a while ago." and she gave directions to the Maranatha Baptist Church. This small coun-

try church was several miles out of town. Many people were gathered there including a van of secret service agents. We were lucky and found seats on the second pew right behind Rosalynn. The side door opened, and in walked the former president with his famous big smile. He read the familiar Bible story of Joseph in Egypt and then enhanced the Biblical reading. He added, "Jacob and his sons and daughters did not recognize Joseph". In a very audible voice, Allison declared, "He didn't have any daughters." President Carter

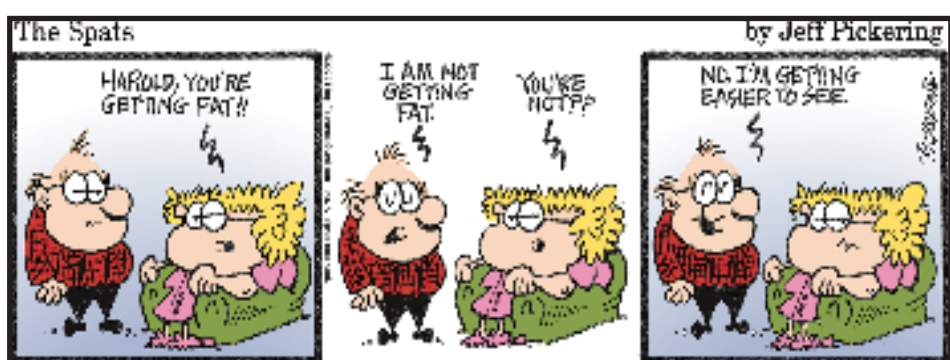
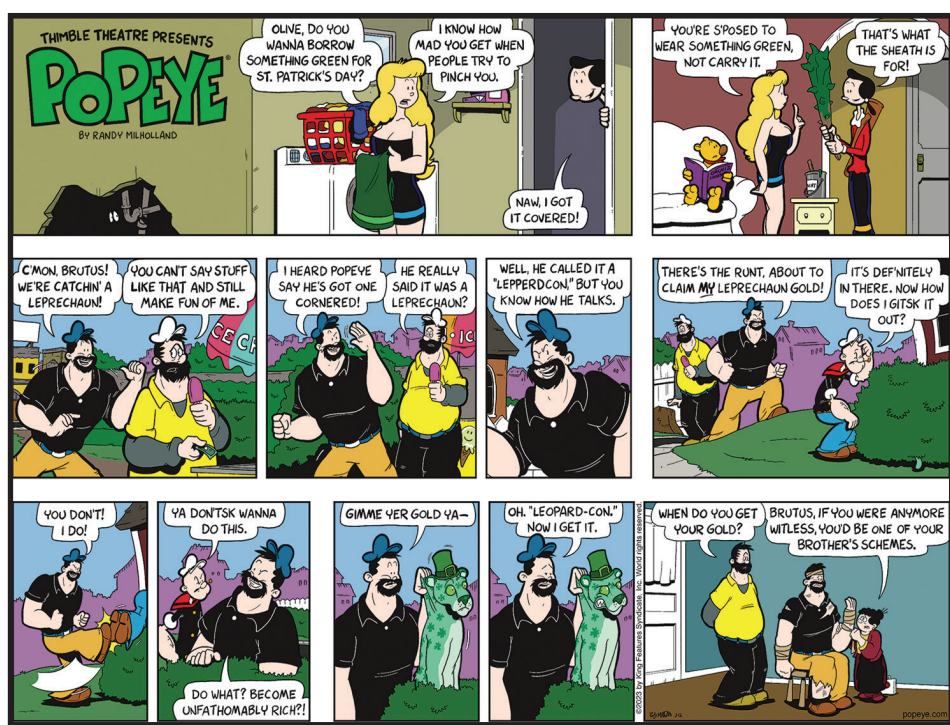
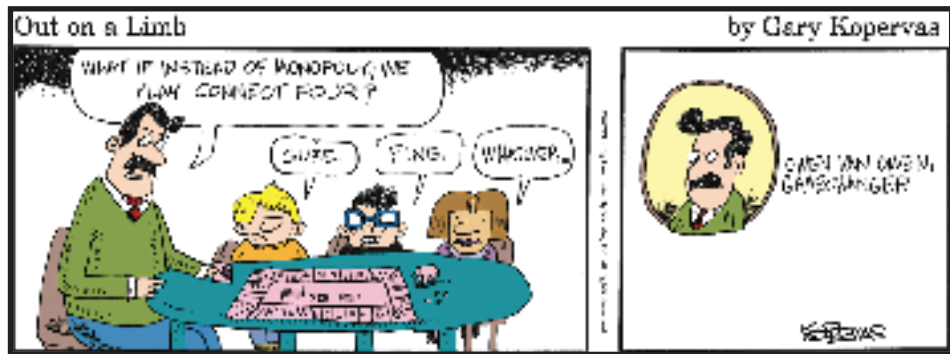
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was stunned and took a minute to return to his composure. "You probably have not heard names of the daughters, but if he had all these sons, then he surely had some daughters also." I cringed and hoped this was the end, but Allison adamantly said, "No he didn't." I warned, "Allison if you say another word, we are leaving." Gracefully, he continued and Allison said no more. After the

service, we were invited to go outside and have a picture made with him. After many threats from grandmother and promises of silence from granddaughter, we had our treasured picture made with him. When Allison stepped up for the photo, he put his arm around her shoulder and said, "Here is my little sweetheart who knows her Bible stories." Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com

Editorial Cartoons



A town of sweet memories

There was only one traffic light in town, and if by chance you blinked your eyes, you would have missed the little town of Garfield completely. When our family lived on the outskirts of Garfield, we thought it was the greatest place on earth to live, but we never had anything else to compare it with because Garfield was all we knew back then as children. Each day was a new adventure. There was always the family dog with us, nipping at my ankles, and my sisters, as we walked over well-worn paths searching for tart blackberries and sweet wild plums... we were always hungry. The sun was warm on our freckled sunburned faces and our feet felt wild and free as they were not confined to store purchased shoes during the summer. Mama seemed to always be hovered over the cookstove preparing fried chicken and chocolate cake. It would be twenty years later before I could experi-

Ronnie Johnson



ence Italian food or tasty, fried shrimp and other seafood because our dad was strictly a hardcore southern gentleman who would never venture away from the food he enjoyed as a child and grew up on. We spent a lot of time on the front porch shelling butterbeans and peas during the day and at night watching the moon and stars while daddy frightened us to death with his believable ghost stories of ghouls and headless creatures. Clocks and timepieces were never used - everyone went by sun time. The old timers could tell you almost to the minute when it was dinner time or it was six o'clock in the evening and time to knock off for the day. Our dad could smell mama's fried chicken from across the cornfield and never bothered to check the sun's position in the western sky. He

had a gut feeling it was time to go home because mama's fried chicken was calling him. After supper, night was closing and the dishes were washed and dried, and the chickens had gone to roost. You could almost hear the green corm grow as it snapped, popped and cracked in the corn field nearby. Toward the west, the silent silver moon hung over Garfield, giving natural light for Franklin Toole and Claudia Johnson's mercantile stores to close for the night. After all, tomorrow will be another day. We went to bed early that night just to hear the soft summer raindrops on the tin roof, and to dream of going to the maple hole the next day, where the water is cool, refreshing and extra special for swimming and celebrating the 4th of July with a picnic on the ground.

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ECI FBLA attends State Conference

Twelve ECI FBLA members attended the Georgia FBLA State Leadership Conference in Atlanta on March 9-12, 2023. Congratulations to FBLA members for a very successful State Leadership Conference.

During the conference, members competed in various events, served as Student Ambassadors, attended numerous leadership classes, served as voting delegates, and participated in the March of Dimes Monopoly tournament. While not in session, the members enjoyed exploring The World of Coke, The Yard, and many other iconic locations in downtown Atlanta.

The chapter received awards, including being named a Superior Gold Chapter in the Chapter of the Year program.



PICTURED 1ST ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: LILY KATE ROBERTSON, PARKER FREDERICK, NATALEIGH BELCHER, ANSLEY MOXLEY, WILL TAYLOR, AND BRAILEY RADFORD.

PICTURED 2ND ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: EMMI LAI TYAM, ALAINA CONLEY, MACKENZIE DAVIS, WILL SASSER, WALLEE KERSEY, AND BLAKE LIBRIZZI

They then received 8th overall chapter in Division 2 of the Chapter of the Year Program. They also were recognized for the 100 Member Club.

Brailey Radford re-

ceived 8th place in Client Service. Lily Kate Robertson and Parker Frederick were awarded plaques Friday evening for serving as Georgia Region 4 officers for the

2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Smith stated, "I am extremely proud of this group of students; they have worked very hard to ensure success in their competition especially!"

