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1987 - John Roberts

1988 - Robert Darling

1990 - Jimmy Morgan

1991 - H.G. Harris

1992 - Ed Schwabe

1993 - Willie Gunn

1994 - Sypper Young-

1995 - Bill Rountree

1996 - Neal Baker

1997 - John Loren Dekle

1998 - Richard McCon-

nell

1999 - Wes Stramoski

2000 - Tobe Karrh

2001 - Raymond Hendrix

2002 - Joe Hoke

2003 - Judge Charles

Brewer

2004 - Jack Brannon

2005 - Olen Flanders

2006 - Edwin Canady

2007 - Chip Durden

2008 - Jimmy Morgan

2009 - Swainsboro Ki-

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2010 - Senator David

Gambrell

2011 - Rodney Kellum

2012 - Dr. John Black

2013 - Bill Rogers Jr.

2014 - L.C. "Shot"

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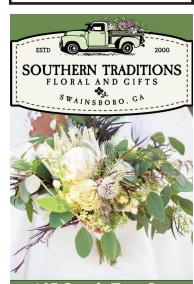
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1946 - I.L. Price 1947 - Cliff E. Reed 1948 - James H. Mor-

1949 - W.O. Phillips 1950 - J.F. Mathis, Jr. 1951 - J.D. McLeod

1952 - Henry Brooks 1953 - V.E. Glenn

1954 - Carlton Dekle

1955 - J.D. Cruce

1956 - Bobby Sasser, Sr. 1957 - Robert Roach

1958 - Al Hagan

1959 - Bill Rountree

1960 - Neal Baker and

Iohn Roberts

1961 - Jim Fason and John Loren Dekle

> 1962 - Austin Avery 1963 - Russell Paige

1964 - Tom Kell

1965 - J.T. Bailey 1966 - Jerome Walker

1967 - George Mason

1968 - 1974 - Doc Mc-

Bride

1975 - Clark Riley

1976 - Olan Flanders

1977 - Bill Schofill

1978 - Doc McBride

1979 - Hulon Madeley

1980 - Ed Schwabe

1981 - Leroy Hayes

1982 - Edwin Canady

1983 - Cliff Walton

1984 - Ed Bolton

1985 - Roger Peebles

and Doc McBride

1986 - Harvey Netter-

ville

1987 - Roger Peebles 1988 - 1989 - Roger

Shaw

1990 - Gary Hodges

1991 - Joe Hoke and street Johnny Ray Stafford

1992 - Julian Sconyers

1993 - R.C. Dominey

1994 - L.H. Weise

1995 - Frank Patrick

1996 - Chip Durden

1997 - Bob Hunter

1998 - John Black

1999 - Jim Daughtry

2000 - John Allen Bailey

2001 - 2002 - Clay Hall

2003 - Travis Garrett

2004 - Clarence Thomp-

son

2005 - Douglas Over-

2006 - Tim Goodman

2007 - James Smith

2008 - Clay Hall and

Athen Walden 2009 - Athen Walden

and Bill Rogers Jr. 2010 - Athen Walden

2011 - Donna Brinson

2012 - Jen Meadows

2013 - Wade Johnson

2014 - Wade Johnson 2015 - Wade Johnson

2016 - Wade Johnson

2017 - Eliza Noles

2018 - Eliza Noles

2019 - Ken Warnock

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Queens of the Pine Tree Festival Pageant

The crowning of the Pine Tree Festival Queen is a highlight of the annual festivities. The queen and her court ride in the festival parade, and former queens have been invited. Queens from the very first festival in 1946 to present

1946 - Ann Garrett 1947 - Betty Jean Meadows

> 1948 - Betty Page 1949 - Betty West

1950 - Bunny Bailey

1951 - Fayette Bell

1952 - Maurice Martin

1953 - Emily Coleman

1954 - Nella Sheppard

1955 - Linda Dekle

1956 - Meredith Jenkins

1957 - Becky Lamb

1958 - Patsy Edenfield 1959 - Jo Anne Kemp 1960 - Dottie Kea 1961 - Margaret Hutcheson

