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## Calling all "Bicentennial Historians"

In December of 1822, the City of Swainsboro was formally created by a resolution and an act of the Legislature of the State of Georgia. In our upcoming July 4, edition as a service to our readers, *The Blade* will include a special insert that will look back and pay tribute to the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of our town. This will be a historical review of the milestones of Swainsboro but will also give light to the personal side of life during the different eras of our first 200 years. If you would like to contribute stories, artifacts, or pictures that highlight the everyday "human history" from the very beginning in 1822 to 2000, we would love to hear from you as we compile this magazine. Please contact us at 478.237.9971 prior to June 23.



2023 RIVER RATS

## River Rats break another record

The River Rats have toured the Ogeechee once again. On Friday, April 21, 34 boats carrying 70 citizens who call themselves the River Rats, set off at the Bull Hole in Jenkins County to make their annual tour of the Ogeechee River. The duration of the tour lasted from Friday April 21 to Sunday, April 23, and ended at Kings Ferry in Chatham County. Money is raised by selling t-shirts, shotgun tickets and by participants getting sponsorships from businesses and individuals. The monetary response has always been overwhelming, but

this year topped them all with the River Rats making history through their annual fundraiser and raising a substantial \$52,000, which was donated to the Greenville Shriner's Hospital on May 23.

The River Rats would like to take this opportunity to thank all their sponsors and look forward to their support in the future. If anyone would like to participate in next year's tour, contact one of the River Rats. If approached by a River Rat to be a sponsor, remember all the money raised goes to a worthwhile cause.



GREENE

## Greene selected to play in Georgia Dugout Club All-State Tournament

by BRITTANY HALL

Swainsboro High School baseball player, River Greene, has been selected among the top players from four regions of Georgia, to play in the 2023 All Star-All State Baseball Tournament. Coaches and Scouts from across the state hand selected Greene as a premier player from within the CSRA. Greene just celebrated his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday and is a SHS graduate of the class of 2023. He has played baseball as for the Tigers throughout the duration of his high school career as well as all three years of middle school. Prior to that, he also played in the Dixie

Youth League and participated in the Dixie Youth League World Series in both Louisiana and Arkansas.

When asked about how he feels to be invited to play in such an incredible tournament, Greene said:

"It is not difficult to excel at something when you have as much passion as I do for the game of baseball."

The tournament will be held on Saturday June 3, 2023, at Mercer University.

Congratulations to River as he sets off on this amazing endeavor. We will be rooting for you at home!



FAGLER AND ROBERSON

## SHS Bass Team brings home a State Championship

The SHS Bass Fishing Team, under the guidance of Coach Hunter Braswell, had an unforgettable weekend and emerged victorious as State Champions. Despite being only in their second season, this team has already tasted success and made memories that will last a lifetime. The tournament, held on Clark's Hill Lake, saw two qualifying teams from SHS compete fiercely against

100 other boats. Jacob Fagler and Mitchell Roberson were exceptional, catching almost 20 fish and finishing in the "Top 10 Boats" of the GHSA State Championship, placing 7<sup>th</sup> overall. Their hard work and strategic approach paid off, and they came very close to qualifying for the national championship. Garrett Peebles and Bo Brown also put in a commendable effort,



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although they fell short of their goal. Coach Braswell expressed immense pride in both teams and congratulated them for their outstanding performances. The SHS Bass Team also extended their gratitude to Ashley Roberson and Patrick Brown, whose tireless volunteering throughout the year played a significant role in the team's success.

The program owes

its success to the collective effort of everyone involved, including sponsors who helped offset the costs of participating in the sport. As the season comes to an end, the team bids farewell to their graduating seniors and wishes them luck in their future endeavors. Swainsboro has indeed made history in GHSA Bass Fishing, and we applaud both teams for their outstanding efforts.

## SPD to host summer Scavenger Hunt

The Swainsboro Police Department will host its annual summer Scavenger Hunt for the community during the entire month of June. Each year, SPD hosts a "find a rock" Scavenger Hunt program for children 5-12 years of age with the following restrictions: ages 5-12 and one winner per child. During the month of June, each officer will hide a painted rock with his or her badge number inscribed on it. Clues

will be posted through the agency Facebook page beginning at 4:30 p.m. on June 1. Each officer will give up to three clues for the public to decipher and hopefully locate the rock to turn in for a prize. This year, the agency will give a new clue every day to help find all the hidden treasures. A prize will be given for every found treasure, and a grand prize will be selected at the end of the month. The police department

staff are extremely excited about the upcoming event for the children

to enjoy participating in during the month of June. HAPPY HUNTING!

## ECCHS sponsoring adoptions through June

Emanuel County Humane Society is sponsoring adoptions at the Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter now through the end of June. Please go by at 343 Market Street and pick out your new best friend!

The shelter is yet again overrun with dogs, and they need our help. For more information, call 478-237-4040.

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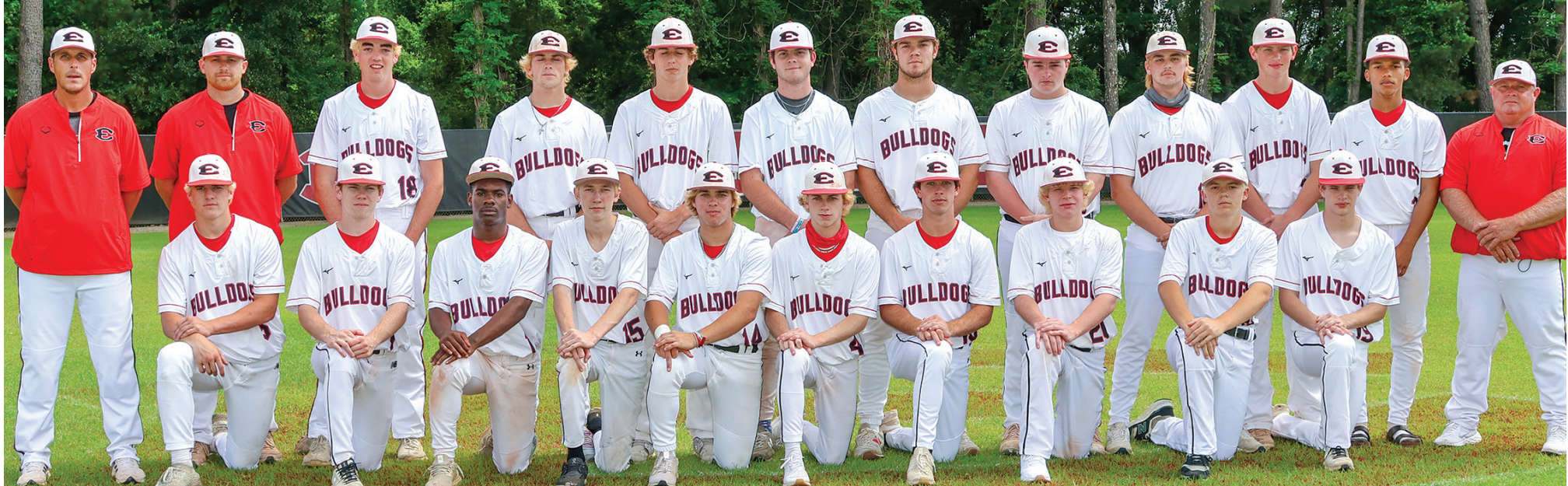
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**BULLDOGS END SEASON RANKED NUMBER TWO IN CLASS A DIVISION II BASEBALL**

## Bulldogs were one win away

by RON WEATHER-FORD

After weeks of practice and 40 baseball games, the Bulldogs were one win away from their first baseball championship.

ECI and Charlton split the opening doubleheader Tuesday in the best of three championship series. The Indians took the first game 3-1. ECI evened the series, winning the second game 5-4. It all came down to the third and deciding game on Wednesday to determine who would hoist the 2023 championship trophy.

The Indians won the series and championship, winning the game on championship night 5-0.

Although not playing on Joe Harvey Field, you

could argue the Bulldogs had homefield advantage at Georgia Southern just a few miles away. The Bulldog fans and loud student section outnumbered the Indians side of the stands 5-1.

If there is one game in the series the Bulldogs would like to play over or thought they should have won, it would have been the first game of the doubleheader on Tuesday.

Bryce Kearson and the defense allowed just 2 hits to the Indians in the 3-1 loss.

All three of the runs for Charlton were unearned and came in the bottom of the fourth inning on a walk, an error and a unsuccessful try at getting the lead runner on a sacrifice bunt. The Indians

only had one hit in the inning.

The Bulldogs outhit the Indians 4-2 in the pitchers' duel. Aden McQuaig had 2 hits to lead ECI at the plate.

The Indians jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the third inning in the must win second game Tuesday for the Bulldogs.

Just like in the series with Schley Co. the Bulldogs got off the deck and tied the game scoring 2 runs in the bottom of the third and 3 more in the fourth to take a 5-3 lead.

Lawson Mercer led off the third on a walk and Hudson Henry and Tuff Boddiford laced a couple of doubles make the score 3-2 Charlton.

Bryce Kearson tied the game in the bottom of the fourth inning with

long solo homerun over the leftfield fence for a 3-3 score.

With Gabe Lee on after a single in the fourth, it would be the Henry-Boddiford combo for 2 more doubles to put the Bulldogs up for good 5-3. The Indians put a run on the board in the top of the fifth to end the scoring in the game with ECI taking the must win game 5-4.

Like the first game, the Bulldogs outhit the Indians 7-4. Gabe Lee, Hudson Henry and Tuff Boddiford had 2 hits each for ECI.

Lawson Mercer pitched the first three innings for the Bulldogs giving up 3 hits. Jacob Durden closed the final 4 innings allowing just one hit.

After a rainy night for the first game on Tuesday, there was perfect baseball weather for the Championship game on Wednesday evening.

Sometimes you just have to tip your cap when a pitcher has one of those nights where they say "he had his stuff".

Charlton still had their third pitcher in reserve for the game Wednesday and he came through for the Indians.

The senior hurler, throwing in the mid to high 80's limited the Bulldogs to just 4 hits while striking out 10 Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs got runners in scoring position in the first two innings but couldn't get the timely hit to push runners across, getting just 2 more hits the rest of the

game.

After limiting Charlton to just 6 combined hits in the two games on Tuesday night, they outhit the Bulldogs in the championship game 7-4 to take the game and the trophy back to Folkston.

The Bulldogs have some big shoes to fill next season, losing 4 seniors. Standing in the box for the last time Wednesday were Bryce Kearson, Lawson Mercer, PJ Farnum and Jacob Durden.

The Bulldogs ended the season with a record of 31-10 and were one of only 16 Georgia High School baseball teams still playing last week in the state playoffs.

To quote Frank Sinatra in one of his famous signature songs, "....., it was a very good year."

## Glad Garden Club celebrates Pinetrees and Wine

On May 6, 2023, the weather was drizzly and a bit chilly but the spirits of Swainsboro and the 76th Annual Pine Tree Festival Parade were not dampened as the marching bands, floats, fire trucks and police cars stepped off to officially mark the celebration of the Pinetree Festival, an industry that has been good to this region of the country. Friday night bands performed in the mist and vendors set-up to provide the wonderful smells and tastes of Swainsboro. The parade went off in the rain, but spirits were high and Glad Garden Club members were more than excited to participate in this grand event. Members Mary Shepherd, Thomasene Flanders, Sylvia Durden, Jeanette Hall, Gloria Mason, Karen C. Van Horn and JoAnn Trammell donned their flowered hats and new Glad Garden Club shirts to be chauffeured in luxury in a Daniels Chevrolet truck by Tammy Durden, Sylvia Durden's daughter. Hours of planning and decorating went into making this truck parade worthy. Mother nature made flowers along with man-made creations adorned the truck from stem to stern and of course, a grapevine wreath decorated with gladiolas, pine and

a bow embellished the grille of the truck. Live flowering bushes filled the truck bed along with pine straw and chairs for seating. Members Karen C. VanHorn and JoAnn Trammell had the honor of riding on the tailgate and probably had the most fun of waving to the crowd.

Then on May 9, 2023, the Glad Garden Club held its last meeting of the fiscal year at Watermelon Creek Vineyard in Glennville, Georgia. Owned and operated by Charles and Deborah Tillman. After a presentation by Charles, some members participated in a wine tasting of the various offerings of the Vineyard. Sweet to very dry wines were tasted with a brief history given of each processing. Then members were treated to an assortment of appetizers including Bruschetta, various cheeses, and fresh fruits along with cream cheese and pepper jelly on toasted homemade bread with a balsamic glaze. What fun sharing all those tasty delights. Then members ordered entrees of various salads including chicken, Caesar, and pasta. Various wraps, even a juicy 1/2-pound burger topped with smoked gouda cheese were enjoyed. Members enjoyed rem-

iniscing about accomplishments over the past garden year and plans for the future. Not only has the club continued to monitor and maintain the entrance to "Crossroads of the Great South" but the butterfly garden has been redone at the Veterans Park along with assisting the Veterans at the Library with revamping and renaming of the Pine Brook Nature Park to the Veterans and First Responders Park. A "Christmas" tree has been planted coordinating with Arbor Day and is now thriving in the park due to careful monitoring by Jeanette Hall. Last year the Glad Garden Club participated with the Veterans in the "Wreaths Across America" project placing over 1,500 wreaths on veterans' graves that are buried in Emanuel County cemeteries. Other fascinating and educational programs were enjoyed such as the amazing art of growing Orchids (Phalaenopsis) plus the care and feeding of bees and their production of honey. Members were humbled by the good works done by the Sunshine House and supported them with a yearly donation. They were also honored to have Mayor, Greg Bennett present at what turned out to be an informal town hall



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meeting. After his presentation, he was open to answer any and all questions asked about the state of and the future for Swainsboro along with his vision for further growth. Member, Gloria Mason, was honored with a Lifetime Membership after over 41 years of dedicated service to the garden club. Members also proudly announced the addition of two new members, Sandra Bailes and Sheila Metz. The Glad Garden Club looks forward to a great future and are so grateful for all the time and hard work members put in.

"Our future's so bright we got to wear shades." They delightfully shared when discussing their future endeavors.

Members prayed for

member Sylvia Durden who will undergo surgery very soon. They ask that you all pray that she has an uncomplicated speedy recovery. "God Bless you Sylvia."

After dessert, members toured the grand entrance to the vineyard, noting the various plants adorning the entrance.

