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Lawrence selected as National FFA talent performer

Emma Lawrence, a member of the Emanuel County Institute FFA chapter in Georgia, will be on stage and in the spotlight Nov. 1-4 during the 2023 National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis.

Lawrence, a Junior and the daughter of Shannon and Carol Lawrence, has been selected to perform in the National FFA Talent Competition.

Lawrence will perform on stage and bring excitement and spirit to the convention and expo. She submitted an application along with



LAWRENCE
a recorded audition. Nearly 50 acts nationwide have been chosen to perform during general sessions, meal functions, and receptions. During the convention and

expo, all acts will have the chance to compete in three rounds and be judged on preparation, delivery, engagement, entertainment value, and technical ability. The winner will receive \$250.

Kubota sponsors National FFA Talent.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 945,000 student members as part of 9,163 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



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America Knits receives Georgia Made certification

by BRITTANY HALL
On Thursday, August 24, America Knits was awarded with their Georgia Made Certificate of Designation, certifying that their NEWLY LAUNCHED brand seeds2seams.com is "Georgia Made". CEO Steve Hawkins said, "the Georgia Made certification means the supply chain has been reviewed and verified by the Georgia Made board. It brings authenticity to our brand and helps us tell our story about the great things

done right here." The certification is issued and managed by the Georgia Department of Economic Development. Certification occurs on a product-by-product basis. For a company to receive this certification, they must demonstrate that each product seeking certification is 50% or more manufactured in Georgia.

"The most important part is that America Knits brand, Seeds to Seams, was certified as Georgia Made," Hawkins explained,

"Just like anything else that's Georgia Made, our products went before a board to prove that they are Georgia Made. This certification means a lot to us because this is home."

As always, America Knits is dedicated to producing the highest quality American made apparel that's available anywhere. However, they're now offering it with community pride by sharing an authentic piece of Georgia, and Emanuel County, with every purchase.



ATTENDEES WITH MAYOR SMITH

City of Adrian holds ribbon cutting

The City of Adrian held their ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the new City Hall on Wednesday, August 23. Mayor Wynola Smith welcomed City Council members and community with a speech and gave a tour of the new facility. Refreshments were served following the tour. If you weren't able to attend, feel free to stop by anytime for a tour.

BOE holds special called meeting

The Emanuel County Board of Education met on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Central Office with the following members in attendance: John Allen Bailey, Del Brown, Cherie Hooks, Tanya Lane, Johnny Parker and Sandra Swinney. Chairman Del Brown welcomed everyone calling the meeting to order. Johnny Parker delivered the invocation followed by Del Brown leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Tanya Lane to accept the agenda as presented. Sandra Swinney seconded. John Allen Bailey, Del Brown, Cherie Hooks, Tanya Lane, Johnny Parker, and Sandra Swinney voted "yes".

following certified employee: Crystal McCastle, SHS Teacher - 9/5/2023 - NCIC INCOMPLETE

The Board approved the employment of the following classified employees: Lakeitha Anthony, SMS Custodian - 8/21/2023 - NCIC INCOMPLETE, Hadley Irvin - Technology Specialist - 9/5/2023 - NCIC COMPLETE,

Keiyona Reeves, SHS Paraprofessional - 8/16/2023 - NCIC INCOMPLETE

The Board approved the resignations of the following classified employee: Tylicia Cheeks, G - N E T S Paraprofessional - 8/11/2023, Amber Scarborough, SPS Paraprofessional - 8/16/2023



C. PHILLIPS, TARVER AND T. PHILLIPS

SHS students awarded with Academic Honors

SHS 11th-grade students Bryson Tarver, Cari Phillips, and Tykerria Phillips earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These programs celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance. Tarver and T. Phillips earned the National African American Recognition Award (NAARA) and C. Phillips earned the

National Rural and SmallTown Award (NRSTA). They earned these academic honors because of their GPA of 3.5 or higher and outstanding performance on the PSAT (Preliminary SAT) as 10th graders. They can now list this honor on applications to stand out to colleges.

Eligible students are invited to apply to BigFuture during their sophomore or junior year and are awarded

at the start of the next school year in time to share their achievements in high school as they plan for the future. At the same time, colleges and organizations using the College Board's Student Search Service can connect directly with awardees during the recruitment process.

"We're thrilled to celebrate our students and recognize them for the great work they've (Continued on page 2A)

Ready for some Friday Night Lights?

