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## BOE holds special called meeting

The Emanuel County Board of Education met on Tuesday, March 28, at 9 a.m. at the Central Office with the following members in attendance: John Allen Bailey, Mason Henry, Cherie Hooks, Tanya Lane, Johnny Parker and Sandra Swinney. Absent was Del Brown. Chairman Mason Henry welcomed everyone, calling the meeting to order and delivered the invocation, followed by Johnny Parker

leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved as presented.

**Superintendent's comments**

- Ms. Mollie Smith presented the FY24 Budget with a slide presentation.

In executive session, the Board approved the resignation of the following certified employees:

- Jessica Hirst - Counselor - TCE - 6/30/2023;
- Ron Hirst - Principal - SPS

- 6/30/2023; Renee McGraw - Teacher - SES - 5/26/2023

The Board approved the resignation of the following classified employees:

- James Crews - Driver Trainer - Transportation - 3/31/23;
- Hailey Weeks - Paraprofessional - ELC - 3/27/23

The Board approved the retirement of the following certified employee:

- Michelle Scott - Sp.Ed. Teacher - SES - 5/26/23



JACK WILLIAMS, COOPER RINER, AND PAXTON DIXON RECEIVE MEDALS



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## Emanuel County Institute Class of 2023 Honor Graduates

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INVITATIONAL SHOOTERS: SPENCER LAWRENCE, OLIVIA BOATRIGHT, JACK WILLIAMS, SAM WILLIAMS, PAXTON DIXON, MADDOX ROBERTSON, AND COOPER RINER

## Dixon wins 4-H State Sporting Clays Invitational

by: JAKYN TYSON

The 2022-23 Emanuel County 4-H Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays team competed in the Georgia 4-H Sporting Clays Invitational at Old Hudson Plantation in Sparta on April 1. Emanuel County 4-H had shooters place in the contest.

Paxton Dixon, 8th grader at David Emanuel Academy, placed first in the Junior Division with a score of 83. In the Senior Division, 12th grader Jack Williams placed second with a score of 87 and was followed in third place by DEA 9th grader Cooper Riner with a score of 86. Other youth competitors were Sam Williams, Maddox Robertson, Spencer Lawrence, and Olivia Boatright.

The competition was also open to adult shooters and several Emanuel County volunteers competed. Ed Akridge placed

5th in the adult division. Chelsey Dixon Adam Boatright, and Brad Williams also participated.

The State 4-H Sporting Clays Invitational Match is a 100-target per discipline event. Proceeds from the shoot are used to support Georgia 4-H Shotgun Teams that advance to National 4-H Shooting Sports events.

The 4-H shotgun program is open to 6th through 12th grade students in Emanuel County who are enrolled

in the 4-H Program. All 4-H'ers are coached by volunteer leaders from the 4-H program who are certified instructors.

4-H provides fun, exciting, and educational events year-round for youth in 4th-12th grade. For more information about Emanuel County 4-H and how you can get involved as a member, volunteer, or donor, contact Jakyn Tyson at the Emanuel County Extension Office at (478) 237-1226.

## Celebrate Earth Day with a clean sweep

If you would like to show pride in your community, come out to this year's Keep Emanuel Beautiful (KEB) county-wide cleanup "Operation Clean Sweep" on Saturday, April 22nd (Earth Day) from 9 a.m. to noon.

Participants will gather at the following locations at 9 a.m.: Swainsboro at the Boneyard, Oak Park, and Adrian at their city parks. Twin City has its city-wide cleanup date set for April 29.

At 9 a.m. a complimentary breakfast will be served, and bags and gloves will be handed out. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for raffle items from Tractor Supply and other sponsors. A list of roads and sites in need of cleaning will be provided to those who are not wishing to clean their own neighborhoods or stretches.

To spread the word, the event organizers are encouraging a strong social media presence. When bags have been filled, participants are asked to send a photo of their clean-up to the Keep Emanuel Beautiful Facebook or Instagram pages with the hashtag #KeepingEmanuelBeautiful or if they want to give their city or street a shout out, they can put their city name in the hashtag like #KeepingAdrianBeautiful.

If you would like to participate, visit the Keep Emanuel Beautiful on Facebook or Instagram. You can also contact the KEB via email at: [keepemanuelbeautiful@gmail.com](mailto:keepemanuelbeautiful@gmail.com)

Sign up for the event or just show up. You'll be welcomed either way. Rain or shine, your KEB members will be there. Let's take pride in our community together!

Deanna Ryan, KEB secretary  
Keep Emanuel Beautiful

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## Emanuel County Historic Society to host annual meeting at the Emanuel County Museum

The Emanuel County Historic Society will host its annual meeting at the Emanuel County Museum on Thursday, April 27 from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. The museum will be open for tours from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will have a potluck supper at 7 p.m.

This being their annual meeting, the Historic Society will also have an election of officers and board. Nominations will be welcome from the floor.

A lot has been going on at the museum and many people from the community have asked when it will be open for tours. The annual meeting will be an excellent opportunity for those individuals to take a tour and experience all the new artifacts that are held inside.

The attached photo shows morse code reels that were discovered in Emanuel County Historic Society's collection. Through research, the society found that the machine in the photo would transcribe them for men who were in service in the islands.

While the Society does not have the machine, it was an amazing find! Many little treasures like that exist in the museum at 161 Museum Road in Swainsboro. The museum is located across from the Jaycee Fairgrounds. The Emanuel County Historic Society hopes to see you there! For further information, contact 478-763-3631.



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## Ogeechee OBGYN welcomes Peebles

by BRITTANY HALL

Every nurse was drawn to nursing because of a desire to care, serve, or help. This was the driving force for Ogeechee OBGYN's newest Nurse Practitioner, Denise Peebles, who has over 22 years of experience in the medical field.

"I started working as a pharmacy tech at our local Wal-Mart when I was 16," explained Peebles, "Over the 10 years that I worked there I loved serving our customers and became fascinated with learning all of the different drugs and their interactions. I soon realized that a nursing career would allow me to serve our community and advance my knowledge within the medical field."

After realizing that her calling was to pursue a nursing career, Peebles began taking classes at Middle Georgia State College in Cochran where she earned her Associate of Nursing Degree. She then transferred to East Georgia State College and obtained her Bachelor of Nursing Degree before finally receiving her Master of Science Degree in Nursing - FNP, at Georgia Southwestern State College in Americus.

"In July of 2000, I began working in the Labor and Delivery Department at Emanuel Medical Cen-



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ter." She explained, "I worked in that unit until its closure in 2015."

After this time, she continued to work at Emanuel Medical Center as a House Supervisor and also as the office nurse at Ogeechee OB-GYN - one of EMC's satellite clinics in Swainsboro. Currently, Peebles is employed full-time as a Nurse Practitioner at Ogeechee OB-GYN but continues to fill in as needed as the House Supervisor at EMC.

"What I find most rewarding about my job is that I am given the opportunity to educate and serve others in a rural healthcare setting." Pee-

bles said with a smile, "I am extremely passionate about women's health, and I am blessed to have the opportunity to work in such a wonderful community."

Although Peebles is devoted to serving others, the biggest part of her heart belongs to her husband of 25 years, Jimmy Peebles, and their three daughters, 20-year-old Josie, and 18-year-old twin girls Megan and Madison.

Thank you for serving our community to the best of your ability, Denise Peebles, MSN, FNP-C. Ogeechee OBGYN is located at 125 B Victory Drive in Swainsboro.

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STUDENTS AND READ AND TALKED TO THEM ABOUT HONEYBEES AND POLLINATION. AFTERWARDS, THEY DONATED 11 DIFFERENT BOOKS TO THE SCHOOL'S MEDIA CENTER.



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**Margie Colleen Jones, 90**

Mrs. Margie Colleen Jones, 90, of Swainsboro, passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at Emanuel County Nursing Home following an extended illness. Funeral service was held Friday, April 7, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel at Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Ervin Stapleton and Reverend Don Carroll officiating. Interment followed in Lambs Cemetery. The family received friends and family at Chapman Funeral Home Thursday, April 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Pallbearers were Scotty Jones, Lyn Barton, Ronnie Jones, Ricky Downs, Steve Jones and Waylon Jones.

Mrs. Jones was born January 6, 1933, in Swainsboro, to the late Lonzie Scarboro and Madie Henry Scarboro. She enjoyed sitting on the front porch watching the birds, and taking care of her cats. Mrs. Jones loved a good



**JONES**  
cup of coffee, and most importantly, she loved her family and friends. She was a member of Hebron Baptist Church. Mrs. Jones is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Randolph Jones; sisters, Adele Chalker, Martha Amer-son and Carol Jackson.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her son, Randy Neal Jones of Swainsboro; granddaughter, Joni Marie Jones of Swainsboro; great-granddaughter, Allena Faith Jones of Swainsboro; and sister, Jean Jones of North Augusta.