The Glad Garden Club officially goes on hiatus for June, July, and August, but good Lord willing, they will see you in September with a new slate of officers. Like they've said before, if you love digging in the dirt and even if you don't, they heartily invite you to join them in September. Believe me, they will have a place for you. They are a fun-loving, flower-loving, tree-loving, commu-

nity-loving group and welcome all. Right now, they only have one male member and say that they "are wearing him out", so they are in special need of men and invite you to bring your husbands, boyfriends, grandfathers, sons, nephews, and male friends. The Glad Garden Club meets the second Monday of the month September through May at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center on the campus of East Georgia State College in Swainsboro unless otherwise notified. Please contact a Gladiola loving Glad Garden Club member about joining the club.

Until September, the Glad Garden Club hopes you have a wonderful summer spent outdoors!

Thank You!

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# Hundley named a Quarterfinalist for the 2024 GRAMMY Music Educator Award

Dr. Gene Hundley, Swainsboro Middle School Band Director, has been named a Quarterfinalist for the prestigious 2024 GRAMMY Music Educator Award presented by the Recording Academy and GRAMMY Museum. This is not the first time Dr. Hundley has been a finalist, having also been recognized in 2022.



DR. HUNDLEY

Selected from a pool of over 2000 nominations, Dr. Hundley is one of 212 quarterfinalists chosen nationwide and one of only seven from the state of Georgia. In addition to the quarterfinalists, 123 legacy applicants from 2023 are eligible to win the award this year.

The Music Educator Award was established to recognize current educators (K through college and public and private schools) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools. Semi-finalists will be announced in September.

Every year, one individual is chosen from a pool of ten finalists and recognized for their remarkable impact on students' lives. The 10th annual honoree will be flown to Los Angeles to attend the 66th GRAMMY Awards, as well as a range of GRAMMY Week events. The remaining nine additional finalists will receive an honorarium of \$1,000, and the schools of all ten finalists will receive matching grants.

Fifteen individuals who made it to the semi-finals will receive a \$500 honorarium,

which matching school grants will accompany. The schools receive matching grants made possible by the generosity and support of the GRAMMY Museum's Education Champion Ford Motor Company Fund. Other organizations such as the American Choral Directors Association, National Association for Music Education, NAMM Foundation, and National Education Association support this program by reaching out to their constituencies.

"It is very humbling and an honor to be considered for this award. It takes an enormous amount of resources and accommodations to grow a band program, and I am so grateful for the support of the community, parents, and administration each and every year," said Dr. Hundley.

Thanks to Dr. Hundley's dedication to providing opportunities to students, the SMS band has been able to perform in various cities such as New York, New Orleans, Washington D.C., Nashville, The Blue Bird Café, The

Grand Ole Opry, and Carnegie Hall. Under Dr. Hundley's direction, the Swainsboro Middle School band has had a history of excellence, consistently receiving Superior ratings at GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation. Despite the scarcity of private instructors in the area, SMS students have achieved high district-wide averages in participating in Solo and Ensemble Festivals, District Honor Bands, All-State Bands, and University of Georgia Honor Bands.

Dr. Hundley has recently announced his retirement from Emanuel County Schools. Although he has significantly impacted our band program, he remains humble. Dr. Hundley exemplifies the highest standards of an educator. Over the course of three decades, he has left a profound impact on countless students, going beyond simply producing beautiful music and winning awards. His true passion lies in investing in the youth, providing them with opportunities they may not have thought possible.



CARMICHAEL, BURKE AND DERDEN

## Burke speaks to Veterans

On May 8, 2023, Compatriot Steve Burke traveled to Swainsboro from Millen to present his program, "Weapons of War, Revolutionary War to WW II". With Chair John Tapley presiding, there were 42 veterans in attendance. Tapley introduced Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution member Steve Burke and his SAR assistants Bill Carmichael and John Derden to present his program. Burke demonstrated Flintlock, percussion, bolt action, and semi-automatic rifles to the veterans on how they were used and the capabilities of each weapon.



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## Nedra Ann Hooks Mason, 82

Mrs. Nedra Ann Hooks Mason, 82, of Beech Island, SC, passed away Monday, May 22, 2023, at Piedmont Hospital in Augusta following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 25, at 12:30 p.m. in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Sterling officiating. Interment followed at Swainsboro City Cemetery in Swainsboro. The family received friends from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Thomas Ingram, Bobby Mason, Chuck Mason, Ken Hooks, Ryan Kersey, and Brian Harris.

Mrs. Ann was born and raised in Lexsy. She grew up with her parents, Roy Hooks and Nettie Smith Hooks, along with her siblings. In 1960, Mrs. Ann married the love of her life, Jack Mason. They made their home in Augusta and had one son, Stuart Mason. They later built a home on the Savannah River and became residents of Beech Island, SC, where they owned and operated Mason's Tree & Turf Farms, as well as Mrs. Ann working full-time as a dental hygienist. She later devoted herself full-time to the family business and enjoyed her time with her grandchild-



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dren. Mrs. Ann loved attending Curtis Baptist Church in Augusta where she made numerous lifelong friends. She also enjoyed attending The Happy 39ers Club at church. Mrs. Mason is preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Lynelle Houston, Sara Mintz, Katherine Byers, and Jean Allen; and brother, Milton Hooks.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Mason of Beech Island, SC; son, Stuart Lynn Mason (Kelly) of Beech Island, SC; sister, Patsy Hooks Kersey of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Jack Windsor and Morgan Mason of Beech Island, SC; longtime loyal friend and employee, Thomas Ingram (Speedy); several nieces, nephews and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Curtis Baptist Church 1348 Broad Street Augusta, GA 30901.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Betty Joyce Steptoe Stapleton, 85

Betty Joyce Steptoe Stapleton, age 85, of Norristown, went to be with her loved ones on Monday, May 22, 2023, at the Emanuel County Nursing Home in Swainsboro. A private graveside service with Reverend Phil Wilson was held in the Corinth Church Cemetery.

Joyce was born October 14, 1937, in Meeks, to Elbert Benjamin Steptoe and Mettie Mae Price Steptoe.

She loved children, loved to fish, was an avid reader, and a fierce protector of her children and grandchildren. Ms. Stapleton is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Eldridge "Shorty" Stapleton; son, Henty Wilbur Stapleton; great-granddaughter, Tiffani Marie Stapleton; sister, Audrey McCoy; and brother-in-laws, Henry McCoy, Mack McCorvey and Paul Newsome.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty Ann Watkins (Tony) of Tom; sons, Jack Stapleton (Wanda), Ben Roy



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Stapleton, Charles Dale Stapleton of Norristown and Eldridge Stapleton Jr. (Marie) of Modoc; grandchildren, Tony Stapleton (Amber) of Metter, Annie Stapleton Robinson (Kris) of Modoc and Jack Daniel Stapleton of Norristown; great-grandchildren, Landon Eldridge Stapleton, Ryon Robinson and Slate Stapleton; sisters, Jo Newsome of Kite and Dianne McCorvey of Jackson; brothers, Dewell Steptoe (Lajuan) of Meeks and Huey Steptoe (Ann) of Augusta; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

SAMMONS FUNERAL HOME was in charge of arrangements.

## Albert Huston, Jr., 78

Mr. Albert Huston, Jr., age 78, passed away Thursday, May 11, 2023. A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, May 24, at 2 p.m. at St. Philip Baptist Church. Interment followed in Kirkland Cemetery in Summertown.

Mr. Huston was born August 21, 1944, in Swainsboro, to the late Albert Huston, Sr. and Mattie Downing Huston. He had a passion for playing the harmonica and listening to gospel music. Albert met Charity Zeigler 42 years ago and together they reared a loving blended family. Mr. Huston is preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Earnest "John" Huston, Annie Pearl Johnson, Geraldine Smith, Walter Huston, and Emma Williams; and son, Ricky Miles.

Mr. Huston leaves to cherish his memories with Charity Zeigler; his children, Alyson J. Huston of Swainsboro, Dwayne Johnson (Joanne), Rosa



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Johnson, Terrance Harper (Akisha), and Darnel Jones; sisters, Bernice Handsberry and Bobbie Colins, both of Swainsboro; sister-in-laws, Eloise Huston-Johnson of Tillmore and Mary Huston of Swainsboro; his special 103-year-old aunt, Claudie Cheeks of Miami, FL; special friends, Calvin Thompson, Carlton Askew and Woodrow Bowles; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Oglesby family reunion

The Oglesby family reunion is set for Sunday, June 4, at 12 p.m. at Magnolia Springs State Park in Millen. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. For questions or concerns, call Gennie at 678.677.5803 or David at 478.455.4221.

## Victory Templeto hold special testimonial service

Pastor Christine Peebles announces a special testimonial service with a man of God who has served in missions in Georgia, Alaska, Venezuela, India, China, Australia and Canada. The man of God, John Forrester, will tell his testimony of salvation, persecutions and deliverance as it was the Apostles in the Bible. The service will be June 4, at 11 a.m. on the church parking lot. Everyone is cordially invited.

## Martha Lee Way, 72

Mrs. Martha Lee Way, 72, of Swainsboro, passed away Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Emanuel County Nursing Home in Swainsboro following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 27, at 3 p.m. at Holton Chapel Advent Christian Church with Reverend Morris Brantley officiating. Interment followed in Holton Chapel Advent Christian Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 27, at Holton Chapel Advent Christian Church.

Pallbearers were Dustin Brantley, Scotty Way, Roy Morris, Ray Allen, Curtis Wheeler, Chris Way, Steven Way and Brad Kirby.

Mrs. Way was born June 22, 1950, in Swainsboro, to the late Floyd Giles and Margaret L. Brantley Arnsdorff. She was a member of Holton Chapel Advent Christian Church. Mrs. Way enjoyed singing gospel music in the church. She always had a car full of children to bring to church and was faithful to work in the nursery. Mrs. Way loved crafting and watching her grandchildren play in the yard for hours. One of the



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most joyous things she got out of life was helping others. Mrs. Way is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, George Giles and Speedy Giles; and stepfather, Alfred Arnsdorff.

Mrs. Way is survived by her husband, Gibson Way of Swainsboro; sons, Tommy E. Way (Robin) and Giles Way (Kassie), both of Swainsboro; brothers, Russell Giles (Tammy) of Oklahoma, Gerald Giles (Angie) and Harris Giles (Debra), both of Swainsboro; sisters, Judy Beckworth, Faye Skipper (Donny), Carolyn Braswell (Phillip) and Ethel Jones (Kenny Wayne), all of Swainsboro; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Steve Peebles, 69

Mr. Steve Peebles, 69, of Adrian, passed away Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 27, at 11 a.m., in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Pastor David Oliver officiating. Interment followed in Eastbrook Cemetery & Mausoleum. The family received friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 27, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Bo Peebles, Roland Anderson, Tim Schaaf, Andy Webb, Jack Webb, and Dustin Simmons.

Mr. Peebles was born September 30, 1953, in Swainsboro, to Dorsey Peebles and Lue Virsey Webb Peebles. He was owner and operator of Peebles Tree Service for 25 years. Mr. Peebles enjoyed hunting, fishing, the mountains and gardening. He loved the Atlanta Braves and his favorite NFL player was Tom Brady. Mr. Peebles was one of the first three to graduate from Emanuel County Junior College. He was of the Bap-



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tist Faith, and he loved his Lord and Savior. Mr. Peebles is preceded in death by his father.

Mr. Peebles is survived by his mother; his wife of 34 years, Sharon Peebles of Adrian; sons, Brian Dorsey Peebles (Mary) of Augusta and Kip Farthing (Melissa) of Canoochee; sister, Linda Peebles Renfro of Hutcheson of Adrian; granddaughters, Carla Womack (Olin), Carmon Lewis (Dustin), and Mary Farthing; great-grandchildren, Jada Lewis, Jake Lewis, Raylin Womack, and Mack Mills; nieces, Kriston Watkins (Robert) and Lane Underwood (Jody); and other family members.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Jones Temple Pentecostal COG to hold revival

Jones Temple Pentecostal Church of God in Metter will hold their 8<sup>th</sup> church anniversary/revival Wednesday, May 31, through Friday, June 2, with Preacher Bishop Carlton Williams.

Pastor Hattie Gordon and Co-Pastor Margaret Weaver invite everyone to attend.

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# Editorials Columns

## The start of summer

I don't know who decided that Memorial Day is the official start of summer. The "real" official start of summer is the last bell of the last class on the last day of school. The doors fly open, the seasons automatically change, and the wild-eyed wards of the great institutions of learning are unleashed upon their bewildered parents who have just one question, "When does school start again?" I can still remember the overpowering joy of being free of the inhumane torture of tests, classroom projects, essays, and slave-driving teachers until sometime late in August.

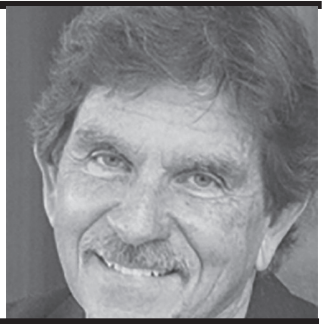
It was a glorious time for me and my neighbor-

hood pals. The summer stretched out before us like a decade of adventure, mystery and excitement. Nothing to do but ride bikes, go to the city pool, go to the Dixie theater, play cowboys and Indians, explore abandoned buildings and skillfully avoid any chores, jobs, rules, regulations, or anything else that remotely dealt with the idea of work or discipline. You had to start getting in shape early for summer. In April you started going barefoot so your feet would be toughened up by the end of May. That way, when you sprang out of bed on those summer mornings, you just turned off the window fan, put on a pair of old

shorts, rubbed your crew cut hairstyle, and you were ready for the day (no shoes or shirt needed). You knew where all the dogs of the neighborhood hung out and which ones to avoid and which ones you could outrun on your bike. If a dog chased you, it was usually because he just liked the game. Either that or he had been turned mean, and he really wanted to see you flip into the ditch. I had a boxer named Nip who was mean if he didn't personally know you. He was bad about wandering off too. For some reason, he liked to go uptown. More than once, Sheriff Josh Lewis sent him back home. A taxicab would pull up in front of the

house, and Nip would reluctantly climb out. I guess everybody likes to go to town every now and then. Town was always crowded on Saturdays. The theater would sell you a ticket for 25 cents and you could watch a Western in the morning and the feature movie in the afternoon and all the cartoons, serials and previews. Every so often they had a special event called "Fine Time for a Dime." Then, you even got popcorn thrown in with the deal. The best way to wind up a Saturday downtown was at "Lucille's." It was right across the street from the Dixie theater. There has never been and never will be a better hot dog

## Charles Schwabe



or hamburger than what you could get from Mrs. Lucille. There was a lunch counter that went all the way around the room with stools for everybody, and you watched these masterpieces being prepared right in front of you. Then you got to select your Coca Cola or Nehi Grape or Orange from an icy pool in the drink box. I would swap a ten-course meal in Paris France or New York City for one more hot dog from Lucille's.