ECI Bulldogs vs Lincoln County at Home - 7:30 P.M. (Friday, Sept. 1)

DEA Eagles vs Crisp Academy at Home - 7:30 P.M. (Thursday, August 31)

Swainsboro Tigers vs Jeff Davis at Jeff Davis - 7:30 P.M. (Friday, Sept. 1)

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SHS students awarded...

(From front page) been doing. We're proud of their strong academic performance in the classroom and on College Board assessments like the PSAT," said Principal Brandon Andrews. "There's so much that makes our students unique, and receiving this honor reinforces this as an asset for their future."

"It's becoming increasingly hard for students to be 'seen' during the college recruitment process. We're exceptionally proud of the National Recognition Programs for celebrating students who are at times overlooked but have shown their outstanding academic abilities," said Tarlin Ray, senior vice president of BigFuture at College Board. "This is a benefit not only for students but also for colleges and universities committed to recruiting diverse and talented students."

Awards recognize high-performing students and help them stand out to colleges.



COMMUNITY TOT EXTRACTS HONEY

Honey Extraction Party scheduled for September 7 at East Georgia State College

East Georgia State College (EGSC) will host its Honey Extraction Party Thursday, September 7! The event will be held in the Rotunda area in the Luck Flanders Gambrell Building from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Members of EGSC's Beekeeping Club, students, faculty, staff, and the community are invited to attend.

Guests will get to learn about honey, how it is made by honeybees, and collected by beekeepers. East Georgia State College maintains an apiary on the Swainsboro EGSC campus. The major goal of the apiary is to increase awareness about honeybees and other pollinators, as well as their importance to the envi-

ronment and how to protect both them and their habitats.

Since its designation as a Bee Campus USA institution in 2016, East Georgia State College has greatly increased its efforts to achieve these goals and to further promote honeybee and pollinator protection education to its students, staff, faculty, and community.

Locals flock to 'An evening with Janisse Ray'

Emanuel County residents and out-of-towners were treated to a visit by award-winning author Janisse Ray on August 17, where she enthralled her audience with riveting stories of how she wrote the novel *The Woods of Fannin County*. The event was held in The Kalmanson Gallery of Emanuel Arts Council on North Green Street in Swainsboro.

The Woods of Fannin County is a true story. In the fall of 1945 eight children, brothers and sisters, vanished from a small house in Morganton, Ga. The oldest was 10 and the youngest a newborn. They were taken by mule and wagon to a shack on a remote mountain in the Blue Ridge foothills of Fannin County, up where it hugs the North Carolina line. For the next four years they would live mostly alone, without mother or father, roaming the mountains and valleys of what had been Cherokee Territory, scouring for food and scrambling to take care of themselves and each other. Few people ever knew what happened. Over time the children themselves became silent about their childhood, and their story was buried. One day in 2015 the children, long grown and many of them now grandparents, began to reveal the story to Ray.

This novel has since received glowing reviews from numerous publications. Ray told her audience that she first heard of this astonishing story from her father. Ray also took the time to sign her books for the audience, many of whom either brought their own copies or purchased one at the event.

Ray is best known for her 1999 memoir *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*,

which recalls her life growing up in a junkyard in Baxley, Ga. Other notable books Ray has authored include *Wild Card Quilt: Taking a Chance on Home*, *Drifting into Darien: A Personal and Natural History of the Altamaha River*, *The Seed Underground: A Growing Revolution to Save Food*, and *Wild Spectacle Seeking Wonders in a World Beyond Humans*. Ray's writings have been published widely in journals and magazines such as *Studies in American Culture*, *The Georgia Review*, *Natural History*, *Wilderness*, *Audubon*, *Sierra*, *Orion*, and *Georgia Wildlife*.

Ray is the recipient of the American Book Award, Southern Book Critics Circle Award, and Southern Environmental Law Center Award for Outstanding Writing on the Southern environment. She holds an MFA from the University of Montana and has been awarded two honorary doctorates, one from Unity College in Maine and the other from LaGrange College in Georgia. In 2015, Ray was inducted into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame.

The event was made possible through a grant from Mill Creek Foundation. Chairs were provided by Swainsboro-Emanuel County Recreation Department. Dianna Wedincamp provided refreshments. Copies of this novel are available on the website, www.janisseray.com.

The Kalmanson Gallery of Emanuel Arts Council is open Tuesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can find more information on programming on Emanuel Art Council's Facebook and Instagram pages or call 478-237-2592.