A SHOWROOM FULL OF FLOORING OPTIONS



Eight ECI students commit to the United States Marine Corps

Congratulations to these students for signing up for the United States Marine Corps! Caleb Myers, Dean Woods, Ty Charles, and Chiara Boatwright have committed, been assigned jobs, and given their ship date. Kaelyb Moak, Blake Hughes, Tal Willis, and Gartrell Brown have signed up and are pending final documentation. Congratulations again to these Bulldogs on making the brave decision to join our Armed Forces!



IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, THESE STUDENTS PICTURED HAVE COMMITTED TO THE U.S. MARINES CORPS; CALEB MYERS, DEAN WOODS, TY CHARLES, CHIARA BOATWRIGHT, KAELYB MOAK, BLAKE HUGHES, TAL WILLIS, AND GARTRELL BROWN

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Bulldogs begin region play this week

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

The ECI baseball team will start region play this week in a 3-game series against McIntosh Co. All the region games this season will be home and away 3-game sets in the same week.

The Bulldogs geared up for the 3-game region sets last week by playing Metter on Tuesday and a double header against the Tigers on Thursday.

With a bat-wide strike zone in the Tuesday game, both teams combined for 28 strikeouts, 13 by Bulldog pitchers and 15 for Metter hurlers.

The game was tied 1-1 on two solo homers by each team. Coney started the scoring for Metter in the first inning with a solo shot.

Hudson Henry evened the score with another HR in the bottom of the second inning for the Bulldogs' only run of the game. ECI lost to the visiting Tigers 8-1 on timely hits and 3 costly Bulldog errors.

The Bulldogs managed just 4 hits against Metter with Bryce Kearson, Jack Walden and Tuff Boddiford getting singles along with Henry's homerun.

Lawson Mercer started on the mound for ECI giving up 8 hits, striking out 10 Tigers, allowing just 1 earned run. Jacob Durden gave up 3 hits in relief and Charlie Rehberg closed the final 2 innings not allowing a hit.

The Bulldogs were on schedule to host Metter again on Thursday, and end the week in Metter for the third game Friday. With looming rain on Friday afternoon, the game was moved to Metter on

Thursday for a double header.

The Bulldogs got a early first inning 1-0 lead.

Bryce Kearson toed the rubber in the first game Friday and had one of those innings you'd like to forget. Metter teed off in the first inning with 5 hits and 4 walks to take a 6-1 first inning lead.

Kearson found his mark in the second, only allowing 6 more hits the rest of the game.

After spotting the Tigers 6 runs in the first, the Bulldogs fought and scratched their way to tie the game 7-7 in the top of the seventh inning on a Henry 2-run shot for his second HR of the week against the Tigers. Lawson Mercer also found the fence with a 2-run homerun in the top of the fifth inning.

Metter took the game in the bottom of the seventh on a walk-off single, winning their second game against the Bulldogs 8-7.

Kearson went the distance for ECI allowing 11 hits while striking out 6 Tiger batters.

The Bulldogs had 10 hits during the game. Gabe Lee had 3 hits, with Henry and Jacob Durden ending the game with 2 hits. Rehberg, Boddiford and Mercer had the other 3 hits for ECI.

The third bout between the Bulldogs and Tigers would be a game of attrition, with both teams putting 9 different pitchers on the mound.

The game went into extra innings late in the evening with neither team able to hold the lead. The Bulldogs won the third game of the series 10-9 in the ninth inning.

The Bulldogs took an early first inning lead on singles by Kearson, and Mercer, a double by Henry, with a couple walks thrown in to lead 4-0.

After scoring 1 in the first, Metter drew closer with 3 in the third with ECI still leading 4-3.

The score remained the same until the top of the sixth when the Bulldogs added 2 more runs for a 6-3 lead.

Leading 6-3 in the bottom of the seventh, the Bulldogs let the Tigers back in it. ECI didn't allow any hits in the inning, but Metter tied the game on 6 walks for a 6-6 score at the end of regulation.

With Mercer and Henry on in the top of the eighth inning, Boddiford cleared the bases for the freshman's first homerun to put the Bulldogs up 9-6.

With 2 outs in the bottom of the eighth, the Bulldogs once again gave Metter life with 4 more walks, a hit batsman and a single as ECI gifted the Tigers 3 runs to tie the score 9-9 after 8 innings.

The Bulldogs put the winning run on the board in the top of the ninth inning on a Gabe Lee single giving ECI a 10-9 win.

The Bulldogs had another 10-hit game. Henry still menaced the Tigers with 3 hits. Kearson had 2 hits. Five other Bulldogs had one hit each.

Jacob Durden went 6 innings for the Bulldogs giving up 6 hits, 3 runs, striking out four.

The 3 games against McIntosh began yesterday, Tuesday, with ECI hosting the Buccaneers at Joe Harvey Field and will end Friday night in Darien with a double header to begin at 4:00.



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SHS Baseball update

by HAROLD SCOTT

The Tigers baseball team won two games and lost one last week to move their record of 7-5 on the season. Monday, March 6, the Tigers defeated Toombs County 1-0. On Tuesday, the Tigers lost 12-4 to Statesboro, and on Wednesday, March 8, the Tigers defeated Vidalia 12-2.



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The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

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An optional pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00AM on March 23, 2023, at the Emanuel County Commissioner's Office (101 North Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia). Project scheduling, coordination requirements, and questions of interpretation will be addressed at this time.

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ECI'S WRESTLING TEAM

ECI Wrestling completes second season

The ECI wrestling team recently completed their second season. This season saw lots of growth and improvement for the team. Their record improved from 6-13 in their initial year to finishing strong with a winning season of 18-9. These wins were against other 1-A schools like Bryan County, Treutlen County, and Metter, and much bigger schools like Burke County, Houston County, and Statesboro. The team also saw a few other successes within the program. This year, both a middle school team and a girls' team were added. The middle school wrestlers traveled to Toombs County for the Middle School All-Area Tournament. The following students medaled in their weight class: Turner Bryant won gold, and Tucker Bryant, Braylin Lanier, and Lane Vanhorn all earned silver medals. The girls' team had a total of five wrestlers. Lilly Hammond and Destine Hirschy

competed at the Area Tournament, with Destine advancing through Sectionals and on to State. Destine battled it out at the State Tournament to place 4th in her weight class against girls from 1A to 7A. The girls are excited to have their own GHSA-sanctioned division next year. This means that girls will only wrestle against other girls. Many of these athletes earned recognition as All-Area 3A athletes. Students in All-Area 3A 1st team were Jacin Zamora, Joseph Conner, Heath Davis, and Jordan Handsom. Students in All-Area 3A 2nd team were: Gaven Simmons. All-Area 3A Honorable Mentions were: Clayton Stripling, Jacob McBride, Gage Gay, Jesse Hirschy, and Jaden Handsom. Not only are these athletes putting in the work on the mat, but also in the classroom. Jacob McBride was named an All-Area 3A Academic Wrestler with Honors. This honor is for those

who have a 4.0 average. Earning All-Area 3A Academic Wrestler with a 3.0 or higher average were the following: Destine Hirschy, Gaven Simmons, Jesse Hirschy, Samuel McBride, Clayton Stripling, Gage Gay, Haven Davis, Joseph Conner, and Jordan Handsom. This year also saw the addition of Mat Dogs, a wrestling program for students in grades 1st-5th. Through the program, 33 young wrestlers came out and began learning all about the sport. These students were encouraged by the middle and high school athletes as they learned the basics. The ECI Wrestling team had a very successful season. The coaches and athletes are grateful to the parents, teachers, and community members who support them by coming out to watch matches, supporting fundraising efforts, and providing the needed supplies for each match. Wrestling at ECI is not just as a sport; it's a FAMILY.

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DEA baseball is underway

Spring sports at David Emanuel Academy are underway, and the Eagles baseball team is starting off strong with an overall record of 3-3 against some tough competition. The Eagles' first game was against Bible Baptist on February 27th. This game was neck and neck, going into 8 innings, with DEA falling 6-4. In this matchup, Tucker Free went 1 for 3 and scored 1 run, Richard Braddy had a walk, scored once, and pitched, recording 1 strikeout. Sailor Powell walked, scored 1 run, and pitched, recording 2 strikeouts. Cavan Calhoun walked twice, scored once and pitched for 3 innings striking out 4 batters. Riley Griner pitched for 2 innings and had 2 strikeouts, and Layton Terwilliger pitched 1 inning and recorded 2 strikeouts.

On February 28th, the David Emanuel Academy Eagles baseball team battled the Fullington Academy Trojans, winning 6-0. Cavan Calhoun went 1 for 3 with a double and scored a

run. Clayton Hood hit 2 doubles, stole 1 base, and scored 3 runs while also pitching 3 innings and striking out 6 batters. Brody Flemming went 3 for 3 at the plate and scored 2 runs while pitching for 3 innings and earning 6 strikeouts. Sailor Powell went 1 for 1 with a double, and Riley Griner also had a double.

