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Swainsboro Police Department: Hard at work Johnson arrested for two burglaries

On Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 2:39 a.m., officers with the Swainsboro Police Department were dispatched by 911 to the 24 hour store at 437 South Main Street, Swainsboro, for a robbery. Emanuel 911 advised officers the offender was a black male, driving a silver Lexus. The vehicle left the store and headed north. PFC Austin Newton, along with other officers, went to the last known location of the offender. Sergeant Matthew Williams asked if any weapons were involved. Emanuel 911 re-



JOHNSON responded that there were none. Officers combed the area, but were unable to locate the offender. The owner of the store arrived on scene to pull video footage. Footage

revealed the offender, a black male identified as Paul Johnson of a 350 Stevens Drive, Swainsboro address, pacing in the store, looking at the store clerk. He then walked behind the counter and grabbed money from the lottery register. He exited the store and got in the vehicle with another black male. Officers continued the search while Newton stayed with the victim and complainant. The total amount taken was approximately \$100. Later in the day, PFC Kayleigh McVey was (Continued on page 6B)

Cobb arrested for armed robbery of Emanuel County convenience stores

On the evening of May 19, near closing time, ST Food Mart, the convenience store in Summertown, was robbed at knife point. On the evening of May 26, near closing time, Singh Food Mart, the convenience store entering Twin City from Swainsboro on the left, was robbed at knife point. In addition to these robberies, this individual is also suspected in armed robberies in the following jurisdictions: Statesboro, Bulloch County, Sandersville, Glascock County, Tifton, Chatham County and Waycross. The Emanuel County Sheriff's Office obtained several leads in this case which yielded valuable information. In the meantime, most of the

Emanuel County deputies spent hours watching the majority of the convenience stores over the next two weeks. The Investigative Unit requested a meeting with the other involved agencies, and the following agencies met at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office: Emanuel County Sheriff's Office, Glascock County Sheriff's Office, Sandersville Police Department, Bulloch County Sheriff's Office, Statesboro Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Prior to this meeting, officers with the Millen Police Department saw an individual in Millen with the same clothing as the suspect. They relayed this information to inves-

tigators with the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office. As a result of this meeting, the combined information led to the arrest of Cordell Cobb of Burke County. Cobb is being charged with multiple counts of armed robbery in many jurisdictions. Thank you to the observant officers with Millen Police Department who identified the clothing, to the GBI for combining and following up on the information and cataloging evidence for prosecution, and to the Burke County Sheriff's Office SWAT team who effectuated the arrest of Cobb. This case is still ongoing. If you have any information, please call the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office at 478-237-7526 or the GBI Thomson Office at 706-595-2575.

911 grand opening to be held

The Emergency Operations Center, otherwise known as Emanuel County 911, will hold their grand opening on Thursday, June 22, 2023. The celebration will be held at their new location at 110 East Moring Street in Swainsboro. The ribbon cutting with Employees and the Chamber of Commerce begins at 10 a.m. All are invited to attend to celebrate this new endeavor in Emanuel County History.

Billy Marchman named new head baseball coach

by JUSTIN GRAY
 After getting knocked out of the Second Round of the State Playoffs the Swainsboro Baseball team received the news that their Head Coach Ashley Hooks was resigning from the job. He will be missed dearly, but the search was on to find the next Head Coach of the Swainsboro Tigers. They needed a guy who can develop talent on the field as well as good men off the field. After searching long and hard they found the right guy for the job in Billy Marchman, Burke County's Head Coach. Coach Marchman will be leaving his hometown and Alma Mater to come



MARCHMAN coach at Swainsboro. His career has been impressive so far, to say the least. He started as a Middle School Baseball Coach at Burke County, doing so for seven years. He then was the Junior Varsity Head Coach/Varsity Assistant for a year, became

the Varsity Head Coach, which he has been for the last 11 years, all at Burke County. He comes in with a 150-96 record as their Head Coach including making the playoffs in 9 of 11 seasons, one of those of course, being the 2020 season which was cut short due to COVID, his team hoisted a 6-1 record at the time. He is blessed to inherit a group of hard-working kids, who are led by a talented Senior class. This group of athletes is ready to take the next step and hiring Coach Marchman is the right man to make that happen. We welcome Coach Marchman to Swainsboro and know he will do great things!

Commissioners appoint new members and join "Propel"

The regular meeting of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners was held Monday evening, June 19, in the Commission Board Room at the county office building. Chairman Hugh Foskey called the meeting to order and welcomed guests and media. County Attorney Richard McNeely provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Jim Sherrod. Motion was made, seconded and passed for approval of previous meeting and workshop minutes. There were no agenda items under old business, and Chairman Foskey called on County Administrator Singletary for presentation of new business. The Administrator discussed the PROPEL program that is being introduced by the State to assist predominantly rural counties in enhancing their economic development practices and related support activities. The program does not require local funding and is being offered by the State to help in preparing certain areas for an anticipat-

ed upswing in industrial growth. A motion to participate in the program was made by Commissioner Oliver, seconded by Commissioner Sherrod and passed. Next under new business, Administrator Singletary requested that the board consider appointment of members to the new Emanuel County Airport Authority. With the recent creation of the Authority, three members must be appointed, one of which may not be a government official. In accordance with that requirement, attorney Jerry Cadle was nominated to fill one of the positions. Commissioner Ricky Thompson and Commissioner Timmy Oliver were nominated to fill the remaining two seats. The motion was approved. In final business, the matter of appointments to the hospital board was addressed, and three names were selected for approval. Those nominated were John Allen Bailey, Wanda Ellison, and Chu Lin Ooi. The agenda was completed at that point, and Chairman Foskey called for adjournment.



Quality Air presents check to Humane Society

Quality Air presented The Humane Society with its third installment of \$440.40 in celebration of Quality Air's 40th anniversary. This

donation was presented to the Humane Society in recognition of all that they do for the ethical treatment of animals in our community. Quality

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BOE approves the employment of 21 people during June meeting

The Emanuel County Board of Education met on Tuesday, June 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office with the following members in attendance: John Allen Bailey, Del Brown, Mason Henry, Cherie Hooks, Tanya Lane, Johnny Parker, and Sandra Swinney. Mason Henry welcomed everyone to the meeting and delivered the invocation followed by Johnny Parker leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved as presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Chandra Hooks presented an update on the Seamless Summer Feeding program and Jansen Ware followed with an update on Operations.

TABLED

Tabled for new business were:

1. Modify Policies BCBI and DIB
2. Add Regulation BC-BI-R(1)

DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows:

1. Minutes of the May 9, 2023, regular Board Meeting
2. Financial Reports – Mollie Smith
3. FY24 Budget – Mollie Smith
4. GSBA Risk Management Worker's Comp Renewal
5. Award Custodial Supply Vendor
6. Award Pest Control Vendor
7. Student Handbook Bid
8. FY24 Family Connection Contract

9. Approve Amended School Calendar with Changed Graduation Dates

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gary Handsom voiced some concerns regarding ECI sports.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the consent agenda as presented.

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board approved the employment of the following certified employees:

- Allison Blackburn – SES Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
- Savannah Ferrell - SES Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
- Shawn Francis – SMS Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;

- Eric Jordan - C/O Behavior Intervention Spec. - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
- Madison Lambert – SHS Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
- Stephanie Lanier – SMS Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
- Billy Marchman – SHS Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
- Stephanie McCullough – SPS Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
- Wanda Parrish - SHS Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
- Lisa Polychrones - SMS Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
- Hudson Radford - SPS Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
- Lora Raines - SMS Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
- Deanna Ryan - SMS

- Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
 - Rachael Sikes - SMS Teacher - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete
- The Board approved the employment of the following classified employees:
- Tabatha Brewer – SPS Paraprofessional - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
 - James Crews (Bus Driver Trainer (Transportation Dept.) 5/12/2023 - NCIC Complete;
 - Felicia Lovett - Sub Bus Driver (Transportation Dept.) - 6/5/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
 - Teresa Mares – TCE SFS Manager - 8/1/2023 - NCIC Complete;
 - Kaley Ricks - Pre-K Paraprofessional - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete;
 - Wendi Ricks – EHS 49% Family Engage. Coord. - 6/14/2023

- NCIC Complete;
- Alexandria Rogers – SPS Paraprofessional - 7/25/2023 - NCIC Incomplete

Resignations/retirements:

- Carneshia Bell - SMS Teacher - 5/26/2023;
- Cashawn Carpenter SMS Teacher - 5/26/2023;
- Debra Fallin - SHS Teacher - 5/26/2023;
- Katherine Lamb - ECI Counselor - 6/13/2023;
- Kewonica McBride - SMS Teacher - 5/26/2023

The Board approved the resignations of the following classified employees:

- Martha Beasley - SHS Paraprofessional - 3/24/2023;
 - Bonnie Bullock - C/O Secretary - 6/30/2023
- The meeting was adjourned.

20TH ANNUAL FUTURE GENERATION YOUTH BOOK BAG DRIVE

Dear Community,

We will be celebrating our 20th Annual Book Bag Drive on July 29, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Drive will be held at the corner of MLK Boulevard and North Green Street, in front of Mr. Robert's store.

First, I want to thank GOD and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for blessing us to continue to help our children. I want to also thank the people in the community for all your prayers and all the help for the last 19 years. You have my heartfelt thanks. God bless you all for helping to make this possible.

During the past 20 years, when I look back on this and take it all in, I can say this has been the joy of my life – being able to help our children and families get that jump start for the beginning of another school year. Thanks again community for making this possible!

In closing, I do believe this was a call of GOD to do this in helping our children and telling them about Jesus Christ and praying for success in their lives.

I am calling on parents, teachers, coaches, clergy and the community! Let's all get together and pray for our children for another great school year; and to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

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Emanuel Artists Guild is back

The Emanuel Artists Guild, which has been on hiatus for several years, has made a comeback. This club is for anyone interested in the visual arts and would like to be a part of the creative process of making art.

The club works in an informal environment. Past amenities of this club include workshops, drawing live models, and field trips to museums and art galleries in surrounding cities including Augusta, Savannah, and Atlanta. The Guild also showcased their own artwork in several art exhibitions at the

previous EAC location on the corner of North Green and West Church streets. "This is definitely a possibility again," said Jacquie Brasher, Emanuel Arts Council director. "The Kalmanson Gallery has always been an ideal venue to showcase art from a local guild. Now that we are in our new home, I can't think of a better way to make the local art scene vibrant again." Brasher pointed out that several surrounding counties have their own artists guilds that are currently thriving in their respective communities. Brasher clarified that

the Emanuel Artists Guild, although under the umbrella of the Emanuel Arts Council, is a separate organization. "We provide the location—in this case, The Kalmanson Gallery—for them to meet, discuss art projects, and create art. The guild itself will be its own entity."

Anyone who would like to be a part of this group is invited to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, June 27th at 7 p.m. in The Kalmanson Gallery at 109 North Green Street. Or, for more information, contact Candy Powers at 478-494-9297.



GROSS WITH FAMILY MEMBERS

Mrs. Gross celebrates 95th birthday

Mrs. Wendell (Irene) Gross celebrated her 95th birthday with her lovely family. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren hosted a surprise birthday party for her at George L. Smith State Park.



ENCLOSED GROUP SHELTER



PREPARING TO MOVE ITEMS FROM THE MUSEUM TO THE GROUP SHELTER

What is going on?

by MISSY ELDER
The Emanuel County Historic Society is making a move. The Board decided to enclose part of the group shelter to house our many artifacts on farming. The exhibit on Naval Stores, products of Longleaf pine trees, will also be housed there. This move will give us room for saws and other equipment revolving around the turpentine still. This will fit better with our Longview Farm section and make room in the Farm and Home Museum building.

In the Farm and Home Museum – everyone refers to it as "The White Building" – we will be able to expand the business section, the military display, and house a collection of Boy Scout memorabilia. We have so much that is just packed in, and now those items

will shine in their own space. [We understand our items in the white building are not in chronological order, so we try to group topics together. The items are from all across the county.]

Our policy was to be open once a month for several years, but attendance was poor. We then tried opening quarterly, and attendance picked up some. Now we will meet at the museum every April with an Open House, potluck supper, and Annual meeting. Many out-of-town people braved the pouring rain in April to tour; umbrellas were welcomed.

Every October we will have an Open House. Our next Open House will be Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 1-5:30 PM. Maybe the much-enjoyed ghost stories will be revived. "Whooo

knows"?

We enjoy our meetings in January and July at the Varner 4-H Center, both with a potluck supper and interesting program. Currently we are working on the July program which will be Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m. If you have any suggestions for our programs, we would appreciate hearing from you. It is not necessary for you to be a member to attend any of our functions. For any information, please call 478-763-3631.

Our 2023-2024 officers and board members are President, George Elder; Vice-President, John Derden; Secretary-Treasurer, Missy Elder; John David Bailey; Jim Clapham; Nancy Hall; Russell Johnson; Dedra Shuman; Dess Smith; Mary Ann Smith; Carl Tankersley; Johnny Tapley; Shari Watt.

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Vicki Lynn Price Kersey, 70

Mrs. Vicki Lynn Price Kersey, 70, of Swainsboro, passed away Saturday, June 17, 2023, at her residence following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Monday, June 19, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Methodist Church with Pastor Tom Tidwell and Pastor Nick Hazelton officiating. Entombment followed in Eastbrook Cemetery and Mausoleum. The family received friends Monday, June 19, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Calvary Methodist Church.