Well, that's just a little of what the start of summer seemed like to

me way back then. We had the world on a string and did it all without the Internet or smartphones, or Facebook, TikTok, video games, or artificial intelligence or woke-ness, (whatever that is). We were just growing up in a small town with the promise of tomorrow and the freedom to go anywhere in the world that you wanted, or the freedom to just stay put right here. It was a pretty wonderful way to spend the summer and a pretty wonderful way to grow up.

## Meet doctors of the past

On August 28, 1881, Dr. Samples' buggy hurried through the countryside of Canoochee, probably in the dark of night. He had a special delivery to make. He arrived just in time for the birth of the first son of Elizabeth Medlock and Amos Moses Proctor. They were so thankful for the care of the doctor that they honored their son with the name, Lewis Samples Proctor. Throughout his life, my father told the story of the doctor who

had brought him into the world. There were no hospitals at that time, and most babies were delivered at home by midwives and often family members or friends. By 1935, no hospital was available for the birth of the child of Lewis Samples. She was born at the home of her grandmother on North Main Street by a young doctor who had recently completed medical school. He was not only well trained but known to be skilled with the

care of deliveries and newborns. Dr. Ennis Powell had returned to his hometown, and other than service in World War II, he continued to be a foremost physician in Swainsboro. He was my doctor for as long as I lived in Swainsboro. World War II took away all of the young doctors who had planned to practice in Emanuel County. We were without Dr. Wilder Smith, Dr. Randall Brown, and Dr. Ennis Powell. During these years, dear Dr.

Dessie Smith carried the heavy load of our health. He knew our health care was up to him. Dr. Chandler and Dr. Youmans were still in practice but near retirement. After VJ Day, the young doctors returned to Swainsboro. These veterans had learned much advance medical knowledge and skills on the battlefield and caring for wounded. All three were now qualified to make diagnosis of conditions previously unknown and to per-

## Shirley Proctor Twiss



form non complicated surgery. It was no longer necessary to go to Augusta or Savannah for either. They also knew the need for a well-equipped and staffed hospital and from this came the beginning of Emanuel County Hospital. This encouraged young doctors

to become attracted to Emanuel County. When I see the large complex of Emanuel County Hospital today and the doctors and specialists who are here to serve Emanuel County, I am astonished and so proud at how far we have progressed in health care and saving lives.

## Sweet Violets

"Can go barefooted, Momma?" These were probably the very first words I said when we all jumped

out of the cars on Highway 80 somewhere between Swainsboro and Adrian for the Easter egg hunt. Going barefooted was the first signal

that spring had sprung, and it wouldn't be long before it was bathing suit weather! Easter baskets were generally used year after year. Most of us didn't get all the store-bought trinkets in our baskets every year. I would be lucky to get the green grass in mine

with a few scattered jellybeans. I liked the black ones best. My Easter basket was used to gather the eggs, not for showing off.

Back then, permission wasn't needed or asked for picnic's or to cut down Christmas trees unless there was a good

reason. Most everybody took to the woods and usually claimed the same spots year after year, since they had been proven to be just right for their family and there was no need to mess up a good thing.

There would be a passel of young'uns all decked out in their Easter finery and the most beautiful pastel-colored eggs that the grown-ups would hide in the sweet smelling, green grass of the woods in the forest of scrub oaks and pines. The eggs would be secretly hidden under fallen pine straw, fallen logs and branches, and in places that nobody would ever think to look. Of course, after a few years, we knew the drill and could pretty much nail it as to where the eggs would be hidden. But we feigned surprise really good. We always drug out the whole affair as long as we could, and it would usually always end with someone having some candy to share from their baskets or that had been carefully hidden along with the eggs. There weren't many candy eggs. Just enough to drive us wild looking for them because they were smaller, and

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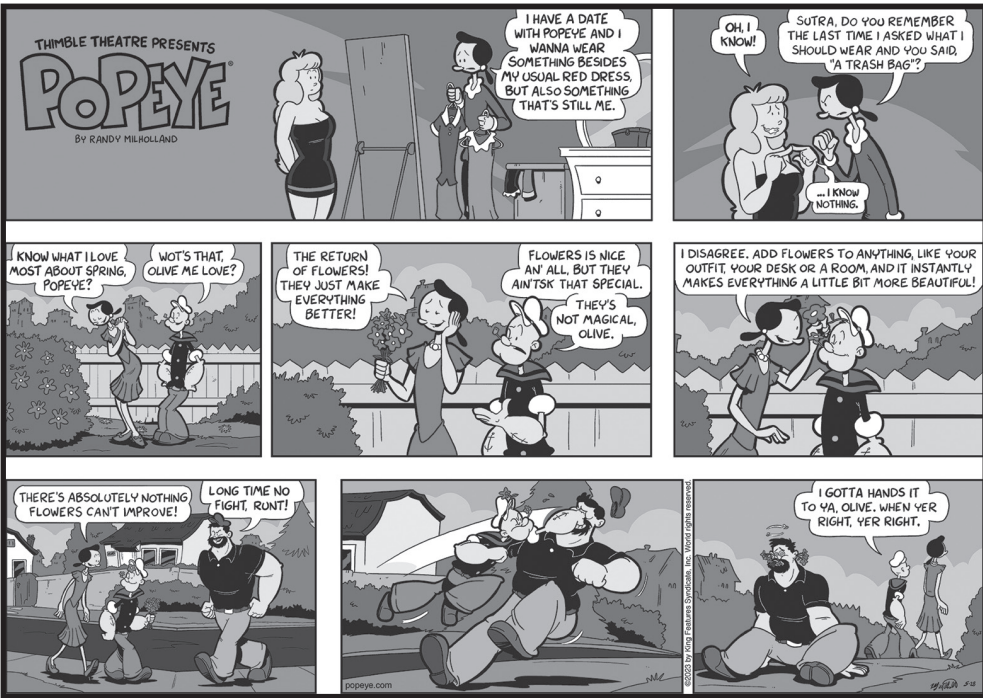
we couldn't see them as well. I can taste those candy eggs now! Hard on the outside sometimes with a slightly bitter taste probably from the dye. But the inside was very sweet and chewy. Worth the fight to get them.

After the egg hunt, we had our picnic which usually consisted of Big Momma's fried chicken, potato salad, the boiled eggs from the hunt, and pies or cakes. The kids always had to crack at least one egg on a cousin's head. All the family women had pitched in and brought food, but Big Momma's was the best to me. Chicken fried in lard just can't be beat! And that potato salad with boiled eggs, green onions, and mayonnaise was the best! The most memorable part of those Egg hunts for me was gathering violets. I don't ever remember an Easter egg hunt that I didn't run around the area where we picnicked, and picked, one by one, the tiny little purple wood violets with a

tiny yellow center but no leaves. Just a straggly long stem. I would pick them until I had a fist full. They had the sweetest smell. Aunt 'Cile had some "toilet water" that had a violet fragrance. I always thought it was so special! It was a pale lavender color and smelled so good, it made me want to bathe in it!

Back to the going barefooted. If the day was warm, Momma would usually let me pull off my socks and white shoes and run through the cool grass as we played Hide and Seek or Mother May I. But if the weather was a cool day like we sometimes have in late March, the answer was the same. "You'll catch a cold and get sick!" Funny thing is, Momma always seemed to know when Easter was going to be a cold day. She would make me a "Bolero" to wear with my Easter dress to keep me warm. She knew. She had this secret sense about a lot of things, including the weather. Mommas are like that.

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# The Angels of Omaha

by Eric Hogan, Tybee Island, GA

The single most important day of the twentieth century was 79 years ago on June 6, 1944, during the pinnacle of WWII. It will forever be remembered as D-Day, but the official code name was Operation Overlord.

On that momentous day it was determined whether the Allies, who had assembled the largest military invasion force in history, would successfully establish a beachhead on the Normandy coast of France. From there they would begin the liberation of Western Europe from the four year occupation of Nazi Germany.

The Allies had designated five landing beaches along the Normandy coast-- from East to West-- Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword. The Germans had been fooled to believe the most likely invasion beaches would be further Northeast up the French coast near Calais, the narrowest point in the English Channel.

In the greatest intelligence deception of WW II, the Allies had convinced the Germans that the feared General George Patton would lead an amphibious assault across the channel to seize the Calais area. This effective deception played an important role in allowing the actual landings on all the Normandy beaches except one to go relatively smoothly with less casualties than expected. The one exception was Omaha Beach which came frightfully close to becoming a disaster.

Two thirds of the invasion troops from the United States on D-Day assaulted a four-mile long beach overlooked by steep bluffs fortified with numerous enemy gun emplacements and blocked off at either end by limestone cliffs, the place they call 'Bloody Omaha.'

The American 1st Infantry Division and 29th Infantry Division would be badly mauled in their dawn landing at Omaha Beach; rough seas because of marginal weather conditions, mined obstacles on the beach and mines in the bluffs, a sea wall to overcome, barbed wire, and heavily armed concrete fortifications beyond. The concrete fortifications also included the deadly German MG-42 heavy machine gun that could shoot 1,200 rounds per minute, more than twice as many rounds as American and British machine guns. The MG-42 laid down a withering, suppressing fire with a distinctive sound that caused it to be nicknamed "Hitler's buzzsaw".

At the Western end of Omaha, the first wave was all but wiped out, barely able to shoot back against the Germans. Succeeding waves piled up on the sea wall. Chaos reigned and the Americans were paralyzed and unable to mount an attack against the German defenders. With over a thousand dead in just a few hours and bodies strewn everywhere on

the beach, the American high command began to ponder whether an evacuation of the beach would be necessary. An evacuation would have caused terrible Allied problems because that would leave a German controlled beach area between American troops on Utah Beach and the other three British/Canadian beaches.

Perhaps it was divine fate, but amidst this looming tragedy, a company of roughly 150 men from the 1st Infantry Division commanded by Captain Joseph Dawson miraculously landed on the beach where there was a tiny gap between the interlocking fields of heavy gunfire coming from the German fortifications. They safely got to the sea wall and reorganized to prepare an attack on the strong fortifications as their orders dictated. However, Capt. Dawson observed the piles of bodies to his left and right and sized up the grim situation. He decided that instead of a direct attack against the formidable German fortifications that would be suicidal, he would ignore his orders and his company would move straight inland between the fortifications and try to pick their way between some smaller hills and ravines, with the goal of reaching the high bluffs overlooking the beach.

As his company began to move inland, Capt. Dawson saw a couple of dead soldiers who had been killed by a detonating landmine so he very cautiously led his men through the minefield unharmed. Continuing to move forward and higher by crawling and crouching, the company eventually came under fire of a German machine gun up on the bluff that wounded several of his men.

After telling his men to find cover, Capt. Dawson began crawling through the brush and sand to work his way up and to the side of the machine gun position on the bluff. He looked back down and saw another platoon of Americans commanded by Lt. John Spalding coming up the hill to the side of his company. Lt. Spalding's platoon had landed in almost the same spot on the beach a few minutes after Capt. Dawson's company and decided to follow them inland given the human carnage on the beach. Using hand signals, Capt. Dawson managed to get the attention of Sgt. Philip Streczyk, a seasoned combat veteran that the inexperienced Lt. Spalding relied on. He directed them to put a suppressing fire on the German machine gun nest so he could sneak the rest of the way up the bluff undetected by the Germans.

As Capt. Dawson reached the top of the bluff to the side of the machine gun nest, he pulled the pin out of two hand grenades. The Germans spotted him about 10 yards away and quickly tried to turn their gun on him, but he made two perfect throws with his grenades and killed



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all the Germans. At this moment in time, Capt. Joseph Dawson was likely the first American to reach the top of the bluff towering above Omaha Beach and the first opening was now cleared for Americans to exploit and turn the tide of battle.

Capt. Dawson then waved for all the soldiers to join him at the top of the bluff to formulate a plan. He instructed Lt. Spalding and Sgt. Streczyk to head West to attack one of the strong German fortifications that was savaging the men on the beach. Capt. Dawson would move his company East toward the village of Colleville to the rear of another strong German fortification. They also sent men back down to the beach to direct more American units to ascend to the bluffs and attack the Germans from the flanks.

Lt. Spalding and Sgt. Streczyk successfully neutralized the strong German fortification they were after along with several smaller positions they encountered. The experienced warrior Streczyk primarily led the attacks involving lots of close quarters combat. Some more rapidly moving American troops



A LCVP (LANDING CRAFT, VEHICLE, PERSONNEL) FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD-MANNED USS SAMUEL CHASE DISEMBARKS TROOPS OF COMPANY A, 16TH INFANTRY, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION (THE BIG RED ONE) WADING ONTO THE FOX GREEN SECTION OF OMAHA BEACH (CALVADOS, BASSE-NORMANDIE, FRANCE) ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 6, 1944

joined Capt. Dawson near Colleville in the early afternoon. They attacked from the rear and destroyed the other strong German fortification. Even as the brutal fighting continued, control of the situation at Omaha had now shifted to the Americans.

Once the invasion began and troops were landing on the beaches, the outcome of the battle was transferred to the higher commanders to the men on the beach. There was no brilliant decision that General Eisenhower or General Bradley could make that might affect the outcome. It was in the greatest tradition of the average Joe American soldier that a trio of Americans found themselves in a desperate, perilous situation on Omaha Beach and recognized that their existing orders were useless. They then assessed their situation, recognized an opportunity, took the initiative, and adapted

and improvised their tactics to be successful.

Capt. Dawson, Lt. Spalding, and Sgt. Streczyk were all awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the 2nd highest medal for valor given by the U.S. Army. A number of historians believe Dawson and Streczyk should have received our nations highest medal for valor-- the Medal Of Honor. Streczyk was a highly decorated soldier. He was also awarded four Silver Stars and six Bronze Stars for bravery. He served 440 days in combat-- North Africa, Sicily, France, Germany, and suffered physical and emotional problems after the war which help explain why he committed suicide in 1958, at the age of 39. The Army honored Capt. Dawson at the 50th Anniversary of D-Day in 1994 by asking him to introduce President Bill Clinton.