The Eagles traveled to Savannah to take on the Habersham Patriots on March 2nd. DEA won big with a score of 18-2. Cavan Calhoun went 1-4 at the plate, scored 1 run, and pitched 3 innings, striking out 5 batters. Clayton Hood went 3-4 with a double and scored 1 run. Brody Fleming went 2-4, hitting a double and a homerun. Riley Griner went 2-4 at the plate and scored twice. Jaxson Wiggins went 2-2 and walked twice, scoring 4 runs. Judd Wilkes walked 3 times and scored 3 times. Jay Carter went 1 for 2, walked once, and scored twice. Peyton Templeton walked once and scored once while pitching for

1 inning and getting 1 strikeout. Nolan Powell also pitched for 1 inning, and he recorded 3 strikeouts. Sailor Powell went 1 for 2 and scored once, and Cooper Riner and Bryan Beasley also scored 1 run apiece.

The next day, the DEA baseball team traveled to Macon to play the Covenant Rams. This game was very close and even went into 8 innings, but the Eagles did not leave victorious, losing 3-2. Clayton Hood went 1-4 at the plate with a double and pitched for 3 innings getting 4 strikeouts. Jaxson Wiggins went 1-4, and Cooper Riner went 1-1. Judd Wilkes scored once and stole 2 bases, and Tucker Free also scored once. Brody Fleming pitched 4 innings and struck out 6 batters, and Riley Griner also pitched and had 1 strikeout.

On March 6th, the Eagles traveled to St. Andrews in Savannah and lost 16-1. Cavan Calhoun went 1 for 2 at the plate and scored 1 run. Brody Fleming went 1 for 2 and had a double. Jax-

son Wiggins went 1 for 1, and Judd Wilkes went 1 for 1 with a double. Riley Griner recorded 3 strikeouts and Jay Carter had 1 strikeout.

Even though the Eagles had a hard loss against St. Andrews on their field, they were able to beat them at home in Stillmore on March 9th with a score of 8-6. In this game, Cavan Calhoun walked once and scored 2 runs while also pitching for 3 innings and earning 6 strikeouts. Clayton Hood went 1 for 2 at the plate with a double. He also walked twice and scored 3 runs while pitching for 3 innings and striking out 3 batters. Brody Fleming went 3 for 3 with 2 doubles and scored 1 run while pitching for 1 inning and recording 3 strikeouts. Jaxson Wiggins went 2-3 with a double and walked once. Jay Carter and Layton Terwilliger both went 1 for 2 at the plate. Ethan Fields scored twice and walked twice. He also had 1 sacrifice bunt, and Tucker Free had 1 sacrifice bunt as well.

SHS Soccer update

by HAROLD SCOTT

The Lady Tigers soccer team record fell to 5-4. The Lady Tigers lost on Tuesday, March 7, to Dublin 4-2 and to Bacon County on Thursday, March 9, by a 5-0 score.

The boy's record drops to 0-8 after losing to Dublin 1-0 and Bacon County 9-0.

DEA vs Covenant tennis results

Ann Carol Daniel was defeated by Grace Cook 3-8; Peyton Free was defeated by Grace Douthit 2-8; Emma Taylor was defeated by Caroline Mercer 3-8; Jaylin Hall and Ashlyn Hall were defeated by Kerri Johnson and Riley Johnson 6-8; Kyli Bell and Emma Proctor defeated Sarah Hawkins and Abbie Brown 8-1; Riley Griner was defeated by Powell Fowler 6-8; Ebb McCullough was defeated by James Cook 2-8; Jesse Moore and Peyton Lee were defeated by Powell Fowler and James cook 6-8.

The final score was 3-13.

DEA vs Windsor tennis match results

Ann carol was defeated by Randi McMillan 6-8; Peyton Free was defeated by Reagan Tribble 3-8; Emma Taylor defeated Landry Bentley 8-5; Kyli Bell and Emma Proctor defeated Lana Baxter and Lily Carroll 8-2; Jaylin and Ashlyn defeated Karsyn Middlebrooks and Heidi Gladin 8-0; Ella Claire defeated Gracie swift 8-1; Riley Griner defeated Cameron Houston 8-2; Peyton Lee defeated Isaiah Wilson 8-0; Jesse Moore defeated Michael Simmons 8-0; Ebb was defeated by Cameron Houston 1-8.

The final score was 3-13.

Georgia Ag Week celebrates farmers' many contributions

Georgia farmers grow crops, livestock, and timber that feed, clothe and shelter us. That's why the Georgia Farm Bureau and other ag organizations across the state will observe Georgia Ag Week March 20-24 and celebrate National Ag Day on March 21. This year marks the 50th anniversary of National Ag Day, which is traditionally celebrated on or around the first day of spring.

"Not only do farmers keep us fed, clothed and housed, but they also provide habitat to wildlife on their farms while protecting soil and water resources using environmentally sustainable methods to grow their crops and livestock," said Robert Fountain Jr., Emanuel County Farm Bureau president. "During Georgia Ag Week, I encourage everyone to take time to think what their life would be like if we didn't have farmers."

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) statistics show Georgia farmers play a big role in feeding us. They are the top peanut producers in the United States growing almost half the peanuts grown in our country, with most used to make peanut butter and snacks. Georgia farmers lead the nation

in growing broilers, the chickens used to make our favorite chicken sandwiches, tenders and wings. In 2021, Georgia pecan growers led the U.S. in production of utilized pecans.

Georgia ranked second in production of watermelons and third in production of blueberries, cantaloupe and peaches, according to USDA data. The 2021 cash value of Georgia's onion crop was second in the U.S. while Georgia's sweet corn crop ranked third.

We can also thank Georgia farmers for growing cotton to clothe us and timber to house us. Georgia cotton farmers placed second in the U.S. in 2021 for both the quantity and cash value of lint and seed produced. Georgia consistently ranks as the top forestry state in the nation.

Agriculture contributed \$73.2 billion to Georgia's economy in 2021, according to the University of Georgia's Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development (CAED). Georgia's Top 10 commodities for 2021 were: broilers (\$4.2 billion); cotton (\$1 billion); peanuts (\$776.7 million); timber (\$660.6 million); beef (\$658.6 million); greenhouse nurseries (\$635.9 million); eggs (\$635.1 million); corn

(\$509.1 million); pecans (\$383.8 million); and blueberries (\$348.7 million), the UGA CAED reports.

Food and fiber production and the process of getting the raw materials to consumers contributed 340,827 jobs for Georgians in 2021, the CAED reports. Agricultural careers include crop and livestock research, engineering, precision ag specialists, software and IT work, agribusiness management, marketing, food product development and safety, processing, retailing, ag teachers, banking, bio-energy, livestock veterinarians and others.

Besides providing our basic needs and driving Georgia's economy, farmers also protect the environment. Farmers prevent soil erosion and water runoff by planting cover crops and using minimum tillage methods like no-till or strip-till to plant their crops. These conservation tillage methods reduce the amount of fuel farmers use and sequester carbon in the soil, reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Farmers use about 50% less fertilizer to produce a bushel of corn, wheat and soybeans than they did in 1980, the USDA reports. They're able to do this by using GPS, sensors, field mapping

software and tractors equipped with precision ag technology that allows farmers to apply only the fertilizer and crop protectants that they absolutely need to grow a healthy crop.

Since most Georgians are several generations removed from the farm, Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB) has prepared several videos that provide insight into Georgia agriculture. If you are interested in learning more about the crops and livestock grown in Georgia visit <https://gfb.ag/gaagvideo>. If you would like to meet a Georgia strawberry farmer visit <https://gfb.ag/strawberryfarmer>.

ABOUT GEORGIA FARM BUREAU

Georgia Farm Bureau is the largest general farm organization in the state. As a membership-driven, nongovernmental organization, GFB serves as the voice of Georgia farmers and rural Georgia by advocating for them on legislative issues, promoting Georgia commodities and connecting consumers with agriculture. GFB also offers its members a wide variety of benefits, including insurance, travel and auto discounts. Enrollment in any of the member benefits is optional and not a requirement for membership.

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The public is hereby notified that Kimberly Christian has applied to the Office of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners for a license to sell Beer & Wine C.O.P. & Liquor By The Drink, in the County of Emanuel, State of Georgia, at the following address: 823 Stevens Crossing Road, Midville, Ga 30441.

The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing into the merits of this application at the meeting room of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners in Swainsboro, Emanuel County Georgia at 6 o'clock P.M. on the 20th day of March, 2023.

The public is further notified that the Board of Commissioners will conduct an informal hearing in order to determine if the application meets the criteria and standards established by County Ordinance and by State Law. All interested parties, the applicant included, who wish to be heard on said matter should be present at said meeting to present any evidence they wish the Board of Commissioners to consider relative to the application. All persons wishing to be heard shall give testimony under oath, which will be recorded either by a licensed court reporter or notary public, all in compliance with the Emanuel County Code of Ordinances.