Mrs. Kersey was born January 9, 1953, to Billy Madison Price and Annette Brantley Price. She was a member of Calvary Methodist Church. Mrs. Vicki was a retired civil servant, employed for many years by the Georgia Secretary of State. She loved the Georgia Bulldogs and enjoyed gatherings with her family, especially at Christmas. Mrs. Vicki loved her son and grandchildren fiercely. She had three fur babies she adored, Snowflake, Lucky, and Tito. Mrs. Kersey is preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Kersey is survived by her husband,



KERSEY

Randall Kersey; son, Jarrett (Megan) Kersey; grandchildren, Nathan Kersey and Lauren Kersey.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Calvary Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 421 South Main St, Swainsboro, GA 30401; Gideons International, P.O. Box 365, Swainsboro, GA 30401; and/or The Shriner's Hospital for Children, 950 W Faris Rd, Greenville, SC 29605.

The family would like to express their deepest heartfelt thanks to their family and friends, Calvary Church family, all of Mrs. Kersey's caregivers, Pruitt Hospice, and Dr. Prasad.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Edison Riner, 79

Mr. Raymond Edison Riner, 79, of Swainsboro, passed away Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Memorial Health in Savannah following an extended illness. Funeral service was held Tuesday, June 20, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Tom Tidwell officiating. Interment followed in Sardis Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Kite. Family received friends Monday, June 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Rusty Kea, Jody Womack, Greg Riner, Troy Johnson, Bubba Grimes and Mitch Stafford. Honorary pallbearers were Barney Kea, Wayne Braswell, Randy Durden, Gary Hodges, Van Vereen, Eddie Andrews, Grady Coleman, Jack Kuhnert, Steve Johnson, Gene Kea and Johnny Ray Stafford.

Mr. Riner was born April 4, 1944, in Dublin, to Albert Lawton Riner and Allegra Purvis Riner. He was a 1963 Swainsboro High School graduate, and a member of the Georgia National Guard from 1964 to 1970. Mr. Raymond was a devoted husband to his wife of 57 years. He was a member of the Boggy Bottom



RINER

Hunting Club. Mr. Raymond was employed by the United Parcel Service for 31 years before he retired. He loved to fish, hunt, and just be with his friends and family, and was a huge Atlanta Braves fan.

Mr. Riner is preceded in death by his parents; son, Steve Riner; and brothers, Vaughn Riner and Dwight Riner.

Mr. Riner is survived by his wife of 57 years, Patricia Bussiere Riner; son, Mitch (Donna) Riner of Richmond Hill; grandchildren, Sean Riner and Lauren Riner; brother, Alford (Linda) Riner of Kerrville, Texas; sister, Ruth Riner Patti of Hinesville; fur baby, Bell; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Bobbie Jean Soles, 86

Mrs. Bobbie Jean Soles, 86, of Scott, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at the Emanuel County Assisted Living Center in Swainsboro. Funeral service was conducted Saturday, June 17, at 2 p.m. at the Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene with Rev. L.T. Logue, Pastor Tommy Henry and Pastor Curtis Koscheski officiating. Mrs. Soles was laid to rest beside her husband in the church cemetery. Family received friends at the church on Saturday, June 17, from 1 p.m. until the hour of service.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Michael Hood, Joey Hood, Kevin Hood, Tyler Hood, Gavin Hood and Tim Lee. Honorary escorts were her caregivers from Emanuel County Nursing Home who treated her with love and compassion during her stay with them, Carmen Tanner, John Wilder Page, Stormy Clements, Latriel Sheffield, Lashaunda Frazier, Tarnea Brown and Shirley Bady.

Mrs. Bobbie was one of ten children born in Johnson County to the late Eustis Fulford and Annie Myrtle Anderson Fulford. She attended Kite High School where she was a member of the graduating Class of 1955. At the age of seventeen, Mrs. Bobbie went to work in the pants factory



SOLES

as a Machine Operator and continued working in the textile industry at Apparel Brand and Bill Jos until retiring in 1998. She enjoyed fishing, time spent with her large family and flower gardening. Mrs. Bobbie has been a longtime member of the Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Soles is preceded in death by her husband of forty-eight years, Virgil Soles, who passed away in 2018; and siblings, Mable Knight, Nell Ward, Wayne Fulford, Faye Scott, Ruth Josey and Sandra Fulford.

Mrs. Soles leaves behind her children, Ann Hood (Robert) of Kite, Connie Carter (Carl) of Wrightsville, Greg Soles, Randy Soles, and Roger Soles, all of Scott; brother, Billy Fulford of Wrightsville; six grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

SAMMONS FUNERAL HOME was in charge of arrangements.

Julie Mason Brantley, 57

Mrs. Julie Mason Brantley, 57, of Tennille, passed away Thursday, June 15, 2023, at her residence following an extended illness. Graveside service was held Saturday, June 17, at 11 a.m. at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Kenneth Brantley officiating. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 16, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Brian Brantley, Glen Warnock, Willard Thomas, Kevin McGowan, Eric Baggett, Evan Gay, and Allen Durden. Honorary Pallbearers were employees of Brantley Forest Products.

Mrs. Brantley was born August 6, 1965, to Don Mason and Ann Bargeron Mason. She was a good cook. Mema loved her family, especially her grands and her son. She was a member of Mount Gilead Primitive Baptist Church. Mrs. Brantley is preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Brantley is sur-



BRANTLEY

vived by her husband, Warren Brantley; son, Stephen (Jenny) Brantley of Metter; sister, Susan Mason of Atlanta; grandchildren, Warren Brantley III and Bowen-Anne Brantley; mothers-in-law, Wynelle Brantley and Mary Brantley.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Cancer Support Services, 1369 Interstate Parkway, Augusta, GA, 30909-5626.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Catherine G. Kirby, 77

Catherine G. Kirby, age 77, of Swainsboro, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 11, 2023, following an extended battle with cancer. Funeral service was held Tuesday, June 13, at 11 a.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. Graveside service followed at Union Primitive Baptist Church of in Swainsboro.

Catherine was born September 29, 1945, in Lyons, to Cordie and Dora Mae (Riner) Wiggins. She attended Canoochee Baptist Church and enjoyed hearing and spreading the Gospel of her Lord and Savior. Through her life, Catherine constantly helped others. She was kind, compassionate, and caring to anyone in need. Catherine had strong beliefs, no matter the situation, that everyone should have a shoulder to lean on, love, and support. She was accepting of everyone she knew. After retiring from carpentry, Catherine served Bill and Ruthie Crider as a housekeeper. In Catherine's spare time, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends while cooking some of the greatest southern food. She could always fry chicken and bake a cake for anyone who requested one and did so with much love. Catherine was a loving wife and mother. She and her husband, Willie M. Kirby, who passed away in June of 2000, raised five children. Ms. Kirby



KIRBY

is preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, James D. Kirby; sisters, Jeanette Kirkland, Dollie Mitchell, and Shirley Coleman; and infant brother.

Survivors include her sons, Mark D. Kirby (Sheila) and Gregory A. Kirby, both of Nunez; daughters, Connie K. Beasley and Cynthia K. Folds-Bailey (Daniel "Popz"), both of Twin City, grandchildren, Charlie Z. Henry, Zeth C. K. Folds, Denton-Kade Beasley, Zhen C. E. Folds, and Daisy C. Kirby.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Union Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, C/o Barbara Williamson, 114 Frances Avenue, Swainsboro GA 30401.

The family would like to thank the Claxton family for their devoted support during such a difficult time and they extend their sincere heart felt thankfulness to the Crider family.

Arrangements are entrusted to Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro.

Edward "Gene" Stone, 89

Mr. Edward "Gene" Stone, 89, of Kite, passed away Thursday, June 15, 2023, at his residence following an extended illness. Funeral service was held Saturday, June 17, at 3 p.m. in the chapel at Chapman Funeral Home with Elder Robbie Dollar officiating. Interment followed in Gumlog Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Kite. Family received friends Saturday, June 17, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Brandon Stone, Justin Stone, Trevor Stone, Jon Michael Stone, Jay Foskey, and Todd Ivey.

Mr. Stone was born November 20, 1933, in Swainsboro, to Harley Stone and Ruby Bargeron Stone. He was a 1952 Swainsboro High School graduate. Mr. Gene loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved to dance with his sweetheart, Sandra, and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Mr. Gene was in the United States Air Force. He was the owner of Southside Superette and retired from Handi-House in Swainsboro as Sales Manager Truck Accessories. Mr. Stone is preceded-



STONE

in death by his parents; son, Mike Stone; and brothers, Bobby Stone and Bill Stone.

Mr. Stone is survived by his wife, Sandra Anderson; son, Gary (Laura) Stone of Millbrook, AL; step-daughters, Robyn (Jay) Foskey and Christy Anderson, both of Kite; grandchildren, Brandon (Rachel) Stone, Justin Stone, Trevor Stone, Savannah Stone, Jon Michael Stone, Nikki (Brandon) Wiggins, Chris (Tawnya) Anderson and Jodi Price; 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

The family would like to express their sincere thank you to Agape Hospice Care and caregivers, Colleen Peebles and Lejuanna Maze.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Teresa D. Jenkins, 63

Mrs. Teresa D. Jenkins, 63, of Kite, passed away Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Memorial Health in Savannah following an extended illness. Memorial service was held Wednesday, June 14, at 11 a.m. at Kite City cemetery.

Mrs. Jenkins was born March 18, 1960, in Swainsboro, to the late Loy Oglesby and Fannie Lou Barnwell Bouttiner. She loved fishing and

cutting grass and loved her fur babies. Mrs. Jenkins is preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Jenkins is survived by her son, Nick Jenkins of Kite; brother, Jack Oglesby of Dublin; sister, Tammy Taylor (Billy) of Kite; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Summertown Food Pantry June distribution

Summertown Food Pantry at Summertown Baptist Church will open for June Distribution on Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are always encouraged and appreciated.

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Editorials Columns

Lessons from the soda fountain and the Almanac

One of the first jobs I had in high school was in a local drug store. I worked the soda fountain and occasionally filled in when the very capable lady salesclerks were helping other customers. I never learned much about the perfume, hair spray, and jewelry counters, and I tried to avoid them, but I could hold my own when it came to cherry cokes, vanilla cokes, and fourteen other varieties of cokes, as well as chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry milkshakes, and of course, banana

splits and chicken salad sandwiches. In those days, the job of soda jerk was a highly respected position, at least among your ninth-grade classmates. It was all business though, in spite of your buddies who always asked for extra onions on the hotdogs or the giggling girls who made you wait while they changed their order four times. In September, we would get the Old Farmer Almanacs. I had never heard of that publication before, but I soon came to understand its

importance. People looked forward to its arrival. The Almanac told you when to do just about anything you could think of. It told you about the weather, about planting, about what days to fish and how to get along with your wife or husband. It didn't say much about politics back then, and maybe that's why people liked it so much. I have often thought that if folks still paid attention to the friendly advice in the Almanac, politics wouldn't be so ugly now, and this

would be a much better place to live. For example, think how it would shake everything up if this gentle admonition was followed: "If you can't say something nice about somebody, don't say anything at all". Well, the world would be a much quieter and much nicer place, but all of the major TV networks would immediately go broke, and all of social media would declare bankruptcy before lunchtime. Sounds like a good start, doesn't it? The Old Farmer's

Charles Schwabe



Almanac started back in the 1790s, and it's still around today because it dwells on the positive. As I recall back in those times, it was either free or maybe cost a quarter. Today, you can still get one, but it's going to run you around \$9.95. So, go get yourself a copy of the Old Farmer's Almanac

when it comes out if you need some advice on what to do or when to do it. Or even better, you can consult the only other publication that's ever been printed more times than the Almanac, the Bible. It still doesn't cost a penny and it gives you a lot more detail on the right direction and best decisions in life.