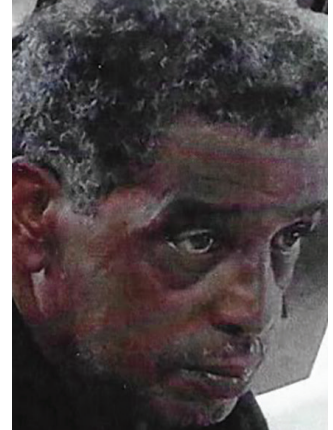
Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

**Willie Lee Way, 67**

Willie Lee Way, age 67, passed away Sunday, March 26, 2023.

Mr. Way was born March 15, 1956, in Swainsboro, to the late Mattie Mae Way and Robert Way, Jr. He was educated in Emanuel County, and loved talking, making you laugh, cooking, and fishing. Mr. Way is preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Carrie Way; and sister, Bobbie Ann Cannady.

Mr. Way leaves to cherish his life, legacy, and love with his sister, Diathy King of Statesboro; brother, Buddy Brown (Mary)



**WAY**  
of Augusta; Robert Lee Way (Cantrell) of Carolina; step-son, Eric Phillips; nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



**JONES**  
**Holy week**

Last week was when we commemorated the Love of Jesus Christ. That was the week he suffered and died for us. So, let's celebrate the Risen Savior. Let's not only remember his suffering and death for us but let us also celebrate his resurrection. The importance of remembering this week is unmeasurable. However, we will focus on a few things.

When you study the scriptures, you will find that this is when Jesus also cleaned out the temple. He said my house shall be called the house of prayer for all people.

Holy Week is a time of cleaning. So, let us examine ourselves. This is a time for "spring cleansing". Have you checked out what is inside your heart lately? So why is it important to clean your heart? So, you can get renewed with the right spirit. (Ps 119:9-12). The word tells us that our bodies is the temple of

God. Jesus' purpose for coming and dying for us was so we could be reunited with God the Father. That can only happen through the shed blood of Jesus Christ which cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

So, let's not let another Resurrection Sunday go by without doing our spring cleansing. Your week will become holy when you clean out hatred and let love abide. The week will become holy when you did not sow discourse but sow peace. This week will become holy when we become long-suffering and patient with each other. This week will truly be a "Holy Week" when we love God and love others as we love ourselves. Yes this "Holy Week" is all about love." For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but shall have everlasting life."

**Larry Adams, Sr., 53**

Larry Adams, Sr., age 53, was called home to rest on Monday, April 3, 2023.

Mr. Adams was born October 31, 1969, in Jesup, to Ruthie Mae Adams and the late Pomp (Skinner) Adams. Larry loved fishing and building things with his hands. Mr. Adams is preceded in death by his father.

Mr. Adams is survived by his mother, Ruthie Mae Adams of Summertown; son, Larry Adams, Jr. of Thomaston; daughter, Zante Matthews of Swainsboro; brothers,

Ricky (Cynthia) Adams of Summertown and Tyrone (Latrice) Adams of Augusta; sisters, Cynthia (Earl) Williams of Jesup, Lue (Ricky) Tarver of Wadley, Ruth Adams Dillard, Sabrina Fann, both of Midville, and Mae Adams of Summertown; grandchildren, Michael Adams, Railynn Adams, Kayleigh Matthews, and Joshua Matthews; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends, and a very special lady, Mrs. Lula Mae Rainey.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



JEFF AND SHERI EASTER

**The Easters to be part of the Pine Tree Festival lineup**

The First Baptist Church of Swainsboro is proud to announce that notable Southern Gospel Artists, Jeff and Sheri Easter, will be performing live in concert during the Pine Tree Festival.

After thirty-six years of music and marriage, Jeff and Sheri Easter continue to encourage hearts while setting a standard of excellence in the field of southern and country/bluegrass gospel music. Jeff and Sheri have a dynamic sound/stage presence with unbelievable family harmonies and an authentic ability to communicate a message of hope.

For Jeff and Sheri, gospel music is genetically programmed into their DNA. As members of acclaimed musical families - Jeff's father is one of the Easter brothers and Sheri's mother is a member of the Lewis family - they grew up surrounded by the sound of people praising God through their musical gifts.

In August of 1984, both were at the Albert E. Brumley Sundown to Sunup Gospel Signing in Arkansas. Jeff, who was playing bass for the Singing Americans at the time, took the opportunity to reintroduce himself to Sheri's mother, Polly; they had met on a previous occasion. Polly introduced Jeff to Sheri, and the two were married ten months later.

Jeff and Sheri have been nominated for numerous Dove Awards and won nine. They've also received multiple Grammy nominations including one in 2011 for Best Southern, Country, or Bluegrass Gospel Album for *Expecting Good Things* and another in 1992 for Best Southern Gospel Album for *Pickin' the Best Live*.

In addition to the numerous Dove and Grammy nominations that the Easters have received, over the past thirty-six years, Jeff and Sheri have also produced over seventy Top 20 songs, received, and

acquired various merits for outstanding character, humanitarian efforts, and charitable giving.

Sheri has also been named Singing News Favorite Alto eleven times and the Singing News Female Vocalist four times; in addition, she has claimed 22 multi-genre industry voted female vocalist awards. Jeff and Sheri's wall of awards also includes three Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music Association Awards, two International Country Gospel Music Association Awards, nine Voice Awards for Christian Country Group, four Hearts Aflame Awards, and three Cash Box awards. They also have participated in the Gather Homecoming video series since 1993, which have sold over 20 million units.

Apart from their frequent appearances on the Gaither Homecoming tour and videos, Jeff and Sheri have a heavy touring schedule of their own.

"When we perform, we want people to leave a little different than when they came in," explained Sheri, "We want them to have a great time smiling, laughing, crying, and healing. We want them to know God loves them and that He is in control."

The Easters will be performing LIVE during the Pine Tree Festival and Southeast Timber Expo at the First Baptist Church in Swainsboro on May 4, at 7 p.m.

Three ticket levels are available including VIP level - \$25, General level - \$15, and Balcony level - \$12.

You can purchase tickets by contacting the church office at 478-237-7564. The church office is located at 240 W. Main Street in Swainsboro and is open to the public Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to purchase tickets after hours please call 478-494-7655.



# Editorials Columns

## Unbreakable rules

If you wanted to do a detailed dissection of what makes this country tick, you would have to include a serious discussion on its love for sports. Competitive sport is part of the "core being" of this country. People cannot get enough of it because it is one of the few truly honest human endeavors left. Sports are simple. You learn the rules and play by the rules. You can't fake it. You just do your dead level best, and then you live with it. You can't spin the truth when it's right there in front of everybody. People will talk honestly about sports when they will lie about everything else from politics to religion to neighbors to kinfolks to you name it. Now, of course sports are not always spotless, but there is an integrity of purpose with

sports that is undeniable and inspiring. There was a major sporting event this past weekend in Augusta. Thousands of people from all over the world poured into 370 acres right off of Washington Road. There were people there of all ages, all colors, with all sorts of different backgrounds and beliefs. But one common thing bound them together; their love of golf. That is important to understand because it is not cheap to attend the Masters at Augusta National Golf Course, and if you are going to go, you should know this. They have some rules about how you should behave, and they seriously expect you to follow them. You should practice normal courtesy, refrain from loud conversation or creating any disturbance,

be respectful of others, don't smoke, never use cellphones on the course, and always comply with the orders of the gallery guards. At Augusta National, you won't find any activists in black pajamas or protesters with pink hair screaming and waving signs in your face about getting "woke" and being "lit" and firing the Supreme Court and defunding the police. What you will find there are people who enjoy golf and the beauty and order of the place, and it's really amazing how well it all works. That's what happens when people observe rules and appreciate tradition and custom and behave themselves and enjoy watching great golf instead of worrying about democracy ending next week. All these thousands of different people

from all around the world got to watch the Masters together and they all got along just fine. Amazing! In glaring contrast, I thought about the three Tennessee Democrat legislators who are now basking in the glory of their own self-proclaimed political martyrdom after initiating their "bullhorn" campaign to overthrow the rules of the Tennessee House of Representatives, just because they wanted to. Somewhere along the line, a lot of "progressive" folks in this country have decided that the idea of rules is somehow irrelevant today. "Rules" were very much on the minds of the folks who struggled to create an independent country from 13 colonies. "Rules" were the central idea in the creation of America's founding documents penned in

## Charles Schwabe



the late 1700s. The concepts expressed in those Articles, Declarations, Bills and Charters have provided the bedrock for the past 246 years of this country's existence. They are the "rules" that continue to protect and guide the preservation of the strongest and most successful democracy since ancient times. It is often said that the most dangerous threats to democracy will always arise from within. In that vein, I commend the Tennessee legislature for standing firm and protecting its rules by show-

ing these wayward legislators which door they may use to leave. While I am sure some local judges or city council or even a meddlesome President or Vice President will attempt to bend the rules and put them back in the Tennessee statehouse, at least they have been called down and shown where the line is that you cannot cross. That's what you have to do sometimes when children misbehave and won't follow the rules. That's what rules are for. And now its time for a nap.