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A Tribute to John Black

Former East Georgia State College President John Bryant Black died August 22, 2023. Dr. Black served as President of EGSC from August 2004 until December 2011. Born on April 11, 1939, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, he was the only child of John Bryant Black, Sr. and Nora Deck Black. Dr. Black is predeceased by his parents and beloved son, Manning Bryant Black. He is survived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Dorothy Curran Black.

Early in his life, Dr. Black's family moved to Swainsboro where he began his lengthy odyssey of education. Swainsboro schools had him only briefly when his father's transfer took the family to Augusta, Georgia. Even so, John never lost connection with those early Swainsboro school pals.

John graduated from Lanier High School and Mercer University in Macon and the Medical College of Georgia Graduate School with a PhD in endocrinology. After serving the University System of Georgia as a professor at Augusta College and in a variety of administrative positions at East Georgia State College, Dalton State College, Middle Georgia State University, and the University of Georgia System Office in Atlanta, Dr. Black gracefully stepped into a well-earned retirement.

During his tenure at East Georgia, enrollment increased 147 percent, from 1,381 students in fall 2004 to 3,418 in fall 2011. In June of 2011, the Board of Regents approved state college status for East Georgia, which allowed it to offer for the first time a baccalaureate degree in biology. Under Black's leadership, East Georgia experienced an era of milestone advances as it opened its first student housing – a 200-bed, \$8 million complex that allowed students to reside on campus in apartment-style units. President Black was an integral part of the establishment of intercollegiate athletics at EGSC and vigorously promoted his personal favorite, the Disc Golf program. Another dream of President Black's came to fruition with the opening of the Sudie A. Fulford Learning Center, which has served in dramatic fashion uniting the campus and community. While the list of his accomplishments is extensive, Dr. Black's core competency was perhaps best found in his simple enjoyment of people. That



DR. BLACK was the person he was and the sentiment that best portrayed him.

Dr. Black and his wife Dorothy were a team. He may have been the hard-charging President at the college, but his wife was the shining star. He encouraged her role, and her input was vital. That was his style, on campus or off. He encouraged everyone. The faculty and staff saw him as their mentor and supporter. Jordyn Nail, former instructor at EGSC, said "he took a chance on me. I will never forget that." Others shared sentiments along those same lines. He cared and he showed it. From Susan Gray, Executive Assistant to Dr. Black during his tenure at EGSC, "Dr. Black loved East Georgia State College and our community. He believed if the college was part of the community, the community would be part of the college. He believed it, he lived it, and he was truly a friend to both. He will be missed. He leaves many special friends in Emanuel and surrounding counties."

Upon hearing of Dr. Black's passing, Dr. Bob Boehmer, his successor as President, shared the following: What I remember about John Black is how much he loved the East Georgia students. One Saturday, many years before I served as president of East Georgia, he called me at my office at the University of Georgia on a Saturday morning. He was busy working on a Saturday trying to find a way to help a student, who had started slowly but finished strong at East Georgia. Dr. Black was determined to help him navigate the transfer admissions process. I was moved by how well he knew the individual student and how much he believed in the student's capacity to succeed. This same pattern repeated itself in other student situations over the years to come. He was devoted to his students, got to know them personally and went above and beyond to help them succeed in life.

This dedication was one of the principal reasons, Joyce and I chose to come

to East Georgia.

Former Chamber of Commerce President Bill Rogers, Jr. and former Mayor Charles Schwabe praised the spirit and enthusiasm of Dr. Black as someone who constantly gave 100% to community activities, notably the long running Pine Tree Festival. His leadership and hard work were instrumental in revitalizing the annual event. In later years, Black was honored by being named as a recipient of the Green Jacket award and selected as parade Grand Marshall.

Golf, hunting, fishing, and traveling afforded him many cherished memories of good times spent with great friends. An especially "dear to his heart" activity occupied the first full week of April in Augusta. He worked at the Augusta National many years as a manager of the Masters Tournament Practice area. He called the experience, "outside the ropes" and spoke of it proudly and with immense pleasure.

Dr. Black's interests were extensive, and he invested 100% in each one. He published numerous papers including those on his specialty, fertility issues, throughout his 45-year career in higher education. His passion for his family, his students, his craft and his community knew no limit. It set him apart. John Black's gift was his unaffected quality of naturally attracting people to come along and join in. East Georgia State College and so many of the people in this part of Georgia were fortunate and privileged to be a part of that journey.