1962 - Ramonda Ham-

1963 - Bebe Durden

1964 - Martha Smith

1965 - Mary Walden

1966 - Sara Steinberg 1967 - Barbara Black

1968 - Linda Sconyers

1969 - Margaret Anne

Watson

1970 - Paulette Brown

1971 - Paulette Gay

1972 - Kathy Smith

1973 - Agatha Durden

1974 - Lisa Youmans 1975 - Kathy Register

1976 - Kitty Kemp 1977 - Vicki Howard

1978 - Debra Donald-

1979 - Lynda Brannen

1980 - Tammy Martin

1981 - Donna Hooks

1982 - Mary Pate Evans

1983 - Pam Grimes

1984 - Kathy Kent

1985 - Angie Waters 1986 - Stephanie Moore

1987 - Donna Speir

1988 - Gail Hooks

1989 - Beth Bridges

1990 - Brandi Canady

1991 - Brandi Johnson

1992 - Mary Beth Campbell

1993 - Cindy Thompson

1994 - Jill Stephens

1995 - Heather Edenfield

> 1996 - Angie Kirkland 1997 - Rhaney Fowler

1998 - Gidget Durden

1999 - Erin Williamson 2000 - Leigh Anne Hut-

to 2001 - Beth Hopkins

2002 - Jodi Johnson

2003 - Calli Scarboro

2004 - Tiffany Akridge

2005 - Leah Lanier

2006 - Tiffany Lynn

Hine

2007 - Kacie Oglesby 2008 - Taylor Breedlove

2009 - Molly Elizabeth

Sconyers

2010 - Maegan Nicole **Iackson**

2011 - Jordan Mason

2012 - Bridget Lee

2013 - River Hendley

2014 - Caitlyn Coleman

2015 - Jillian Edenfield

2016 - Lelyn Stewart

2017 - Amy Akridge

2001 - Beth Hopkins

2002 - Jodi Johnson

2003 - Calli Scarboro 2004 - Tiffany Akridge

2005 - Leah Lanier

2006 - Tiffany Lynn

Hine 2007 - Kacie Oglesby

2008 - Taylor Breedlove

2009 - Molly Elizabeth Sconyers

2010 - Maegan Nicole Jackson

2011 - Jordan Mason

2012 - Bridget Lee

2013 - River Hendley

2014 -Caitlyn Coleman

2015 - Jillian Edenfield

2016 - Lelyn Stewart

2017 - Amy Akridge

2018 - Sydney Dorsey

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Annual Knotty Pine 5K slated for May 6

The 2023 Knotty Pine 5K Run will take place again this year as part of the Annual Pine Tree Festival. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club is the sponsor for the Knotty Pine 5K. This year's 5K race will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 7 and at the corner of Green and Pine Street and end at the same place. Registration begins at 7:00 am, with the awards ceremony following the finish of the race at approximately 9:15 am. The entry fee for the 5K is \$25 for pre-registration before April 24 and at \$30 after April 24 and on or the day of the race. Runners entering before April 24 will be guaranteed a 2023 Knotty Pine t-shirt. COVID-19 safeguards will be observed,

with all present requested to wear face covering except those actively running in the 5K. Runners and all spectators and workers should observe safe distancing. Medals for 1st Overall Male & Female and 1st Masters Male & Female and the top 3 male & female finishers in the 5K in each age group: 10 & under, 11-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-64, 65 & older. Entry forms are available at the Swainsboro Emanuel County-Chamber of Commerce or be obtained online www.pinetreefestival.org www.swainsborokiwanis. org. Applications and information can also be obtained by calling Tim Goodman at 478-494-4741 or by emailing goodman@ega.edu.



SCENE FROM LAST YEAR'S EVENT



Pine Tree Festival Slogans

1947 - "Stop Forest Fires." 1948 - "Keep Georgia Clean"

1949 - "Dollars Grow on Pine Trees" 1950 - Provide" 1951 - "Plant and Protect Pines for Prosperity; Burn for Poverty"

1952 - "Green Pines for Greenbacks; Burn for Setbacks"

1953 - "Learn, Don't Burn"

1954 - "Shine With Pines" 1955 - "Keep Pines Alive in '55"

1956 - "Green Pines for Happy Times"

1957 - "Georgia Shines with Emanuel Pines"

1958 - "Pines Pay Day to Day"

1959 - "Dollars and Dimes Increase with Pines"

1960 - "Make a Spot for

Your Pine Tree Plot" 1961 - "Ring Out the

Chimes for Emanuel Pines" 1962 - "Pines Served Us

Well Since 1812"

1963 - "Industry and Pines Make Emanuel Fine"

1964 - "Pines are Tops in

Emanuel Crops"