## What I learned from the columns

When my Blade arrives in my mailbox, I stop everything to give it my priority. After scanning the obituaries, I go directly to the editorial columns. Of course, vanity causes me to check for what I might have written. I carefully read the entire page starting with the mayor. His writing is usually ripe for comments from me. I should know since I heard the announcement of his birth

from my Civics teacher in the eighth grade. His response to the pressure of being asked as a six-year-old, "What do you want to be when you grow up?", puts me back into standing beside the desk of my homeroom teacher. This was her first year at SHS, and I had found that a discussion with her was easy to start and very rewarding. She asked the same question as above expressed

as, "what are you planning to do in life?". My response was the same as it would be today "a teacher," I quickly replied. I do not remember her comment, but I know she gave me the Rebecca Schwabe smile. Mr. Mayor, I am sure she would have been proud of her big Mack driving son if that had remained your ambition. Thanks to House Speaker George Smith III and local legisla-

tors, SHS graduates now have the option to attend Swainsboro Tech and prepare for many careers. Welcome to the page, La' Rose Tapley, who I found on the Freshman Page of the 1953 Spotlight as La'Rose Elkins. On the next page was the picture of a fellow named Sollie Tapley. In the near future, Tapley would be added. I know you learned to type 100 words a minute from Edna Bailey. That was

## Shirley Proctor Twiss



thought to be the gateway to a career, but as you think it, times sure have changed. In your own words, you tell us the life lessons you have learned and practiced through the years. Please tell us more of how you can now

say: "I am where I am". "I am who I am." "God loves me just as I am." Of course, Ronnie, I always read your column about all the fun to be had down the road in Garfield. Write to Shirley at [sptwiss@gmail.com](mailto:sptwiss@gmail.com).

## Each tall street

It's hard for young people these days to understand what it must be like for our nation to be at war as it was in the 1940's when I was a child. Seeing men in uniform and Uncle Sam's picture pointing saying "I Want You" was quite normal. Theaters had news clips of our soldiers and

screen in hopes of seeing someone they knew on screen or hearing news of some of their family. It wasn't pretty, but it was real and it was necessary, and we were a proud nation. When our flag was shown, we applauded. We stood and pledged allegiance to the flag and sang God Bless America. Going to the theater was great entertainment and it only cost a dime! I went every Saturday when I

was older to see Gene Autry or Roy Rogers. But that's another story for another day. Sometime about 1943, my Daddy was working at the shipyard in Savannah, GA. We lived in a "row house" on East Hall Street that was paved with cobblestone. We lived upstairs in an apartment which had a bedroom, kitchen and bathroom, which we shared with another tenant upstairs. It

was down a long hall from our bedroom. The "row houses" were so close together you could raise the windows and almost reach across to the next door neighbor. There was a narrow alley between. Momma, being the over-cautious Momma that she was, made sure that she held onto my hand everywhere we went. And we went everywhere. The streetcar was the mode of transportation. It was a real treat to get on that streetcar and go shopping with Momma. Now that lady was a shopper! We would go from one end of Broughton Street to the other. I can smell those boiled peanuts and fresh donuts now that the vendors made on the street. Ummmm! She drug me from shoe store to shoe store, trying on dozens of pairs of shoes. We'd go to the Farmers Market which stunk like fish. I'll never forget that smell either. Woolworths was always a great place to look at toys and spin around on the seats at the lunch counter. I remember getting lost there, one time. (That was why she held onto my hand after that.) Then, when it was time to go home, she took me to Leopold's Drug Store for lime sherbet. Man, I was living! Then, back on the streetcar we'd go and return before Daddy got home.

## La'Rose Tapley



pulling the milk wagon which delivered milk and butter. Soon there would be a large black woman pushing a wheelbarrow which was loaded down with vegetables. She'd been calling out in her low, but sturdy voice, "green beans, butterbeans" just loud enough to be heard. Neighbors would be scurrying out to her to get their fresh vegetables for their dinner. It was an eerie sight in the fog. Almost like a dream....

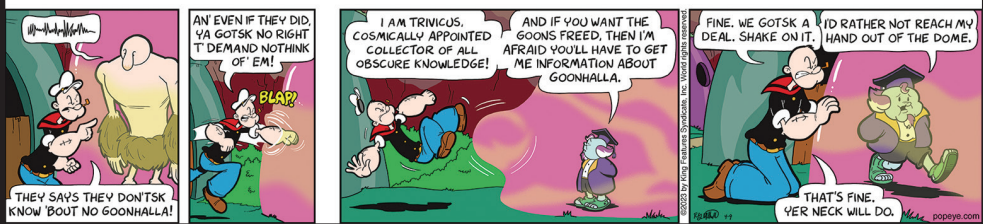
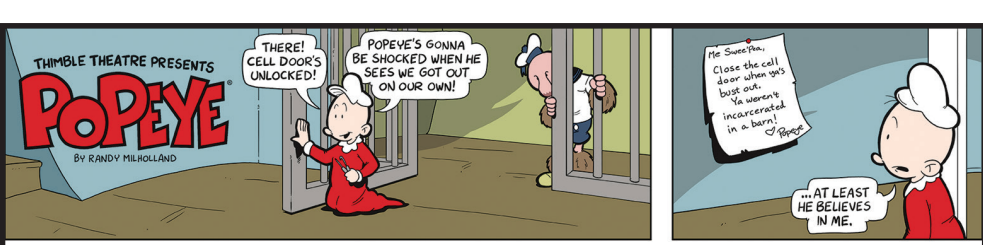
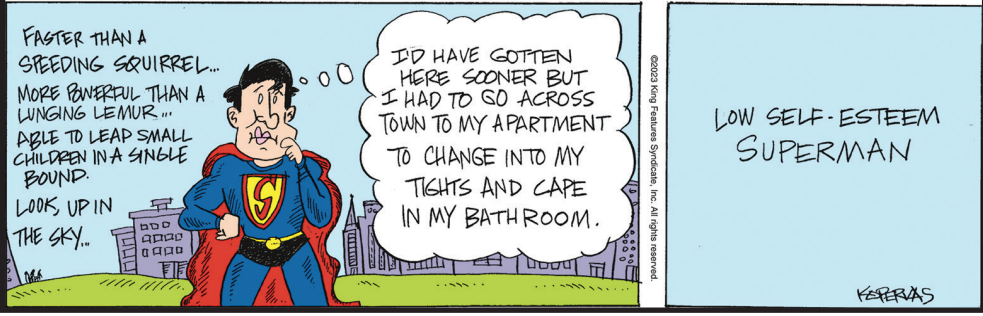
spending the day together. Some Sundays we'd go to the movies. I told my Daddy I wish he was Gene Autry and he pretended to cry. I'll never forget how ashamed I felt after I did that. I was five years old. I loved my Daddy more than Gene Autry for sure. I have a vivid memory of Momma sobbing in front of the fireplace with a letter in her hand. I was worried and didn't understand what was wrong. I later learned that the letter was from the Dept. of Defense calling my Daddy into service. He was deferred because of his employment at the shipyard. He served his country with his skills as did many other men and women who were needed to provide the necessary equipment essential for war.

I decided my playmate next door needed a haircut, so I found some scissors and gave her a nice new hair do. Her Momma gave my Momma a piece of her mind. So much for loving thy neighbors. Daddy bought me a pair of roller skates. This was the kind of skates with a strap over the top and that you screwed to your shoe soles with a key. It was impossible to skate on cobblestone, so Daddy and Momma would take me a couple of blocks down to the park where there was a covered gazebo and they would sit while I skated to my heart's content. Then we would walk hand in hand back home to our apartment. Sometimes on Sunday, we'd ride the street car as far as it went - Isle of Hope - just the three of us

I wanted so badly to be able to walk by myself around the corner to the corner store where Momma would do some grocery shopping when she had some money or ration stamps to use. She was afraid to let me out of her sight, however. The story goes that somebody asked me if I were to get lost, would I be able to tell anyone my address. I said "Of course, I live at 309 Each Tall Street". I knew exactly where I lived. And I did. Ah, sweet memories....