One man's opinion on banning women from Baptist pulpits

Hear this, a Baptist's prayer: "Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord this promise to keep. If I should die before I wake, don't let girls in the pulpit, for goodness sake." Southern Baptist – the largest Protestant denomination in the United States – have just finished their annual convention in New Orleans and have voted that while women can be CEOs of major corporations, U.S. Senators, cabinet officers, Supreme Court justices, governors, entrepreneurs and financiers, they had better not try to step into a Baptist pulpit and preach the Word of God. It ain't gonna happen. A two-thirds majority at the convention approved an amendment to its constitution that will more broadly prohibit member church-

es from having women hold any pastoral title. As a card-carrying un-United Methodist, I have been blessed to have known and to have been ministered to by some extraordinary women pastors in my lifetime. Like their male counterparts, they have done their best to save this sorry soul and their work clearly is not over. I remain a work in progress. But it is worth noting that at no time were we ever struck by lightning or turned into pillars of salt. I will admit that the recently departed Methodist bishop of the North Georgia Conference, who made a pluperfect mess of things before being shipped out, was indeed female. But I attribute that not to her gender but to the fact that in her prior life she was a litigating

attorney. Litigating attorneys tend to be bovines in an establishment full of ceramic objects and should not become bishops, male or female. Southern Baptists also kicked out two member churches that had the temerity to employ female preachers: Fern Creek Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky (Where Rev. Linda Barnes Popham has served as pastor for the past 20 years) and Saddleback Church (average weekly attendance, 30,000) in Lake Forest, California. If the latter sounds familiar, its founder is Rick Warren, author of the best-selling book, "The Purpose Driven Life," and one of the most respected evangelical figures in the country. Both now are Southern Baptist toast. James Carroll, president

of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said that based on the understanding of certain passages of scripture, "We believe that only qualified men are called by God to serve in that role." And what are those passages? They include: 1 Corinthians 11:3-12, 14:34-35; 1 Timothy 2:11-15 and Titus 1, 2. By the way, these are not the words of Christ, but rather the opinions of the Apostle Paul and include such passages as: "Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says," and "The head of every man is Christ and the head of the woman is man," and "Every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head — it is the same as having her head shaved," and, finally, he says women are to be "self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so

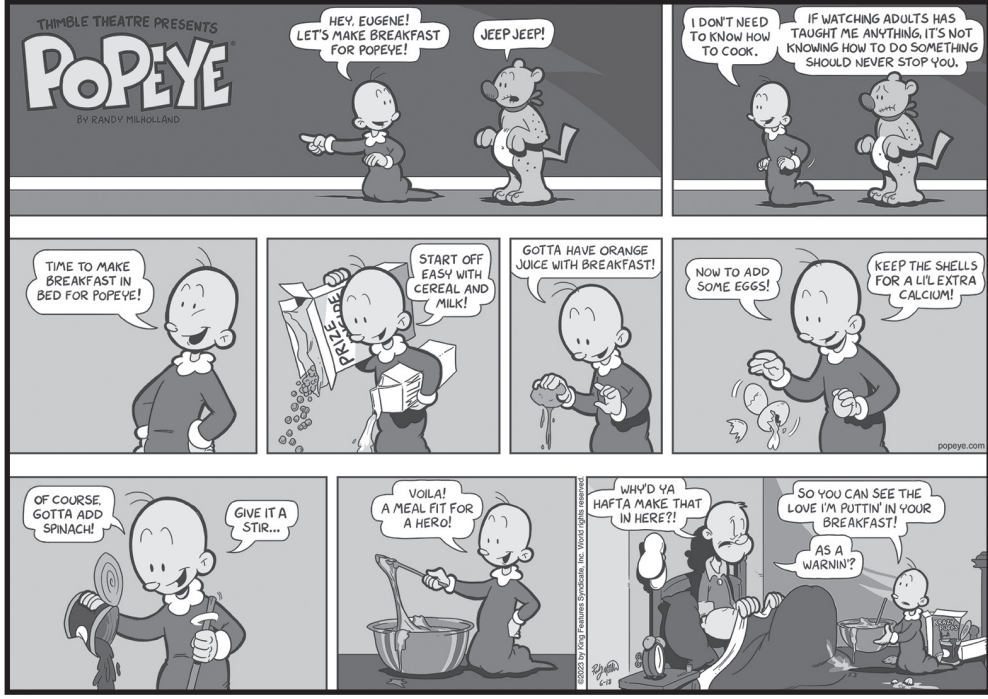
Dick Yarbrough



that no one will malign the word of God." I can't wait for the females in my family to read this. It is interesting to note that the Apostle Paul never married. Had he, I suspect these particular passages might read a tad differently today. Ms. Apostle Paul would have seen to that. As for Jesus' attitude toward women, Luke 8: 1-3 talks about Christ going from town to village proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God. He had with him the twelve disciples and three women – Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Susanna, "who ministered to them out of their own resources." Women ministers? Sounds like it. (Hey, if you can cherry-pick passages out of the Bible to make a point, so can I!) To my Southern Baptist

friends – assuming I have any left – if excluding women from the pulpit floats your theological boat just like my fellow un-United Methodist squabble over their own vision of how to worship, be my guest. But write this down from a certified non-theologian: It doesn't matter one whit to me what you or other denominations claim as the correct interpretation of the Scriptures. Not one whit. It's just your opinion. To me, worship is a very personal thing. It is a private matter between my God and me. Period. All the rest of this stuff is just so much man-made noise. Can I get an amen? You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dick-yarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

Editorial Cartoons



Entering the "Real World"

Lanna Douglas



A person never truly realizes what they have until it's gone. That sentence can apply to everyone in a different way, but I am going to share with you how it applies to my life. I am now 18 years old, the time to move off for college is nearing, and I cannot help but ask myself, "Where has the time gone?"

When you're little, your elders always tell you to never take life for granted. I never listened when I was told this, I was too naive and couldn't wait to grow up and do "big girl things". I realize now that the time to be a "big girl" has officially come and I am in no way, shape, or form

prepared. I experienced many "lasts" this past school year. It is finally hitting me that I will never be able to cheer on the sidelines, or even walk the halls as a student again. High school truly does go by in the blink of an eye, and no matter how much you may dread having to go, you will one day miss it.

As I embark on my next journey, college, I pray that I can make just as many memories, even more, than I did in my high school days. I will have some of the best friends I could ask for by my side as I start this new chapter of my life. I now know to never take a good memory for granted,

as days go by faster and time continues to fly by. I will soak up every moment like it is my last, because before you know it, it is time to move on and those moments will turn into memories.

To those younger than me, take it from someone who was in your shoes not-so-long ago, please do not wish your high school years away, they will be some of the best in your life. Growing up can be scary, but I am so excited to see what the world has in store for me. Hug your loved ones a little tighter, remind them how much you love them and how thankful you are for them, and most of all, don't blink.

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Securing the future and providing an excellent customer experience:

Pineland Telephone holds 71st annual meeting

"It is truly an honor and a privilege to update you on the accomplishments your cooperative has achieved as well as the challenges we have faced", began Chief Executive Officer, Dustin Durden as he took his place at the podium for the tenth year. "As I looked back at that first speech I delivered in 2014, I found that some of the issues we were facing back then are still apparent today." Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s 71st Annual Meeting was held on June 8th at the Met-

ter PreK-8 Complex, with nearly 240 members in attendance.

"Since 2018, one of my top priorities has been to convince the FCC to update the funding mechanism that companies like Pineland utilize to make the business case for broadband networks in rural areas a reality," stated Durden. "We've done that to ensure that Pineland and the services we offer remain viable for years to come. While we look forward to the day this work is finally complete, and in

our favor, we have been operating as if the worst would take place. Plan for the worst, hope for the best."

In preparation for the possibility that additional FCC funding would not be available, Pineland expanded its fiber footprint with six additional markets over the last decade. Earlier this year, Pineland's fiber buildout project in Emanuel County was completed, enabling all homes and businesses with the ability to receive gigabit-enabled broad-

band services. Additionally, two large projects in Jenkins and Sumter counties, funded by Governor Kemp's broadband initiative, are currently underway. When complete, they will provide quality broadband access to over 8,000 homes and businesses currently lacking connectivity, and in turn will help keep Pineland on stable footing for years to come.

Durden reassured members that the cooperative's primary focus of providing excellent service to its members had not changed. Within the past year, broadband offerings were upgraded to match the FCC's minimum standards and provide symmetrical high-speed connections, annual television increases were absorbed and not passed on to subscribers, and an alternate residential phone service was introduced providing a lower price voice option. These initiatives resulted in a reduction in several subscribers' monthly charges and presented options to offset costs for many receiving an increase.

In addition to revising its service offerings, Pineland will be assessing its customer journey to ensure subscribers experience a streamlined, efficient, and enjoyable process. "Later this year, we will embark on a continuous improvement project that will take a fresh look at how the customer journeys

through every process here at Pineland. We firmly believe that we provide the best service possible to you. However, we don't want to just say it, we want to guarantee it," said Durden. Concentration will also turn to cybersecurity, with a re-evaluation of Pineland's networks to assess vulnerabilities and secure its infrastructure as much as possible.

In his President's Report, Mark Bland commended Pineland's initiatives and the team that makes them possible. "Fortunately, your employees, management team, and your board of directors recognize opportunities when they arise. Even though opportunities don't come with their values stamped upon them." Bland continued, "Each individual no matter their department or job, is a vital link in the chain that composes a business. Here at Pineland, we are fortunate to have loyal, conscientious employees who form the diamond hard links in the chain that keeps our cooperative thriving and strong."

During the meeting, three directors were re-elected, unopposed, to serve Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for another three-year term. Wiley "Chip" Evans, IV (Bartow & Davisboro) will represent District 2, Ralph Clifton (Southwest Metter & Southwest Cobbtown) will represent District 5, and Mark Bland (North-

west Metter) will represent District 8.

Prior to the meeting's commencement, singer/songwriter Cole Goodwin, joined by Pineland's own Casey Yarbrough on the Cajón, took the stage as this year's entertainment. The two performed a combination of classic covers and original works.

Twelve employees with a combined total of 250 years of service were recognized for their career milestones: Jim Sherrod (35 years), Wayne Foskey (35 years), Ken Scott (30 years), Michael Cardell (25), John Lawrence (25 years), Scott Steele (25 years), Donnie Salter (20 years), Denise Lee (20 years), James Owens (15 years), Andy Cook (10 years), Steven Snell (5 years), and Isaac Holton (5 years).

Pineland serves over 1,300 square miles with its traditional Phone and Internet services in all or parts of ten counties in South Georgia. In its 72nd year, 100% of Pineland's Phone and Internet customers receive their services via a dedicated Fiber-to-the-Home network offering Gigabit enabled broadband connections. Pineland's mission is to offer an outstanding customer experience through the efficient delivery of progressive technology solutions in the markets served. We will achieve this mission by applying our Core Values of Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, and a Servant's Heart in everything we do.

EXECUTIVE ORDER THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-1 "DECLARATION OF TEMPORARY JUVENILE CURFEW"

WHEREAS, the City of Swainsboro ("City") enjoys all rights, privileges, and powers incident to the establish of the City as a municipal corporation and is authorized to act through the Swainsboro City Council ("Council") who shall have full power and authority to enact all ordinances, by-laws, rules, regulations necessary for the good government of the City and for securing the health of its citizens. Charter of the City of Swainsboro ("Charter"), § 42(1); and

WHEREAS, the City has the right and authority to protect the personal property of the citizens and to establish the police force; Id. at § 42(11); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 30 of the Swainsboro City Ordinances ("Ordinance"), the Council has established an emergency management system for the City ("Emergency Management System"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 62-9 of the Ordinances, the Council has granted the Mayor of the City of Swainsboro ("Mayor") the right and authority to institute a curfew and the hours thereof, when the Mayor "deems it necessary for the protection of the health and welfare of the citizens or public or private property or located in [the City]"; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, after due consideration, deems a curfew for juveniles is necessary due into an increase in juvenile criminal activity during the evening and early morning which is a threat to the life and property of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, that the implementation of a temporary curfew as to minors during the evening and early morning will reduce the criminal activity and provide law enforcement assistance in addressing the increase in juvenile criminal activity; and

IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY RESOLVED by the City of Swainsboro that:

I. Title. This Resolution shall be known as the "EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-1 DECLARATION OF TEMPORARY JUVENILE CURFEW".

2. Preamble. The foregoing recitals in the Preamble are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full herein.

3. Declaration. The Mayor hereby declares a state of emergency within the geographical boundaries of the City due to the increase in criminal activity threatening the life and property of the citizenry of the City.

4. Curfew. As of the Effective Date of this Resolution and through and including the Expiration Date, it shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of seventeen (17) to loiter, wander, stroll or play in or upon public streets, highways, roads, alleys, park, playgrounds, or other public grounds, public places, public buildings, place of amusement, eating places, vacant lots or any place unsupervised by an adult having the lawful authority to be at such place between the hours of 11:00 p.m. on any day and 6:00 a.m. on the following day; however on Fridays and Saturdays, the effective hours are between Midnight and 6:00 a.m. the following day; and provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the following instances:

a. When a minor is accompanied by such minor's parent, guardian or other adult person having lawful care and custody of the minor;

b. When the minor is upon an emergency errand directed by such minor's parent or guardian or other adult person having the lawful care and custody of such minor;

c. When the minor is returning directly home from a school activity, entertainment, recreational activity, or dance;

d. When the minor is returning directly home from lawful employment that makes it necessary to be in the places referenced in this section during the prescribed period of time;

e. When the minor is attending or traveling directly to or from an activity involving the exercise of first amendment rights of free speech, freedom of assembly, or free exercise of religion; and

f. When the minor is in a motor vehicle with parental consent for normal travel or interstate travel through the City.

5. Enforcement; Penalty. Pursuant to Section 62-9(c) any violation of the Curfew set by this Executive Order shall be punished as for disorderly conduct, as provided for in the penal ordinances of the City.

6. Effective Date. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-1 DECLARATION OF TEMPORARY JUVENILE CURFEW shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023

7. Expiration. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-1 DECLARATION OF TEMPORARY JUVENILE CURFEW shall expire at midnight on July 14, 2023; provided however, the Mayor shall be authorized to extend the Expiration Date of this Executive Order for a period of thirty (30) days conditioned on (i) the extension occurring prior to the Expiration Date; and (ii) the new Expiration Date being no more than thirty (30) days from the existing expiration date.

8. Notice to Public. This Executive Order shall (i) be available for the public at City Hall; (ii) shall be posted at City Hall upon execution and for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days; and (iii) a public notice shall be placed in *The Forest-Blade* prior to the Effective Date.

SO ORDERED this 7 day June, 2023.

**City of Swainsboro
Greg Bennett, Mayor**



WAYNE FOSKEY (35), JIM SHERROD (35), KEN SCOTT (30), MICHAEL CARDELL (25), JOHN LAWRENCE (25), SCOTT STEELE (25), DONNIE SALTER (20), DENISE LEE (20), JAMES OWENS (15), ANDY COOK (10), AND STEVEN SNELL (5). NOT PICTURED: ISAAC HOLTON (5)

Public Notice

NOTICE-CITY OF SWAINSBORO WATER/SEWAGE CUSTOMERS

An increase in the water and sewage base rate will become effective August 1, 2023. This new rate will be reflected on the water bill received September 2023. The base rate for residential water customers will be increased by \$2.48. The base rate for residential sewage will be increased by \$3.52. The base rates for commercial water customers will be increased by \$4.60. The base rate for commercial sewage will be increased by \$7.53.