1965 - "Pines Bring Cheer in the 25th Year"

1966 - "As Pines Grow Old, They Turn to Gold"

1967 - "Pines Have a Place in this Age of Space"

1968 - "Pines are the Means in the Age of Machines"

1969 - "Pines Open the Door to Industry Galore"

1970 - "With Pines to

Show, Emanuel Will Grow" 1971 - "Emanuel County Didn't Miss the Boat, It

Planted Pines to Stay Afloat" 1972 - "Bees Make Honey

Pines Make Money"

1973 - "Keep Pines Alive and Watch Emanuel Thrive" 1974 - "Needle-less to Say - Pines are Here to Stay"

1975 - "Since '45 We Still Strive to Keep Pine Trees Alive"

1976 - "Let's Honor the Red, White and Blue and Our Pine Trees, Too"

1977 - "Pines We Grow - Progress We Show"

1978 - "People are Here Today - Pines are Here to Stav"

1979 - "Save Energy and Time - Protect Our Pines in **'**79"

1980 - "Pine Tree Pride -The 35th Time"

1981 - "Pines Preserved

- Energy Conserved"

1982 - "Pines Will See Us Through in '82"

1983 - "Pines are a Bounty for Emanuel County"

1984 - "Pines Galore in

1985 - "God Made All Trees Big and Tall, But the Beautiful Pine Tree Tops Them All"

1986 - "Plant Pines - Plant a Future"

1987 - "Where Would We Be Without a Pine Tree"

1988 - "Let's Honor Our Pines For the 43'rd Time"

1989 - "Fill Your Pockets

With Pine Tree Profits"

1990 - "Stop Polluting and Start Saluting Pines" 1991 - "Plant Pines in '91 - Grow Jobs For Everyone"

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Share - Plant Pines For Profit and Clean Air"

1993 - "Planting Pines in '93 Means Prosperity for You and Me"

1994 - "Give Pine Trees Our Salute Because They Bring in Lots of Loot"

1995 - "Emanuel, the Lean, Green, Growing Machine"

1996 - "Use Your Mind, Save Our Pines"

1997 - "Georgia Pine on My Mind"

1998 - "The Emanuel Pine Will Forever Shine"

1999 - "The Pine Tree -Emanuel County's Future"

2000 - "Festival of Pines is Still Alive at '55"

2001 - "Pines Are No. 1 in 2001"

2002 - "Plant A Pine, Your Future Will Shine"

2003 - "A prosperous future the Georgia pine brings - in a land where freedom rings"

2004 - "Let Your Dreams Soar in 2004, Plant a Pine."

2005 - "Georgia Pines: A TREEmendous Resource"

2006 - "Pines Growing Keeps Our Economy Grow-

2007 - "Think Smart! Think Future! Plant Pines!" 2008 - "Just Plant One" 2009 - "You'll Grow to

1992 - "Let's Do Our Love the Georgia Pine"

2010 - "Time to Shine With Georgia Pines"

2011 - "2011 Feels So Fine, Just Like Dollars From a Pine"

2012- "200 Years of the Amazing Pine Have Made Emanuel County Fine"

2013 - "Pines Grow Green in Twenty-13"

2014 - "Georgia Pines are on My Mind"

2015 - "The Mighty Pine, Tall and Lean - Strong as Ever in 2015"

2016 - "Goin' Pine Tree Green in 2016"

2017 - "Emanuel County Pines... Heartbeat of the South" 2018 - "Emanuel County: Where the Towns are Small

2019 - "Needles Are Green. Cones Are Brown. The Pine Tree Festival Is Fun All Around!"

and the Pines are Tall"

2021- "Pines lead the way to back to a brighter day"

2022 - ""Growing for Generations to Come"

2023 - Celebrating Emanuel County's Tree-mendous Industry"

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2023 Pine Tree Festival Schedule of Events

April 29

Miss Pine Tree Festival Pageants • 10:00 AM • Location: Swainsboro Auditorium

Pine Tree 100 • 6:30 P.M. • Location: Swainsboro Raceway

May 4

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May 5

Rhythm & Pines Music Festival • 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM • Location: Downtown Swainsboro
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Rhett Blount & Friends, Perpetual Motion, and the Gospel Stage

UBF Party in the Pines • 7:30 PM • Location: Georgia Sports Arena

76th Annual Pine Tree Festival

Knotty Pine 5K • 8:00 AM • Location: Stewart's Jewelers Parking Lot

Pine Tree Festival Car Show • 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM • Location: Downtown Square