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Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



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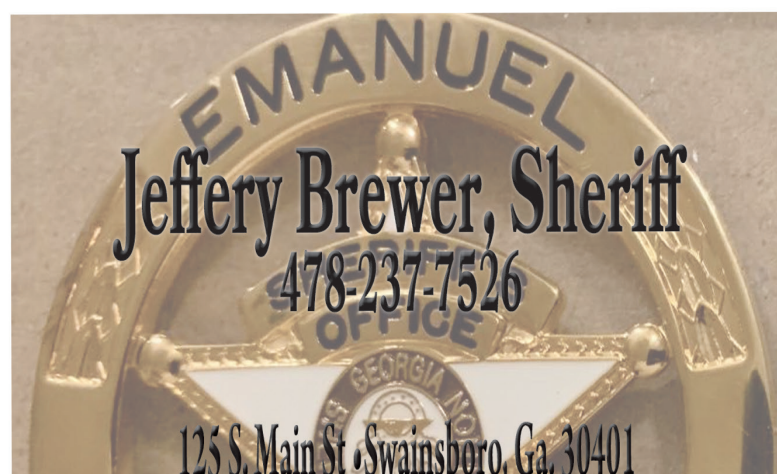


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After searching out the land the spies were to report to Moses what they had found.

At the end of 40 days the spies returned to Moses and Aaron and reported that there was great produce of the land, but that the people living there were very large.

10 of the spies said the task of taking the land from the people already there was not possible.

Joshua and Caleb said that the land was exceedingly good. They said that if the Lord was pleased with the Israelites He would lead them into the land and give it to them. "...do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them," they plead before the entire assembly of the Israelites. Numbers 14: 9.

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# Miss East Georgia State College Scholarship Pageant to be held

The 2023 Miss East Georgia State College Scholarship Pageant will be held Saturday, April 15 at 6 p.m. in the Luck F. Gambrell Center Auditorium on the EGSC

Swainsboro campus. Family and friends of the contestants, students, and the community are invited to attend the free event.

The nine contestants will compete for the crown in the categories of interview, on stage question, casual wear, and evening gown. Each contestant has selected a platform project they plan to complete during their rein if they are chosen to represent EGSC. For their platform, they organize a plan for volunteering and completion of the project that

they present to the judges.

Miss EGSC 2022, Carleigh DeFee, will share memories of her year during the event. Special entertainment will be provided by All Star Dance Academy.

Meet the 2023 Miss EGSC Contestants:

Jessica Morgan Strange is the 18-year-old daughter of Mark and Debbie Strange of Vidalia, Georgia. She is majoring in liberal arts at EGSC's Swainsboro campus. Strange's platform is "Good Deeds for Special Needs."

Akciro Robertson is a liberal arts major from Metter, Georgia. She is the 18-year-old daughter of Ericka Mack. Her platform is "Tutoring & Mentoring with Akciro."

Tabatha Lee Bailey is an elementary education major from Mount Vernon, Georgia. She is the 18-year-old daughter of Kimberly and Michael Griffin, and her platform is "Be Positive & Don't Be a Bully."

Jacque Copeland is the 18-year-old daughter of Roni Mathis and Jack Copeland of Louisville, Georgia. She is majoring in liberal arts. Copeland's platform is "Jacque for Justice and Equality."

Aryah Harris is originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is the 20-year-old daughter of Tee Harris and is pursuing a liberal arts degree. Her platform is "Surviving the A&C."

Abbey Hutcheson is an elementary educa-

tion major from Lyons, Georgia. She is the 19-year-old daughter of Wes and Angela Hutcheson. Hutcheson's platform is "Promoting Cultural Diversity in Education."

Kaniya Lewis is the 19-year-old daughter of Stephanie and Torrence Lewis of Louisville, Georgia. She is pursuing an elementary education degree, and her platform is "Mental Health: Mindfulness Matters."

Miriam Imani Marlin is the 19-year-old daughter of Dr. Sidney and Lawana Marlin of Metter, Georgia. She is pursuing a degree in elementary education. Marlin's platform is "Five Steps Ahead: Helping Middle and High School Students Plan Their Future."

Samantha Moore is a

natural sciences major from Wadley, Georgia. She is the 18-year-old daughter of Tim and Alice Moore. Moore's platform is "Backing the Blue."

The pageant is hosted by EGSC's Student Government Association. EGSC, SGA and the contestants ask the community to join us April 15.



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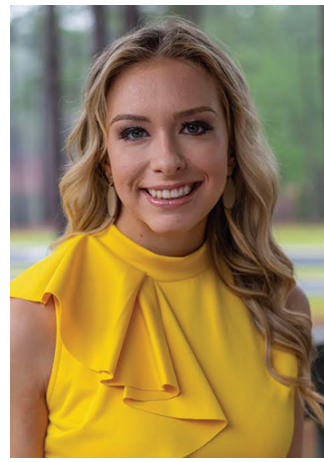
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students, parents, and community members from surrounding counties to nominate inspiring teachers who have gone above and beyond their call of duty. Due to the overwhelming show of support for the teach-

ers in our community last year, Crider Foods has expanded the program to be able to recognize even more outstanding teachers. This year, a total of \$19,500 will be divided among thirteen outstanding teachers, each of whom will receive a \$1,500 budget to purchase additional classroom supplies for the upcoming school year. The Teacher Pay It Forward program is part of a larger effort by Crider Foods to go beyond the factory floor, working to make a positive impact on the communities where its workforce members reside.

"As a company dedicated to making a positive impact on our local communities, we are thrilled to expand our annual Teacher

Pay It Forward program in 2023. Not only are we adding Bulloch and Toombs County schools, bringing the total to 46 schools, but we are also increasing the funding. By investing in our teachers and classrooms, we're not just supporting education today, but also feeding the future success of our communities through the growth of young minds." said Grace Ann, Crider Foods Marketing Specialist.

Nominations are now open to recognize an outstanding educator for the chance to receive \$1,500 in additional classroom supplies. Nominations can be submitted at TeacherPayItForward.com. All nominations must be submitted by 9 a.m. EDT on April 28. Thirteen exceptional

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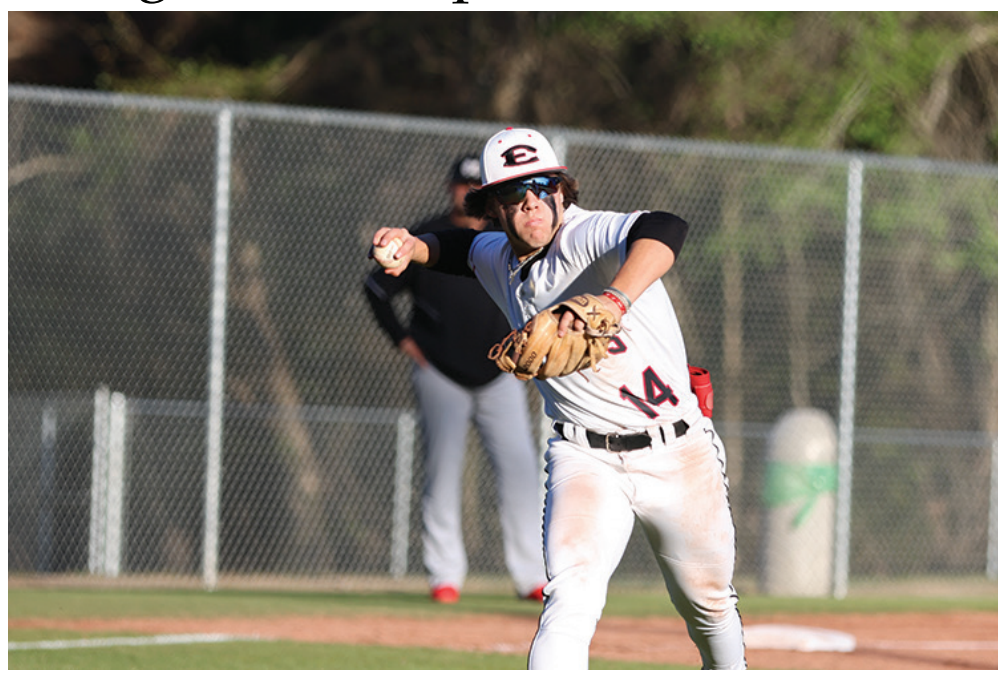
## Region Champions

by RON WEATHERFORD

The Bulldogs completed their third 3-game sweep of a region opponent last week, taking all 3 games against Portal. With the wins the Bulldogs won the region championship with 3 region games left to play this week against Montgomery Co. The Bulldogs currently have a 17-7 season and 9-0 region record and are ranked sixth in MaxPreps baseball poll. The Bulldogs won the first game of the Portal series 11-0 and the first game of the scheduled double header in Portal 15-2.