Family and friends are invited to attend the graveside service at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 2, 2023 in the West Hill Cemetery in Dalton, Georgia. The Rev. Ted Clarkson of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Augusta will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation in Dr. Black's name to support the Bryant Black fund at the Children's Hospital of Georgia. Checks should be made payable to the Augusta University Foundation and mailed to the attention of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement, Augusta University, 1120 15th Street, AD11-40, Augusta, GA. 30912. Donations may also be made to the Black Family Scholarship Fund, East Georgia State College, 131 College Circle, Swainsboro, Ga. 30401



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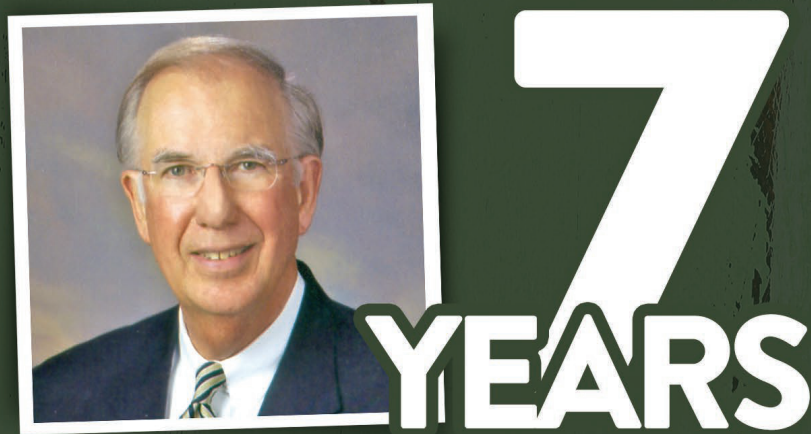
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Woodruff Denton "Denny" Key, Jr., 75

Mr. Woodruff Denton "Denny" Key Jr., age 75, of Swainsboro, passed away Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Community Hospice in Vidalia. Funeral services were held Monday, August 28, at 11 a.m. at First Methodist Church of Swainsboro. Interment followed in the Swainsboro City Cemetery. The family received friends Monday, August 28, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at First Methodist Church of Swainsboro.

Pallbearers were Jim Dekle, Bill Simmons, J.D. Bailey, Butch Parrish, Bill Rogers, Bobby Sasser, Gene Ragsdale, Jim Ray, Mike Lisenby, and Bobby Reeves. Honorary Pallbearers were Citizens Bank Board Officers and employees, Mill Creek Foundation, East Georgia State College Foundation, and Veterans Library Group.

Denny was born January 12, 1948, in Dublin, to the late Woodruff Denton Key, Sr. and Martha Carter Key. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Denny enjoyed playing golf and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He had many accomplishments in his life. Denny served in the Air Force, was co-owner of Dolores and Woody's, was past president of Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow), past president and board member of



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the Chamber of Commerce, past president of East Georgia State College Foundation, president of Swainsboro Bank Shares, past president of Citizens Bank Board of Directors, and vice president and manager of CBS insurance with Citizens Bank. He was also a past member of the Swainsboro Jaycees. Denny was a lifetime member of First Methodist Church of Swainsboro where he was a Sunday School teacher and served on many boards. Mr. Key is preceded in death by his parents; and grandson, Aiden Conner Cornwell.

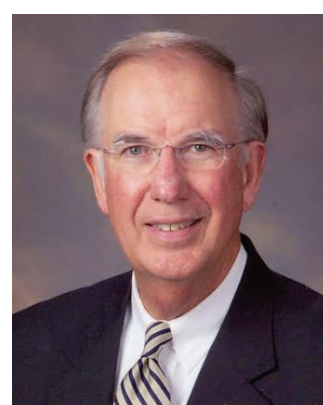
Mr. Key is survived by his wife of 56 years, Peggy Evans Key of Swainsboro; sons, Dennis Key (Jennifer) of Statesboro and Brian Key (Karol) of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Lainey Carter Key, Evans Key Smith (Hunter), Etta Parish Key and Anna Claire Key; sister, Carter Fay Key of Scott; and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

John Bryant Black, 84

John Bryant Black, age 84, died August 22, 2023. Family and friends are invited to attend the graveside service Saturday, September 2, at 11 a.m. at the West Hill Cemetery in Dalton. Rev. Ted Clarkston of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Augusta will be officiating.