The Grand Parade • 10:30 AM • Location: Downtown Swainsboro

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Entertainment Includes:

Flippen Out Trampoline Stunt Show • Showtimes: 12:15 PM, 2:00 PM, and 3:30 PM • Location: Main & Main

GSU Wildlife Show • Time 1 P.M. • Location: Boneyard Pavilion The exhibit will be on display all day following the parade

Tim Davis Saw Carving • Location: Leannas Parking Lot

Axe of Valor Axe Throwing • Location: Roger Shaw Street

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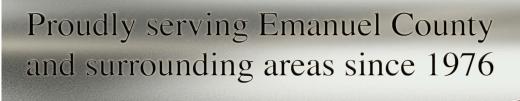
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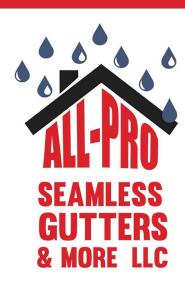
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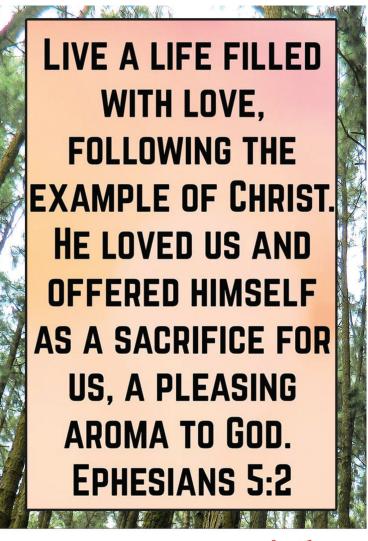
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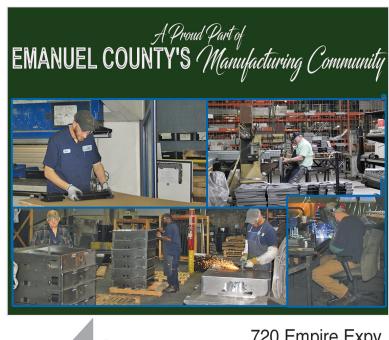
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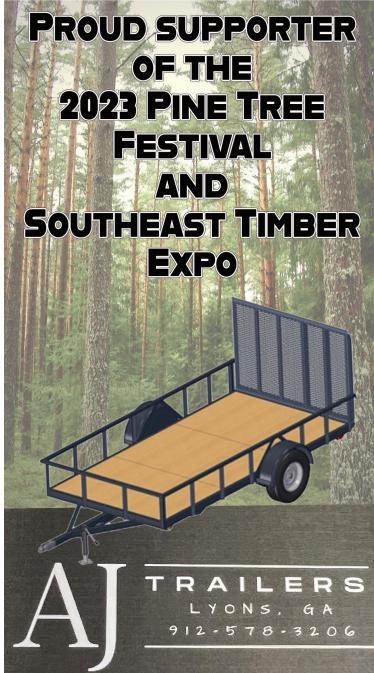


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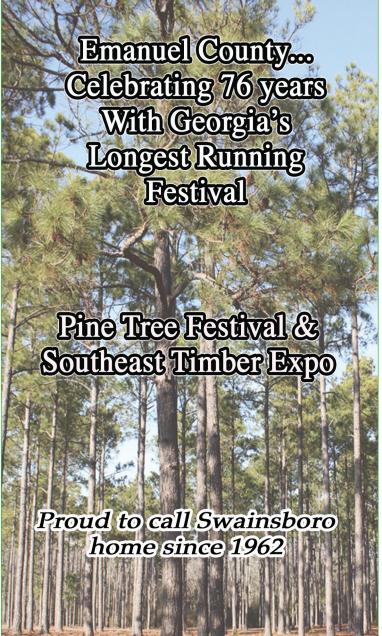
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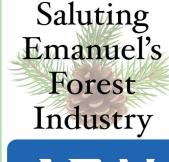