In the 70's and early 1980's one of the most feared fighters was Roberto Duran. Known as The Hands of Stone, Duran had 70 knockouts during his career. Duran had taken the title from Sugar Ray Leonard in the first of three bouts between the two. Leonard got it back in the second bout. Duran was getting peppered by the quicker and younger Leonard for 7 rounds. Having enough, Duran shocked the boxing world and supposedly said "no mas" (no more) and didn't answer the eighth round bell. After the Bulldogs scored 26 runs on 23 hits in two games, the Panthers said "no mas" and didn't answer the bell for the third round, forfeiting the region game to the Bulldogs 1-0.

The Bulldogs easily took the game at home against Portal 11-0 in 5 innings. Pitcher Bryce Kearson and his



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defense behind him limited the Panthers to just one baserunner in the game coming in the first inning on a one out hit. The Bulldogs put the Panthers in the hole early with a 4 run first inning. They added one in the second and third innings and closed out the scoring in the fourth with 5 more runs. The Bulldogs ended the game with 11 hits. Kearson led the pack of Dawgs at the plate going 4-4 with a double. Tuff Boddiford and PJ Farnum were the other 2 multiple hitters during the game with 2 hits each. The Panthers took a 2-0 first inning lead in the game in Portal on Tuesday. It would be the only runs for Portal as ECI took the game 15-2. Tied 2-2 after four innings, the Bulldogs scored 5 in the fourth and put the game out of reach in the seventh, plating 8 more runs for a 15-2 lead. Jacob Durden toed the rubber for ECI all seven innings allowing just 3 hits and walking none for another

good outing for the senior.

Lawson Mercer had 3 of the Bulldog's 15 hits during the game. Hudson Henry and Gabe Lee ended the game with 2 hits each.

After a few blowouts the last couple week, the Bulldogs needed a competitive game to remain sharp against better pitching.

The Bulldogs hosted Southeast Bulloch Wednesday. ECI and the Jackets had a slugfest earlier the year with the Bulldogs taking the game 18-11.

The Bulldogs got in a 3-0 hole in the first inning. SEB put 3 on the board without getting a hit to take the lead.

Two homeruns in the fourth innings put the Bulldogs on the board. Gabe Lee led off the innings with a homerun to centerfield. After a walk, Hudson Henry hit a twin HR to the same spot with a runner on to tie the game at 3-3.

SEB added 1 run in the top of the sixth inning

and held on to the one run lead to win the rematch game 4-3.

The Bulldogs outthit the Yellow Jackets 7-2. Hudson Henry led the hits with 2. Five other Bulldogs had one hit each.

Charlie Rehberg started the game giving up no hits in 3 innings of work. Andrew Chalkley closed the final 3 innings giving up just 2 hits with 6 strikeouts.

The Bulldogs will be looking for a clean sweep of region opponents this week.

Yesterday they traveled to Mt. Vernon to take on the Eagles from Montgomery Co. Thursday, they will host the Eagles in a double header to begin at 4:00.

The Bulldogs will end the regular season next week with non-region games. They will face Savannah Christian in Savannah and will host Jefferson Co. in a double header the last 2 games of the season on Thursday, April 20.



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## Lisenby speaks to Mill Creek Chapter

The Mill Creek Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Old Time Restaurant in Statesboro on Tuesday night, February 21, 2023, at 6 p.m. With President Randy Jones presiding, there were 12 in attendance. Dual member Wilder Smith, Jr. Presented the Mill Creek Chapter President, Randy Jones, with two Flag Streamers that were presented by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution at their Annual Conference in Duluth, on January 28, 2023. They recieved the Distinguished Chapter Award 2022 and the President General Distinction Award 2022. Also presented to President Jones were the Wreath laying streamers for the Heroes of the Hornets Nest at Elijah Clarke State Park 2023 and the 244th Anniversary of the Battle at Kettle Creek. The program for the evening was presented by Mike Lisenby from Swainsboro. Lisenby spoke on the "Battle of Sullivan's Island" in June 1776 off the coast of South Carolina. He also had a slide presentation.

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## Lee speaks to the Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, April 4, 2023, at the Rustic Grille at 7 p.m. With President Tammy Allen presiding, there were 25 in attendance including three guests: Jonathan Cannady, Jana Lee, and Michelle Kasak. The carrot cake that was provided by Jill Briercheck and baked by Petite Garrett, was won by Gary Couse. The Domino's pizza that was donated by Domino's Pizza was won by Gary Howard.

The member spotlight for the night was Frank Patrick. Patrick is a hard-working Kiwanian who has been with the club for 36-years. He is also a United States Air



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Force veteran. Patrick grew up in a family of nine children. He has been married to his wife Deana for over 50 years. They have two children, one grand-

son, and a dog named Bo. Patrick loves vegetable gardening and watching The Price is Right. In the past, Patrick has been named Kiwanian of the Year,

received a Presidential Award, and is a Governor's Leadership Medallion winner. His sweet tooth is quenched with peach cobbler and Snickers.

## Family connection sponsors free farmers market at the Early Head Start

Family Connection serves the children and families at the Early Head Start program through a "WIC Matters" grant. The grant objective is to encourage and educate families of the use of their WIC Benefits. The main focus is to increase the redemption of the fruit and vegetable vouchers.



**VOLUNTEER, SONDR FORTNER, FARMER, PETE JACKSON, AND TAMMY ALLEN AT THE MARKET**

Activities like farmers markets, cooking classes and take-home packet distributions give the families nutrition education and resources to get maximum use of their WIC benefits and prepare healthy meals for their families.



**ITEMS AT THE FARMERS MARKET**

On March 23rd, Family connection sponsored a free farmers market at the Early Head Start. Farmer Pete Jackson supplies the produce and Family Connection gives recipes and nutrition tips on how to serve the foods to their young children. On this day cabbage, onions, tomatoes, and other fresh produce was given to every family.



**TAMMY ALLEN, FAMILY CONNECTION COORDINATOR, AND HEATHER MARQUIS, A GSU DIETETIC INTERN, HANDED OUT THE TAKE-HOME BAGS TO FAMILIES AT EARLY HEAD START**

On March 31st, Family Connection gave each family recipes using carrots and tips on how to get young children to eat these healthy foods. Also in the bags, the children received "Carrie Carrot", a plush toy to encourage them to want to try carrots that came with the nutritional facts about eating carrots.

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# Jail Report

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

McKennis Ricks, entered 4/3/23; Give false name/false info/police/VGCSA possession of drug related object/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/Possession of prescription drugs outside original container; SPD  
 Marquis Demetroius Fann, entered 4/3/23; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation; ECISO  
 Adrianna Carswell, entered 4/3/23; Driving lic susp/rev; released 4/3/23; ECISO  
 Ginger Clorice Coleman, entered 4/3/23; COURT-brought in from another agency/facility; ECISO  
 Jaron Terrell Roper, entered 4/4/23; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation;

released 4/4/23; SPD  
 Trivial Shamond Green, entered 4/4/23; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; released 4/4/23; SPD  
 Walter Lee Kelly, entered 4/4/23; Theft/conversion/Firearm poss by conv felon; SPD  
 Patience Deandrea Tillman, entered 4/4/23; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; released 4/4/23; SPD  
 Anthony Deshawn Randall Jr, entered 4/4/23; Driving lic susp/rev/Failure to stop at stop sign; released 4/5/23; SPD  
 Taquan Malik Hayes, entered 4/4/23; Simp battery; released 4/5/23; SPD  
 Abbygale Grace Johnson, entered 4/5/23; Possession of

meth/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/VGCSA possession of drug related object; SPD  
 Albert Ira Johnson, entered 4/5/23; Possession of meth/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/VGCSA possession of drug related object/Suspended registration; released 4/5/23; SPD  
 J y ' Q u a v i o u s Desmond Mincey, entered 4/5/23; Driving lic susp/rev; released 4/5/23; ECISO  
 Jessica Gail Copeland, entered 4/5/23; Probation/Superior court; ECISO  
 Brett Lee Wright, entered 4/5/23; Probation/Superior court; ECISO  
 Randall Bernard Strowbridge, entered