Current Residential Base Rate up to 2,000 gallons		New Residential Base Rate up to 1,500 gallons	
Water	\$7.96	Water	\$10.44
Sewer	\$16.74	Sewer	\$20.23
EPD	\$5.00	EPD	\$5.00
Garbage	\$17.10	Garbage	\$17.10
Inert fee	\$2.00	Inert fee	\$2.00
Total Base Bill	\$48.80	Total Base Bill	\$54.80

Current Commercial Base Rate up to 2,000 gallons		New Commercial Base Rate up to 1,500 gallons	
Water	\$8.21	Water	\$12.81
Sewer	\$17.58	Sewer	\$25.11
EPD	\$5.00	EPD	\$5.00
Garbage	\$17.10	Garbage	\$17.10
Inert fee	\$2.00	Inert fee	\$2.00
Total Base Bill	\$49.89	Total Base Bill	\$62.02

This rate increase was passed during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting held on Monday, June 5, 2023. The City of Swainsboro, Mayor, and Council appreciate your understanding of this action as we strive to improve our water and sewage services.

Community Spotlight: *Harley Hill Farm & Kennel*

by BRITTANY HALL

In 2022, Heather and Andy Cook of Adrian, began a journey on a dream that has become a fruition of success. After Heather's parents, John and June Jones, left them her grandparents, Ida and Harley Jones, 1930's Craftsman Bungalow and the plot of land that it resided on, Heather knew that it needed to be preserved with as much love as it was built with.

"I always promised my daddy that the property would remain in the family as long as it was mine," Heather explained.

Unfortunately, however, after observing the damage and wear the home had undergone over the past 90 years, the Cooks were made aware that there was no way of saving her grandparents beloved home without breaking the bank, but Heather was determined to uphold her family's legacy and the memories that were created on their property.

"My grandparents' house had been there for almost 100 years. It was just the central place where everybody met up for family gatherings, Christmas's, and Thanksgivings," explained Heather, "I didn't want to just leave the land vacant. We knew we were going to put something there, so we waited until we knew what we wanted to do before we started tearing it down."

After giving it some thought, the couple decided to create a farm and build a metal building for a tractor shed on the property. Then, Heather had an idea that fueled an existing passion within her, and a family business was established.

"When we began building the tractor shed, I said to myself, 'Well

we got to pay for it one way or another' so I convinced my husband to make it into a boarding facility for dogs. We finished it out with 11 5x8 inside kennels and 5x8 outside kennels that have individual doggy doors, stalls, their own air conditioning units and two 40 by 40 play yards." She explained.

In March of 2023, the Cooks opened their farm and kennels to the public but not without first giving it a proper name that tributed the home that built their dream and the man whose own little piece of heaven made it possible.

"We decided to name the Boarding Facility *Harley Hill Farm & Kennel* after my grandfather, Harley." Heather said with a smile.

In addition to the name, the Cooks quite literally *left no stone unturned* and incorporated pieces of Heather's grandparents' home into the building. Different mementos of the original brick and boarder can be found throughout the facility including the stones from the original fireplace that her grandfather built by hand.

"The land is filled with so many memories that they established so we wanted to do something special to symbolize them as much as possible. My grandparents always believed in the power of community. They even used to host a community BBQ there every year on the fourth Sunday in April. That event ran from 1957 to 1991 and people from all throughout Adrian would attend and bring their own covered dishes for everyone to enjoy." Heather shared.

Although Harley Hill Farm & Kennel was originally meant to be a hobby

and a secondary way to afford extra expenses, it soon became the primary focus for the Cooks. This ultimately changed their lives in a profound way that they never imagined before.

"Dogs have always been my passion," said Heather, "We have seven dogs of our own, so I just figured that this was a good way to pay for the building and maybe a future retirement plan, but the retirement came sooner than I thought."

Since opening the boarding facility, Heather was able to retire after 20 years of service for Swainsboro's, Cadle Law Firm. Now she centers her attention on each and every pup that's treated to a stay at Harley Hill, providing them with the best dog-gone experience a fur-baby could receive.

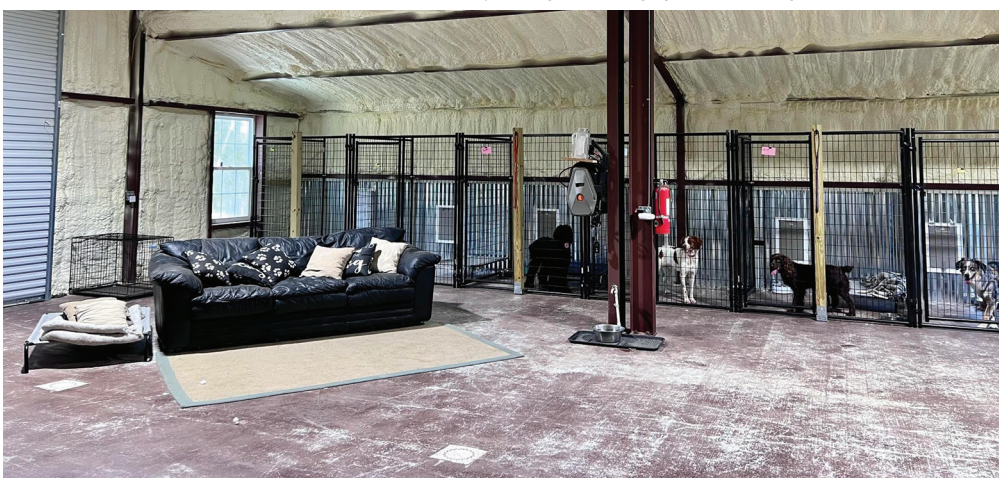
"Because the kennels are located on our property, we're able to go four or five times a day and let them out. We also provide them with a 'turn down service', so-to-speak, between 9:30 and 10 p.m. every night. We let them out to do their duty, give them a treat and let them calm down to go to bed." She explained.

Harley Hill Farm & Kennel is located at 167 Jones Lane in Adrian. The boarding fee is \$25 per night. For reservations contact Heather by phone at 478-494-5120 or by email at harleyhill2023@gmail.com. You can also find them on Facebook by searching *Harley Hill Farm & Kennel*.

"Dogs hold a special place in my heart and bring my husband Andy and I so much joy and happiness. We know how important your pets are to you and we promise to treat them like family. Keep Harley Hill Farm & Kennel in mind as you plan your next trip." Heather concluded.



HARLEY HILL FARM AND KENNEL BARN



INSIDE VIEW OF THE KENNELS



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THE JONES' ORIGINAL HOME



HEATHER'S GRANDPARENTS, IDA AND HARLEY JONES, STANDING IN FRONT OF THE FIREPLACE THAT IS USED ON THE PROPERTY



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SIDE VIEW OF THE BARN



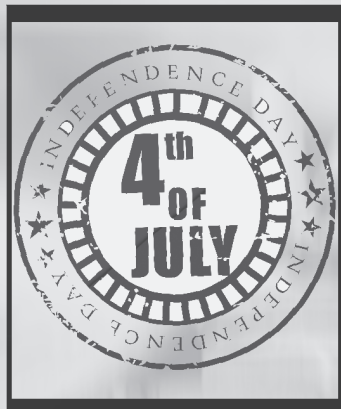
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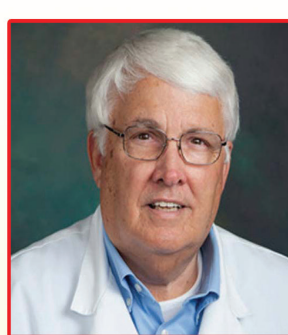
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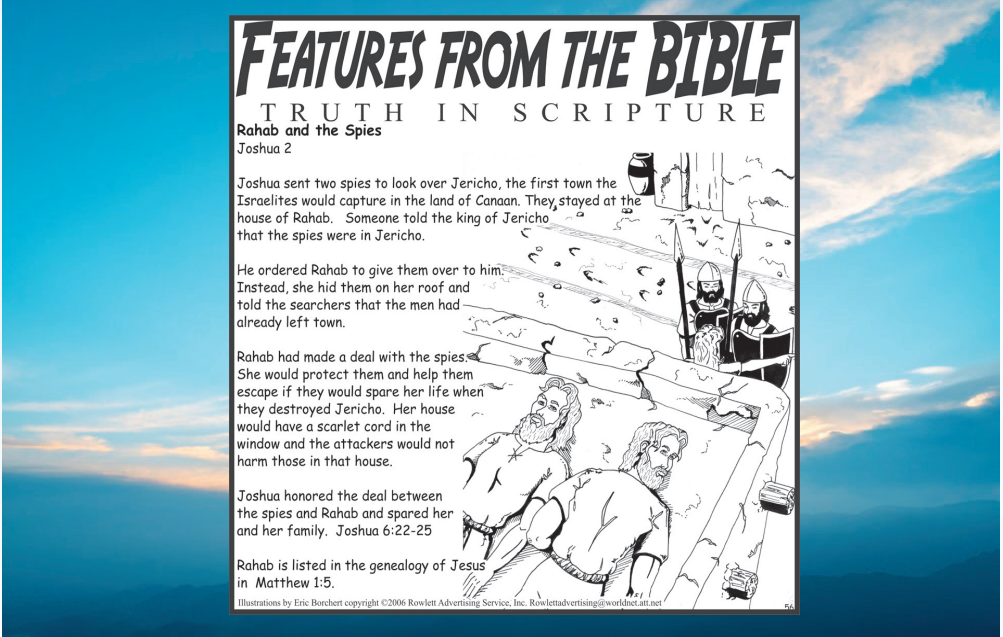
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 Rahab and the Spies
 Joshua 2
 Joshua sent two spies to look over Jericho, the first town the Israelites would capture in the land of Canaan. They stayed at the house of Rahab. Someone told the king of Jericho that the spies were in Jericho.
 He ordered Rahab to give them over to him. Instead, she hid them on her roof and told the searchers that the men had already left town.
 Rahab had made a deal with the spies. She would protect them and help them escape if they would spare her life when they destroyed Jericho. Her house would have a scarlet cord in the window and the attackers would not harm those in that house.
 Joshua honored the deal between the spies and Rahab and spared her and her family. Joshua 6:22-25
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Nothing better than reading with grandmother

by VANESSA DEVANE

The Xi Delta Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, in keeping with tradition, made its annual donation to Franklin Memorial Library earlier this month. This will be the sixteenth year of this tradition. The yearly service project honors club members that have become Grandparents during the Beta Sigma Phi year which spans from August until the following May. Not only does this honor the new grandmother but it is also the club's way of helping the library by making a donation for the express purpose of purchasing children's

books. This has become one of the most enjoyable service projects of Beta Sigma Phi. With technology taking the place of so many things in our lives in current times the sisters of the sorority feel that it is still very special to the grandparent and her grandchild/children to enjoy reading together. Not only is it a great pastime, fun, and sometimes educational, but it also helps maintain a special closeness and a sense of family, comfort, contentment and normalcy.

In past years there have been as many as eight grandchildren or as few as one born into the sisterhood in a giv-

en year. This year there were three new additions to our Beta Sigma Phi group of grandmothers. Below are the names of the grandmothers followed by the names of her most recently born grandchildren.

Fay Flanders: Jency Ray Flanders
Ann Johnson: Barrett Brooks Johnson
Teresa Smith: Corbin Louis Tolomeo

Beta Sigma Phi looks forward to carrying on this tradition for many years to come. The library, its staff and volunteers are truly a vital part of our community. Being able to help in any way, especially a way

that involves children, is a privilege that the organization takes both pride and pleasure in.

The members of Beta Sigma Phi cannot fully express their gratitude to the library staff and volunteers for all that they do. They provide so many things for our community that some may not be aware of. Everyone should keep an eye on the Blade for upcoming events at the library, many are especially for children. Our small but growing town is very fortunate to have such an up to date and well-equipped and community-oriented facility for our use.

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Kelsey and Ryder Lamb of Swainsboro announce the birth of their son, Maverick McKane Lamb, on May 19, 2023, at 10:25 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Baby Lamb was welcomed home by his big sister, Everleigh Lamb.

Maternal grandparents are Dwayne and Michelle Hart and Rodney and Nicole Sellers, all of Swainsboro. Paternal grandparents are Dan and Deidra Lamb of Swainsboro.

Maternal great-grandparents are Glenda and Randy Wilkerson and Laura Mason and the late Barney Mason. Paternal great-grandparents are Bonnie Lamb and the late Danny Lamb and the late Janice and Mickey Tanner.



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Miss Durden, Mr. Meeks announce wedding plans

Allen and Dottie Durden of Swainsboro are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Allaina Durden, to Brandon Meeks of Dublin. Mr. Meeks is the son of Faith Ayers and Gregory Meeks, both of Dublin.

The bride-elect is a 2019 honor graduate of Emanuel County Institute and a 2023 graduate of Southeastern Technical College with a degree in Dental Hygiene. Miss Durden is the granddaughter of the late Hubert and Dorothy Rowland and the late Johnny and Jeanelle Durden, all of Swainsboro.