This 3rd day of March, 2023



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that Jeremy Williams has applied to the Office of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners for a license to sell Beer & Wine Retail, in the County of Emanuel, State of Georgia, at the following address: 586 Modoc Road, Swainsboro, Gaa 30401.

The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing into the merits of this application at the meeting room of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners in Swainsboro, Emanuel County Georgia at 6 o'clock P.M. on the 20th day of March, 2023.

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Nordson Tech Time Challenge comes to Emanuel County

You have learned about electromagnetic energy or the electromagnetic spectrum. Considering the world that we live in, please choose three types of waves from this spectrum and explain the impacts they have made on our population. Have they contributed in a positive way or negative way? If negative, please share how there might be ways to make changes in how they are used. Please include evidence to support your ideas.

This is the eighth-grade essay prompt that ECS students tackled during Nordson's Tech Time Challenge. Through the collaboration of ELA and Science

classes at Emanuel County Institute and Swainsboro Middle School, sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students completed essays using research in the areas of Science, Technology, Math, Arts, and Sciences (STEAM).

The Nordson Tech Time Team held an assembly at each school to engage all students in fun games to showcase students' STEAM knowledge and expose them to STEAM careers. Students participating received lots of prizes, including Amazon gift cards and T-shirts. All students in attendance received earbuds. The culminating event was the announcement of

three grand prize essay winners from each school, who received an iPad.

Sixth-grade winners are Tatum Matthews (ECI) and Karlie Bettencourt (SMS), seventh-grade winners are Avery Snellgrove (ECI) and Jada Wilkerson (SMS), and the eighth-grade winners are Slayden Lanigan (ECI) and Grayson Brasswell (SMS).

Nordson Corporation has been an outstanding partner in Emanuel County Schools. They have dedicated their time, energy, and resources to expose our students to the world of STEAM careers.



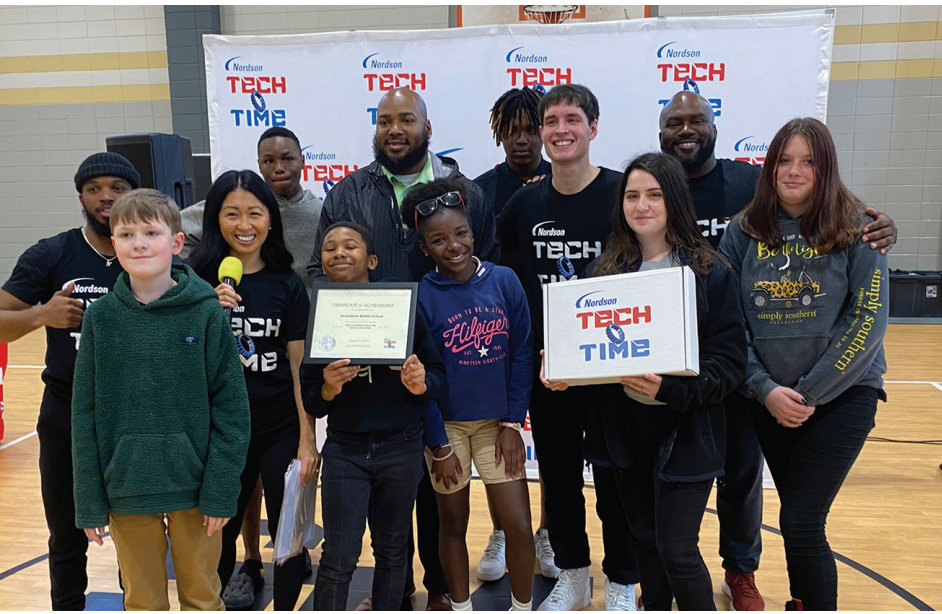
WADE JOHNSON WITH VALERIE DOUGLAS' KINDERGARTEN CLASS



MICHELLE MILLSAPS WITH JUDY GAY'S SECOND GRADE CLASS



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JOYCE CANNADY WITH HEATHER HODGES' FIRST GRADE CLASS

Durden Banking Company, Inc. participates in Read Across America Day at TCE

On Thursday, March 2, several employees took the opportunity to visit classrooms at TCE and share their love of reading with students. Mr. Wade Johnson,

President, and CEO of Durden Bank, read to Ms. Valerie Douglas's kindergarten class, Mr. Matt Donaldson, CFO read to Ms. Hannah Stewart's fourth grade

class, Ms. Michelle Millsaps read to Ms. Judy Gay's second grade class and Ms. Joyce Cannady read to Ms. Heather Hodges's first grade class.

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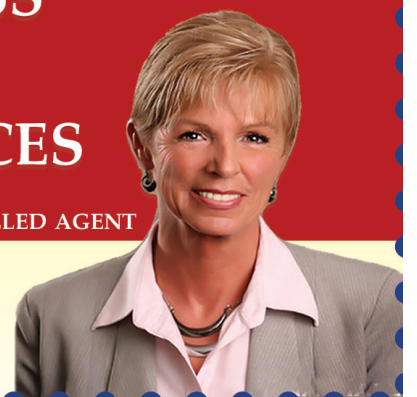
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Jail Report

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 (ECSO); Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRUI); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office (PROB).

Antonio Lequez Frazier, entered 3/6/23; Driving lic susp/rev/Other; released 3/6/23; SPD
 Rollie Lee Oglesby Jr, entered 3/6/23; Aggr assault/Crim damage

to prop-1st deg/VGCSA possession of marijuana/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act/VGCSA possession of drug related object; released 3/8/23; SPD

Joseph Charles Beavers, entered 3/6/23; Probation/Superior court

David Russell Mann, entered 3/6/23; Probation/Superior court; ECSO

Sandy Diallo, entered 3/6/23; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/Alcohol bev- underage/ consump/purch/furn/sell/VGCSA possession of drug related object; released 3/6/23; EGSC

Justin Lyle Wood, entered 3/7/23; Hold for Candler Co; CANDLER CO.

Charles Edward Fields Jr., entered 3/7/23; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; released 3/7/23; SPD
 Diamond Shitreall Williams, entered

3/7/23; Battery/Cruelty to children/Cruelty to children degree; released 3/8/23; SPD

Melissa Ann Herrington, entered 3/7/23; Probation/Superior court; ECSO

Rufus Lynnwood Hannah III, entered 3/8/23; Probation/Superior court/No insurance/Unregistered vehicle/Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/9/23; SPD

Elijah Carswell, entered 3/8/23; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; SPD

Shaquavius Por'Sche Whisby, entered 3/8/23; Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/8/23; ECSO

Joel Senati, entered 3/8/23; Driving while unlicensed/expired/Speeding 15-29 MPH over/No insurance/Improperly transferred tag; released 3/8/23; ECSO

David Alexander Rowland, entered 3/9/23; Probation/

Superior court; ECSO
 Matthew Shepherd Findley, entered 3/9/23; Driving lic susp/rev/Parole violation/Other; SPD

Christopher Lemar Carswell, entered 3/9/23; Driving lic susp/rev/Suspended registration; released 3/9/23; SPD

Corentius Damilkeith Wilcher, entered 3/9/23; COURT-brought in from another agency/facility; ECSO

James Oshon Phillips, entered 3/9/23; COURT-brought in from another agency/facility; ECSO

Charlie Fluellen Jr., entered 3/9/23; COURT-brought in from another agency/facility; ECSO

Keldrin Marquon Akins, entered 3/9/23; COURT-brought in from another agency/facility; ECSO

Barry Mondrelle Davis, entered 3/9/23; COURT-brought in from another agency/facility; ECSO

Micahel Brandon Morris, entered 3/10/23; Probation/Superior court; released 3/12/23; WALK-IN

Billy Ricks Sr., entered 3/10/23; Probation/State court/Middle Ga probation; SPD

Caleb Aaron Akridge, entered 3/10/23; Entering auto/Crim trespass; TCPD

Jadarius Mylik Williams, entered 3/10/23; Driving lic susp/rev/Failure to stop at stop sign; released 3/10/23; SPD

Jason Glenn Wilkerson, entered 3/10/23; Theft/shoplifting/Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/11/23; ECSO

Shayativia Money Young, entered 3/11/23; Theft/shoplifting; released 3/11/23; SPD

Jazzlynn Marie Banks, entered 3/11/23; Cruelty to children/Aggr battery/Obstr/ofc/Simp assault/Cruelty to children; SPD

Nancy Ducey Mason,

entered 3/11/23; Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/11/23; SPD
 Jaime Valentino Rodriguez, entered 3/11/23; Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/11/23; ECSO

Wenona Renee Blake, entered 3/11/23; Probation/Superior court/Probation/Superior court; SPD

Ariel Francesca Renee Stokes, entered 3/12/23; Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/12/23; ECSO

Jorge Arturo Mazon, entered 3/12/23; Driving while unlicensed/expired/Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 3/12/23; ECSO

Marcus James Montgomery, entered 3/12/23; DUI/refusal/Failure to maintain lane/Duty/stop at scene/hitrun/leave scene; released 3/13/23; GSP

Montana Michael Bruno, entered 3/12/23; Burglary/Crim damage to prop-2nd degree; SPD

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

March 3

Officer was on South Main Street and conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that came back uninsured. The driver's license came back suspended as well. Driver was placed into custody.