4/5/23; Probation/Superior court; ECISO  
 Willie Treveon Spikes, entered 4/5/23; Hold for Laurens Co; LAURENS CO  
 Rene Perez, entered 4/5/23; Failure to stop at stop sign/Suspended registration/Driving lic susp/rev/No insurance; released 4/6/23; SPD  
 Crystal Lynn Akridge, entered 4/6/23; Probation/Superior court; ECISO  
 Steven Randolph Jackson, entered 4/7/23; Obstr/ofc/Disorderly conduct/Obstr/ofc/Obstr/ofc/Hold for Swainsboro PD/Crim trespass; SPD  
 Michael Brandon Morris, entered 4/7/23; Probation/Superior court; released 4/9/23; WALK-IN

Joshua Oshie Pryor, entered 4/7/23; COURT-brought in from another agency/facility; ECISO/COURT  
 Bret Matthew Cox Jr, entered 4/9/23; Other; released 4/9/23; WALK-IN  
 Sherry Melissa Parker, entered 4/7/23; Possession of meth/VGCSA possession of drug related object; ECISO  
 Paul Keith Anderson, entered 4/8/23; Disorderly conduct; released 4/8/23; SPD  
 Darius Remond Sanford, entered 4/9/23; Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 4/9/23; ECISO  
 Daisy Laticia Davila, entered 4/9/23; Open container; released 4/10/23; SPD

# Swainsboro Police Reports

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

**March 30**  
 Offender came to SPD and was arrested due to her bench warrant.

**March 31**  
 Officer was patrolling on South Main Street conducting insurance and registration checks and a vehicle came back with no valid insurance. Officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and the offender presented her insurance on her phone and it showed that it expired on March 26, 2023.

Officer was dispatched by Emanuel 911 to North Main Street in reference to criminal trespass. C/p reported that two men rode through his property on an orange golf cart without authorization. He confronted the offenders and told them not to go on his property, one of the offenders allegedly threatened him and

stated that he would come back later.

Officer responded to South Main Street for someone not wanting to pay for their room. C/p stated that offender did not pay for his hotel room and missed his checkout time. Offender told c/p that he would come back Monday and pay for the room then or he would clean the room.

911 was notified that two vehicles drove up to him and were having a domestic dispute. Officers arrived on scene and could smell an odor of alcoholic beverage on offender's breath. Offender was arrested for aggravated stalking.

**April 1**  
 Officer responded to Emanuel Medical Center in reference to a report of a gunshot victim. At first, victim did not want to give details as to what happened but she stated that her boyfriend shot her in the arm during a domestic altercation. Officer also spoke with

victim's brother and he said that he was on the phone with her when the incident occurred and it sounded like offender was choking victim and then the phone disconnected.

Officer was dispatched to the area of East Main Street near Fortune Loop in reference to a traffic related incident involving a near collision between two vehicles. C/p stated that she was driving when the other vehicle pulled out of a residential driveway. C/p stated that she entered the center lane to avoid collision and so did the other vehicle. The driver of the other vehicle was not wearing his glasses and he thought the car was farther away.

**April 2**  
 Officer met with c/p at Washington Avenue in reference to a stolen firearm. C/p advised that while he was at a party he was sitting in his vehicle with his firearm in his lap. He turned his head to

speak to his passenger and offender allegedly ran by the vehicle and reached in the driver's window taking the gun.

**April 3**  
 Offender was arrested for possession and use of drug related objects, giving false name/address/DOB to officer, and possession of less than 1 oz of marijuana.

Officer was dispatched to SPD in reference to a report. C/p advised that the tag to her vehicle was mailed out from Atlanta on March 20, 2023, but has not been delivered to her yet.

Offender was arrested for giving a false name/address/DOB to an officer, and obstructing law enforcement officers.

**April 4**  
 C/p wanted to make a report that someone broke into his car and stole his wallet.

Officer was dispatched to South Racetrack Street in reference to a female who

was bitten by a dog. The c/p stated that she was walking and a dog attacked her and bit her. She was transported by EMS and animal control was called.

Officer responded to the emergency room in reference to an assault. C/p stated that he attempted to talk out a problem with offender but then an altercation began.

Officer was dispatched to the 24 hour store in reference to a welfare check on a man who allegedly seemed to be on drugs. The man stated that he was just stressed out.

Offender was placed under arrest for battery.

**April 5**  
 Offender was arrested for possession and use of drug related objects, drugs- methamphetamine, and possession of less than 1 oz of marijuana.

Officer was dispatched to Empire Expressway in reference to threatening phone calls. C/p stated that offender was

an employee that was hired through a temp agency. Offender was employed for approximately two weeks and was terminated. Offender stated that she was "coming to Nordson to see about that."

Officer responded to Lewis Street in reference to stolen property. Officer met with c/p who advised that his mother/victim is currently living in an assisted living home and is married to offender. Offender has allegedly been removing items from their residence without permission.

Officer was dispatched to Happiness Drive in reference to a probation violation/aggravated stalking. C/p reported that offender was her son and was charged with aggravated stalking against her around June of 2021. Offender is not supposed to be around her but has come to her residence on three different occasions each time delivering food items.

# Two sentenced in Superior Court

The following occurred during the Emanuel County Superior Court January 2022 term:

**Jerriel Jermaine Deloach, repeat offender,** negotiated a guilty plea on one count of

Cruelty to children in the first degree. He was fined \$200 with 20 years probation, subject to Pineland BH; one count of cruelty to children in the first degree with 20 years probation; Nol

Pros for three counts cruelty to children in the first degree. Defendant is sentenced to a total of 20 years to be served on probation. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

**Lincoln Eugene Godfrey,** negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count rape (criminal attempt to commit rape) He was fined \$1,000 with 20 years, ten years to serve, bal. prob.; one count sexual battery with 12 months to serve. Defendant is sentenced to a total of 20 years, with the first ten years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. Upon service of ten years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVID-ED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.



FLAG STREAMERS PRESENTED TO THE CHAPTER

# Derden speaks to Four Rivers Chapter

The Four Rivers Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting on Thursday night, February 16, 2023, at Chatters Restaurant in Lyons. With President George King presiding, there were 14 in attendance. Dual member Wilder Smith, Jr. presented Sgt-at-Arms Dan Brown with three Flag Steamers: The Georgia Society awarded the Four Rivers Chapter at their Annual Conference in

Duluth on January 28, 2023, with the President General Distinction Award 2022 and dual member Wilder Smith, Jr. presented the Chapter with the Wreath presentation streamers that the Chapter received for the "Heroes of the Hornets Nest" at the Elijah Clarke State Park 2023 event and the 244th Anniversary Battle at Kettle Creek 2023 event. Wiregrass Chapter member John Derden then presented his program on "It all Started in a Bar, Revolutionary

Savannah". Derden focused on the role and significance of the port city in the American Revolution. He emphasized that Savannah's strategic importance to both sides during the war made the town a focal point of several campaigns and that the failed attempt by the combined French and American forces to retake Savannah in October 1779 led to what has been described as "The bloodiest hour of the American Revolution".

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## News from Under the Gold Dome

The Georgia General Assembly returned to the State Capitol for the final two days of the 2023 legislative session on Monday, March 27. On Wednesday the session came to an end as the House and Senate completed Legislative Day 40, which is also known as "Sine Die," a Latin term meaning "without assigning a day for further meeting." During these two eventful days, my colleagues and I worked late into the night to vote on legislation that will impact communities across our state. I will share some of the bills that we voted on from the Rules calendars, as well as highlight a few House bills that received final passage this week. All of the bills that received final passage before we adjourned Sine Die will go to Governor Brian Kemp for his final consideration.

### Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

Before we adjourned on Sine Die, the state legislature approved a Conference Committee Report for House Bill 19, or the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024) budget, fulfilling our one constitutional obligation of the session. Effective July 1, this final version of the FY 2024 budget 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 budget.

More than 50 percent of this state budget is dedicated toward funding our state's K-12 and higher education systems and includes \$13.1 billion to fund the Quality Basic Education program and an additional \$50.2 million in lottery funds to bring the HOPE factor rate for scholarships and grants up to 100 percent of last year's tuition costs.

I am also excited to announce that certified teachers and school employees would experience a \$2,000 increase to the state base salary schedule through this budget.

Nearly a quarter of the FY 2024 budget would go toward health and human services, and within this crucial budget area, we included \$42.2 million for Medicaid reimbursement rate increases for providers.

To ensure the House's public safety priorities are reflected in this budget, this conference committee

report includes \$23.5 million for a total compensation increase of \$4,000 for more than 3,900 law enforcement officers across 12 state agencies.