The future groom is a 2019 graduate of West Laurens High School and a 2020 graduate of Coastal Pines Technical



MISS DURDEN AND MR. MEEKS

College Lineman School. He is employed as a lineman with Sumter Utilities. Mr. Meeks is the grandson of Bill and Juanita Ayers of Gray and Virginia Meeks and the late Winston Meeks of Dublin. The wedding is set for September 9, 2023, at the Copper Barn in Portal.



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Aden Ray Poole celebrates sixth birthday

Cowabunga! Aden Poole of Canoochee, celebrated his sixth birthday with a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle themed pool party on Saturday, May 20. The party was held at his Mema, Annie Laura Henry's home, in Swainsboro.

Many guests came to celebrate including family and friends and were treated to TMNT worthy dishes such as pizza, a veggie tray, chips and dip, and of course cake and ice cream. Additionally, guests got to enjoy swimming and splashing in the pool, and sliding down the water slide. Special guests include Aden's parents, Dylan and Sierra Henry Poole, both of Canoochee. Happy Birthday Aden!



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Thank you to the owners and employees for distributing the books and for supporting literacy in Emanuel County. Their Swainsboro store gave out 44 books and their Twin City location

gave out 11. "Thank you, All the Fixins!" This project is put on by Family Connection through generous funding from the Mill Creek Foundation.



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Family Connection conducted a week-long cooking camp for students with funding from the Mill Creek Foundation, Aetna/CVS Health, and donated space from the Franklin Memorial Library. The Family Connection Collaborative partners volunteered many hours for students to have the opportunity to

able to put on this fun summer camp for students with funding from the Mill Creek Foundation, Aetna/CVS Health, and donated space from the Franklin Memorial Library. The Family Connection Collaborative partners volunteered many hours for students to have the opportunity to

taste new foods and prepare challenging recipes. Thanks to Pam Carr, Petite Garrett, Wanda Ellis, and Sunny Rogers and grandson Pierce for assisting the chefs as they prepared their culinary creations. Also, thanks to the judges, Matt Jarrell, Kayla Williams, Dione Gamble, and Ann Rogers.



TWO LOCAL CHILDREN TAKE PART IN THE SCAVENGER HUNT



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Leanna's presented with "Skunk Brigade" photo

For the last two years, members of the Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution have been meeting every Friday morning at 8 a.m. for coffee, orange juice, grits, pancakes, grits, eggs and bacon, and fellowship. Many of their members are part of the "Skunk Brigade" and one morning about a month ago, they had 12 in attendance with 10 being members of the brigade. They took a photo and decided to frame a copy and present it to Leanna's owners, Levi and Arianna Stoltzfus. "They have really been good to us, the whole family, all the way down to the youngest." members said.



Every Friday, Leanna's has a table for 16 reserved for the group and allows them to use the space as long as needed. The Stoltzfus family moved to Swainsboro from Pennsylvania, purchased a farm in Johnson County and opened up Leanna's. "We are so glad they did and hope that they are here for generations." Members collectively shared, "They are family." They said in conclusion.

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Football Academic All-American

by HAROLD SCOTT
 Accolades are still rolling in for Swainsboro High football players for the 2022 season. Jonorian Foots, a 2023 SHS graduate, was selected as a 2022 Academic All-American. To be considered for this national honor, applicants must have at least a 3.7 GPA and must have contributed to the varsity football team in 2022. Foots has already enrolled in college and is currently attending Georgia Institute of Technology.



FOOTS



VETERANS AND GUESTS AT THE MEETING

Veterans at the Library meet at Methodist Church

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting, Monday morning, June 19, 2023, at the First Methodist Church social hall. Because of the renovation Franklin Memorial Library is currently undergoing, Veterans met at the Vann Community House during the first week of renovation and at the First Methodist Church the last two weeks of renovation. After the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, the Veterans were treated to an outstanding breakfast of pancakes, syrup, butter, sausage, muffins, sliced watermelon, coffee,

orange juice and apple juice. The morning host was Shari Watt, who was assisted by Judge Kathy Palmer and Sarah Lumley. Chair Johnny Tapley began the meeting by discussing this past Saturday's Veterans & First Responders Memorial Park clean-up. A lot was accomplished by putting out the mulch and pine straw around the trails and shrubbery. He also talked about a short workday this Saturday, June 24, that will allow volunteers to finish putting out the mulch and trimming the tree limbs. At around 10:15 a.m., Saturday, Veterans

will drive to the Saint Phillips Baptist Church on South Racetrack Street to attend the funeral of fellow veteran, Lee Jones, Jr. Veteran Jones had been attending the Veterans at the Library Monday morning breakfast meetings since April 17. Jones was drafted into the Army in 1967 and after basic training and AIT he served with the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, NC. He also served as a Drill Sergeant during the Vietnam Conflict. Veterans will begin meeting at the library once again, next Monday, June 26 at 9:15 a.m.



FOOTS WITH HIS MOTHER, KENOSHA BROWN

Stephens speaks to Wiregrass

The Wiregrass Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting, Thursday evening, May 11, 2023, at the New China Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. With President Wilder Smith, Jr. presiding, there were 25 in attendance. After the invocation, Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the Pledge to the SAR, President Smith asked Registrar Dess Smith III to introduce the speaker for the evening. Compatriot Smith introduced Larry Stephens of Rincon to share his program on "The

Hornets' Nest, Wilkes County - 1700's". Steven's program discussed the difficulties of moving to the area between the Broad River, Savannah River and the Oconee River during the 1700's. Not only did they have to make do with what was available to them in the wild, but they had to defend themselves against the Creek and Cherokee Indians. President Smith then awarded Compatriot Jimmy Leonard with his Vietnam War Veterans Corps Certificate for his service to his country during the Vietnam War.



COMPATRIOT SMITH PRESENTING HIS PROGRAM

Smith presents Cowpens Battle Program

The Mill Creek Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting, Tuesday evening, May 16, 2023, at the Ole Time Restaurant in Statesboro at 6 p.m. With Compatriot Charles Perry presiding, there were 10 in attendance. The Mill Creek Chapter Registrar Dess Smith III traveled 37 miles from Swainsboro to present his program on the Battle at Cowpens. This story tells of an American Revolutionary War Battle that was held

on January 17, 1781, just north of present-day Spartanburg, South Carolina. The Battle lasted just a little over 30 minutes and was a complete victory for the American Patriots over the British Regulars. General Daniel Morgan and his 1,800 Continentals and Militia captured over 800 British Regulars and sent Col. Banastre Tarleton "running for his life". Many have said that this victory was a turning point in the American victory at Yorktown.

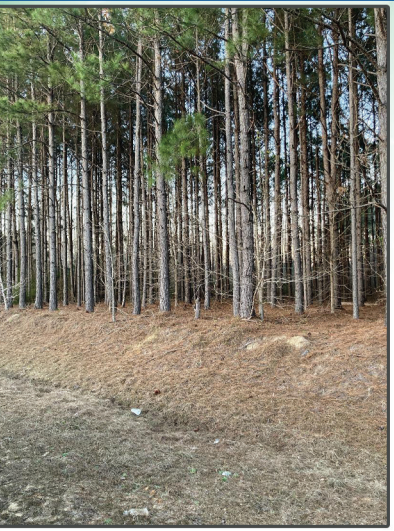


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Dorien Foots: Perseverance and adversity

by HAROLD SCOTT

Everyone will face adversity in their life. Adversity is more difficult when the person is young. It is easy to say, "hang in there," but the act of perseverance is more difficult than just saying it.

Sports is just a game. There are things in life that are much bigger than the game. However, sports can sometimes help with the challenges life throws at us. Sometimes sports bring families/people together and help build a stronger bond.

Dorien Foots is a 2023 graduate of Swainsboro High School. He will be leaving for college on a football scholarship in a few days. Dorien and his family have experienced a lot of adversity over the past few years, but Dorien has persevered. He graduated from high school and earned a college scholarship.

Dorien's father, Dewayne Foots, was a tremendous three-sport athlete at Swainsboro High during the late 90s. Dewayne excelled in football, basketball, and track. Dewayne was a 6'6" terror on the basketball court. His jumping ability and dunks kept the crowd on their feet. Dewayne was a 1996 Swainsboro High state championship team member and was rated as one of Georgia's top players during his senior year. He was preparing to attend the University of Tennessee, but circumstances did not allow it to go through. After his senior year, he attended Itawamba Community College.

Dorien, like his father, played football, basketball and ran track. Dewayne was always there

for games and practices. In 2019 Dorien began his high school career at SHS. 2020 was the start of his sophomore year. In Oct 2020, his grandmother, Mrs. Cindy Wilson Hill, passed. Dorien continued the school year and became an integral member of the sports teams.

Then in Feb 2021, his father Dewayne suddenly and tragically passed. The news shocked the community of Swainsboro and sent shock waves across the state to those who knew Dewayne. I cannot recall when I did not see Dewayne with his kids. I can only imagine the impact his passing had on Dorien and his family. Despite the devastation, Dorien persevered through a tough time. Dorien has a large family, and they did what they could to assist while dealing with their own grief. Dorien's mother, Mrs. Carla Foots, solidified the family. Dewayne's mother, Mrs. Alice Foots, was present. Dorien's uncles, Tim Foots, Mark Wise, Dallas Wise, and Byron Eligah, and aunts Lucy Foots, Raven Wise, Brooke Hodges, and Danielle Foots, all tried to compensate for Dewayne's passing.

Shon Noble was a local coach, mentor, and business owner in Swainsboro. Shon was a member of the 2000 Swainsboro High state championship football team. Shon worked with Dorien before but after Dewayne's passing, he took him under his wings. Shon continued to coach Dorien but also allowed him to work at his restaurant and learn the business and financial side of life. Unfortunately, in Jan 2022, less than a

year after the passing of his father, Shon passed suddenly. The community of Swainsboro was again devastated by the loss of a young and influential leader in the community. Shon had been instrumental in the lives of many of the local youths. Dorien was again traumatized by the loss of someone he admired.

Dorien persevered and continued with his high school career. He began his senior year as a starter on the football team. The team performed well and finished the regular season undefeated. They won their first two playoff games. Dorien and everyone on the team were performing at the top of their games. The third playoff game was against Rabun County, a high-octane offense that passed the ball effectively. The SHS coaches decided to go with a different defensive lineup that did not include Dorien as a starter.

Dorien did not start, nor did he play the entire game. Not playing in the game was difficult for Dorien; he had been out there fighting with his teammates the whole season, and during a big playoff game, he sat and watched. Again, Dorien persevered. He kept his frustrations inside and did what was best for the team. Dorien played in the next two games and made his regular contributions. As a result of his play throughout the season, he was selected to the all-region team and chosen to participate in the Border Bowl game (Georgia vs. South Carolina).

Things did not end after football season. Dorien left the football field for the

basketball court. The basketball team performed well. Dorien helped lead them to the region championship and the final four of the state tournament. After basketball, there was no time to relax; it was on to the track field. Dorien won first place in the 400 meters at the region meet and qualified for state. He was also a member of the 4x400 relay team, which also qualified for state. The track team finished third place in the state.

It was an eventful senior year culminating with Dorien signing a scholarship to attend Wingate University. Dorien and his teammates completed one of Swainsboro High School's most successful athletic seasons. The football team finished in second place, the basketball team finished in 4th place, and the track team finished in third place.

Dorien Foots has accomplished a lot during his high school career. He has persevered and handled a tremendous amount of adversity. These events would have been difficult for anyone, but to experience the traumatic events at such an early age was very impactful. He could have given up on sports, but he kept going. Dorien is an inspiration to people who experience adversity in their lives. We often look for role models and heroes to be our brightest stars; sometimes, they walk quietly amongst us.

We wish Dorien well as he starts his college career. He has learned well from many people, but he has also taught us all something. Dorien's success is a testament to his mother, grandmothers, uncles, and aunts. It is a testament



FOOTS WITH FATHER, DEWAYNE FOOOTS



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to his friends, coaches, teachers, school, and community. It is a testament to Coach Shon Nobles, who invested so much into Dorien. It is a testament to his father, Dewayne Foots, who gave him the ability and will to keep going. More than anything, it is a testament to Dorien, who took things in stride and stood up when it was time to be a man. We know it

wasn't easy. It is a testament to a young man who demonstrated the ability to persevere and overcome adversity.

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Sheriff's Reports

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

June 12
Offender presented himself to ECSO for an outstanding warrant. Offender was taken into custody and transported EmCo Jail for an aggravated assault charge.

Vehicle was unlocked on Oak St. with no damage.

Deputies served a warrant on offender on Crump St. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputies made contact with offender on Davis Rd. Offender was placed under arrest for active warrants from Wayne County and transported to EmCo Jail. Deputy attempted to locate a wanted person on Herrington St.

June 13
Deputy was dispatched to Meeks Rd. in reference to a report of fraudulent activity.

Motorists were assisted with a locked vehicle on Friendly Way.

Deputy met with complainant at ECSO in reference to a report of a possible forgery. C/p stated someone stole her checkbook from her residence in a neighboring county and forged her name on a check was processed at Piggly Wiggly in Twin City. C/p stated that as a result of the incident, a warrant was issued for her arrest. C/p stated the alleged suspect stayed at her residence prior to the incident.

Deputy stopped a vehicle on Hwy 46 for a suspended tag and no insurance. Upon speaking with the driver, she advised that she thought the vehicle was on fleet insurance. Offender's boyfriend was contacted who stated the vehicle was on the company's insurance policy and the driver provided an insurance card. Insurance was run through GCIC and GADOR to find there was no insurance on the vehicle. The tag was also expired and suspended for lapse in insurance coverage. The owner of the vehicle arrived and got an insurance agent on the phone who advised

there was insurance on the vehicle and he did not know why it was showing that it was uninsured. The driver was released with a warning for the suspended tag.