Capt. Dawson, Lt. Spalding, and Sgt. Streczyk, and the men they led, managed to slip in

between strong German fortifications that were slaughtering the troops on the beach and fight their way to the top of the Omaha bluff, clearing a path others could follow. Using the element of surprise because of their attacks from the rear, they methodically destroyed many German defenses. Besides saving hundreds, perhaps thousands of American lives, these three unsung American heroes were probably most responsible for transforming the D-Day battle at Omaha Beach from a bitter defeat into a glorious victory. Surely, these three men deserve to be fondly remembered as "The Angels Of Omaha".

Eric Hogan is a graduate of the Georgia Institute Of Technology and Mercer University Law School, and a retired real estate developer. His father and two Uncles were veterans of WWII and sparked his lifelong interest in the history of the war.

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# Honoring our Educators

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## A lasting impression: Meet inspiring teacher, Kristie Brantley

by BRITTANY HALL

It's safe to say that we have all experienced at least one inspirational teacher who helped us to understand their subject more and taught us to become a better person. The best teachers pass on this burning enthusiasm to their students, inspiring students to view the subject through refreshed lenses and to see things from a different perspective. Some inspired students have even gone on to become teachers, which is the case for one of Swainsboro Primary School's most encouraging educators, Kristie Brantley.

"I've always loved working with children and felt that I could make a difference as an educator." She explained, "God placed me where He needed me and that just so happened to be right here in the Emanuel County school system."

After completing her Associate of Arts degree, Jessica Barber encouraged her to go back to college to complete her degree in education. From there, a good friend of hers, Cissy Peebles, helped her study and prepare for the GACE.

"God uses people throughout our lives to motivate and guide us. Jessica was one of many that He placed in my life to get me to where I am today." She explained with a smile, "Cissy has also played a huge part in my life and has remained such a good friend."

Brantley began working with the Emanuel County Board of Education in 2003. However, her teaching career began twelve years ago after working as a substitute teacher for the Swainsboro Pre-kindergarten program and later as a paraprofessional at Swainsboro Primary School. During this time, she obtained an Associate of Arts with a major in Teacher Education from East Georgia State College in 2006, then went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Special Education from the University of Georgia in 2009. She has committed

the past eleven years to teaching kindergarten with four of those years dedicated to teaching the kindergarten Early Intervention Program (EIP).

"Working with Sue Andrews for three years and assisting with her classroom is where I really fell in love with teaching," explained Brantley, "Helping students and encouraging them to meet their full potential was extremely fulfilling. My goal was always to make a difference and help students overcome challenges."

Throughout her career, Brantley has earned many sophisticated titles and has been honored for her ambition through teaching. She has been named Co-Chair of the Yearbook Committee since 2011, was the ESGI (Educational Software for Guiding Instruction) training Instructor at Swainsboro Primary School from 2020 to 2023, obtained her MindSet Training Curriculum Foundations Instructor Certification in 2021, participated in the GLISI (Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement) in 2016, received the "Making a Difference Award" on September 13, 2022, earned the Jostens National Yearbook Program of Excellence Bronze Award for the 2022 to 2023 school year and received the title of Swainsboro Primary School Teacher of the Year of 2022-2023.

When asked what she loves most about Swainsboro Primary School, Brantley said:

"Swainsboro Primary School is a tight knit family. I have an amazing support system there. It takes a school family to build up positive and empowered teachers. That's what I consider SPS, my family. Working with people who "get you" and encourage you is an amazing experience. I'm grateful to have so many incredible people that I can rely on."

It was these same fundamentals that the Swainsboro Tigers school system has upheld, that first inspired her to

become the uplifting, inspirational teacher that she is today:

"There were so many that touched my life that I could never name just one. So many teachers have left a lasting impression on my life and who have gone above and beyond to help me be successful throughout my school career. Linda Carmicheal and Lucreia Sapp are the teachers from my early years. They worked with my mom, Debbie Wilson, to make sure I was getting the support I needed. These teachers loved their jobs and expressed it by the care they had for their students. In middle school and high school, Stephanie Dollar was my go-to teacher. She consistently made learning fun and she always made it matter. There was never "just" a math problem or "just" an essay. Everything she taught had some intention or nuance relating to life beyond the walls of Swainsboro High School."

In addition to teaching, Brantley enjoys spending time with her husband of 18 years, Dustin, who she met while attending Swainsboro High School, their two amazing children, 16-year-old Madison and 13-year-old Noah, and their three dogs: Aubrey, Casper, and Nala. The Brantley's are passionate about the great outdoors and plan to make many new memories through exploration this summer.

"Family time is a key part of our daily lives, especially outdoors," explained Brantley, "Some of our favorite things to do are kayaking, hiking, and camping."

Together, the Brantley's have kayaked rivers, lakes, and salt water all over the southeast. They've hiked mountains, canyons, and everything in between and have camped on mountain tops and valley streams.

"An afternoon side-by-side ride with family is one of my favorite things to do close to home and we go as often as possible." She shared, "I also



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KRISTIE WITH SON NOAH, DAUGHTER MADISON AND HUSBAND DUSTIN

enjoy helping Madison and Noah practice to compete in team sports like archery, modified trap shooting for 4-H, soccer, and tennis."

Kristie also anticipates her and Dustin's 19<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary that they will be celebrating on July 31. Congratulations to you both!

**Now that you've met the teacher and read her story, read her Q/A's below to further understand Kristie Brantley's incredible values of teaching and how she's changing and inspiring young lives in our community through her service of Teaching at SPS. Interview conducted by Brittany Hall.**

**What have you found most rewarding in your career?**

**Brantley:** Assisting others is the most fulfilling aspect of my job. Whether it's a student, a parent, or a colleague. Helping someone overcome a challenge, or finding a solution to a problem is something I love to do. I strive to ensure that everyone has what they need to be successful. I aim to make a difference in someone's life every day.

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

**Brantley:** Every single one of my students have left an impression in my life.

*Each year I learn something new working with them, and I am able to improve my teaching style because of them. Teaching is about growing. Learning something new, improving yourself, and enriching the lives of others in my mind is the embodiment of teaching.*

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

**Brantley:** Find you a "bestie" and lean on them. Ask questions, network, and develop relationships and learn from others. Everyone has a strength, something they "bring to the table". Find the people who lift you up and lean on them.

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

**Brantley:** Proud and so very excited for them! I love seeing my students grow and become successful.

**If you could tell your past students or future students one thing that you hope will stick with them all throughout life, what would that be?**

**Brantley:** Be proud of who you are! Your past doesn't define you. Only you can choose the person you will be in the future. Learn from your mistakes but never let them determine who you become.

**What's a favorite memory or some of your**

**favorite memories that you have from your time as an educator?**

**Brantley:** If you ask just about any teacher about their favorite moments they'll respond with some standout moment where a child has a revelation, a spark if you will, that lets them know that they've made it through a mental barrier. That all of a sudden they understand something that has been so tough for them to grasp. Those are the memories that I cherish most and there have been so many moments through my career that I hold dear that it's hard to name just a few. Those little smiles and raised eyebrows of acknowledgement in those moments make every day meaningful.

Kristie Brantley was nominated by the Emanuel County Board of Education as May's phenomenal local teacher for Durden Banking Company's monthly Teacher Spotlight column. Once a month, a teacher is selected by the Board of Education to celebrate the inspiration that they are to the youth of our community.

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## Curtis Fann Jr.: Catching up with Curtis

by Harold Scott

Anyone who follows high school football in Emanuel County and Southeast Georgia is familiar with the name Curtis Fann Jr. Curtis completed a stellar career as a student-athlete and graduated from Emanuel County Institute in 2019. Curtis was a 4-star football recruit and was considered one of Georgia's top high school players. He received college scholarship offers from the big boys of college football, including Alabama, Georgia, Clemson, Notre Dame, Oregon, and others. Curtis decided to attend Florida State University. Things didn't go as planned, and after two years at FSU, he transferred to the University of Akron.

Four years later, Curtis completed his bachelor's degree and has two years of football eligibility remaining. I recently had an opportunity to talk with Curtis about what has transpired in his life over the past four years. Curtis is a football player, but our conversation was about more than just football.

Interview with Curtis Fann conducted by Harold Scott:

**You grew up in the small town of Stillmore, Georgia. What were some of the challenges/advantages of growing up in a small town?**

Growing up in a small town you see a lot of the same people and the same things. Some people may feel trapped. Some don't get to see a lot of stuff and think this is all there is but there's more out there if you pursue your dreams. You can get stuck if you don't get outside your box and find things that interest you. Some of the advantages are it is a great place to grow up. It's the country. I am country. I like the country; People are close-knit and very supportive. People will take you in, I learned a lot. I learned a lot of manners and values. I was brought up the right way. Growing up here was the best thing that could have happened to me; I would not have it any other way. I was raised by my mom, grandmother, and aunt, but I was also blessed to have my dad in my life, and we have a great relationship.

**Speaking of your dad, (Curtis Fann Sr), he was an outstanding athlete at Swainsboro High School. He was an all-state linebacker and one of the top players in the state. Were you aware of his athletic history, and did you feel any extra pressure or expectations carrying his name?**

I was aware of it and knew about his history. I didn't feel any pressure. I always looked at it as positive. I knew how good he was, so it motivated me. I wanted to be just like him; I wanted to be even better. I wore #8 in high school because I wanted to be like my dad.

**Tell me about your high school career.**

I joined the football team as a freshman. I didn't start,

but I played a lot. I became a starter during my sophomore season and had a really good year. During that season, I began sending out my game film to different colleges. It got a little frustrating when I didn't hear anything, especially when guys in my class at other schools were getting offers. I attended a few camps. I went to the MVP camp and the Elite Classic All-Star game for 10th graders. Finally, South Carolina contacted my coach, Chris Kearson, and offered me a scholarship. This was my first offer, and after that "it blew up". After I started getting offers, I attended camps at different colleges.

**You start hearing from a lot of big-time colleges, and you start getting lots of offers. When did you decide it's time to start narrowing things down?**

I actually committed to Florida State before my senior season. Things were getting hectic and a little aggravating. I wanted to focus on my senior year and not recruiting. I committed to Florida State, but Auburn was still pushing really hard toward the end. I almost made a visit but decided not to. I didn't want to put any pressure on myself. I shut things down in recruiting. I didn't want to waiver in my commitment to Florida State.

**What factored into your decision to choose Florida State University?**

It was an easy decision. I felt at home on the campus, they made me feel happy whenever I visited. My mom, family, and friends all loved it. Before Alabama and Georgia, it was Florida State. FSU was once one of the most iconic schools in the country. Willie Taggart was the coach, and they always made me feel comfortable. It was where I wanted to be and the best school for me.

**You arrived at FSU in the fall of 2019. How was the experience?**

The experience was good. I loved it. I injured my shoulder in fall camp. They said I didn't need surgery. I rehabbed and missed most of the season. During the following spring, I injured my shoulder again, and this time, I had to have surgery. This was also the Covid year. We weren't on campus, and I had to do rehab back home in Metter. With the injury, covid, and other things going on, I decided it was best to transfer to another school. I was never healthy at Florida State. I was disappointed I couldn't be the player I was capable of being at FSU because of always being injured.

**You decided to transfer to Akron University. What factored into that decision?**

I had several options. Not as many as I had coming out of high school. I looked at a few other schools, Middle Tennessee State, Jackson State and Western Kentucky, but Akron was the best school for me. Some of the other schools were looking for specific position players and others had some things with their depth chart. Akron played in a good conference and their

facilities were good. My dad drove me up for a visit. The school was everything I was looking for. I talked it over with my family and made the decision. The only drawback was it was far away and the weather up north, but I overcame that, and it was a good decision.

**While attending Akron, you blossomed into the football player you envisioned yourself being and completed your bachelor's degree. How did it feel getting your degree?**

A lot of people go to college and don't complete their degree. It was big to follow through on the degree. It was something my mom always talked about. She emphasized having something meaningful after football to fall back on. It made me feel good. I'm not where I want to be yet, but it's good to accomplish this degree. I have an associate degree in arts and a BA in Organizational Supervision.

**Where do you go from here?**

I have two years of eligibility to play football. I will be going to Western Kentucky University to complete a master's degree in Entrepreneurship and play my final two years of college football. Hopefully, God will bless me to play in the NFL. I would also like to get into coaching one day. High school coaching is an option but with all the people I know in college, college coaching may be a better fit. I think I can be a good coach. I would like to be able to help kids who are in the position I was once in. I would also like to be a business owner. I have a clothing line that I started but had to put on hold. I hope to pick that up and get into the fashion industry. I want to one day sell my own clothing line. There are different things I want to do outside of football.

**You've been out of high school for 4 years. You have seen and experienced a lot. What would you share with high school athletes and those preparing to go off to college to help them in the process?**

I would share with them that it's not going to always be peaches and cream. You will have lots of trials and tribulations. Things won't always go your way. There will be things with school, back home, etc. Things will get rocky, but the main thing is just keep going and don't look back. Always know your why. Why am I here, why am I doing this? It can be your mom, your grandmom, whatever it is use that to motivate you to keep going and not quit? Keep pushing and always believe in yourself. Self-motivation is the key. If you have faith in God keep that, my faith helped me a lot. I don't want to push religion on anyone, but it helped me. Challenge yourself to want more and to do more. Confidence in yourself is also important. Don't quit, at the end of the day you want to be successful.

**You mentioned the close-knit community and the supportive peo-**

**ple. What would you say to those people and the community?**

Thank you to everybody who supported me. I can't express my thanks enough. Loyalty is very important to me. It's more valuable than gold. Some people probably don't even realize how much they helped me get here today. Anyone who has ever helped me in any kind of way, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I'm very humble. I will never think that I am better than anyone. Thank you to anyone who contributed to my success.

**Any final thing you would like to share with anyone about anything?**

I think we have touched on everything. I want it to be known that I give a huge thank you and much love to my mom, dad, grandmothers, aunt, granddad, and my whole family. I thank them so much for what they've done and how they raised me. Thanks for everything.