Finally, almost 10 percent of the FY 2024 budget would go toward economic development and general government services, and seven percent of the budget would support transportation infrastructure improvements.

This robust budget is full of bipartisan initiatives, and you can find more highlights from the FY 2024 budget here. HB 19 has now been sent to the governor for his consideration.

### Building Georgia's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

The House also overwhelmingly passed Senate Bill 146 to provide a regulatory framework for elective vehicle (EV) charging stations and allow our state to regulate these charging stations to the same extent as gas pumps. As the EV market continues to grow in Georgia, its infrastructure must be able to efficiently and fairly support EV drivers, and SB 146 would lay the necessary groundwork for this developing industry.

### Final Passage of House Bills

My colleagues and I also gave final passage to a flurry of House bills on Legislative Day 40, and I would like to make you aware of just a few of these bills that are on their way to the governor's desk.

House Bill 88, or the Coleman-Baker Act, would require law enforcement agencies to conduct a thorough review of an original cold case murder investigation dating back to 1970 upon written request to determine if a new investigation could produce new leads or identify a likely perpetrator.

House Bill 538, or the Georgia Early Literacy Act, would require schools systems to teach high-quality literacy instructional materials approved by the State Board of Education in grades kindergarten through third grade based on the science of reading.

House Bill 189 to provide a 10 percent weight variance for trucks when hauling agricultural or

farm products within a 250 mile radius of the farm or point of origin outside of the 13 county metro Atlanta region; this variance would increase the truck limit weight from 80,000 pounds to 88,000 pounds on Georgia roads.

### Signing Bills into Law

Although the 2023 legislative session has officially come to an end, I look forward to sharing more updates about different bills that made it across the finish line this session and are on their way to becoming official laws. Over the next 40 days, Gov. Kemp will sign or veto measures that received final passage by the House and Senate this session. Any bill the governor signs will become law, and any legislation not signed or vetoed within this 40-day period will also automatically become law. House bills that did not receive final passage this session have been sent back to their respective committees, and these bills will be eligible for consideration again next year. I hope that you will contact me if you have any questions regarding potential new state laws or if you have any suggestions for future legislation.

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All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate, and being in the 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, and in the City of Swainsboro, known and designated as Lot 1, Block "K" of Eastwood Estates Subdivision as shown on a plat prepared by Frank J. Ford, Surveyor, which are recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 11 and Plat Book 3, Page 238 of the Records of the Office of the Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court. Said plats are hereby incorporated herein for a more full, completed, and accurate description of said property. Said Lot 1, Block "K" being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by Howarth Drive; East by Lot 2, Block "K" said subdivision; South by Lots 12 and 13, Block "K" said subdivision, and West by McLeod Drive.

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Said property is commonly known as **217 McLeod 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 (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Heirs at Law of the Estate of Clifford Bowers, Jr. 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, 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 non-judicial 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: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

Attention: Loss Mitigation Department  
1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 200-A  
Anaheim, CA 92806  
1-800-561-4567

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in OC.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 Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

as attorney in fact for Clifford Bowers, Jr. Maner, Martin & Brunavs, LLC  
180 Interstate N Parkway, Suite 200  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
404.252.6385

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
MBFC18-099

## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF SAMSON DAVID FREW, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 23E0043**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**NOTICETO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** and to whom it may concern:  
**ROBERT ALLEN FREW** and **ROSE L FREW** have petitioned to be appointed administrators of the estate of **SAMSON DAVID FREW**, 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 17, 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 held at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
**DON E WILKES**  
Judge of the Probate Court  
By: **Jeanie Hooks**  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
**P.O. Box 70 / 125 South Main Street Swainsboro, Ga. 30401**  
Address  
**478-237-7091**  
Telephone Number

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the estate of Betty Brown Correia, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.  
Brian Antonio Brown, Executor of the Estate of Betty Brown Correia, decedent  
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.  
P.O. Box 68  
Swainsboro, GA 30401

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the estate of Albert Marvin Jones, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.  
Carol L. Jones, Executrix of the Estate of Albert Marvin Jones, decedent  
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.  
P.O. Box 68  
Swainsboro, GA 30401

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the estate of Carlton Lester Jones, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.  
Timothy Carlton Jones, Executor of the Estate of Carlton Lester Jones, decedent  
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.  
P.O. Box 68  
Swainsboro, GA 30401

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the estate of Luanne Steptoe Miller, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Tammy Miller, Administrator of the late Luanne Steptoe Miller Estate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.  
This 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.  
RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Tammy Miller, Administrator of the Luanne Steptoe Miller Estate  
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.  
P.O. Box 767

**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY EMANUEL**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF LUANNE STEPTOE MILLER, DECEASED.**  
All creditors of the Estate of Luanne Steptoe Miller, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney fir Tammy Miller, Administrator of the late Luanne Steptoe Miller Estate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.  
This 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY EMANUEL**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF SAMUEL BRANTLEY, DECEASED.**  
All creditors of the Estate of Samuel Brantley, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Jacqueline Brantley, Executor of the Samuel Brantley Estate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.  
This 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE**  
Notice is given that articles of incorporation which will incorporate Union Grove Church, 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 59 Kilpatrick St., Midville, GA 30441 and its initial registered agent at such address is Chris Carr.

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the estate of Norman Stone Williamson, 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.  
Sumier Nichole Harman, Executrix of the Estate of Norman Stone Williamson, 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: DANIEL LEVI GRAY II, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 23E0037**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT**  
The petition of **CINDY TERESA GRAY**, for a year's support from the estate of **DANIEL LEVI GRAY II**, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **MAY 1, 2023**, 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 on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
**DON E. WILKES**  
Judge of the Probate Court  
By: **Jeanie Hooks**  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
**P.O. Box 70 / 125 South Main Street Swainsboro, Ga. 30401**  
Address  
**(478) 237-7091**  
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**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the estate of Joe

Swainsboro, Georgia 30401  
(478)237-4225

## THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: PETITION OF ASA JESSE LARRY JOHNSON**  
**PETITIONER, CIVIL ACTION NO. 23M002 V FOR ADOPTION OF ASHTON JACE HAMRICK, NOTICE OF SUMMONS**  
TO: **RONNIE O. HAMRICK**  
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Adoption was filed against you in said court on March, 23, 2023 and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on March 17, 2023 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon William H. McWhorter, Jr., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Drawer 99 and answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2023.

Clerk of Court.  
William H. McWhorter, Jr.  
State Bar No. 499950  
P.O. Drawer 99  
Swainsboro, GA 30401

**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF SAMUEL BRANTLEY, DECEASED.**  
All creditors of the Estate of Samuel Brantley, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNelly, attorney for Jacqueline Brantley, Executor of the Samuel Brantley Estate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.  
This 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.

**RICHARD M. MCNEELY**  
Attorney for Jaqueline Brantley  
Executor of the Samuel Brantley Estate  
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.  
P.O. Box 767  
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401  
(478) 237-4225

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Notice is given that articles of incorporation which will incorporate Union Grove Church, 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 59 Kilpatrick St., Midville, GA 30441 and its initial registered agent at such address is Chris Carr.

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the estate of Norman Stone Williamson, 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.  
Sumier Nichole Harman, Executrix of the Estate of Norman Stone Williamson, 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: DANIEL LEVI GRAY II, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 23E0037**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT**  
The petition of **CINDY TERESA GRAY**, for a year's support from the estate of **DANIEL LEVI GRAY II**, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **MAY 1, 2023**, 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 on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
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Judge of the Probate Court  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL STATE OF GEORGIA**  
Corene Wright Whitus  
Plaintiff, Civil Action No. 2BCV48 v. Lorenzo Whitus, Defendant.  
**NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
To: Lorenzo Whitus, Defendant  
Named Above:  
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking complaint for divorce [state the relief sought] was filed against you in said court on March 24, 2023 and that by reason of am order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on March 24 2023 you are here by commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Corene Whitus, plaintiff, whose address is 177 Kathleen Rd. Unit A, Swainsboro Ga. 30401 and answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days if the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demand in the complaint.  
Witness the Honorable Robert S. Reeves, Judge of said Court.  
This the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