Vehicle was found unoccupied and abandoned on the edge of Old McLeod Bridge Rd. with no valid insurance or registration. Vehicle was towed.

June 14
Deputies responded to Beagle Rd. in reference to a repo in progress and the homeowner was in the yard with a gun. TCPD was already on scene and deputy made contact with offender and asked for his identification. Offender advised that he saw someone on his cameras trying to take his wife's truck and went outside with his firearm to confront them. Deputy confirmed with offender that he was aware that the vehicle was up for repossession, and he stated yes but they were. Going to call the bank to pick it up. Deputy advised offender and witness that the repossessing company does not have to make contact or notify them when they are going to get property. Complainant stated when he arrived and was in the process of hooking up the vehicle, offender went outside with a firearm. C/p stated that the witness tried to calm offender down, but he was threatening to shoot c/p's truck tires. C/p also stated offender pointed the firearm at him while he was in his truck.

Deputies responded to Oak Park Hwy South in reference to a cow beside the roadway.

Deputy received a report from complainant advising that she was driving on Canoochee Rd. and swerved to avoid hitting a deer and lost control of her vehicle and struck some trees in the ditch. Vehicle sustained minor damage and c/p was able to drive the vehicle home with no injuries reported.

Deputy met with complainant on Hwy 192 North in reference to a traffic related accident.

Complainant advised he struck a tree that fell across the road that caused disabling damage to the front end of his vehicle. Vehicle was recovered by a towing company for impound. No injuries were reported.

Deputy received a report from complainant advising that she was driving on Canoochee Rd. when she swerved to avoid hitting a deer and lost control and struck some trees in the ditch. Vehicle sustained minor damage and c/p was able to drive it home with no injuries.

June 15
Deputies responded to Hwy 192 South in reference to a domestic disturbance called in and reported by victim. Victim appeared shaken and frantic and stated she and suspect had gotten into a heated argument that turned physical. Victim stated the incident ensued over a text message that she received from her previous spouse and suspect grabbed her by her legs and snatched her from the couch and onto the floor and suspect choked her. Victim then stated she went to her car and was confronted by the suspect again and he punched the windshield of her vehicle and cracked it. Suspect was GOA and c/p did not want to press charges.

June 16
Deputy met with complainant at ECSO about his tag being missing.

Deputies were dispatched to Old Wadley Rd. in reference to a vehicle striking and busting a water line. Deputy spoke with the caller who advised the incident had been handled by herself and the subject that struck the line.

Deputy was dispatched to Old Wadley Rd. in reference to a residential alarm. Residence was checked and appeared to be secure with no signs or tamper or forced entry. Deputy did note that a window on the south side of the residence was opened halfway, and the screen appeared to be intact with no signs or

tamper.

Deputy was dispatched to Nordson in reference to a vehicle unlock. Vehicle was unlocked with no damages.

Deputies were dispatched to Mitzi Ln. in reference to a welfare check on witness.

Complainant advised his tag is missing off his truck.

Deputy was requested to place a call to complainant in reference to a child custody issue. C/p explained that it was the father's/offender's weekend to pick up their minor child and he refused to do so. C/p also explained that offender refuses to pay child support as ordered by the court. Deputy informed c/p that this is a civil matter, and she would have to pursue it through the court.

Deputy responded to S. Main St. in reference to a locked vehicle. Vehicle was unlocked with no damages.

Deputy responded to Mojo's Wine and Spirit in reference to a locked vehicle. Vehicle was unlocked with no damages.

Deputy responded to W. Church St. in reference to a locked vehicle. Vehicle was unlocked with no damages.

Deputy met with complainant on Moore Station Rd. in reference to a male subject calling c/p with threatening phone calls to do bodily harm to c/p and his son about two vehicles c/p's son is selling in Hawkinsville. C/p was advised to go to the Magistrate Court with this matter.

June 17
Deputy responded to Enmarket in reference to a locked vehicle. Vehicle was unlocked with no damages.

Deputy was dispatched to Fairground Rd. in reference to an alarm. Key holder advised everything was secure.

Deputies assisted GSP with an accident on Hwy 1 North bypass.

June 18
Deputy was dispatched to I16 in reference to a female walking on the shoulder of the interstate. Deputy was dispatched

to Winter St. in reference to a female calling 911 stating she needed help and 911 lost contact.

Deputy was dispatched to Villa River Properties in reference to an alarm and then key holder advised no one should be at the location. All doors and windows were checked and found to be secure with no signs of tamper or forced entry.

Deputy responded to Sunset Dr. in reference to stolen property. Complainant advised someone went to his residence while he was away overnight and stole several items. C/p stated the battery in his vehicle had been taken, along with a new battery in his boat and a tackle box with three road and reels had been taken from his boat. C/p stated only three people knew he was going to be gone overnight.

Deputy was dispatched to Leman Rd. in reference to a vehicle in the ditch. Deputy observed the vehicle down a deep ditch with no one around. The vehicle had a Bulloch Co. tag and no contact could be made with registered owner so the vehicle was towed.

Complainant was traveling on Meadowlake Parkway when he observed a handgun in a holster in the road. C/p stopped and picked it up and turned it over to ECSO.

Deputies were dispatched to Singh's Food Mart in reference to an alarm. The front door was found to be unsecured, and it appeared as though the door had been locked improperly, allowing it to easily be pulled open. The bolt for the lock was in the lock position but not secured in the frame of the other door, causing it to overlap onto the door frame. Contact was made with the owner who had an employee meet deputies at the location. Deputies cleared the building finding no persons inside or signs of tamper or theft.

Deputies were dispatched to Jay's Place in reference to a residential alarm.

Deputies responded to N. Second St. in Stillmore in reference to someone entering the house that was not welcome there. Deputy spoke with complainant who stated his uncle/offender had entered the residence through a garage window and knocked stuff over in the residence and found offender on the back porch. C/p stated offender went across the street behind a business and he was located and returned to the residence where it was discovered that he had been criminally trespassed from in March. Offender was placed under arrest and transported to EmCo Jail.

June 19
Deputies were dispatched to Canoochee-Garfield Rd. for a reckless driver. 911 advised the vehicle was a pick-up truck that was involved in a prior incident on the same road and had left the area prior to deputy's arrival and negative contact was made. Deputies were advised the vehicle was traveling toward Kite. Due to previous encounters, deputy was aware that the tag on the vehicle did not belong on the vehicle and advised SPD officers. Officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle on N. Main St. Upon deputy's arrival, the stop was turned over to them. The driver was asked about the tag and admitted it belongs to another vehicle. Upon checking the VIN on the pick-up truck, it was found to have suspended registration. Deputy gained verbal consent to search the vehicle and found a rolled dollar bill containing a powdery residue substance and a folded dollar bill containing a white powdery substance was located in an organizer on the driver side visor and the driver admitted that the substance inside the dollar bills was meth. Offender was placed under arrest and transported to EmCo Jail.

Jail Report

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

Leonor Violeta Romero Marin, entered 6/12/23; Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/12/23; GSP

Charles Elton Amerson, entered 6/12/23; Aggr

assault; released 6/12/23; ECSO

Jy'Quavious Desmond Mincey, entered 6/12/23; Battery/simp battery-family violence/Battery/simp battery-family violence/Fetic/Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation; ECSO

Crystal Lynn Lumley, entered 6/12/23; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation; released 6/13/23; ECSO

Santuan Easterling, entered 6/12/23; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga probation/Disorderly conduct; SPD

Caleb Jordan Kersey, entered 6/12/23; Other; released 6/13/23; ECSO

Jimmy James Kelly, entered 6/13/23; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; SPD

Teresa Ann Ford, entered 6/13/23; Probation/

Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation/Other; released 6/14/23; SPD

Shown LeKeith Johnson, entered 6/13/23; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation/Give false name/false info/police/Obstr/hindering of officer/Battery-family violence/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/Other; SPD

Cardayan Deshon Phillips, entered 6/14/23; Bench warrant/State court/VGCSA possession marijuana w/intent to distribute/Firearm/knife posses/crime/attempt crime/Hold for Toombs Co/Hold for Bulloch CO; SPD

David Johnathan Haye, entered 6/15/23; Speeding 30+ MPH over/Driving lic susp/rev/Reckless driving/Seatbelt violation; released 6/15/23; ECSO

Michael Brandon Morris, entered 6/15/23;

Probation/Superior court; released 6/18/23; WALK-IN

Byron Sidney Williams, entered 6/15/23; Public drunk/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/VGCSA possession of drug related object; released 6/16/23

Bryan Aaron Willis, entered 6/16/23; Sexual exploit/children/Sexual exploit/children; ECSO

Melvin Gamarro, entered 6/16/23; Driving while unlicensed/expired/Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 6/16/23; ECSO

Jason Luke Darnell, entered 6/16/23; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation; released 6/18/23; WALK-IN

Willie Albert Shivers, entered 6/16/23; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation; released 6/18/23; WALK-

IN
Bret Matthew Cox Jr, entered 6/16/23; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation; released 6/18/23; WALK-IN

Jonathan Amos Riner, entered 6/16/23; Other/Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; SPD

Aaron David Alger, entered 6/16/23; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation/Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation; ECSO

Charles Dixon, entered 6/17/23; Crim trespass/Other/Hold for Jefferson Co; SPD

Andrew Michael Bazemore, entered 6/17/23; Other; TCPD

Janice Lee Garrard, entered 6/17/23; Hold for out of county billing; released 6/18/23; SPD

James Stuart Davis,

entered 6/17/23; Possession of meth/VGCSA poss dangerous drugs/VGCSA poss dangerous drugs/VGCSA poss dangerous drugs/VGCSA poss of drug related object; SPD

Steven Jurell Howard, entered 6/17/23; Battery/Crim trespass; SPD

Hunter Ray Bowen, entered 6/18/23; Public drunk; released 6/18/23; ECSO

Brian Harold Youmans, entered 6/18/23; Disorderly conduct/Aggr assault/Firearm disch/under infl/alch/drugs/Battery/simp battery-family violence; ECSO

Matthew Felix Wilkes, entered 6/18/23; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga probation; SPD

Lacorey Temari White, entered 6/18/23; Crim trespass; ECSO

Wyndham Clark wins the U.S. Open

by Justin Gray

The U.S. Open is always a great watch, but this year was nothing but electric. This year the event was held at Los Angeles Country Club, a tough Par 70 course, but it didn't matter because the stars came to play. To open up the tournament in Round One, Rickie Fowler shot the lowest round ever in the U.S. Open with a 62, but not even two hours later Xander Schauffele tied the exact same record breaking round. Through Round Two it looked like Rickie Fowler may be getting his first Major Title, but things stayed competitive and stars like Rory McIlroy and Scottie Scheffler made their way up the leaderboard. All this movement on the leaderboard, while Wyndham Clark kept gradually just playing it safe and making his way to the top. His first round

was overshadowed by the record breakers, but he shot a 64 along with setting the tone with an Eagle on the first hole. In Round Two, he was consistent and shot a 67. He was now up to -9 in the tournament going into day three. In the third round of the tournament, he shot a 69 leaving him at -10 going into the final day. As the final day started, guys like Fowler and Schauffele finished out badly, but Clark shot par on the day and took home the crown. Rory McIlroy nearly chased him down, but was one stroke away from a playoff. As for Clark, this was the first Major win for the 29 year-old from Denver, Colorado. Overall, just a consistent tournament from him, never had a low point in the whole tournament. What a weekend of golf it was, if you didn't tune it, you definitely missed out.

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

June 7
Officer went to the Bradford Inn in reference to a report on an incident that occurred the week before. The complainant stated that a truck tried to pull up to the front door and hit the roof of the canopy. The driver gave her his information and then left. Video footage was also shown.

June 8
Officer was dispatched to West Moring Street in reference to stolen property. 911 advised that the day before there was a structure fire at another residence on West Moring where a utility shed has caught on fire. This caused a neighboring greenhouse to also catch fire. The owner of the greenhouse stated that the frame was still in good shape, but the neighbor had come by and removed the frame and all the stuff on her property. The owner of the property in which the fire occurred on stated that he thought the greenhouse may have been on his property. He contacted the neighbor to sort things out.

Officer was dispatched that the 24-hour Store had been robbed. The offender had left in a vehicle, and it was stated that no weapons were involved. The offender was identified through video footage and a search began.

Officer was at the Days Inn hotel in reference to an ongoing investigation. While in search for an offender, the offender was spotted in the parking lot of the Days

Inn hotel. The offender was being looked for due to charges such as kidnapping and robbery. Offender had just robbed the Days Inn after robbing the 24-hour Store hours before.

Officer responded to South Main Street in reference to a found social security check. Officer made contact with c/p who was renovating the location. C/p handed officer a US treasury check for November Social Security. The back of the check was endorsed and was found in the alley behind the store.

Officer observed a vehicle with the passenger side brake light not working. A traffic stop was conducted where the officer could smell an odor of green marijuana. A vehicle search was conducted where a crystal-like rock substance was found which was believed to be methamphetamine. Due to a call of a robbery on South Main, officer had to leave but advised offender that he would be taking out warrants on him and that he needed to turn himself in to SPD later in the morning.