**It was a pleasure chatting with Curtis. Curtis could have given up on football when he got injured. He could have given up on college, but he has positioned himself for continued success in both. His dream to play in the NFL is still within reach. He has two college degrees and is in pursuit of another. Because of his athletic scholarship, the financial cost to his family to obtain those degrees has been minimal.**

**I've spent time with many young athletes, students, and people. Curtis Fann Jr. is an outstanding young man. He is wise beyond his years. Curtis is humble and hungry. He is focused. He has a vision, and he has a plan. Curtis Fann will be successful in any endeavor he chooses to pursue. Stillmore and Emanuel County will be rooting for him.**

Congratulations, Curtis, and continued success. We wish you well!



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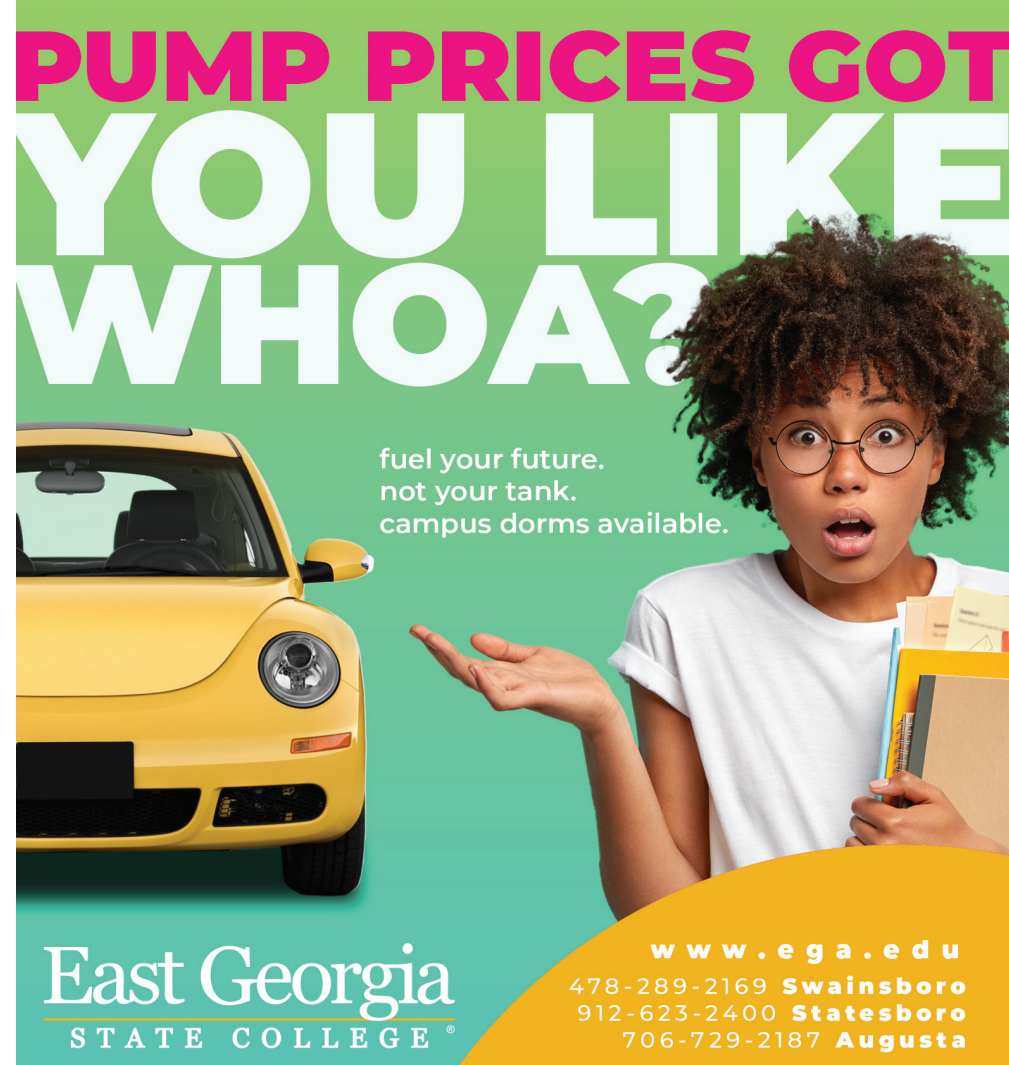
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# City of Adrian 2022 Annual Water Quality Report WSID # 1070000

## Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

## Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

## Where does my water come from?

The city has two wells located inside the city limits where we add chlorine for disinfection and fluoride for teeth and bone growth. Our water comes from the upper Floridian aquifer which provides ample water for all the city's needs.

## Source water assessment and its availability

At the present time the city is not required to perform a source water assessment and it's availability.

## Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

## How can I get involved?

Our regularly schedule council meetings are held on the second Monday night of each month at 6:00 pm. City Hall Annex is located on 107 Nora Blvd. The public is invited to attend, please sign up at the City Hall at 205 West Main Street to be put on the Agenda.

## Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Adrian is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water		Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
			Low	High	Low	High			
<b>Disinfectants &amp; Disinfection By-Products</b>									
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)									
Chlorine (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (ppm)	4	4	.65	.36	.65	2022	No	Water additive used to control microbes	
THMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	3	NA	NA	2022	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection	
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>									
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.14	NA	NA	2021	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.94	.4	.94	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>									
Total Coliform (RTCR)	NA	TT	NA	NA	NA	2022	No	Naturally present in the environment	
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source		
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>									
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.067	2022	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits		
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	2.2	2022	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits		

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

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Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
% positive samples/month	% positive samples/month: Percent of samples taken monthly that were positive
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
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NICK KRAUS, ADJUTANT WITH COMMANDER B. DARYL HILL



LANDON JOHNSON WITH COMMANDER HILL



COMMANDER HILL WITH JERRY CRAIG WARREN



RICKY WINFREY, SPEAKER AT THE MEETING WITH HILL

## McLeod-Moring Camp #1386 Sons of Confederate Veterans recognize members

At its monthly meeting held on May 18, 2023 held at the New China Restaurant, Commander Daryl Hill presented several awards to members. Nick Kraus was recognized for outstanding service as the Camp's Adjutant. Mr. Kraus has served as the Camp's Adjutant for many years; he also performs the duties of Treasurer and Quartermaster. Ricky Winfrey was recognized for his work in locating Cemeteries and flagging graves of Confederate soldiers throughout the County. Craig Warren was also recognized for his participation in Camp activities. Landon Johnson was appointed Sergeant at Arms for the Camp. Ricky Winfrey later presented a program on the skirmish that took place in neighboring Jefferson County during the War of Northern Aggression (Confederate victory). Men aged 12 and up can join the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The McLeod Moring Camp has a Historian who can help with finding your ancestor who served during the War of Northern Aggression. For more information on joining, you may contact Commander Daryl Hill at [cableman68@att.net](mailto:cableman68@att.net).



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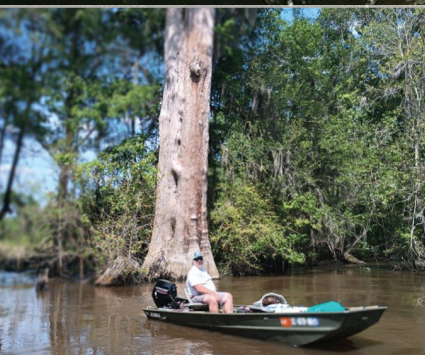
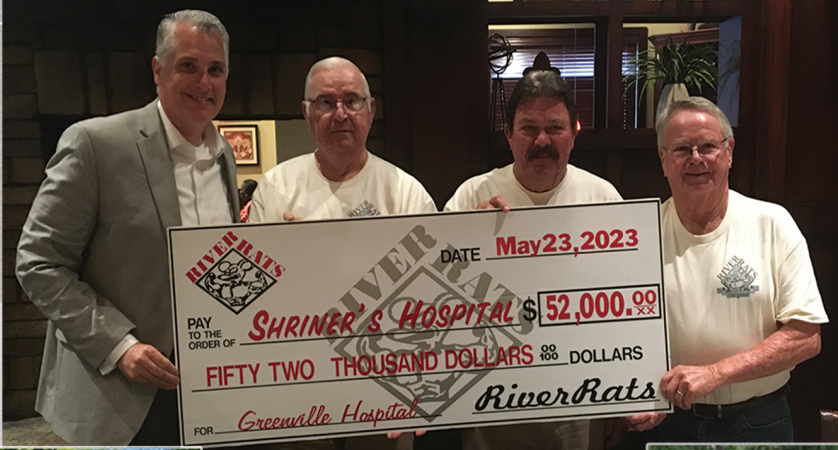


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# The 2023 River Rats



Again this year, a group of citizens calling themselves River Rats made a tour of the Ogeechee River. Money is raised by selling t-shirts, shotgun tickets and by participants getting sponsorships from businesses and individuals. This year's Top Money Award went to Steve Bath and Ben Bacon. The response over the years has been overwhelming. Over the past 32 years, the River Rats have raised \$611,035.00 for some very worthwhile causes. The charity, which will benefit from our efforts, is voted on each January. This year, The Shriners Greenville Hospital was the unanimous choice. A check for \$52,000 was presented to Shriners Greenville Hospital on May 23rd. The River Rats would like to take this opportunity to thank all their sponsors and look forward to their support in the future. If anyone would like to participate in next year's tour, contact one of the River Rats. If approached by a River Rat to be a sponsor, remember all the money raised goes to a worthwhile cause.



## 32nd Annual Tour De Ogeechee

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| 1. Mill Creek Foundation                            | 53. Emanuel County Sportsman Club                 | 105. Glenda Anderson                        |
| 2. The Forest Blade                                 | 54. Durden Bank                                   | 106. Nancy Kelehar & Family                 |
| 3. The River Rats                                   | 55. Triple S Steel                                | 107. Mickey Starling & Family               |
| 4. Sunset Forest Products Inc.                      | 56. South Auction (In Memory of Billy Overstreet) | 108. Starling Plumbing & Electric           |
| 5. Storehouse Salvage LLC                           | 57. Mark D. Smith DMD                             | 109. Peacock Construction                   |
| 6. Interfor   | 58. Vernon Hardy                                  | 110. Southeast Well Drilling                |
| 7. Pitts Toyota Inc.                                | 59. Tim Moore                                     | 111. Ogeechee Steel                         |
| 8. Chapman Funeral Services Inc                     | 60. Britt & Debbie Riles                          | 112. Chris' Truck Repair                    |
| 9. Charlie's Collision Center LLC.                  | 61. Floyd & Martha Sherrod                        | 113. Steel - Fab Products Inc.              |
| 10. Shoprite Pharmacy                               | 62. 301 Market Inc. Ludowici Ga.                  | 114. Lane Mobile Home Movers                |
| 11. The Georges Flower Shop                         | 63. Mack Griffin                                  | 115. Clay's Trailer Sales                   |
| 12. Pope Construction Company Inc.                  | 64. Smith Graphics Inc.                           | 116. Joe Nunnally                           |
| 13. Rick's Glass Company                            | 65. TPF Farm Services LLC                         | 117. Sylvania Times                         |
| 14. Central Fence Co. Inc.                          | 66. In Memory of Jerry Seber                      | 118. Steve & Becky Johnson                  |
| 15. Ware's BBQ                                      | 67. In Memory of LaFosse & Eloise Hall            | 119. Turner & Jones LLC                     |
| 16. A Z Power Equipment of Swainsboro Inc.          | 68. In Memory of Billy Overstreet                 | 120. Georgia Equipment Co.                  |
| 17. The Liquor Vault                                | 69. In Memory of Bobby Murry                      | 121. Robert's Trucking                      |
| 18. Ronny & Patricia Sweat                          | 70. In Memory of Trisha Moseley                   | 122. Edward & Shulah Kangether              |
| 19. Canoochee Catfish ( Terry & Joanna )            | 71. In Memory of William Lumley                   | 123. Tracy Applebee                         |
| 20. Handi - House Manufacturing Co. Inc.            | 72. In Memory of Pete Powell                      | 124. Libby & Tommy Lewis & Family           |
| 21. Adams Motorsports Inc. DBA Yamaha of Swainsboro | 73. American Aero LLC                             | 125. Rounds                                 |
| 22. Southern Traditions Floral & Gifts              | 74. Heavy Equipment Services Inc.                 | 126. Core Civic                             |
| 23. Joe's Auto & Muffler                            | 75. Carlas Furniture Gallery Inc.                 | 127. Duttons Diesel Rehab LLC               |
| 24. 1 Total Communications LLC                      | 76. Stilson Country Corner                        | 128. Randy Scott                            |
| 25. Mary & Murphy Tapley (In Memory of Judy Tapley) | 77. Ken's IGA                                     | 129. Joseph Scott                           |
| 26. Reds Quick Lube & Tire LLC                      | 78. Lanier Lawn Care Inc.                         | 130. Traver Miller                          |
| 27. Famous Credit                                   | 79. Donna Roberts                                 | 131. John McBride                           |
| 28. Swainsboro Supply Company Inc.                  | 80. Bill Akins                                    | 132. Mitchell Goff                          |
| 29. Kyle & Casey Ivey                               | 81. Hook Towing & Recovery                        | 133. Garrett Hodges                         |
| 30. Randy Murry                                     | 82. Greg & Sandy Helmly                           | 134. Dylan Bacon                            |
| 31. Kwik Shop                                       | 83. Backwoods Armory LLC                          | 135. Ryan Adamson                           |
| 32. Gerald & Sha Cail                               | 84. Southeast Pharmacy                            | 136. Jason Watson                           |
| 33. Hooks Grocery                                   | 85. Denise E. Coleman                             | 137. Bulloch Marine                         |
| 34. Billy & Helen Newsome                           | 86. Bernard's Jewelers                            | 138. C. Merrill Construction LLC            |
| 35. In Memory of Jack & Nell Hall                   | 87. Clark's Auto Repair LLC                       | 139. Daniel Lance                           |
| 36. Mose, Jeremy & Ben Faircloth                    | 88. Flanders Morrison Funeral Home                | 140. Jesse Casen                            |
| 37. L & W Signs                                     | 89. Britco Plumbing                               | 141. Great American Inc. Dublin Ga.         |
| 38. Hadden Wrecking Co. Inc.                        | 90. Bobby Beecher                                 | 142. Durden - Hudson Funeral Directors Inc. |
| 39. Johnson Supply Co. Inc.                         | 91. William Shuman                                | 143. Georgia Equipment Co. Dublin Ga.       |
| 40. Days Inn & Suites                               | 92. Hugh Helton                                   | 144. Westside One Stop                      |
| 41. Randy Murry                                     | 93. Hwy 67 Liquors                                | 145. Humble Bumble Bee Farm LLC             |
| 42. Riverside Gin & Storage                         | 94. Bill Walker                                   | 146. Brandon Overstreet                     |
| 43. Cross Roads Farms                               | 95. Jody Rogers                                   | 147. Howard Lane                            |
| 44. Flanders Row Crop                               | 96. Sheri Smith                                   | 148. Justin Thompson                        |
| 45. Buddy's Redimix                                 | 97. Gayle Gibbs                                   | 149. Chase Marsh                            |
| 46. Randall & Wes Snellgrove (Buggs Express)        | 98. Joseph Buckles                                | 150. Hendrix Fire Protection                |
| 47. Daniels Chevrolet - Buick - GMC                 | 99. States Dental Associates                      | 151. BTE Power Sports                       |
| 48. Pro Parts Placs LLC                             | 100. Go Geith Enterprisers                        | 152. Clements Engineering Services          |
| 49. Terwilliger's                                   | 101. M. E. Brown                                  | 153. Charles Loncon                         |
| 50. Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer                          | 102. Fred Ruarks Construction                     | 154. Angela C. Canfield DDS PC              |
| 51. Custom Furniture                                | 103. Rhetta Faye Ruarks                           | 155. Dustin Lanier                          |
| 52. Citizens Bank                                   | 104. Elizabeth Prevatt                            |   |



NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
AIR PROTECTION BRANCH

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF EMANUEL

NOTICE OF PSD PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION AND DRAFT PART 70 OPERATING PERMIT MODIFICATION

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) announces its intent to modify Part 70 Air Quality Operating Permit No. 2421-107-0032-V-02-0 issued to Faircloth Forest Products by the issuance of Prevention of Significant

Deterioration (PSD) Permit Amendment No. 2421-107-0032-V-02-3. The facility is located at 201 Pinetree Trail in Swainsboro, Georgia. The facility operates a sawmill.