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Downtown Swainsboro was filled with laughter, smiles, and excitement last year as locals and non-locals gathered in celebration of the 75th Annual Pine Tree Festival and Southeast Timber Expo event. Activities kicked off Friday night, May 6 with the Rhythm & Pines Music Festival. Although predicted rain and winds cancelled the planned performances of The Swinging Medallions and the Gospel Stage, Friday night festival-goers still enjoyed performances by Rhett Blount & Friends and the Perpetual Motion Band. Last year's event also featured the second annual Ultimate Bullfighters Party In The Pines presented by Daniels Chevrolet. After enjoying a fun-filled evening of entertainment, the crowds returned Saturday morning for an exciting lineup of festival activities. The morning began with the Knotty Pine 5K race at 8 a.m., which brought in runners from across the region. At approximately 10 a.m., open



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ceremonies were held honoring Lynn Brinson, general manager at RadioJones, LLC., as this year's Pine Tree Festival Grand Marshal and Green Jacket recipient. Brinson is the second female recipient to receive "green jacket" status in its history. The first recipient being Daisy Reeves, wife of the Honorable Judge Robert S. Reeves Brinson has served

on the Pine Tree Festival Committee for more than 10 years and has played a vital role in the festival's success each year.

The grand parade commenced at 10:30 a.m. with Brinson in lead and featured floats, marching groups and other entries representing a variety of schools, businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals.



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A meeting will be held next Friday night at the Hotel Marguerite when the president will appoint his standing committees for the remainder of the year.

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The initial Kiwanis Luncheon was given last Friday evening at the Hotel Marguerite. Besides the 50 members of the Swainsboro Club which was necessary to secure a charter, there were present about 20 of the Dublin Kiwanians who had full charge of the delightful and interesting program.

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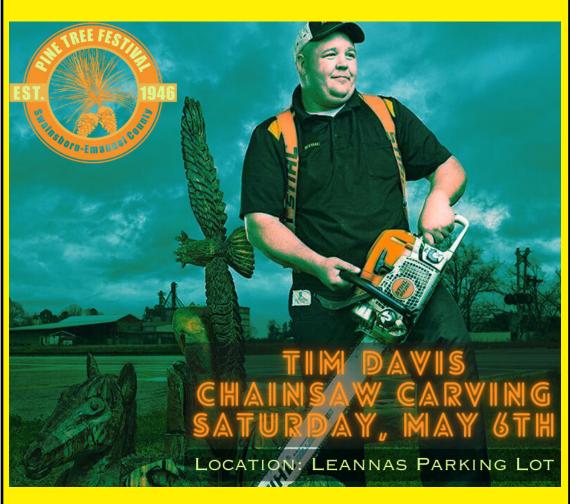


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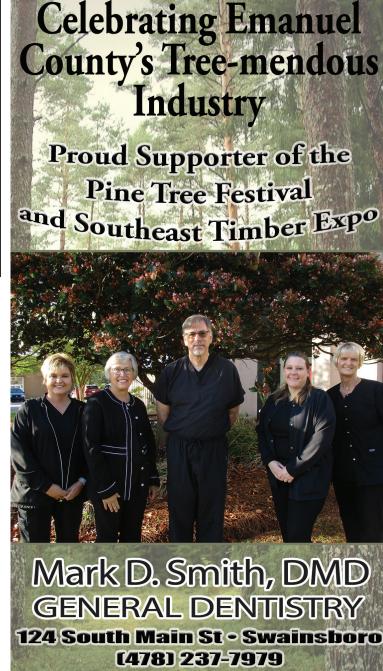
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Ray Brinson first tree sitter March 26, 1952 to April 25, 1952

Story submitted by the Emanuel County Historic Society from Pine Log Echoes

In 1952, when the committee began planning the Pine Tree Festival Parade, the idea for having a "Pine Tree Sitter" was initiated and the search for a sitter began. In 1952, Ray Brinson, at the insistence of hundreds of friends, entered a bid for the job as the "tree sitter" and was selected by the committee from a list of nine applicants.

In order to gain as much publicity as possible for the Pine Tree Parade, the Pine Tree Sitter would broadcast daily from his home in the pine. Several scripts were composed for Ray to use during his stay in the tree. His stay was for 30 days, ascending on March 1, 1952 to remain in his new home until April 25, 1952. Ray was a tough and determined individual and the idea to remain in the tree and endure whatever the weather conditions was a challenge to him. He enjoyed people and the publicity Emanuel County received was rewarding to him. Ray would stand and wave to the people passing where Main Streets meet on US 1 and US 80. The more attention he could bring to the Pine Tree Festival was the

He climbed the tall pine tree on the courthouse square in Swainsboro using a wooden ladder and once he settled in the ladder was removed. The makeshift tree house had a cot, a potty, and one chair. There was a water bucket attached to a rope that was used to lift food and water up and down to him during his stay.