John was born on April 11, 1939, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and was the only child of John Bryant Black, Sr. and Nora Deck Black. He graduated from Lanier High School and Mercer University in Macon and the Medical College of Georgia Graduate School with a PhD in endocrinology. John retired from University System of Georgia after serving as a professor at Augusta College and in various administrative positions at East Georgia State College, Dalton State College, Middle Georgia State University, and the University of Georgia System Office in Atlanta. Golfing, hunting, fishing, and traveling afforded him many cherished memories of good times spent with great friends. John proudly leaves as his legacy the many students he was privileged to teach in the classroom or coach on the soccer



DR. BLACK

field. Dr. Black is predeceased by his parents; and beloved son, Manning Bryant Black.

Dr. Black is survived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Dorothy Curran Black.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation in John's name to support the Bryant Black fund at the Children's Hospital of Georgia. Checks should be made payable to the Augusta University Foundation, ATTN: Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement, Augusta University, 1120 15th Street, AD-1140, Augusta, GA 30912. Donations may also be made to the Black Family Scholarship Fund, East Georgia State College, 131 College Circle, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401.

Thomas Poteet & Son Funeral Directors of Augusta is in charge of arrangements.

Rosalind Moore Adcock, 81

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Rosalind Moore Adcock, age 81, of Clarksville, on Monday, August 28, 2023, at the Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, September 2, in the Peebles-Curry Memorial Chapel with Elder Will Martin officiating. Interment will be Saturday, September 9, at 2 p.m. in the White Chapel Memorial Gardens, 1832 Pleasant Hill Rd., Duluth, GA 30096.

Pallbearers are Chris Moore Jr., Robert Moore III, Wesley Moore, Adam Moore, and John Moore.

Mrs. Adcock was born December 23, 1941, in Adrian, to the late Lonzie Lee and Irene Hammock Moore. She was a 1958 Graduate of Adrian High School and received her B.S in Nursing from Crawford Long School of Nursing. Mrs. Adcock retired from Dr. Kaufman's Cardiologist Office, where she was his head nurse for many years. She was a previous member of Adrian Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Adcock is preceded in death by her husband, Billy Lewis Adcock; two



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infant children; brothers, Robert Moore and Russell Moore; and nephew, Chris Moore Sr.

Survivors include her nieces and nephews, Robert L. Moore, Jr. (Joanie), Robin Moore, Rusty Moore, Christa Garner (Robert), Eric Lee Moore (LaWanda) and Laura Moore; great-nieces and nephews, Christopher N. Moore Jr. (Morganne), Allison Moore Thompson (Justin), Kelly Evans (Harry), John Moore (Mary Dawn), Michael Griggers (Christini), Robert L. Moore III (Amy), Wesley Moore (Mary Georgia), Adam Moore (Lindsey), Christian Garner (Ashley), Devin Garner, Laura Garner and Jazmine Moore; sons-in-law, Iris Moore and Jean Curran; brother-in-law, E.B. Adcock (Nancy).

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Clarence Ashley Thompson, Sr., 90

Clarence Ashley Thompson Sr., age 90, entered into his eternal rest Wednesday evening, August 2, 2023, at the Harbor at Harmony Crossing in Eatonton. Services to celebrate his life were held Monday, August 7, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. at Wrens Church of God with Rev. Jason Burton and Dr. Brett Mask officiating. Interment with full military honors followed in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Prior to the service on Monday, the family received friends at the church from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service.

Serving as pallbearers were Brett Mauldin, Stephen Graham, Tanner Mask, Michael Gunn, Graig Poppell, Jody Thompson, Jon Matthews, Charlie Prescott and Dale Wright.

Clarence was born on November 22, 1932, in Swainsboro, to the late Iris Wilson Thompson and Edgar A Thompson. At the age of 16, he joined the Army, serving his country for 20 years. Clarence moved up through the ranks and retired as a Captain. His military career led him to Korea, Germany, Italy and Vietnam, as well as many US cities. A true patriot and almost 60 years old, he went to the Fort McPherson and got his, what he called, "pocket papers" just in case they needed him for the Desert Storm conflict.

After military retirement, Clarence received his law degree from Woodrow Wilson School of Law in Atlanta and passed the bar exam. In his many years of practicing law, he helped many people and rarely charged for his services. Clarence considered helping people as his ministry. He also worked for the Georgia State Labor Department in Atlanta as an Appeals Judge until he retired once again and moved back to his hometown of Swainsboro.