The primary purpose of this permit amendment is to allow the construction and operation of a continuous direct-fired lumber drying kiln and the upgrade of an existing cyclone. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division is preparing Title V Operating Permits in accordance with Title V of the Clean Air Act.

This permit amendment will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

The draft permit, PSD Preliminary Determination, and all information used to develop the draft permit are available for review. This includes the application and all other relevant materials available to the permitting authority.

This information is available for review at the office of the Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Electronic files of the application, draft Title V permit, PSD Preliminary

Determination will be available through our internet site

<http://epd.georgia.gov/air/psd112gnaa-nsrpcp-permits-database>.

(Please note that the Internet is generally accessible from most public libraries in Georgia.)

If copies are desired, a copying machine for public use is provided by EPD at the Atlanta Air Protection Branch office. There will be a copying charge of \$0.10 per page. Copies will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Files are available for review and copying 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, excluding holidays.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the draft Part 70 Operating Permit Modification and the Preliminary Determination concerning the modification. The Preliminary Determination is a summary of the technical review of the application and contains a copy of the Company's application along with supporting documents and the draft Permit Amendment. The draft permit serves as both a draft PSD permit and a draft Part 70 permit amendment. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Part 70 Operating Permit Modification and Preliminary Determination are invited to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the Atlanta address above, or via email to [epdcomments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:epdcomments@dnr.ga.gov) (email comments must include the facility name and "Air Permit" in subject line) no later than 30 days after the date of publication in the newspaper. All comments post-marked on or prior to that date will be considered by the Division in making its final decision on the permit.

The Division has concluded that Faircloth Forest Products's application should be approved and that a permit should be granted. This conclusion is based upon evidence that the proposed project will comply with the Division's Rules and Regulations for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1; that the emissions from the source will not cause or add to a violation of any applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) or Prevention of Significant

Deterioration (PSD) increment; and will comply with the Federal PSD regulations, 40 CFR 52.21, including the use of Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for regulated pollutants.

Net emission increases of nitrogen oxides (NOx), carbon monoxide (CO), particulate matter (PM/PM10/PM2.5), sulfur dioxide (SO2), and total greenhouse gases (Total GHG) from the proposed project do not exceed the significant emission levels established by the PSD regulation. The net emission increases of volatile organic compounds (VOC) from the proposed project exceed the significant emission levels established by the PSD regulation. The Division has determined that these emissions will not cause an adverse impact on ambient air quality, and the air quality levels should pose no significant health risk around the plant.

The PSD regulations allow specific maximum incremental increases in ambient concentrations of particulate matter (PM10), sulfur dioxide (SO2), and nitrogen oxides (NO2). Since net emission increases of these pollutants do not exceed the associate PSD significant emission levels, no impact analyses are required for the proposed project, and the EPD has concluded that the facility will not adversely affect the air quality (i.e., exceed the allowable incremental increases in ambient concentration of PM10, SO2, NO2).

Similarly, Class I area analysis is not required because net emission increases of PM10, SO2, and NO2 do not exceed the associate PSD significant emission levels. The EPD has concluded that the facility will not adversely affect the air quality of any surrounding Class I areas (i.e., exceed the allowable Class II and Class I incremental increase in ambient concentrations of PM10, SO2, NO2).

Any requests for a public hearing must be made in writing within the 30-day public comment period. Such requests should specify in detail the portion of the Air Quality Control Rules which the individual believes may not have been adequately reviewed. A public hearing may be held if the Director of the EPD finds that such a hearing would assist the EPD in a proper review of the facility's capability to comply with the requirements of Federal and State Air Quality Control regulations. State laws specify that a permit shall be issued on evidence satisfactory to the Director of compliance with applicable State and Federal regulations and requirements.

Following the 30-day public comment period, as required by PSD and Part 70 regulations, a proposed amendment, incorporating any changes that result from comments received during the public comment period, will be made available to U.S. EPA and affected states. In accordance with Part 70 regulations, EPA Region 4 has a 45-day period in which to review this proposed permit amendment. Information pertaining to U.S. EPA's review period can be found on their website at <http://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/georgia-proposed-title-v-permits>.

After the comment period has expired, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes, and issue the Part 70 Operating Permit and a Final Determination. Copies of the final Title V Operating Permit, Final Determination, comments received, EPD's responses to comments, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review during normal business hours at the office of the Air Protection Branch, as well as at the Internet addresses given above.

For additional information, contact Mr. Stephen Damaske, Program Manager, Stationary Source Permitting Program, at the Atlanta address, or by phone at 404/363-7000. Please refer to this notice when requesting information.



2023 EMANUEL COUNTY 4-H

## 4-H Project SAFE modified trap season comes to and end

by JAKYN TYSON Johnson, and Sam 8th grade Gunner Williams. Johnson; 9th grade Landon Lindsey; 10th grade Peyton Lee; 11th grade Luke Lariscey; 12th grade Garrett Peebles. Overall top shooter awards went to Senior Female Chloe Mulrooney; Senior Overall Luke Lariscey; Junior Female Amelia Grace Clements; and Junior Overall Gunner Johnson. Luke Lariscey shot a perfect score of 25.

The 2023 Emanuel County 4-H Project S.A.F.E. Modified Trap team wrapped up their season during the State 4-H Modified Trap Match on Saturday, May 13. Emanuel County 4-H'ers participated in three levels of competition: the local Randy Fagler Memorial County Match, Southeast District 4-H qualifiers, and the State 4-H Modified Trap match in Eatonton, GA. The program is open to sixth through twelfth grade students in Emanuel County who are enrolled in the 4-H Program.

4-H'ers in the modified trap contest are given 25 clay targets they must hit from a single thrower. All 4-H'ers are coached by volunteer leaders from the 4-H program who are certified instructors. The Modified Trap program is coordinated by 4-H volunteers Ed and Brandi Akridge. Emanuel County 4-H had 44 total sixth through twelfth grade 4-H'ers participating in the Project SAFE Modified Trap program for the 2023 year.

Sixth through eighth grade 4-H'ers on the Modified Trap Team were: Levi Bishop, Noah Brantley, Sam Lawrence, Bowen Ware, Amelia Grace Clements, Nathaniel Harry, Hanley Moorman, Robert Reynolds, Tate Torpy, Judson Underwood, Eli Way, Hagan Way, Hagan Brown, Aaden Cumbee, Paxton Dixon, Randon Durden, Gage Johnson, Gunner

Williamson, Maddox Robertson, Lauren Sapp, Olivia Boatright, Natalee Brown, Spencer Lawrence, Peyton Lee, Jacob McBride, Sean Wilkerson, Ben Bennett, Jacob Fagler, Luke Lariscey, Kason Palmer, Samuel McBride, Chloe Mulrooney, Garrett Peebles, Shanna Wilkerson, and Jack Williams.

The Southeast District qualifier was held on Saturday, April 22 at Bay Gall Sporting Clays. At the district match, 26 of the youth shooters qualified for state competition and two junior teams placed in the contest. The team made up of Sam Williams, Gunner Johnson, Judson Underwood, Aaden Cumbee, and Paxton Dixon placed first in the junior division. The team made up of Sam Lawrence, Gage Johnson, Eli Way, Hanley Moorman, and Brett Way placed third. Judson Underwood was third place individual in the junior division.

The Randy Fagler Memorial County Match was held on Sunday, April 30. The following 4-H'ers were recognized as top shooters for their grade level: 6th Grade Noah Brantley, 7th grade Amelia Grace Clements; 8th grade Gunner Johnson; 9th grade Landon Lindsey; 10th grade Peyton Lee; 11th grade Luke Lariscey; 12th grade Garrett Peebles. Overall top shooter awards went to Senior Female Chloe Mulrooney; Senior Overall Luke Lariscey; Junior Female Amelia Grace Clements; and Junior Overall Gunner Johnson. Luke Lariscey shot a perfect score of 25.

The state competition was held on Saturday, May 13 in Eatonton, GA, and Emanuel County was represented by 25 4-H'ers. Shooters are grouped by age to form teams of five. Garrett Peebles and Peyton Lee both shot a perfect score of 25.

Emanuel County 4-H would like to thank its volunteers who have donated hundreds of hours of service to coach this year's team. Without Brandi and Ed Akridge, Becky Amerson, Joey Amerson, Cade Bennett, Chesley Dixon, Seneca Lawrence, Mitchell Fagler, and Brad and T'Neil Williams, a program of this quality would not be possible.

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 sponsor, contact Jakyn Tyson at the Emanuel County Extension Office at (478) 237-1226.

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# Swainsboro Police Reports

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

## May 19

Officer met with complainant at SPD who advised an enclosed trailer was stolen from her place of employment at Southeast Structures.

Officer met with complainant at SPD in reference to a stolen vehicle. C/p advised it was taken to an auto paint and body shop on N. Coleman St. for repairs and paid for the repairs in full and when she went to pick it up, she found that her son's cousin/offender picked it up prior to her arrival. C/p advised she has a title to the vehicle that was signed by the owner but hasn't had it registered to show that ownership has been transferred.

Officer responded to Lewis St. in reference to a potential burglary. Complainant stated his doorknob was messed up and some of his things were missing.

Officer observed a vehicle traveling 61 MPH in a 35 MPH zone, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from inside the vehicle and a mixed drink in the cup holder. Officer asked for offender's license and asked how much she had to drink, and she stated not much at all and that she was fine. Officer then asked offender to step out of the vehicle and as she was walking to the rear of his unit, she was swaying. Her eyes appeared glazed, her face was flush, and her speech was slow and a little slurred. Offender agreed to a sobriety test. During the second test, offender began crying and begging officer to let her go home and she would never do this again. Officer then asked for a breath sample and got a positive sample. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officers was dispatched to Gumlog Rd. in reference to a fight where weapons were involved. Victim was covered in blood, so the officer called for EMS. Witness stated that three kids were fighting, one was victim's daughter, and when victim arrived, he swung on the other two that were fighting. It was said that the victim was jumped and hit with a gun. Victim was being treated by EMS and they advised he needed to go to the ER due to his injuries. Officer noticed three teens walking down the road and one of them going towards woods. When officer approached him, he asked what he was doing, and he stated he was looking for his phone but had found it. Officer was back at the scene when he observed

the teen going back into the woods and coming back out. Officer contacted detective and advised him of what the teen was doing and stated that a gun was involved in the incident and that could be what the teen was looking for. Officers asked the teen why he was continuing to go in and out of the woods and he stated he was just looking for his stuff. Officer stated that the teen told him that he already found his stuff, so detective deployed his K-9 while the officer continued to talk to the teen and look through the woods. Officer asked the teen how he was involved in the incident, and he stated he wasn't. Officers went to Ralph St. to meet with complainant due to c/p's grandmother calling 911 and wanted officers to talk to her granddaughter. C/p was agitated and could not calm down, stating that her mom was taken to jail when she wasn't the one that did anything. C/p stated that they were serving alcohol to minors at the party and that was the reason for the fight. C/p continued to state while getting louder, that she was surrounded by all the people at the party and her mom went to take her home. She stated that the other lady jumped in her car and she drove off because she was being attacked. She then stated that her stepdad was attacked when he arrived.

Officer was dispatched to Turner Dr. in reference to complainant stating that nobody was supposed to be inside his house and when he went inside, he discovered that it appeared that somebody had been inside. C/p stated he walked through the house and discovered two people in the bed. Officers cleared the house and located a male and female in the bed and advised them to get out the bed, at which time they did and went to the living room. C/p entered the house and stated that the female was his cousin and she stated that c/p's mother took them to the house and told them it would be ok for them to stay there. Officer spoke to the owner of the house who advised he did not want them on the property. They were both issued criminal trespass notices and advised not to return to the property.

## May 20

Officer was dispatched to W. Church St. in reference complainant stating she was attacked by her boyfriend, and he was still in the house. Officer met offender at the front door, and he was advised to step out on the porch. Offender advised that he was trying to apologize to c/p because his temper got the best of him and that he didn't mean to do it. He

stated they were arguing, and he punched the TV because the argument was about his girlfriend's ex. Offender admitted that he pushed c/p while she was holding their child and they fell to the ground. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer met with complainant at SPD in reference to a damaged vehicle.

Officer observed a vehicle fail to dim its lights when meeting the officer, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer advised offender why he was stopped, and he stated that they should have automatically dimmed, and officer advised that they did not. Officer could smell marijuana coming from the vehicle and asked if there were any illegal drugs inside the vehicle. Offender stated there was a blunt wrapped on the dash and a gun in the backseat. Upon searching the vehicle, a plastic container of marijuana was found in the cupholder, a set of scales, and a large jar that was empty. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer responded to Lee St. in reference to a stolen vehicle. Complainant stated he left his car in the front yard with the key in it and suspects who would have taken it but does not know where she would be.