Jack Thompson, owner of WJAT, provided daily broadcasts from "atop the pine tree". Examples of Ray's scripts: (1) Wiley Powell is chairman of the square dance and I understand he has secured Frank Landrum's Band. I believe they call themselves the Merry Makers. You know them...they play at WJAT every Saturday night. The square dance will be Friday night after the big pageant. (2) Big golf tournament: Frank Davis, chairman of the Pine Tree golf tournament, tells me there are already

more entries than the day of the tournament last year. The golf course has been worked over...and everything is in order. Arrangements have been made for that good old barbecue. I hope they will bring me some! (3) I wonder who's the furtherest person listening in. If you think you're further away from Swainsboro than anyone else tuned to WJAT call or write. We had a call from Orlando, Fla. and a visitor from Jack-

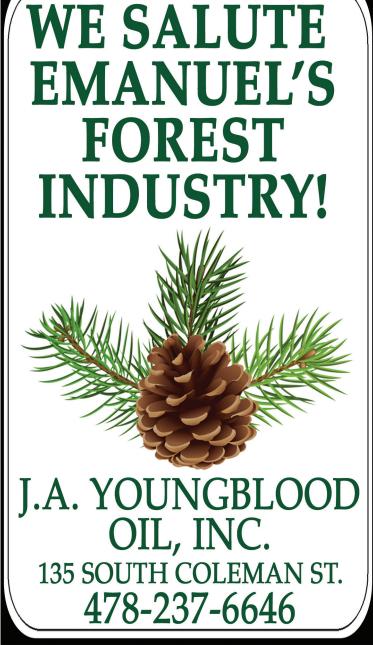
sonville already this year.

Ray was the sitter in 1952 and 1953 and commented on his descent from the tree: "It was easier than last," smiled Swainsboro's record-breaker Pine Tree Sitter, after 30 days above the courthouse lawn. "But I don't believe I'll try it again." Ray, firmly grounded, looked happy that his aerial ordeal was over and said, "It's like stepping into a new world. All the trees are different shades and the grass is

thicker than when I ascended. I feel like I am two-feet tall in the middle of the crowd."

Ray was given \$300 to sit in that tree for 30 days. In 1953 or '54 he was given a pine seedling. He was told to walk to the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta and give the tree to President Eisenhower. Earl Varner said it "Took him two days." Rumor has it that the pine tree seedling was planted on the grounds of Augusta National.





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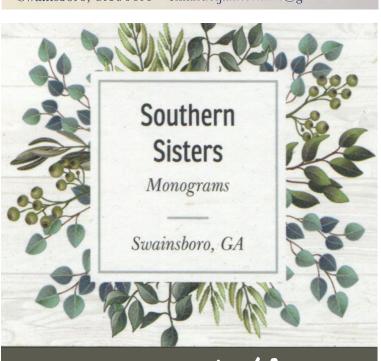
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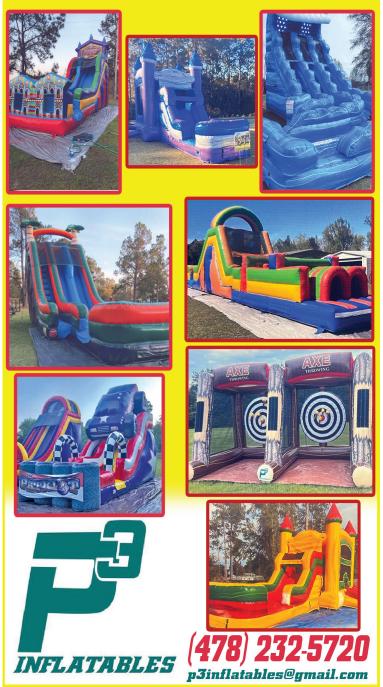


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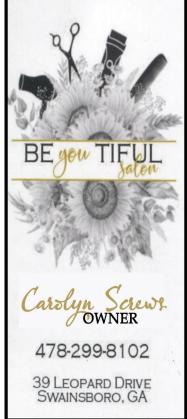
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By the time Smokey made his first appearance, on a poster by a Saturday Evening Post illustrator, Albert Staehle, the organizers had rejected many other animals, including Bambi, whose services were offered by Walt Disney.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: ARTIST HARRY ROSSOLL, GARY "SIX-GUN" HODGES, AND ROGER SHAW IN 1989