Officer was dispatched to North Coleman Street in reference to a dispute. Complainant stated that she and the offender are former co-workers and that they had been involved in an ongoing dispute. Offender had driven past c/p's residence often slowing down while passing.

Officer served a probation warrant at Best Western Inn. Offender was hiding in the laundry room of the hotel and was placed under arrest.

Officers went to South Main Street. Officers had an arrest warrant for offender, offender was placed under arrest.

March 4

Officers were dispatched to the Huddle House in reference to a loud group. According to c/p, the group of people that were sitting at the bar were so loud that workers couldn't hear other customers. Three in the group were arrested.

Officer responded to Liberty Street in reference to an AT&T truck running over a water meter. AT&T employee stated that he was working on the boxes in the area, and when he went to go to another box, that's when he ran over the water meter.

Officer responded to Dollar General in reference to a fight. Upon arrival, officer met with c/p who advised that offender called her name in the parking lot and when she turned to see who it was, offender hit her in the face. Officers were not able to find offender, due to her leaving on foot.

Officer was dispatched to North Main Street in reference to a dispute. C/p reported that on 2.23.2023,

the offender took \$200 worth of lottery tickets, but only paid \$80. C/p's claims kept changing and amounts were inconsistent. Offender stated that she had gone to turn in her keys and c/p immediately accused her of stealing. C/p had transaction history on her phone that supported her statements.

March 5

Officers were dispatched to N Anderson Drive in reference to a dispute between neighbors. C/p stated offender has been sending her threatening messages, but offender stated that it was c/p who was making remarks.

Officer was dispatched to Allen Street in reference to a damaged vehicle. C/p stated that he was driving on Modoc Rd when he struck a deer.

Officer was dispatched about a fight that previously occurred. They advised officer that c/p was on the way home and the offender was at the Rode Way Inn. Officer met with offender who gave a statement.

March 6

Officer initiated a traffic stop and offender was arrested for driving with a suspended license and failure to comply with an officer.

Officer arrested offender for aggravated assault, damage to property, and drugs.

Officer was dispatched to The Forest Blade in reference to a report. C/p stated that an employee's bicycle was taken. From the front stairs, and was seen at the residence next door by another employee over the weekend. It had gone missing again since then. Someone from next door stated that they would check camera footage and if they saw anything, they would call SPD.

Officer was dispatched to Marion Street in reference to a report. C/p stated that her and her boyfriend got into a verbal altercation. She stated that

she was tired of it and wanted him to leave.

Officer responded to South Main Street in reference to a dispute. Officer met with c/p/victim who stated his neighbor and coworker punched him in the face because he was talking about him. Victim was transported to the emergency room to be checked up on.

March 7

Officer was dispatched to Mcleod Bridge Road in reference to stolen tools. C/p stated that her weed eater had been stolen from her yard.

Officer was dispatched to Enmarket in reference to a report. C/p stated that a man stole food from the store valuing \$11.97.

Officer was dispatched to Kite Road in reference to a female who found damage to a vehicle and a note left on the vehicle. C/p found contact information on the vehicle. Offender was contacted and she returned to the scene.

Officer responded to West Pine Street in reference to someone receiving obscene text messages. Officer met with c/p who stated that a former friend had been sending her inappropriate messages even though she had asked him to stop.

C/p came into Municipal Court for a probation hearing. Her probation was revoked due to a violation of the probation. She was sentenced to 7 days at the Emanuel County Jail.

March 8

Units responded to Walmart in reference to an attempted shoplifting. Offender stated he thought he paid for his item. Walmart did not want to prosecute him. They wanted to ban him for 1 year. It was then learned that offender had an outstanding probation warrant for his arrest.


Officer noticed a plate with an outdated sticker, and initiated a traffic stop. Vehicle came back with invalid registration, no insurance, and a suspended license on the owner. Offender was arrested.

Officer was dispatched to Gumlog Road in reference to a dispute. C/p explained that offender took her phone and refused to give it back. C/p and offender have been in a long-term relationship and had many disputes and incidents.

Officers were dispatched to Gumlog Road for the theft of property and a firearm. C/p stated that the father of her children stole the firearm from her residence.

Officers responded to Hall's Minit Mart in reference to the front door being busted. Surveillance footage showed a man breaking in and stealing goods.

Officer was dispatched to Kite Road in reference to a combative 10-13 patient. Patient was unclothed and tried to fight with employees. Patient was arrested and was actively combatted while at the jail.




It is always wise to think before we talk and ask God to guide our words. And it is important to look to the Lord for insight before we leap into the unknown. It is certainly critical to pray before we proceed with any plan. If we ever fear we are failing it's time to fall on our knees and ask God to come to our rescue. Looking to the Lord for His directions will give us confidence that we are following His will for our lives and can then count on His presence. To make the right choice we must listen for God's voice.

Not only is God interested in who we are but what we do. He is no more interested in the missionary than he is the mechanic. He is no more concerned for a preacher than He is a politician. We read in His Word that "God so loved the world" - and that means everyone on it! That assures us that He has a plan for every life and will reveal His plan to those who willingly search for it and carefully follow it.

But one plan does not fit all any more than one size fits all. He has a different plan for each of us and various methods to speak to us. For some it may be a sermon, for others a passage of Scripture. He may speak quietly during a moment of worship or boldly during a time of sickness. We must always be alert for His voice. He constantly speaks to each of us and wants to lead us on the path He has designed for us. As He was with the Israelites then so He is with us now: "He guided with a cloud by day and light from a fire all night." His presence is constant. In daylight or darkness, He waits to be our guide.

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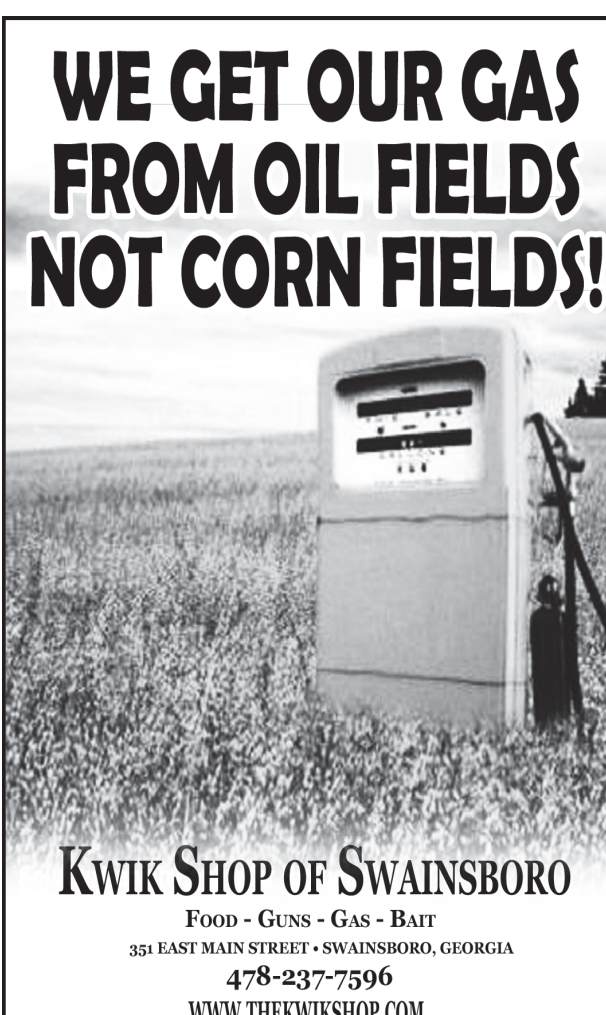
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Sheriff's Reports

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

March 6

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 West in reference to a tractor trailer blocking the roadway. Upon arrival, an unloaded log truck was observed blocking the westbound lane. Driver stated he missed a turn and was attempting to turn around when the truck got stuck in sand on the shoulder of the road. Truck was pulled out by a subject known to the driver, clearing the roadway.

Deputy met with complainant at ECSO about a lost tag. C/p stated his whole bumper with the tag on it was missing.

Deputy initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 23 for a seatbelt violation. Upon approaching the vehicle, an open container of alcohol was observed inside the vehicle and deputy could smell it coming from offender's breath. Offender advised he drank a beer and was asked to step out of the vehicle and to the rear at which point he was unsteady and propped up on the tailgate. Deputy returned to his unit and asked a trooper to meet him at the location. Upon arrival, offender was turned over to GSP. Offender willingly conducted a sobriety test and GSP advised he was under the legal limit of .07.