Officer was dispatched to the area of Cross Roads Church in reference to complainant wanting a male subject removed from his residence. Officer located c/p who stated he did not want the male subject back at his residence. Officer asked c/p where the male subject was, and he stated that he was probably at his niece's house. While speaking with c/p, officer could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Officer asked c/p how much he had to drink, and he stated that was between him and the cans, but only had two. C/p's speech was slurred, and his pupils were dilated. C/p stated that he just wanted to let law enforcement know that if the male subject went back to his house, he was going to kill him. Due to past incidents with c/p and knowing he has a drinking problem, officer placed him under arrest for public intoxication and transported him to EmCo Jail.

## May 21

Officer responded to N. Coleman St. in reference to an armed robbery. Victim stated she woke up in her bed and a male subject was standing over her with a kitchen knife and began asking her what all she had in terms of high value items as well as cash. Victim told offender that she only had a few dollars on her and that

she doesn't carry cash. Offender began going through victim's purse and her phone and asked her how much she had on her bank card. Victim told him she only had about \$80 in the bank if that much. Offender told victim to get up and they were going to drive to the bank. The offender got in the driver's seat and made victim get in the passenger seat and give directions to RFCU. When they got to the bank, victim told offender that the driver window would not roll down and he would have to open the door and he accused her of trying to set him up and made victim get out of the car to use the ATM. Offender kept telling victim not to act up and she walked around the front of the car and showed offender that she had \$42 in the bank. Offender made victim withdraw \$40 out and drove her back to her residence. Offender and victim went back inside where he wiped down all surfaces and told victim to go to her bedroom and shut the door and not exit for 10 minutes. Officer asked for information on the male subject and victim described him and stated she didn't recognize anything about him but stated she believes he knows people that she knows because he kept saying she needed to be more careful about who she hangs around with and that he was told she had a good job and he believed she should have more money than she had. Victim stated offender took the kitchen knife with him when he left.

## May 22

Officer was dispatched to Buddy's Home Furnishings in reference to a stolen PS5 being at a Pawn Shop. Complainant stated that offender called Buddy's stating that the PS5 that they have been looking for was at Tom's Pawn. C/p also stated whose name the contract was in and that she had only made one payment. Buddy's made multiple attempts to pick up the game, along with a TV. The female subject contacted Buddy's telling them that the PS5 and TV was at a Colegrove Dr. address. When Buddy's went to that address, offender let them take the TV but told them that the PS5 was not there. A few days later, offender walked into Tom's Pawn and pawned the PS5. Officer contacted offender and he stated he gave the female subject the money to get the game system back, but she refused to get it. Offender also stated that the female subject told him to take it to the pawn shop because she needed money.

## May 23

Officer was contacted by the manager of Enmarket

in reference to a shoplifter. Complainant advised that a male and female entered the store and began walking around and grabbed two cheeseburgers and two food bars and put them in his pocket. C/p advised the female picked up several items and paid for them with an EBT card and gave the name on the card. Officer was able to pull a photo of the name given and showed it to c/p who stated that was not the same guy that was in the store. Officer then viewed the store video footage and observed the male and female walking towards the store and observed the female take off a jacket and give it to the male and he put it on. They entered the store together and the male was observed putting items in his pocket. The subjects left the store headed south and officer felt like they went to the Deluxe Inn and wanted to check to see if they had any-one matching the descriptions staying there. Officer spoke with management and showed them a picture of the two suspects and were advised that they were staying there and was given the room number. When the officer approached the room, the door was open, and he observed both suspects with the same clothing on as in the video footage. Officer advised both that they were under arrest for shoplifting and the male subject stated the female did not take anything. The female advised she paid for some of the items but not all of them. The food wrappers were in the trashcan inside the room. Both were placed under arrest and transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer was dispatched to WalMart in reference to theft by an employee. Complainant stated offender has taken money from the cash register on eight separate occasions. C/p reported offender would open the register during the checkout process, give the customer the required change, drop a sum of cash on the floor, the retrieve it and pocket the money, totaling \$180.

## May 24

Officer was dispatched

to Lewis St. in reference to someone going on complainant's property. C/p stated a male subject keeps going to her house trying to talk to her two small daughter and peeps in the windows. C/p stated that in the past, offender has pulled the window treatments down and looked in the window. C/p stated she does not know his name but knows what he goes by. C/p stated she has made several reports about this same thing. Officer went to the address that c/p gave for offender and knocked on the door, but there was no answer. While on the porch, officer observed mail laying around with a name, so he looked him up in the database and it came back to offender.

## May 25

Officer observed a vehicle pull into Emanuel Discount and get out of the vehicle. Offender was walking around the vehicle and due to the business being closed, officer pulled up and made contact with offender. Officer asked offender what he was doing, and he stated that the vehicle was bouncing all over the road. Officer asked if the vehicle belonged to him, and he stated no - that he thought it belonged to the passenger. The passenger jumped out and stated the vehicle belonged to him. Officer asked offender for his license, and he stated he did not have his license on him, and the passenger handed officer his ID. When running offender's license, officer learned that they are suspended for child support and serious violations. Officer then asked if there were any illegal drugs in the vehicle and they both stated no. Officer sked if he could search the vehicle and they both stated yes. Upon the search, some marijuana shake was found in a pill bottle. The driver was advised that his license is suspended and was being arrested for driving on suspended license. When searching offender, a pill bottle containing meth and a glass pipe was found. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

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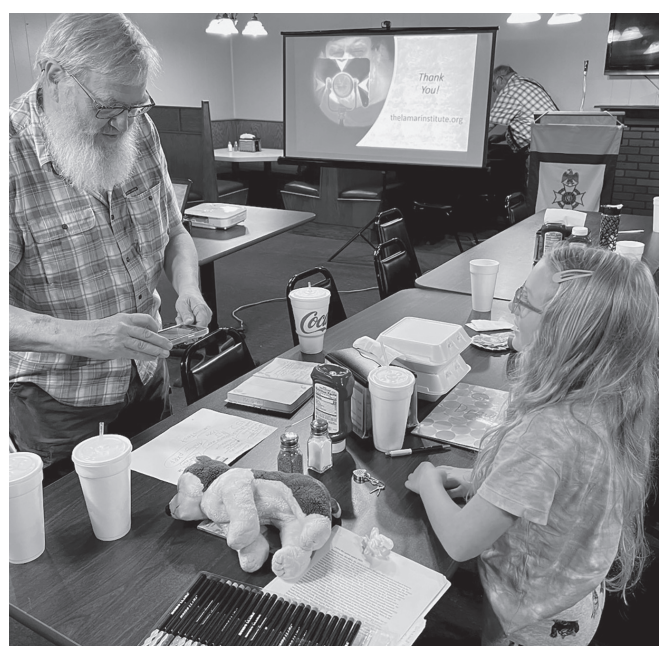
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## Elliott speaks to Brier Creek

The Brier Creek Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting, Thursday night April 6, 2023, at Walls Diner in Sylvania at 7:00 p.m. With President Wayne Howard presiding, there were 14 in attendance. The program tonight was presented by Dan Elliott of the Lamar Institute. He had a video and spoke on the "Arms of Ebenezer". Daniel was the speaker at the second Annual Brier Creek Celebration that was held on March 11, 2017, on the Battlefield picket line on Andy Chisom's property. The following is Daniel's bio:  
 Daniel Elliott has more

than 48 years' experience in archaeology in the southeastern United States with diverse expertise in settlement patterning, prehistoric exchange networks, archaic studies, battlefield archaeology, and Ground Penetrating Radar surveying.

Elliott has directed archeological projects at the following locations; Ebenezer, Fort Hawkins, Ossabaw Island and Puryburg as well as many others sites. Elliott is currently serving as the President of the LAMAR Institute here in Georgia. He lives with his wife and fellow archaeologist Rita and their dog Sheila in their Birdhouse in Rincon, Georgia.



**DAN ELLIOTT TALKING WITH AIDYN, COMPATRIOT LEE HERRON'S GRANDDAUGHTER**



# Jail Report

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

Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office (PROB). Rodney James Bryant Jr, entered 5/21/23; Simp battery/Cruelty to children; released 5/22/23; SPD Robert James Bly, entered 5/21/23; Hold for out of county billing/Driving while unlicensed/expired/Flee/attempt to elude police; released 5/22/23; ECSSO Lasteefa Valencia Smiley, entered 5/22/23; Theft/deception; released 5/24/23; ECSSO Michael Justin Johnson, entered

5/23/23; Probation/Superior court/Hold for Toombs Co/Hold for out of county billing; ECSSO Jessica Gail Copeland, entered 5/23/23; Trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana or meth/Probation/Superior court; ECSSO Sylvester Clark, entered 5/23/23; Theft/shoplifting; released 5/24/23; SPD Tomeka Ann Carlton Dekle, entered 5/23/23; Theft/shoplifting; released 5/24/23; SPD Timothy Braddy Hernandez, entered 5/23/23; Theft/taking; released 5/24/23; SPD Marcus Ashley

Graham, entered 5/24/23; Possession of meth/VGCSA poss of dangerous drugs/VGCSA poss of dangerous drugs/VGCSA possession of marijuana; ECSSO Lacey Lorraine Smith, entered 5/24/23; Theft/shoplifting/Speeding 15-29 MPH over/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act/Firearm/knife posses/crime/attempt crime/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; ECSSO Darrell Louis Brunette, entered 5/24/23; Burglary/Burglary; ECSSO Raymond Andy Bush, entered 5/24/23;

Burglary/Brugalry; ECSSO Latravis Bady, entered 5/25/23; Possession of meth/Driving lic susp/rev/VGCSA possession of drug related object; SPD Ryan Elbert Rodriguez, entered 5/25/23; Probation/Superior court; ECSSO Cortney Stewart Jones, entered 5/25/23; Speeding 30+ MPH over/Driving lic susp/rev/Reckless driving; released 5/25/23; ECSSO Asaf Lugo Rodriguez, entered 5/25/23; Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 5/25/23; ECSSO Stephanie Dorenda

Borden, entered 5/25/23; Public drunk/Disorderly conduct; released 5/26/23; SPD Stephen Delmas Scott, entered 5/25/23; Open container/Child restraint violation/Improper stopping on roadway/Driving lic susp/rev; released 5/25/23; SPD Anthony Marice Woods, entered 5/25/23; Probation/Superior court/Other/VGCSA possession of drug related object; VGCS marijuana/poss less than oz; SPD Dijonnai Boatwright Miller, entered 5/25/23; Disorderly conduct; ECSSO

# Sheriff's Reports

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

**May 20**  
Victim stated his chihuahua dog is missing and he watched his cameras and saw where it went toward neighbor's/suspect's house but never came back. Victim got the landowner to call the neighbor and ask if she had seen his dog and she stated she saw it and kept it overnight but when she let it out, it never returned. Deputy asked suspect about the dog, and she stated she thought it was a stray, but victim stated he has watched suspect's children play with the dog and suspect knows it belongs to the victim. Victim stated he got a video of suspect coming from his residence when the dog was in the yard.

Deputy was contacted in reference to a burglary on Egret Pl.

Deputies were dispatched to Island Dr. in reference to vehicles spinning tires and tearing up the roadway.

Complainant reported he lost his motorcycle tag on Hwy 80 East.

**May 21**  
Deputy was dispatched to Canoochee Rd. to assist a motorist with a flat tire. Motorist advised AAA was several hours away, so deputy transported the motorist to his residence on Lynn St.

Deputy was dispatched to Pinetucky Rd. in reference to a caller advising of a child walking alongside the road. Deputy traveled the area with no contact of anyone walking by the road.

Deputy was dispatched to Sunset Dr. in reference to a verbal dispute.

**May 22**  
Deputies and TCPD

officer served an outstanding warrant on offender on King St. in Twin City. Deputies knocked and announced themselves several times with nor response but could hear someone inside the house. After several attempts to get offender to come to the door, offender's father pulled up to the home and stated his daughter called him at which point offender's on opened the door and let them in. Deputy and officer took offender into custody and transported her to EmCo Jail.

Deputy was asked by SPD officer to check Pearl Rd. for a stolen trailer. Victim said it had a tracking device on it and it had a ping at the listed location. Deputies checked the area and did not see the trailer.

Complainant was assisted with the service of a writ of possession on Wheeler Dr. and suspect's belongings that were inside c/p's residence were placed by the road. Suspect complained that when she got a truck and went to retrieve her belongings, some of them were gone.

Deputy responded to N. Hall St. in Adrian in reference to an alarm call. Complainant advised she saw a male walking in her yard through her cameras when she was not home. Deputy checked all doors and windows and made contact with c/p via phone. Deputy then made contact with some neighbors who advised the person seen on camera was another neighbor trying to retrieve his dog that had gotten loose.

Deputy responded to Williams Rd. in reference to complainant

advising he let his landlord/offender borrow his vehicle and it had not been returned. C/p advised offender asked to borrow his vehicle for about 15 minutes and had not returned after almost six hours. C/p stated offender called him a few minutes prior to deputy's arrival and advised the alternator went out on the vehicle. C/p also stated that the day prior, offender went to his residence and punched c/p for no reason and a week prior, offender stole a smart TV from him.

**May 23**  
Deputy responded to Christopher Dr. in reference to vandalism to a vehicle. Complainant advised that he owned the truck and was selling it to offender and the vehicle was up for repossession due to late payments and when he went to retrieve it, he discovered that vehicle engine and transmission had been removed.

**May 24**  
Deputy was dispatched to Moores Ferry Rd. in reference to a welfare check.

Deputy responded to Modoc Rd. in reference to complainant hitting a deer.