June 9
Officer responded to West MLK Blvd in reference to a damaged phone. C/p stated that offender grabbed her by her neck and smashed her phone. No marks or signs of abuse were found on c/p.

Officer met with c/p on West Church Street in reference to a report. C/p advised that an unknown person damaged a fence on his property. The fence had

just been put up due to the c/p wanting to keep unwanted people off his property.

Citations were issued to an offender for operating an unregistered vehicle and no insurance.

Officer was dispatched to West Main Street in reference to a dispute. The offender was located but denied the alleged dispute. The offender had an outstanding warrant for theft by shoplifting. The offender was placed under arrest.

Officer was stationed on HWY 56 North conducting checks for valid registration and insurance. A vehicle ran with no valid insurance and a traffic stop was conducted. The driver was issued a citation for no insurance and the vehicle was towed.

June 10
Offender was issued citations for driving an unregistered vehicle and no insurance. The vehicle was towed as well.

Officer was dispatched to South Main Street in reference to a stolen vehicle. The offender was located but refused to get out of the vehicle. Offender was arrested for theft by taking auto and obstructing law enforcement officers.

Officer responded to Hickory Trace Circle in reference to a dispute. C/p advised that the offender had returned unwelcome and entered through a window. The offender was discovered to have an outstanding warrant through Emanuel County as well as through probation.

Offender was arrested for battery and driv-

ing with a suspended license.

Officer responded to South Main Street for a back door alarm going off. The back door of the store was found to be knocked off the hinges. Video footage was provided showing two people breaking into the store. The two offenders were arrested but were juveniles, so they were released to their parents.

Officers responded to the area of Canoochee Road and Happiness Drive in reference to a stolen vehicle. Officer gathered information on the matter.

June 11
An officer advised another officer that a vehicle did not have any insurance. Officer followed offender and conducted a traffic stop. Vehicle was towed and offender was issued a citation.

Officer responded to Waffle King in reference to a customer that had been asked to leave and to never return. While enroute, officers observed the offender walking, and they made contact with him. Offender was issued a criminal trespass warning.

Officer was dispatched to Harris Street in reference to a stolen lawn mower report. C/p stated that she had last seen the lawn mower the afternoon before and when she went to go outside that day it was nowhere to be found.

June 12
While on another call, the c/p wanted to file a report for a stolen trailer. C/p stated that her trailer had been taken back in November.

Officer was dispatched to SPD in reference to a report. C/p stated that gave her grandson her GA EBT card to get a drink and other items from the store. She stated that she had \$124.00 on the card an after her grandson used it there was \$121.00 left. She stated that when she checked again, all of the money was gone. She stated that she believed that the clerk wrote the card number down and gave it to someone else.

Officer took a report at SPD in reference to a phone that was found. He stated that he found a cell phone on West Morning Street while walking.

Officers traveled to Hickory Trace Circle to serve a probation warrant to offender. One officer went to the front door and made contact with a female who advised that the offender was inside the residence. One of the officers had also spoken with a child in the back yard and offender thought it was about him and started yelling profanity. The offender was detained and taken to the Emanuel County Jail.

Officers responded to West Church Street and Lewis Street in reference to an anonymous 911 call about shots being fired in the area.

Officer responded to North Main Street for someone trying to cash a stolen check. C/p stated that victim came in and advised her check book had been stolen Sunday from church. On 6/12/23, offender came through the drive thru and chatted a \$150 check

with victim's checks. Offender then returned on 6/13 and attempted to cash another check for \$210.

June 13
Officer was dispatched to Family Dollar. C/p stated that a woman walker inside the store with nothing and sometime later left with a bag full of items.

Officer was dispatched to SPD in reference to a report. C/p advised that it has been discovered that someone had taken a lot of money out of his banking account.

Officers traveled to Jerome Street to serve an active warrant on the offender. Offender was arrested and was also issued a citation for interference with an officer.

Officer went to West Church Street for someone jumping over and damaging a fence. Officer made contact with c/p who stated that they are pushing his fence down and still coming in his yard. Evidence of the damage was shown to the officer.

Officer was dispatched to Family Dollar and was approached by a Dollar Tree employee stating that the same female that stolen from Family Dollar also stole from Dollar Tree.

June 14
911 dispatched officers to the area of Racetrack Street. 91 advised that an anonymous caller called in and stated that there was a group of boys that had guns and were talking about shooting someone. When officers found the group, they ran and dispersed. The guns were removed by police.

Johnson arrested for...

(From front page) patrolling the area looking for Johnson. Officers had been informed that Johnson had been seen near EnMarket wearing shorts, and a black tank top with a blue/green design. McVey spotted a black male walking up the hill from Days Inn wearing the same type clothes as described. McVey recognized the individual as Paul Johnson due to prior encounters. She alerted other units and drove around to Electric Road to intercept the suspect. McVey was on Electric Road at Lindsey Road when she spotted Johnson. CPL Todd Purcell arrived on

scene about the same time McVey was attempting to stop and talk to Johnson. Johnson fled, running around obstacles on Glenwood Road to try to escape the officers. Purcell and McVey began a foot chase on Johnson. In the meantime, SFC Craig Waring and SFC James Young drove down Glenwood Road and were able to apprehend Johnson. McVey assisted Young in searching Johnson and found \$126 in cash in Johnson's shorts pocket.

While this was going on, 911 advised patrol units that another robbery had occurred at the Days Inn Hotel. The sub-

ject was described and fit the description of Johnson.

McVey, LT Coleman Hall and Young met with the complainant/victim in the lobby, where she was very upset. She explained that a black male entered the lobby, went into the restroom then came out and asked about room rates. He then went to the front door and stood there for a few minutes before walking outside. He returned inside and jumped over the counter, grabbed the victim and snatched her cell phone, demanding money from the register. The victim told officers the suspect told her not to call anyone. After the suspect left, the victim ran into the back office and waited a few minutes before emerging to call 911. She stated there was approximately \$140 in the register and some cash was still in there.

When the hotel owner arrived, he pulled cam-

era footage and verified everything the victim had stated. The robbery took place at approximately 3:57 p.m.

Paul Johnson has been charged with kidnapping - adult; robbery - business-strongarm; false imprisonment; and obstruction of an officer (x2).

Two juveniles arrested

On Saturday, June 10, at 10:57 p.m., officers with the Swainsboro Police Department responded to a call at the Smoke Cave, 229 South Main Street, Swainsboro. Upon arrival, PFC Seth Purvis went to the back door of the business and saw the door knocked off the hinges, laying inside the store, with a large wooden pole on top of it. SSGT Josh Bedgood arrived on scene to assist. The building was

searched and no one was inside. Detective Clay Young, Weston Coleman and Detective Angie Wilkerson were called in to do an investigation.

When contact was made with the owner, he was able to give video footage of two young males knocking down the door and entering the business. Video footage showed a white male wearing a white hoodie and a black male wearing a black hoodie. The white male's face could be seen on video.

Detective Young found two sets of foot tracks going east on Short Street. Young deployed K9 Maya on the tracks. Maya went east behind Lynn & Bob's Restaurant, then on a path in the woods to Market Street. Maya stayed on the trail to Stevens Drive, where she found the white hoodie, believed to be the hoodie the white male was wearing. Detective Wilkerson gathered the hoodie for evidence while Maya continued into the yard of 322 Stevens Drive. She then headed to Braswell Boulevard, stopping at 392 Braswell Boulevard.

Officers, covering the front and back doors of the Braswell Boulevard residence, knocked on the door and a white male opened the back door. Purvis recognized him as the white male on the video. When asked if anyone else was home, the white male responded that there was no one

else there. He was placed under arrest and asked where the black male resided. Officers were later informed that the black male lived at 322 Stevens Drive.

Upon arrival at 322 Stevens Drive, officers arrested the other suspect and found a black bookbag with tobacco products inside.

Both were juveniles and were taken to the Swainsboro Police Department for questioning. They were charged with Burglary - forced entry - non-residence; criminal trespass - business; and unruly juvenile.

The suspects were released to their parents.

14 charged with selling tobacco products to minors

Between the dates of June 6-8, 2023, Detective Clay Young and Detective Weston Coleman with the Swainsboro Police Department had a 'Sale of Tobacco to Minors' sting. In the course of the sting, 14 individuals were charged. Remember, it is illegal to sell tobacco products of any kind to anyone under the age of 21.

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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 25th 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

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 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 25th 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
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 All creditors of the estate of PONG NYO JONES, decedent late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
 This _____ day of _____, 20____.

RONNIE JONES, executor of the estate of
PONG NYO JONES, decedent.
 14 DAL STREET, MIDVILLE GA 30441
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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 1560th 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 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 17th DAY OF JULY, 2023.
 The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 6th 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 17th 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
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 P.O. Box 844
 101 Gordon Street
 Gray, GA 31032
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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 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 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1052 East Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000
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 Publish Date: 1/19/2023
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ESTATE NO. 23E0073
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Donna R. Kirkland, Executrix of the Estate of Della Mae Reese, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF LAURA MAE McGRUDER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 23E0073
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
KATHERINE M. HENDERSON has petitioned for to be appointed administrator of the estate of **LAURA MAE McGRUDER** 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 **JULY 3, 2023**.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
DON E. WILKES
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: **Jeanie Hooks**
 Clerk of the Probate Court
P. O. Box 70 / 125 South Main

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
 All creditors of the estate of Della Mae Reese, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to **Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401** according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
 This 31st day of May, 2023.
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Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

Street
Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
Address
(478) 237-7091
Telephone Number

NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM
TO: Avantor Enterprises, Inc., King Circle Drive, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
TAKE NOTICE THAT:
THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:
 All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G. M. District, Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting 100 feet on the southeast side of King Circle Drive and extending back on the north-east 204.16 feet and on the southwest 205.61 feet and being Lot 15, Block E, DeAlva Park Subdivision,
EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP #095A, PARCEL 141,
WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON September 7, 2021, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA FOR THE YEARS 2018, 2019, and 2020, AND FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COSTS.
 The Tax Sale Deed and the property to which this notice relates is the same as that conveyed from Avantor Enterprises, Inc., Acting By And Through The City Council of the City of Swainsboro as Plaintiff in Fi Fa to the City of Swainsboro by City Tax Sale Deed dated September 7, 2021, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 524 at Pages 55-56. The Property may be redeemed at any time before the July 7, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO
POST OFFICE BOX 600
101 WEST MAIN STREET
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401.
 Please govern yourself accordingly.
 This the 2nd day of June, 2023.
THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO
POST OFFICE BOX 600
101 WEST MAIN STREET
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401
LEVIS LAW FIRM, LLC
POST OFFICE BOX 129
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401
478.237.7029

NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM
TO: Gloria Jackson, 218 Lee Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
TAKE NOTICE THAT:
THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:
 All that lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting Seventy-Five (75) feet on the North side of Lee Street (sometimes formerly known as Henry Street), and running back between parallel lines a distance of One Hundred Four (104) feet, and bounded now or formerly as follows: North by lot now or formerly of Ben Strobridge, known as the Rountree lot and home place; East by lot now or formerly of Christine S. Rountree; South by Lee Street (sometimes formerly known as Henry Street) and West by lot now or formerly of Napoleon Strobridge.
 The above-described property is the same as that conveyed as TRACT SEVEN from Peggy T. Tucker as Executrix of the Elson Tims, Jr., Estate, to William Athen Walden by Warranty Deed dated November 12, 1991, recorded in Emanuel County Records in Deed Book 102, pages 178-182. Subject to existing easements for rights of way, public utilities and any other outstanding liens which may attach to said property,
EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP # S23 057A,
WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON
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EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP # S23 057A,
WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON
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Legals

(From page 7B)
September 6, 2016, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA FOR THE YEAR 2015, AND FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COSTS.

The Tax Sale Deed and the property to which this notice relates is the same as that conveyed from Gloria Jackson, Acting By And Through The City Council of the City of Swainsboro as Plaintiff in FiFa to the City of Swainsboro by City Tax Sale Deed dated September 6, 2016, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 436 at Page 12.

The Property may be redeemed at any time before the July 7, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO
POST OFFICE BOX 600
101 WEST MAIN STREET
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401.
Please govern yourself accordingly.
This the 2nd day of June, 2023.
THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO
POST OFFICE BOX 600
101 WEST MAIN STREET
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401
LEVIS LAW FIRM, LLC
POST OFFICE BOX 129
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401
478.237.7029

NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: Gaynell Price, Curtis Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
TAKE NOTICE THAT:

THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

All that tract or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, in the City of Swainsboro, and being the Western 50 feet of Lot 3 in Mrs. James B. Mason Subdivision as shown on a plat of said subdivision recorded in Deed Book DR, Page 525 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said lot fronting on Curtis Street a width of 50 feet and running back between parallel lines a distance of 85 feet to the rear of said lot. Said lot being bounded now or formerly as shown on said plat on the North by land now or formerly of J. N. Baker; on the East by the eastern 15 feet of Lot #3; on the South by Curtis Street and on the West by Lot #2.
EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP #S41, PARCEL 071A.

WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON September 7, 2021, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA FOR THE YEARS 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, AND FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COSTS.

The Tax Sale Deed and the property to which this notice relates is the same as that conveyed from Gaynell Price, Acting By And Through The City Council of the City of Swainsboro as Plaintiff in Fi Fa to the City of Swainsboro by City Tax Sale Deed dated September 7, 2021, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 524 at Pages 71-72.