Clerk of Superior Court  
Emanuel County

**Judicial Notice**  
**Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-11-50, the Superior Court is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Juvenile Court Judge in the Middle Judicial Circuit for Candler, Emanuel, Jefferson, Toombs and Washington Counties. This will be a four year appointment by court order beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2027. Qualified applicants must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of Georgia for 3 years, having practiced law for five years (seven is preferred) and be a member of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing. Travel throughout the Judicial Circuit and some limited state travel will be required. Anyone expressing an interest in this position including all questions and comments should refer them to: Mr. Bob Nadekow District Court Administrator Post Office Drawer C Lyons, GA 30436 Application packets may also be emailed to bnadekow@eighthdistrict.org. Only letters of interest, questions or comments received by May 31, 2023 will be considered. No phone calls, please.**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the estate of Alva McLendon, 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.  
Lena McLendon Allen, Executrix of the Estate of Joe Alva McLendon, 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 WILLIAM DENTON BEASLEY, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 23E0052**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**NOTICE**  
TO: **ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** and to whom it may concern:  
**WILLIAM MICHAEL BEASLEY** and **MASON C. BROWN** have petitioned to be appointed administrators of the estate of **WILLIAM DENTON BEASLEY** 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 **MAY 1, 2023**.  
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Judge of the Probate Court  
By: **Jeanie Hooks**  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM DENTON BEASLEY, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 23E0052**  
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**NOTICE**  
TO: **ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** and to whom it may concern:  
**WILLIAM MICHAEL BEASLEY** and **MASON C. BROWN** have petitioned to be appointed administrators of the estate of **WILLIAM DENTON BEASLEY** 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 **MAY 1, 2023**.  
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Judge of the Probate Court  
By: **Jeanie Hooks**  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL STATE OF GEORGIA**  
Corene Wright Whitus  
Plaintiff, Civil Action No. 2BCV48 v. Lorenzo Whitus, Defendant.  
**NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
To: Lorenzo Whitus, Defendant  
Named Above:  
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking complaint for divorce [state the relief sought] was filed against you in said court on March 24, 2023 and that by reason of am order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on March 24 2023 you are here by commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Corene Whitus, plaintiff, whose address is 177 Kathleen Rd. Unit A, Swainsboro Ga. 30401 and answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days if the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demand in the complaint.  
Witness the Honorable Robert S. Reeves, Judge of said Court.  
This the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

**STATE BOARD MEMBER TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING**  
**April 24, 2023**  
**Mayor Matt Donaldson to Host State Board of Education Twelfth District Public Hearing**  
The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing for citizens in the Twelfth Congressional District on Monday, April 24, 2023. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Vidalia High School, 901 North St. West, Vidalia, GA 30474. The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments from interested citizens and educators within the congressional district regarding the performance and problems of public education. Persons wishing to speak should sign in upon arrival.  
The Georgia Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Individuals who need assistance or auxiliary aids for participation in this public forum are invited to make their needs known to Geraldine Price at [sboeadmin@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:sboeadmin@doe.k12.ga.us) no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS**  
All creditors of THOMAS F NUNNALLY, deceased, 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.  
This 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2023.  
Ronda Nunnally, Personal Representative, of the Estate, of Thomas F. Nunnally, deceased.  
Ronda Nunnally  
102 Indian Spring Drive  
Silver Spring MD 20901  
(301) 346-8501 (not for publication)

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the Estate of Cecil Bowden, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.  
Julia Ann Bowden Calhoun, Executrix of the Estate of Cecil Bowden, decedent  
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.  
P.O. Box 68  
Swainsboro, GA 30401

**Public Notice of the Public Hearing and Request for Public Comment on the Georgia's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2027**  
The State of Georgia will host a public hearing to present its proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Federal Years 2023-2027. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan enables the State of Georgia to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions for the approximately \$90 million the State will receive annually from 2023-2027 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) block grant programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program (HOPWA).  
The State of Georgia encourages all of its residents, sub-recipients and grantees, public agencies, and other interested parties to attend this public hearing and submit any written comments to the agency.  
**An In-Person Public Hearing will be held on:**  
**April 17 from 10:00 – 11:30 am**  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)  
60 Executive Park South NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231  
To attend please email [HUDPLanning@dca.ga.gov](mailto:HUDPLanning@dca.ga.gov) to ask to receive the registration link  
**A Virtual Public Hearing will be held on**  
**April 17 from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.**  
To participate in the webinar please email [dca.ga.gov](mailto:dca.ga.gov) to ask to receive the registration link  
If you cannot participate in the hearing and would like to submit written comments on the Plan, please send them via email to [hudplanning@dca.ga.gov](mailto:hudplanning@dca.ga.gov)  
**The public comment period for the Plan is open from April 1, 2023 to May 1, 2023**  
The draft of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan will be available on our website after April 1, 2023 at: <https://dca.ga.gov/node/4567>.  
DCA is prepared to provide appropriate language services for non-English-speaking individuals. Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and/or Vietnamese interpreters can be made available upon request. Please identify any language services needed 10 days prior to the public hearing, including in which language(s) such services are required.  
Translation of the notice and interpretation services for this event are available upon request.  
*Traducción de la notificación y servicios de interpretación para este evento están disponibles a pedido.*  
DCA complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or special modification to participate in the public comment process should email [HUDPlanning@dca.ga.gov](mailto:HUDPlanning@dca.ga.gov).

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the Estate of Betty Brown Correia, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.  
Brian Antonio Brown, Executor of the Estate of Betty Brown Correia, decedent  
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.  
P.O. Box 68  
Swainsboro, GA 30401

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the estate of Albert Marvin Jones, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.  
Carol L. Jones, Executrix of the Estate of Albert Marvin Jones, decedent  
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.  
P.O. Box 68  
Swainsboro, GA 30401

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the estate of Carlton Lester Jones, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.  
Timothy Carlton Jones, Executor of the Estate of Carlton Lester Jones, decedent  
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.  
P.O. Box 68  
Swainsboro, GA 30401

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the estate of Luanne Steptoe Miller, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Tammy Miller, Administrator of the late Luanne Steptoe Miller Estate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.  
This 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.  
RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Tammy Miller, Administrator of the Luanne Steptoe Miller Estate  
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.  
P.O. Box 767

**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY EMANUEL**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF LUANNE STEPTOE MILLER, DECEASED.**  
All creditors of the Estate of Luanne Steptoe Miller, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Tammy Miller, Administrator of the late Luanne Steptoe Miller Estate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.  
This 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY EMANUEL**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF SAMUEL BRANTLEY, DECEASED.**  
All creditors of the Estate of Samuel Brantley, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Jacqueline Brantley, Executor of the Samuel Brantley Estate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.  
This 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.

## Public Notice of the Public Hearing and Request for Public Comment on the Georgia's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2027

The State of Georgia will host a public hearing to present its proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Federal Years 2023-2027. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan enables the State of Georgia to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions for the approximately \$90 million the State will receive annually from 2023-2027 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) block grant programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program (HOPWA).  
The State of Georgia encourages all of its residents, sub-recipients and grantees, public agencies, and other interested parties to attend this public hearing and submit any written comments to the agency.  
**An In-Person Public Hearing will be held on:**  
**April 17 from 10:00 – 11:30 am**  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)  
60 Executive Park South NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231  
To attend please email [HUDPLanning@dca.ga.gov](mailto:HUDPLanning@dca.ga.gov) to ask to receive the registration link  
**A Virtual Public Hearing will be held on**  
**April 17 from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.**  
To participate in the webinar please email [dca.ga.gov](mailto:dca.ga.gov) to ask to receive the registration link  
If you cannot participate in the hearing and would like to submit written comments on the Plan, please send them via email to [hudplanning@dca.ga.gov](mailto:hudplanning@dca.ga.gov)  
**The public comment period for the Plan is open from April 1, 2023 to May 1, 2023**  
The draft of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan will be available on our website after April 1, 2023 at: <https://dca.ga.gov/node/4567>.  
DCA is prepared to provide appropriate language services for non-English-speaking individuals. Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and/or Vietnamese interpreters can be made available upon request. Please identify any language services needed 10 days prior to the public hearing, including in which language(s) such services are required.  
Translation of the notice and interpretation services for this event are available upon request.  
*Traducción de la notificación y servicios de interpretación para este evento están disponibles a pedido.*  
DCA complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or special modification to participate in the public comment process should email [HUDPlanning@dca.ga.gov](mailto:HUDPlanning@dca.ga.gov).

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS**  
All creditors of THOMAS F NUNNALLY, deceased, 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.  
This 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2023.  
Ronda Nunnally, Personal Representative, of the Estate, of Thomas F. Nunnally, deceased.  
Ronda Nunnally  
102 Indian Spring Drive  
Silver Spring MD 20901  
(301) 346-8501 (not for publication)

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
All creditors of the Estate of Cecil Bowden, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.  
Julia Ann Bowden Calhoun, Executrix of the Estate of Cecil Bowden, decedent  
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.  
P.O. Box 68  
Swainsboro, GA 30401

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