Deputy observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed and activated his radar to show the vehicle was going 62 MPH in a 45 MPH zone, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Upon approaching the vehicle, the driver was extremely nervous to

include shaking, talking fast, and fidgeting with things. While speaking with the driver, deputy could smell marijuana coming from the vehicle and asked when the last time was that marijuana was smoked in the vehicle and she advised her friend smoked earlier but she had not, and he was probably smelling a roach that was in the ash tray but there was nothing else in the vehicle. Deputy returned to his unit to verify the driver's license and vehicle and was informed that she was wanted by Swainsboro PD for shoplifting. Deputy approached the vehicle and informed the driver to step out of the vehicle and place her hands behind her back. At this point, the driver became argumentative and was refusing, but was detained. During a search of the vehicle, two bags of marijuana were found. Offender stated that if Xanax was found inside the vehicle that it was hers and she had to have it, but it's not prescribed, and she bought them. The Xanax was located in the vehicle, as well as a firearm with ammo in the magazine that belongs to offender. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Complainant contacted ECSSO to report the theft of a check from his mailbox on Friendship Church Rd. C/p explained that his home security system captured images of a vehicle driven by a female parked in

his driveway and after appx. five minutes, made a u-turn and drove out of the driveway. C/p stated his wife place a check in the mailbox and after the vehicle left, she checked the mailbox to find all the mail had been taken. C/p contacted their mail carrier who advised he had not picked up the mail. During the investigation, numerous residences in the area reported seeing the vehicle driven by a female stopping at homes and checking their mailboxes and no one was familiar with the vehicle. It was later verified that the unknown female was an employee of USPS and it was her first day delivering mail alone and accidentally picked up mail in the wrong area. The check was recovered.

**May 25**  
Deputy was dispatched to John Deere Rd. in reference to a property dispute.

Deputy observed a vehicle with no tag parked in the center of Findley Cemetery Rd. and upon running the tag, it was returned with canceled registration and no valid insurance. Deputy advised 911 to get a tow truck to retrieve the vehicle and check the contact info and attempt to make contact with the registered owner to see if he knew where the vehicle was and advised him of the situation.

Deputies responded to New Hope Rd. in reference to a domestic between boyfriend and girlfriend. A female

was walking down the road and stated she got into an argument with her baby daddy and her brother got involved in the argument. She then became verbally aggressive by raising her voice and using verbal language, constantly sticking her hands out in front of her and explaining to deputies that she was ready to go to jail and wanted to sleep and had nowhere else to go. Deputies explained to her that she could not be arrested and taken to jail for no reason. She continued to walk so deputies responded to the incident address and made contact with complainant, the female's mother, who stated that the female became irate because she wouldn't take her to town. C/p stated the female began arguing with her boyfriend because he wanted to leave the residence, but the female wouldn't let him. Deputy then spoke with the boyfriend who stated the same thing as c/p. He stated nothing more than a verbal argument occurred and was offered assistance leaving the residence. Before he could leave, the female returned and would not let him leave and began getting verbally abusive towards him and screaming obscenities towards him. Due to the female's behavior, she was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputy conducted a traffic stop on I16 for speeding.

# Two sentenced in Superior Court

The following occurred during the Emanuel County Superior Court April 2023 term:

**Walter Figueroa**, negotiated a guilty plea on one count felony fleeing and eluding. He was fined \$5,000 with five years to serve.; and one count possession of firearm by FOA with five years to serve. The defendant is sentenced for a total of five years and is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian.

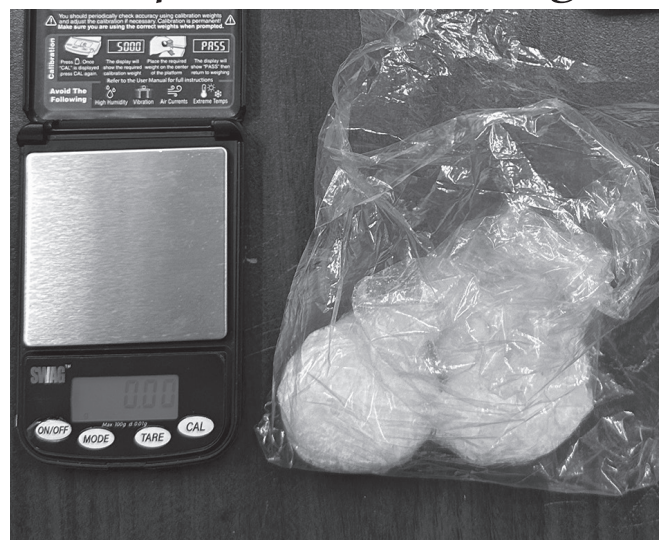
**Jessica Hitchcock**, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count theft by shoplifting. She was fined \$1,000 with 10 years, two years to serve, bal. prob.; and one count possession of meth with three years, two years to serve, bal. prob. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 10 years, with the first two 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 two years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the Defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

# Copeland arrested on methamphetamine charge

On Tuesday morning, May 23, deputies with the Emanuel Co Sheriff's Office and an officer with the Department of Community Supervision initiated a search of a probationer's resident after complaints of excessive traffic in and out of the residence. During the search, 50 grams of methamphetamine was discovered. Jessica Gail Copeland, 32, of Swainsboro, was arrested and charged with Trafficking Methamphetamine.



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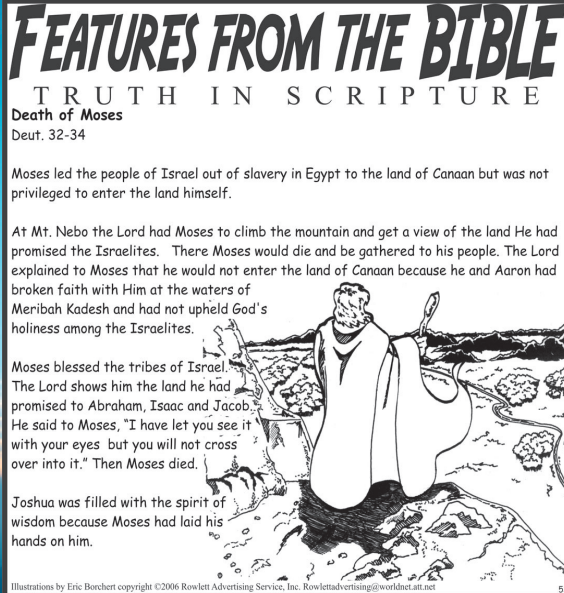
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## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF CLARA VIRGINA ANDERSON, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 23E0064**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**NOTICE**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, and to whom it may concern:  
 AMANDA ANDERSON NEAL has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of CLARA VIRGINA ANDERSON, deceased, of said county. (The

petitioner also has 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 if any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before JUNE 5, 2023.

**BE NOTFOED 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  
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**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM FRANK RICH, JR., DECEASED.**  
 All creditors of the estate of **William Frank Rich, Jr.**, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to **Richard M. McNeely**, attorney for **Debra C. Rich**, Executor of the **William Frank Rich, Jr., 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023.  
**RICHARD M. MCNEELY**, Attorney for **Debra C. Rich**, Executor of the **William Frank Rich, Jr. Estate**  
**Richard M. McNeely, P.C.**  
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## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF GLYNN A. GARVIN, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 23E0061**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**NOTICE**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, and to whom it may concern:  
**SHIRLEY E. DOWD** has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **GLYNN A. GARVIN**, 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 JUNE 5, 2023.

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**DON E. WILKES**  
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## STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

**IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVE HALL, DECEASED.**

All creditors of the estate of **Dave Hall, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Mitchell Allen Hall, Administrator of the Dave Hall 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.  
**RICHARD M. MCNEELY**, Attorney for **Mitchell Allen Hall**, Executor of the **Dave Hall Estate**  
**Richard M. McNeely, P.C.**  
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## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
 All creditors of the estate of **Pearl Lee Chance**, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.  
**Delois C. Jenkins and Miranda J. Parks, a/k/a**  
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## GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that **CHANON TATE MINGLEDORFF**, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from **CHANON TATE MINGLEDORFF** to **CHANON TATE ANDERSON**. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said petition. This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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**Jonathan W. Shuker**  
 Plaintiff, Civil  
 Action No. 23CV92 v.  
**Jessica L. Shuker**  
 Defendant.

## NOTICE OF SUMMONS SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: **Jessica L. Shuker**, Defendant  
 Named Above:  
 You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Divorce [state the relief sought] was filed against you in said court on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon **Jonathan Shuker**, plaintiff, whose address is 115 E. Broad Street Twin City, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Witness the Honorable **Robert S. Reeves**, Judge of said Court. This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.  
**Clerk of Superior Court Emanuel, County**

## STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

**IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHELLE LYNN HOWARD, DECEASED.**

All creditors of the estate of **Michelle Lynn Howard, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Anthony L. Howard, Administrator of the Michelle Lynn Howard 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.  
**RICHARD M. MCNEELY**, Attorney for **Anthony L. Howard**, Administrator of the **Michelle L. Howard Estate**  
**Richard M. McNeely, P.C.**  
 P. O. Box 767  
 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401  
 (478) 237-4225

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY  
 All creditors of the estate of **Jerome Edward Waller, Sr.**, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

**Thomas Ryan Sconyers**, Executor of the Estate of **Jerome Edward Waller, Sr.**, decedent

**Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.**  
 P.O. Box 68  
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

## NOTICE FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

NOTICE TO: **Rilene Gardner**  
 And all other occupants or parties having an interest in the property described below:  
 PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-4-45 ET SEQ PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:  
**All that tract or parcel of land lying situate and being in the 1560<sup>th</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia as shown on that particular plat of survey prepared by George William Donaldson, Surveyor, dated July 14, 1998 which was recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 231 of the Records of the Office of Clerk Emanuel Superior Court. Said plat by reference hereto is incorporated herein for a full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said tract of land being bounded now or formerly as follows: North and East by lands of Sam F. Smith; South by lands of Theo Fountain, Jr.; and West by Rural Road no. 278. This property is also designated as map and parcel No. 131 052. This being the same parcel conveyed to Rilene Gardner by Warranty Deed dated June 14, 1998 and recorded in Deed Book 130, Pages 300-301, Emanuel County Superior Court Clerk's Office.**

**WILL EXPIRE AND BE FOREVER FORECLOSED AND BARRED ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2023.**  
 The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia in Deed Book 472, Pages 412-413.

The property may be redeemed individually or together at any time before 5:00 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, by payment of the redemption price for each lot as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:  
**John D. Newberry**  
**Newberry & Newberry**  
 Attorneys at law  
 P.O. Box 844  
 101 Gordon Street  
 Gray, GA 31032  
 (478) 986-5141  
**Please be governed accordingly.**

**John D. Newberry**  
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## NOTICE FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

NOTICE TO: **Jimmy James Kelly**  
**Veronica Kelly**  
 And all other occupants or parties having an interest in the property described below:  
 PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-4-45 ET SEQ PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:  
**TRACT 1: One certain parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the 53<sup>rd</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 1.10 acres, more or less, of land by actual survey according to plat made by E.K. Hatten, County Surveyor, on September 23, 1950 and said plat being recorded in Deed Book DF, Page 420. Said land being bounded on the North by U.S. Paved Highway #80; on the East and South by lands now or formerly owned by Mrs. John E. Henry; West by lands now or formerly of Mrs. Frank C. Mitchell.**

**TRACT 2: All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 53<sup>rd</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia as shown on a plat prepared by Walter K. Maupin on July 3, 1964 and recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 56 of the Records of the Clerk, superior Court, Emanuel County, Georgia. Said plat by express reference is hereby incorporated for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said property being bounded as shown on said plat, as follows: on the North by other property of Rufus Schwalls; on the East by West Street; on the South by other property of Mrs. Hattie C. Henry; and on the West by property of Mrs. Frank Mitchell and/or Mrs. Luck C. Mitchell Estate.**

**TRACT 3: All that certain tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the 53<sup>rd</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 0.115 acres, more or less, and designated as Parcel #2 on that particular plat of survey prepared by George William Donaldson, Surveyor, dated July 15, 2002, which is recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 689 of the Records of the Office of the Clerk, Emanuel superior Court. Said plat by reference hereto is incorporated herein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said tract of land being bounded, according to said plat, now or formerly, as follows: North by**

**lands of Jimmy Schwalls; East and south by other lands of James R. Gilmer, formerly as Mrs. Hattie C. Henry; and West by lands of Luck F. Gambrell**  
**This being the same parcels conveyed to Jimmy James Kelly and Vernicoa Ann Kelly by Quitclaim Deed October 22, 2014 and recorded in Deed Book 407, Pages 338-339 and conveyed to Jimmy James Kelly by Warranty Deed dated June 22, 2012 and recorded in Deed Book 371, Page 70-72, Emanuel County Superior Court Clerk's Office. Tax Map and Parcel Number 058 006 WILL EXPIRE AND BE FOREVER FORECLOSED AND BARRED ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2023.**

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia in Deed Book 472, Pages 402-403.

The property may be redeemed individually or together at any time before 5:00 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, by payment of the redemption price for each lot as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:  
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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Water System Improvements Project City of Oak Park (WSID # 1070002) Emmanuel County, GA ARPA GA-0006666  
 The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has conducted a review of the above subject project in accordance with the State's Environmental Review Process (SERI) for a State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund. The EPD has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the EPD is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under Georgia's SERP.

The proposed project involves installing a water softener system at the existing well and backwash septic drain field to receive the backwash from the water softener system. Additionally, the proposed work will include the drilling of a well as a backup water source, and the construction of a new well house and chemical building.

This project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the DWSRF SERI: Improvements to existing surface or ground water treatment plants, including improvements to enhance security, which do not add a significant change in treatment capacity. Furthermore: The project will not require issuance of a new or modification of an existing ground water or surface water withdrawal permit.

The project is not known or expected to have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the human environment, either individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other Federal, State, local or private actions.

The project is not known or expected to directly or indirectly have a significant adverse effect on or threatened species; or environmentally important natural resource areas, such as floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands or aquifer recharge areas; and cultural resource areas, such as archaeological and historic sites; habitats of endangered species;

The action is cost-effective and is not expected to cause significant public controversy.  
 This determination shall become effective after thirty (30) days following its distribution by EPD and can be revoked if significant adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision is on file with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and is available for public scrutiny upon request. A copy of the proposed project documentation is also available for review at the City Hall in Oak Park, Georgia.  
 All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments, within thirty (30) days of the publish date of this notice to: Georgia Environmental Protection Division ATTN: Duplex Tchinda, Environmental Engineer Drinking Water Program  
 2E Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1052 East Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000  
 After evaluating the comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project planning documents. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after publication of this Notice in a local newspaper that serves the City of Oak Park area.  
 Publish Date: 1/19/2023  
**Patel Manny**, Program Manager  
 Drinking Water Program




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## PUBLIC NOTICE

All units listed will be sold on or after **June 10, 2023** if balances on said units are not paid in full.

Melissa Jones Unit #464  
 Shelia Lyles Unit #475  
 Victoria DiGiorgio Unit #

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