Deputy initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 57 West for no insurance and suspended tag. Vehicle was towed and offender was offered a ride back home but stated he would rather walk.

Deputy responded to New Life Rd. in reference to a 911 call that was determined to have been a child playing with a cell phone.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 56 North in reference to a male subject identified by complainant. Subject advised he was headed back to Coffee Co. and was given a courtesy ride to Enmarket.

Deputy met with complainant at ECSO about a letter he received from USSBA advising he was late on a payment for a loan. C/p stated he believes an unknown person has used his information to take out a small business loan because he does not own a Limo business. C/p stated he has been in contact with SBA to assist him in resolving the issue.

Deputy was called by jail staff and given a number to call in reference to a civil matter. Deputy called the number and spoke with complainant who stated she had been living with a friend on Walnut Rd. since November and he has been letting her stay there rent free in exchange for helping with the kids and cleaning up and buying groceries. C/p also stated suspect has been letting her borrow one of his vehicles and an argument occurred and suspect told c/p he wanted her out of this house and wanted his vehicle back. Dept advised c/p that suspect has to have her evicted and she needs to return the vehicle and not drive it without permission. Deputy responded to James Morris Rd. in reference to an alarm call. Residence appeared

secured and undisturbed with no contact with the key holder.

Deputy responded to Soring Lake Dr. in reference to reports of juveniles on a dirt bike tearing up the road and riding in the lake. Negative contact was made with the juveniles or the motorcycle. Complainant stated she met the motorcycle on the road and it almost hit her head on, and it was doing donuts in the road and spinning in the road causing damage to the road. C/p later confronted the juveniles when she spotted them tearing up the lake dam behind her residence. C/p stated they appeared to be around 13-15 and one of them lives in Swainsboro but does not know where the other one lives.

March 7

Deputy responded to Williams Rd. and met with complainant concerning a nuisance animal determined to be multiple dogs that killed several chickens and injured a donkey. Dogs were said to have entered onto the property several times prior and killed several chickens and some goats that belong to a neighbor. Deputy made contact with the dogs' owner and advised of the aforementioned incidents and the nature of the complaint.

Deputy met with complainant at ECSO in reference to a lost license plate assigned to a utility tow trailer. Deputy responded to Walnut Rd. in reference to someone trespassing. Deputy met with offender who stated she was in the process of moving from the residence and per court order, she had until noon on the 19th to move. Offender stated she is having issues with a daughter-in-law in regards to the property being bought by them. Deputy spoke with complainant who stated offender had rights to be in the residence until the 19th but she did not want them on other property which had been bought. C/p stated offender and her significant other had been riding all over the property and opening gates that were closed. Deputy explained to offender the issue with going on the property and she stated they would be out of the property as soon as possible.

Deputy was called to Braswell Blvd. in reference to a locked vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 56 North to assist EMS with the transport of a patient with mental issues.

March 8

Deputies were dispatched to Maple Ave. in reference to an irate female. Deputies met with complainant who stated her daughter was being irate and acting out. C/p stated her daughter went out on Saturday and when she returned, she has been acting irate like she has been high on drugs. Offender was not responding as far as being able to answer any questions. She could not sit still and kept walking down the street. EMS was also dispatched to check offender out. Deputies tried to make contact with offender's daughter but had negative contact after multiple attempts. APS was

notified.

Victim stated two pit bulls attacked seven of his calves on Scarboro Church Rd., valued at \$800 each.

Deputy responded to Old Wadley Rd. in reference to trespassing. Complainant advised that he has had people illegally hunting with dogs on his property. C/p stated he has livestock and heard dogs chasing his animals and after shooting a 12-gauge birdshot, he heard the dogs run back towards his neighbor's property.

Deputy observed a vehicle traveling 75 MPH in a 55 MPH zone, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. The driver informed deputy that he does not have a valid license, the passenger was intoxicated, and he was just driving to give her a ride home. Driver provided an ID card and deputy ran the vehicle through GCIC to find that the tag attached to the vehicle did not belong on the vehicle. Deputy was informed that the passenger was the owner of the tag and she had an active warrant for failure to appear. Deputy returned to the vehicle and asked the driver about the improper tag and he was informed by the passenger that the tag came off her mini cooper and she put it on the vehicle as she had just bought it. Deputy returned to his unit and ran the VIN of the vehicle to find that it no valid insurance or registration. Offender was transported to EmCo jail for driving with suspended license, no insurance, speeding, and improperly transferring a tag.

March 9

Deputy was dispatched to Dollar General in Lyons in reference to an employee making fraudulent transactions. Complainants stated an employee had been making fraudulent transactions since January and there are several videos, as well as printed out transactions, of proof from voided out items that were still bagged up and given away, ton items being returned that were never purchased, and items of higher value being scanned at lower prices. C/p stated the total was roughly around \$4,000 or more. C/p stated they spoke with offender and she got upset and asked if she could go smoke a cigarette, and walked out and sped off in her car. C/p provided deputy with a jump drive that consisted of several videos and a copy of one of the many fraudulent receipts. C/p also requested offender to be told that she was no longer allowed on the property. Deputy made contact with offender and asked if she could meet him and stated "for what" and hung up. Deputy tried to call back and she ignored the call.

Deputies were dispatched to Old Savannah Rd. in Adrian in reference to a crash called in by OnStar. Upon arrival, the vehicle was in the wood line off the road with extensive damage. The vehicle came back with no insurance and no tag displayed on the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle came back with suspended license. The vehicle was towed and the wrecker driver was

told not to release the vehicle until they contact ECSO.

Deputy met with complainant at E SO in reference to a deposit for \$1,880 going into her bank account and doesn't know why. Someone from Lending Club reached out to c/p and asked for her email address so he could send her documents on how to report this to their company. C/p went to her bank and was advised to close the account and get a police report. C/p stated she has been getting weird phone calls from San Francisco but she never answered them.

March 10

Deputies were dispatched to Grande Creek Rd. in reference to a single vehicle rollover.

Family member stated her two boys went missing from her friend's house. The boys were playing hid-and-seek when they got lost in the woods and ended up on Old Savannah Rd. at somebody's house and they took them back home.

Deputy assisted Oak Park and Swainsboro Fire Depts. with a shed fire on Harrington St. Complainant stated she left the house and when she got back, it was on fire. C/p stated she rents from victim and victim uses the shed to store items that belong to him.

Deputy made contact with complainant via phone in reference to a civil issue. Complainant stated he had been evicted and had until report date to remove his belongings and when he arrived to gather the last of his items, he found offender/ex-girlfriend had changed the locks on the residence.

Deputy was advised by victim that she received a text stating her EBT card was currently locked due to \$799.99 being used.

March 11

Deputy responded to Hwy 192 in reference to a theft.

Deputy was dispatched to Hwy 80 East in reference to a shoplifter. Complainant showed a video of a white male walking in the store grabbing a case of beer and walking out the door and getting in a vehicle and leaving the store. Deputy recognized the male subject from previous encounters. While deputy was speaking with c/p, offender returned to the store and returned to the vehicle before entering the store, and drove off. Deputy attempted to stop the vehicle but offender drove to a residence on Old Swainsboro Rd. Offender was placed under arrest for shoplifting and driving with suspended license, and transported to EmCo Jail. Offender then began to complain of diabetic issues and was released on citations and transported to Bulloch Co. line and turned over to Statesboro PD for holds they had placed for active warrants.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 East in reference to a two-vehicle accident with injuries. GSP was requested and responded for accident investigation. One of the injured was flown to Savannah.

Depute3is were dispatched to Hwy 57 West in reference to a suspi-

cious male walking in the area. Deputies traveled the area but did not locate anyone matching the description or any other persons walking along the roadway.

Deputy observed a vehicle traveling 73 MPH in a 55 MPH zone, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. The driver informed deputy that his license was in the trunk so deputy asked for his name and DOB. Upon running the vehicle, everything came back in order but offender's info returned no driver found. Deputy made a second approach on the vehicle and asked the driver to retrieve his license from the trunk as FL was returning that he did not have a valid license. The driver exited the vehicle and upon reaching the trunk, he stepped to the side and stated "I'm going to be honest with you, my license is suspended". Deputy asked for his ID and found that his license is suspended for failure to pay four traffic citations. Driver asked deputy if he would not arrest him in front of his kids and deputy advised that he would allow his wife and kids to drive away from the scene before he placed him in the patrol unit.

Deputy was called to Hwy 56 East in reference to a Lowe's truck hitting a power pole. Complainant stated the driver stopped and c/p's daughter attempted to talk to him but he would not speak and drove off.

Deputies responded to Hunnicutt Circle in reference to an unwanted person. Upon making contact with suspect, he was advised of the call and asked to leave the property.

Deputy met with complainant on Hwy 192 in reference to an unwanted person. TCPD answered previous calls concerning both parties. Complainant stated her daughter and boyfriend would not leave her alone. While on scene, contact was made with other parties and advised to stay away from the residence.