The Property may be redeemed at any time before the July 7, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO
POST OFFICE BOX 600
101 WEST MAIN STREET
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401.
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This the 2nd day of June, 2023.
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POST OFFICE BOX 129
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401
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NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: NAOMI HACKETT, 325 Lee Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
TAKE NOTICE THAT:

THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

All that lot or parcel of land lying situate and being in that part of the City of Swainsboro known as Flanders Heights Subdivision, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting Sixty (60) feet on Lee Street, formerly known as Henry Street, and extending back between parallel lines a distance of 128 feet, and being bounded now or formerly as follows: North by Lee Street, formerly known as Henry Street; East by lands now or formerly of Alton W. Lawson, formerly lands of Walter E. Belcher; South by lands now or formerly of Alton W. Lawson, formerly lands of George A. Parrish, and lands now or formerly of Otis and Ruby O'Neil; and West by lands now or formerly of Jasper Heath, formerly lands of Felton Shepherd,

EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP #S23, PARCEL 030,
WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON September 7, 2021, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA FOR THE YEARS 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, AND FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COSTS.

The Tax Sale Deed and the property to which this notice relates is the same as that conveyed from Naomi Hackett, Acting By And Through The City Council of the City of Swainsboro as Plaintiff in Fi Fa to the City of Swainsboro by City Tax Sale Deed dated September 7, 2021, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 524 at Pages 59-60.

The Property may be redeemed at any time before the July 7, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

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POST OFFICE BOX 600
101 WEST MAIN STREET
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401.
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LEVIS LAW FIRM, LLC
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NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: Cora Jackson, 226 Lincoln Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
TAKE NOTICE THAT:

THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

All that lot or parcel of land lying, situate, and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, designated as Lot 20 in Block A of Lincoln Park Addition Subdivision of Lot #2 as shown on plat of said subdivision made by E. K. Hatten, Surveyor, which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Deed Book CV, Page 409, to which reference is made as a part of this description.

Subject to existing easements for rights of way, public utilities and any other outstanding liens which may attach to said property,

EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP #S22, PARCEL 064
WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON September 7, 2021, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA FOR THE YEARS 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, AND FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COSTS.

The Tax Sale Deed and the property to which this notice relates is the same as that conveyed from Cora Jackson, Acting By And Through The City Council of the City of Swainsboro as Plaintiff in FiFa to the City of Swainsboro by City Tax Sale Deed dated September 7, 2021, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 524 at Pages 67-68.

The Property may be redeemed at any time before the July 7, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO
POST OFFICE BOX 600
101 WEST MAIN STREET
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401.
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This the 2nd day of June, 2023.
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LEVIS LAW FIRM, LLC
POST OFFICE BOX 129
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401
478.237.7029

NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: Jo Anne Boone, 309 McLeod Bridge Road, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
TAKE NOTICE THAT:

THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

All that tract or parcel of land, together with all improvements thereon, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, and being a part of the lot designated as shown on plat made by Frank J. Ford, Surveyor, recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel County Superior Court, Lot #54, Block D, in Plat Book AV, page 589. Said lot fronts East side by lands now or formerly of Mattie Colber and as follows: North by McLeod's Bridge Road; West by the land now or formerly of Prince Smith; and South by lands now or formerly of Ellen Mosley.

EMANUEL COUNTY MAP S23 104
WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON August 4, 2020, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA FOR THE YEARS 2017, 2018, and 2019, AND FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COSTS.

The Tax Sale Deed and the property to which this notice relates is the same as that conveyed from Jo Anne Boone, Acting By And Through The City Council of the City of Swainsboro as Plaintiff in Fi Fa to the City of Swainsboro by City Tax Sale Deed dated August 4, 2020, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 502 at Pages 273-274.

The Property may be redeemed at any time before the July 7, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO
POST OFFICE BOX 600
101 WEST MAIN STREET
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401.
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LEVIS LAW FIRM, LLC
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NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: Christopher Hall, Modoc Road, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
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 City of Swainsboro, 53rd G. M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 2.004 acres, more or less, and being designated as Parcel 6, as shown on that particular plat of survey prepared by George William Donaldson, Surveyor, dated December 18, 2006, and recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 39, 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 containing 2.2 acres is bounded, according to said plat, now or formerly, as follows: Northeast by land now or formerly of Joseph Hughes; Southeast by land now or formerly of Amanda Harmon; and West by the right-of-way of Modoc Road, a/k/a County Road 452.

Subject to existing easements for

rights of way, public utilities and any other outstanding liens which may attach to said property,
EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP #075, PARCEL 021G,
WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON September 7, 2021, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA FOR THE YEARS 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, AND FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COSTS.

The Tax Sale Deed and the property to which this notice relates is the same as that conveyed from Christopher Hall, Acting By And Through The City Council of the City of Swainsboro as Plaintiff in Fi Fa to the City of Swainsboro by City Tax Sale Deed dated September 7, 2021, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 524 at Pages 61-62.

The Property may be redeemed at any time before the July 7, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

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SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401.
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LEVIS LAW FIRM, LLC
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NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: Vernell Moore, 214 New Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
TAKE NOTICE THAT:

THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

All that lot or parcel of land and the improvements thereon lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting fifty (50) feet on Charles Street, as known as New Street, and extending back between parallel lines along Flanders Street a distance of One Hundred Fifty (150) feet, and bounded now or formerly as follows: North by lot now or formerly of Doris Vining; East by Flanders Street; South by Charles Street, also known as New Street; and West by lot now or formerly of Mary and Anthony Demarco.

Said property being the same property conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vining by Warranty Deed dated December 20, 1971, and recorded in Deed Book FV, Page 26, Emanuel County Clerk's Records. Said property being the same property conveyed to Lee Jones, Jr., by Warranty Deed dated May 29, 2001, and recorded in Deed Book 160, Page 547, Emanuel County Clerk's Records,

EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP #S23 079,
WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON December 1, 2020, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA FOR THE YEARS 2017, 2018, and 2019, AND FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COSTS.

The Tax Sale Deed and the property to which this notice relates is the same as that conveyed from Vernell Moore, Acting By And Through The City Council of the City of Swainsboro as Plaintiff in Fi Fa to the City of Swainsboro by City Tax Sale Deed dated December 1, 2020, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 506 at Pages 448-449.

The Property may be redeemed at any time before the July 7, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO
POST OFFICE BOX 600
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NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: LILLIE HARRISON, 313 South Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
TAKE NOTICE THAT:

THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

All that lot or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, as shown on plat of survey made by J.D. McLeod, Surveyor, dated June 4, 1966, recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 297, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said lot faces on the east side of South Street a distance of 60 feet and runs back between parallel lines a distance of 174 feet and is bounded now or formerly as follows: North by lands now or formerly of Melviny Pughley; East by lands now or formerly of the Ehrlich Estate; South by land now or formerly of Mable Jones; and West by said South Street, and being the same property conveyed to Fannie E. Grace by transfer deed from Theodore Pughley, dated April 1, 1959, recorded in Deed Book DX, page 89, in the aforesaid Clerk's office.

EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP # S37 036
WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON September 6, 2016, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA FOR THE YEARS 2014 and 2015, AND FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COSTS.

The Tax Sale Deed and the property to which this notice relates is the same as that conveyed from Lillie Harrison, Acting By And Through The City Council of the City of Swainsboro as Plaintiff in Fi Fa to the City of Swainsboro by City Tax Sale Deed dated September 6, 2016, and

recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 436 at Page 11.

The Property may be redeemed at any time before the July 7, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO
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SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401.
Please govern yourself accordingly.
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478.237.7029

NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: Annie Washington, 407 South Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
TAKE NOTICE THAT:

THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

All that lot or parcel of land lying, situate, and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting sixty (60) feet on Wells Avenue and running back between parallel lines a distance of one hundred seventy-four (174) feet and bounded now or formerly as follows: North by lands now or formerly of Hardman Pughley; East by lands now or formerly of Bennie Ehrlich and Roger Bostick; South by lands now or formerly of Bob Pughley; and West by Wells Avenue. Said property is the same as that conveyed by Warranty Deed from Hattie Mae Bostick to the Grantor herein and Ruby Bates dated December 4, 1956, and recorded in the office of the Clerk, Emanuel County Superior Court, in Deed Book DT, page 146.

EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP #S37 034
WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON September 6, 2016, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA FOR THE YEAR 2015, AND FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COSTS.

The Tax Sale Deed and the property to which this notice relates is the same as that conveyed from Annie Washington, Acting By And Through The City Council of the City of Swainsboro as Plaintiff in Fi Fa to the City of Swainsboro by City Tax Sale Deed dated September 6, 2016, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 436 at Page 17.

The Property may be redeemed at any time before the July 7, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

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NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: Frank Monroe, 236 Washington Avenue, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
TAKE NOTICE THAT:

THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, and being lot nos. 17 and 18 in Block D in Lincoln Park Subdivision, the said Lincoln Park being a subdivision of Lot No. 1 in Block A and part of the W. F. Thompson Subdivision, as shown by plat of said Lincoln Park made by E. K. Hatten, Surveyor, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book CJ, Page 1A

EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP #S22 034,
WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON September 5, 2017, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA FOR THE YEAR 2016, AND FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COSTS.

The Tax Sale Deed and the property to which this notice relates is the same as that conveyed from Frank Monroe, Acting By And Through The City Council of the City of Swainsboro as Plaintiff in Fi Fa to the City of Swainsboro by City Tax Sale Deed dated September 5, 2017, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 452 at Pages 452-453.

The Property may be redeemed at any time before the July 7, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

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NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: Willie Scott, Wrens Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
TAKE NOTICE THAT:

THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

All that lot or parcel of land lying, situate, and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, designated as Lot No. 4 in the Robin Road Subdivision on plat made by Frank J. Ford, Surveyor, and recorded in the

Office of the Clerk, Emanuel County Superior Court, in Plat Book 1, page 57. Said lots fronts Ninety-five (95) feet on the West side of Gumlog Road and extends back on Wrens Street on the South a distance of One Hundred Fifty and seven-tenths (150.07) feet and on the North side a distance of One Hundred Fifty and five-tenths (150.05) feet, and is One Hundred One and Seventy-five one-hundredths (101.75) feet on the rear.

EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP #S33 022,
WAS, AFTER ADVERTISEMENT, SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON September 6, 2016, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA FOR THE YEARS 2014 and 2015, AND FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COSTS.

The Tax Sale Deed and the property to which this notice relates is the same as that conveyed from Willie Scott, Acting By And Through The City Council of the City of Swainsboro as Plaintiff in Fi Fa to the City of Swainsboro by City Tax Sale Deed dated September 6, 2016, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 436 at Page 6.

The Property may be redeemed at any time before the July 7, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF TIM CLARK, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 23E0067

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: **KIMBERLY MONK and HOPE HENRY** have petitioned to be appointed administrators of the estate of **TIM CLARK** 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 19, 2023**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

DON E. WILKES
Judge of the Probate Court
By: **Jeanie Hooks**
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 70 / 125 S. Main Street
Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
Address
478-237-7091
Telephone Number

GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
IN RE: **BETTY Y. BROWN a/k/a ELIZABETH Y. BROWN:**

All creditors of the Estate of **BETTY Y. BROWN a/k/a ELIZABETH Y. BROWN** are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This _____ day of _____, 2023.
JAMES PATRICK BROWN, JR.
1248 GA. HWY. 56 SOUTH
SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401
TAULBEE, RUSHING, SNIPES,
MARSH & HODGIN, LLC
POST OFFICE BOX 327
STATESBORO, GEORGIA 30459
(912) 764-9055

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

Corey Lashawn Durden
Plaintiff,
v.
Civil Action
No. 23CV94
Catinia Durden,
Defendant,

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Plaintiff having moved the Court for an order directing service to be made upon defendant Catinia Durden in the above-styled action by publication of summons and it appearing to the Court from the verified Complaint and Affidavit in support of such motion that defendant is a nonresident and that the action is an action in which a defendant may be served by publication pursuant to O.C.G.A. 9-10-71, it is ORDERED, that service upon Defendant be made by publication as provide by law.

This 6th day of June, 2023.
Robert S. Reeves
JUDGE, Superior Courts
Judicial Circuit
Presented by:

Plaintiff pro se

APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER TRADE NAME STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

The undersigned hereby certifies that (they are) (it is) (he is) conducting a business in the City of Swainsboro, County of Emanuel State of Georgia, under the name:

PruittHealth Hospice and Palliative Care-Swainsboro

TRADE NAME
And the nature of the business is:

Healthcare service and any other purpose permitted by law and that said business is composed of the following () person (X) corporation () partnership:
Name PruittHealth, Inc.
Address:
667 South Main Street
Swainsboro, GA 30401

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUKESHA COUNTY LANDMARK CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, REPLEVIN PUBLICATION v. SUMMONS

JESSIE E. SHERMAN, Case No: 23-SC-001191
Defendant
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUKESHA COUNTY

TO: Jessie E. Sherman
69 Georgia Ave.
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You are hereby notified pursuant to Sec. 799.16(2), Wis Stats., that an amended replevin action has been issued to recover the possession of the following described goods and chattels, to-wit:

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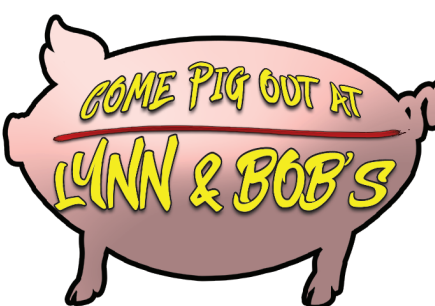
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