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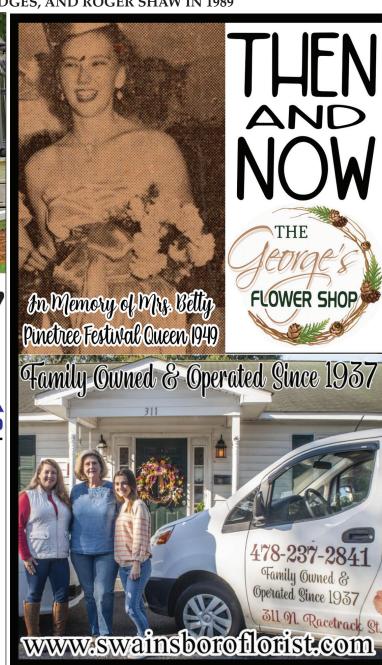
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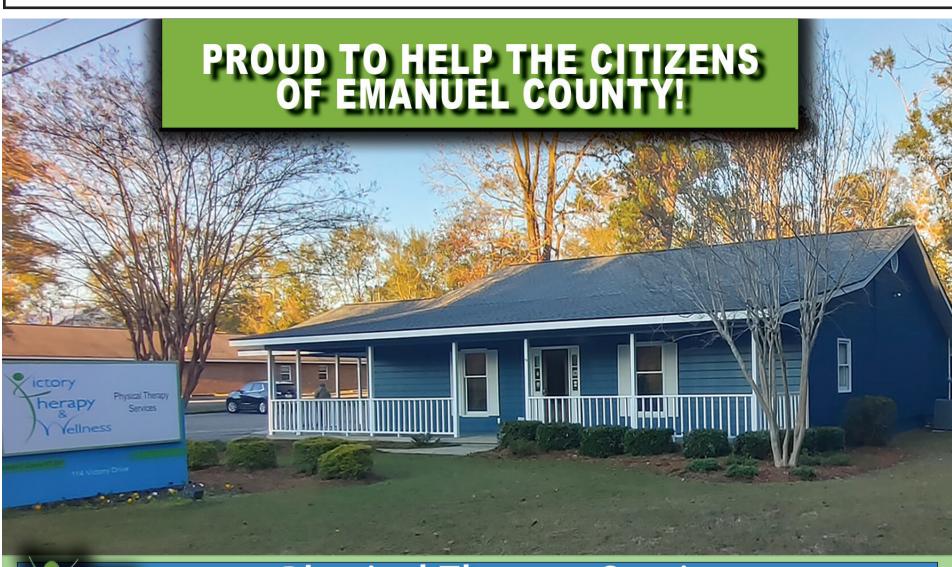
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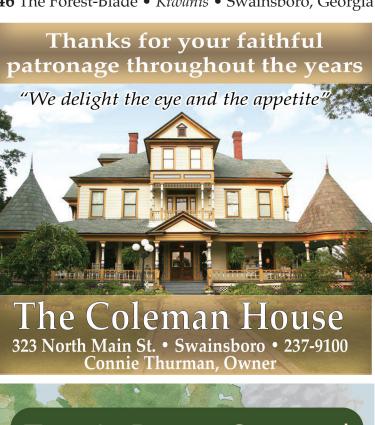
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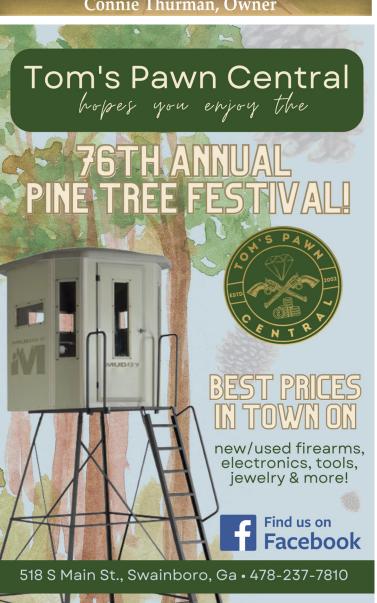




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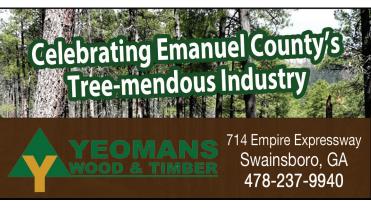






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