March 12

Deputy observed a vehicle traveling 81 MPH in a 55 MPH zone, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Deputy asked the driver for his license and he gave him an international license but no passport to go with it. Deputy advised offender that those licenses are no good and asked him to step out of the vehicle. Offender became argumentative and was placed under arrest and transported to EmCo Jail. Once at the jail, offender would not cooperate and told deputy he is racist and refused to sign the citations.

Deputies responded to South Old Reidsville Rd. in reference to several cows in the road. Owner was located and cows were relocated from the road.

Deputy responded to Hwy 1 North in reference to a goat in the road.

Deputy was dispatched to Hwy 46 East in reference to complainant stating an unknown person used two of her EBT cards for \$350.

Deputy was called to Hwy 80 East in reference to offender being on

scene and complainant wanting him gone. C/p stated offender rented a trailer from her but would not pay so he was evicted and went back and visited another tenant on the property. C/p stated offender has no business on the property.

Deputy observed a vehicle with an inoperable headlight, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Deputy asked offender for her license and she stated she left them in Dublin, but gave an ID card. Offender's license came back as being suspended as of September 2018. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputy was dispatched to Hwy 297 East in reference to a wreckless driver. Deputy did not observe the vehicle but while sitting there, a motorist pulled up and stated someone knocked the crossing arm down going onto I16. Deputy then called 911 and informed them to let DOT know about it. He then heard sirens and observed the described vehicle going up the ramp on Hwy 297 with a Treutlen Co. deputy behind it. The vehicle pulled over and deputy was advised that was the vehicle that he got the call on, and the one that knocked the crossing arm down. The vehicle had extensive damage and was smoking. Treutlen Co. deputy got the driver out and he was extremely intoxicated. Trooper arrived and took over the DUI. Offender was then transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputy was dispatched to Subway in Oak Park in reference to two females going inside stating a male was holding them hostage. 911 advised the male was outside in a vehicle and the females were hiding in the bathroom. Deputy approached the vehicle and got the male subject out of the vehicle and placed him in the rear of his patrol unit. Deputy then walked inside and spoke with the two females who stated they picked the male subject up in Atlanta at a bus station and was taking him back to FL. Adult victim and offender are boyfriend and girlfriend but stated when they picked him up, everything was fine. Offender took a nap and when he woke up, he started cussing and yelling. Adult victim stated she told offender she wasn't going to put up with it and he needed to get out of the car at the next exit. Victim stated she pulled into Subway and told him to get out and he wouldn't so she went inside and called 911. Deputy spoke with both females who stated they were not harmed or threatened and were not being held hostage, offender just wouldn't get out of the car. Deputy then advised offender he was free to go but he would have to find a ride to FL and he advised he had a friend he could call to pick him up.

Deputies were dispatched to East Norris St. in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, offender had left the area. Deputy spoke with complainant who stated her brother became verbally abusive towards her but nothing physical occurred.



REP. BUTCH PARRISH, MARLEY BROWN, AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE JON BURNS

News from under the Gold Dome

The Georgia House of Representatives reconvened for the ninth week of session and Legislative Day 28, otherwise known as Crossover Day, on Monday, March 6, 2023. Crossover Day is a crucial deadline for the House and Senate as this is the last day for bills to pass out of their chamber of origin to remain eligible for consideration this session, and as a result, the House took up legislation well into the night to send to our Senate counterparts. By the time we adjourned just before midnight, my colleagues and I passed more than 50 bills and resolutions in one day. Following Crossover Day, we continued to convene on the House floor throughout the week, where we passed a balanced state budget for the next fiscal year and heard Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs deliver the State of the Judiciary address.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget – Sent to the Senate

Each legislative session, the General Assembly has a constitutional obligation to pass a balanced state budget, and this week, the House of Representatives passed House Bill 19, or the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024) budget. The FY 2024 budget will go into effect on July 1 and is set at a revenue estimate of \$32.4 billion, which is \$2.2 billion, or 7.4 percent, more than the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023) budget. This budget reflects many of the House's priorities that focus on keeping Georgians safe, healthy, and prosperous, and I want to bring your attention to just a few of our major budgetary initiatives.

As usual, funding for education makes up more than half of the FY 2024 budget. Georgia's K-12 public school system would receive a record-setting \$13.1 billion to fully fund the Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula.

Provide substantial support for graduate and undergraduate medical education using a total of \$5.2 million for various residencies, training programs, medical school slots and fellowships

\$3.4 million would go toward supporting

loan repayment programs for providers practicing in rural areas

\$13.2 million to provide \$4,000 in targeted salary adjustments for state law enforcement officers across various agencies to help increase competitiveness with surrounding states

State employees and teachers would receive \$2,000 raises, and certain agencies that need additional support recruiting and retaining workers would be able to provide even higher raises for critical positions

\$2.7 million for a cold case specialty unit for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI)

\$1.5 million for 21 additional positions in the GBI Division of Forensic Sciences to address the backlog of firearm, chemistry and toxicology evidence processing

The state's 28 sexual assault centers would also receive \$2.5 million for dedicated sexual assault nurse examiner positions at each of these vital centers

The state's Medicaid program would receive a total of \$35.1 million for reimbursement rate increases for health care providers, including primary care, OBGYN, home and community-based services, speech pathology, audiology therapy and more

Medicaid program would also receive \$2.8 million to cover adult dental services to increase access to oral health care

Funding for Medicaid waiver program that provides incredible support to help those with intellectual or developmental disabilities to live and thrive on their own

\$2.25 million to increase staffing resources for the 988 suicide and crisis hotline

Now that the House has passed the FY 2024 budget, our Senate counterparts will begin making adjustments to this budget to reflect their priorities and help finalize the legislation. I will keep you updated as the full budget continues to make its way through the legislative process.

House Bill 538, or the Georgia Early Literacy Act, would require school systems to teach high-quality literacy instructional materials

in kindergarten through third-grade classrooms.

House Bill 462, or the "Raise the Age Act," would expand the jurisdiction of the state's juvenile court system to include 17-year-old Georgians who are charged with a crime.

House Bill 82 would create a new \$5,000 annual tax credit for physicians and dentists who decide to practice in a rural county in the next five years.

House Bill 196 to provide a better pathway for Georgians struggling with chronic diseases to have access to medical cannabis products.

We only have a handful of legislative days left in this session, and we will spend the remainder of our time considering bills that were passed by our Senate counterparts before the Crossover deadline. The House will also give final approval to House legislation that could undergo changes by the Senate in our last two and a half weeks. I encourage you to contact me regarding bills that may be up for consideration during these final days of the session before we complete our work on March 29.

I remain dedicated to serving your interests as your state representative, and I hope that you will contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the legislative session or with any proposals or recommendations for future legislation.

You can also stay in touch by visiting our website at www.house.ga.gov to watch a live stream of the House in action, as well as archived committee meetings, and review legislation that we are considering.

Follow me on Facebook for updates throughout the year.

Thank you for allowing me to be your representative.

Sincerely,
Representative Butch Parrish

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF CECIL BOWDEN, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 23E0025 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

JULIA ANN BOWDEN CALHOUN has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of CECIL BOWDEN 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 **MARCH 20, 2023**.

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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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by MELISSA HERRINGTON, AND LOUISE MOORE to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. in the original principal amount of \$86,224.00 dated January 27, 2010 and recorded in Deed Book 335, Page 115, Emanuel County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC in Deed Book 468, Page 237, Emanuel County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on April 04, 2023, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING, SITUATE AND BEING IN THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO, 53RD G.M. DISTRICT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, DESIGNATED AS LOT 39 AND THE EASTERN 20 FEET OF LOT 40, BLOCK "K", FIRST ADDITION TO GROVE PARK SUBDIVISION, FRONTING A DISTANCE OF 80 FEET ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF STEWART STREET F/K/A STUART STREET AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY DATED FEBRUARY 18, 1957, MADE BY J.D. MCLEOD, SURVEYOR, WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF CLERK, EMANUEL SUPERIOR COURT IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 19, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

SAID PROPERTY IS ALSO SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY DATED MARCH 1950 MADE BY FRANK J. FORD, SURVEYOR, WHICH IS RECORDED IN EMANUEL COUNTY RECORDS IN DEED BOOK DJ, PAGE 1A. SAID PROPERTY IS BOUNDED NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: NORTH BY LANDS OF RONALD PAUL FARMER AND SALLY BETH FARMER; EAST BY LANDS OF JEAN S. JONES; SOUTH BY STEWART STREET F/K/A STUART STREET; AND WEST BY LANDS OF ADA LEE CORRELL AND A.D. CORRELL TRUSTEES. SAID PROPERTY IS THE SAME AS THAT CONVEYED BY AN EXECUTOR'S DEED DATED MAY 15, 2001 FROM MICHAEL R. GRAY AND ROBERT L. GRAY AS EXECUTORS OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ROBERTA R. GRAY WHICH IS RECORDED IN EMANUEL COUNTY RECORDS IN DEED BOOK 160, PAGES 74-75. SAID PROPERTY IS THE SAME AS THAT CONVEYED BY A WARRANTY DEED DATED MAY 15, 2001, FROM MICHAEL R. GARY TO ROBERT L. GRAY, WHICH IS RECORDED IN EMANUEL COUNTY RECORDS IN DEED BOOK 160, PAGES 76-77. SAID PROPERTY IS THE SAME AS THAT CONVEYED BY A JOINT SURVIVORSHIP WARRANTY DEED DATED MAY 15, 2001 FROM ROBERT L. GRAY TO JUNE O. GRAY, WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF CLERK, EMANUEL SUPERIOR COURT, IN DEED BOOK 160, PAGES 78-79. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO ROBERT L. GRAY, JR. AND CHASITY O. GRAY UNDER A JOINT SURVIVORSHIP WARRANTY DEED DATED THE 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2007, WHICH DEED IS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 296, PAGES 394-396, AFORESAID CLERK'S RECORDS. SAID PROPERTY IS FURTHER SHOWN ON A PLAT PREPARED BY GEORGE WILLIAM DONALDSON, SURVEYOR, DATED DECEMBER 16, 2009, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE 143, AND REVISED ON JANUARY 13, 2010, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE 147, OF THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA. SAID PLAT SHOWS SAID PROPERTY AS CONTAINING 0.458 ACRE AND IS INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR A MORE FULL, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY.

Said property being known as: **237 STEWART RD SWAINSBORO, GA 30401**

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are MELISSA HERRINGTON, AND LOUISE MOORE or tenant(s). The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

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Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED

FOR THAT PURPOSE. LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, as Attorney-in-Fact for MELISSA HERRINGTON, AND LOUISE MOORE Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite 170 Duluth, GA 30097 Phone: 470.321.7112 Firm File No. 23-097124 – DaG

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY All creditors of the estate of George W. Hall, 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 21st day of February, 2023. Linda F. Hall, Executrix of the Estate of

George W. Hall, 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 DAVE HALL, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 23E0026 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

MITCHELL ALLEN HALL has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of DAVE HALL 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 **MARCH 27, 2023**.

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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of HUBBERT GUNN, decedent late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This the 23rd day of February, 2023 Susan Gunn Cameron, executrix of the estate of Hubert Gunn, decedent. 477 Kemp Road Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 Address of Executor/Executrix 478-494-5178 Telephone

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **MICAHIL PAUL THOMPSON a/k/a MICHAEL P. THOMPSON to DURDEN BANKING COMPANY, INC. P.O. Box 160, Twin City, GA 30471**, dated May 13, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 536, pages 359-362, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2023, to wit: April 4, 2023, the following described property: **All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 0.397 of an acre, designated as Lot #12, Block A of Scott Subdivision, fronting on the Southeastern side of Thigpen Drive, as shown on**

plat of survey made by Jack D. Cooper, Surveyor, dated October 5, 1995, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Plat Book 17, page 397, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said property is also shown on a plat of survey dated February 27, 1981 made by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Plat Book 10, page 707. Said property is bounded now or formerly as follows: Northwest by Thigpen Drive; Northeast by Lot #13, Block A of said subdivision, being the lands of Scotty Lawson; Southeast by lands of Sherry L. Flanders and Robert A. Page and lands of James Dustin Lewis; and Southwest by Lot #11, Block A of said subdivision, being the lands of Carolyn Jones Nash. Said property is the same as that conveyed by a Warranty Deed dated May 13, 2022 from Thomas Glenn Way and Elizabeth Way d/b/a G & L Properties, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Deed Book 536, pages 357-358.

Said property is the same as that conveyed by a Joint Survivorship Warranty Deed dated November 9, 2012 from Thomas Glenn Way to Thomas Glenn Way and Elizabeth Way d/b/a G & L Properties, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Deed Book 377, pages 91-92. Said property is the same as that conveyed by a Warranty Deed dated November 5, 2012 from Heather Canady f/k/a Heather Johnson to Thomas Glenn Way, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Deed Book 376, pages 609-610. Said property is designated in 2023 by the Emanuel County Tax Assessors as Map and Parcel #S10-037.

Said Deed to Secure Debt was executed to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$77,900.00, with interest at the rate specified therein together with all other indebtedness of the borrower to the lender then due or that might thereafter become due, or thereafter become contracted, which was or would be evidenced by a note or notes. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees. Notice of intent to collect attorney's fees has been given, as provided by law. Said property is commonly known as **449 Thigpen Drive, Swainsboro, GA 30401**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the subject property is: **Michael Paul Thompson a/k/a Michael P. Thompson** or tenant or tenants.

Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, and covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: **Wade Johnson, President, Durden Banking Company, Inc., P.O. Box 160, Twin City, GA 30471, 478-763-2121.**

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed

to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein. This sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being **Durden Banking Company, Inc., P.O. Box 160, Twin City, GA 30471. Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. Attorney P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401** THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

STATE OF GEORGIA EMANUEL COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from Keith Hooks a/k/a Wendell Keith Hooks to **Altamaha Bank & Trust Company** filed for record, and recorded in Deed Book 505, Pages 258-260, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated November 17, 2020 and said note or the renewal thereof now being in default there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door in Swainsboro, Emanuel County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2023, the property described as:

All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the 1502nd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 120.69 acres, according to that plat of survey prepared by Larry C. Jones, Surveyor, dated November 5, 2020, which is recorded in Plat Book 23, Page 498, of the Records of the Office of the Clerk of the Emanuel County Superior Court. Said plat by reference hereto is incorporated herein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said tract of land is bounded according to said plat, now or formerly, as follows: North by Wendall Hooks Road; East by Jack Moore Road, lands of Marcus L. and Buffy R. Snellgrove, and lands of Emory D. and Joyce L. Fennell; South by lands of Marcus L. and Buffy R. Snellgrove; the right-of-way of Stage Coach Road, lands of Debra Lobell; West by lands of Aden Fields and lands of Bobby Wilson.

The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees. A copy of this legal advertisement (Notice of Sale Under Power) which was sent to **The Forest Blade** has been mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested to Keith Hooks a/k/a Wendell Keith Hooks if required by Georgia Law, O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.1 - 4.

Said property will be sold as the property of Keith Hooks a/k/a Wendell Keith Hooks subject to any and all unpaid taxes, assessments, general subdivision restrictions, if any, and other restrictions and easements of record, if any; and to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, Keith Hooks a/k/a Wendell Keith Hooks is in possession of said property.

The proceeds of the sale will be used as follows:
(a) To pay the expense of said sale;
(b) To pay the sum secured by said deed;
(c) The balance to as provided by law.

This law firm is attempting to collect the debt described above, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

This 3 day of March, 2023. Massie H. McIntyre, Massie McIntyre, P.C., P. O. Box 506, Vidalia, Georgia 30475, for **Altamaha Bank & Trust Company** as Attorney in Fact for Keith Hooks a/k/a Wendell Keith Hooks. File No. 25962

NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE

Notice is given that articles of incorporation which will incorporate Calvary Church of Swainsboro, Inc. will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Non-Profit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 421 S. Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401 and its initial registered agent at such address is Bill Carmichael.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLOW GRACE NUTTER, ESTATE NO. 23E0031

MINOR AMENDED NOTICE

Date of second publication, if any **03/22/2023**

TO: JONATHON SCOTT NEAL

You are hereby notified that **DEVIN LEE PHILLIPS AND LILIANA REYES** have filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardians of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioners as temporary guardians, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia 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.

NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioners as guardians, or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is 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.
Address
Swainsboro, GA 30401
478-237-7091
Telephone Number

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF SHEILA R. BOATRIGHT, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 22E0032

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

BRIAN HOLDEN has petitioned for to be appointed administrator of the estate of **SHEILA R. BOATRIGHT** 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 **APRIL 10, 2023**.

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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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Lauren Jones
Civil Action File No. 23CV36

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Lauren Jones, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia on the 10th day of March, 2023, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Lauren Jones to Mason, Lauren. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.

This 10th day of March, 2023. Lauren Jones
Petitioner

ABANDONED VEHICLES

• 2012 Chevrolet Impala VIN# 2G1WA5E38C1130911

Located at LRS Towing LLC
237 Industrial Way
Swainsboro GA 30401
Will be removed or sold on or after
March 24, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING ABANDONED VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD FOR STORAGE AND TOWING FEES ON APRIL 12, 2023 FROM 10AM TO 4PM.

2004 FORD EXPLORER VIN# 1FMZU63K84UA79326

VEHICLE IS STORED BY THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO
ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED
AND TAKEN TO THE SWAINSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT
212 NORTH MAIN ST.
SWAINSBORO GA 30401