Clarence then felt a calling from the Lord and became the pastor of Ebenezer Methodist Church in Kemp, the church he attended as a child, serving the Lord there for 20 years. He also served as the Hospice Chaplain in Emanuel County for 20 years until he and his soulmate moved to Avera in 2006 to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law. They then joined the fellowship of the Wrens Church of God. Clarence also became active in Kairos Prison Ministry, as well as various other ministries in the area until his health decline.

Clarence was a singer and guitarist who loved to minister in song. His favorite memories were entertaining his fellow troops while in Vietnam. Clarence also used these God-given talents in his ministry to others, and especially at family reunions which were filled with the whole



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family singing, playing instruments, enjoying each other's fellowship while also glorifying God. Most importantly, Clarence was a true man of God, having accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at a young age. Having a servant's heart, he always put others before himself. Clarence loved all people and allowed the Holy Spirit to lead him to the weak, the hurt, the down-trodden, the lonely, and the lost. He always planted the seed of Jesus' love and saving grace through his words of comfort, words of cheer and uplifting prayers. Known as a prayer warrior, people would call on him to pray for them, and when he humbly and earnestly prayed, there was power. In all things, it was to God be the glory. Mr. Thompson is preceded in death by his parents; loving wife of 70 years, Mildred Usry Thompson; and three brothers, Jimmy Thompson, Garland Thompson and Bobby Thompson.

Others left to cherish his memories include his children, Angela Thompson Mauldin (Larry) of Greensboro, Clay Thompson (Susan) of Hoschton, Ofelia Thompson Bobo (Hiram) of Gibson, and Clarence Ashley Thompson Jr. (Michelle) of Prattville AL; four grandchildren, Laray Mauldin Mask (Brett), Brett Mauldin (Candice), Clayton Thompson (Makaila), and Breanna Thompson; six great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Wilma Thompson and Eleanor Batchelor (Bennie); brother-in-law, Lamar Usry (Brenda); nieces, nephews, other extended family, church family and friends.

The family strongly suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the hospice organization that provided such good care to Clarence, Serenity Foundation Gives, 111 Hillcrest Parkway, Dublin GA 31021 or online at <https://www.sfgives.org/donations-and-how-to-help>.

Heartfelt thanks and appreciation are extended to the staff of Agape Hospice Care Group (aka Serenity Foundation Gives), especially Nate and Rene, and to the staff of Harbor at Harmony Crossing Assisted Living for their loving, compassionate and professional care.

James Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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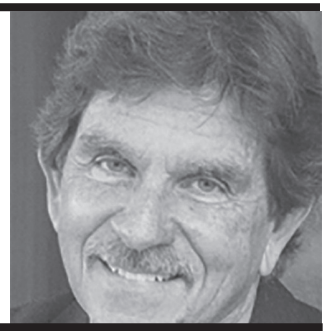
In the last few days, this community has lost three exceptional men. That adjective is thrown around a lot, but in this case, it is entirely appropriate. John Black, Denny Key and Clarence Thompson could not be described any more accurately than to say they were "exceptional". The truth is, all three would be very uncomfortable if they were with us today, listening to someone describing them as exceptional. They would be looking around for an exit door to get out of there and back to doing something useful. You may not have known all of them. You may not have known any of them, but if you have lived around here for a while, there is a good chance that your life or the life of someone you may know has been

positively influenced by one of these three men. John Black served as President of East Georgia State College for seven of the best years the school ever had. He was active in more civic activities than you can name. He was the main driving force in working with the Kiwanis Club to establish the Pine Tree Festival Foundation and he was just about as tall as a Pine Tree. Denny Key was a hometown product who grew up to help guide the character and course of this community, and he did it by just being who he was. He worked at every opportunity to make every life better. Through his church, the schools, the Chamber of Commerce, the Emanuel County Commissioners, Mill Creek Foundation, Rotary, and The East

Georgia College Foundation, Denny was a master at finding out what needed to be done and then quietly and skillfully making it happen. Clarence Thompson led a remarkable life. From every indication, serving others was all he ever wanted to do, and he planned for that from the start. A military career leading men in times of great peril, earning a law degree that was primarily used helping those unable to pay, and then devoting his talents in service of his faith and ministry. To lose just one of these men would have been a major blow to any community. But we lost three. Three men who appeared to be reputable, responsible, solid citizens. They were all of that, but in fact,

they were much, much much more. When these men looked at life, the landscape was all about people. Their vision focused on opportunity and their heart was all service. And once again, I can hear them saying, "Well now, I don't know about all that." And that would be true. They *didn't* know because the agenda and motivation of these three was to just do what always seemed natural to them. These are the kind of people that aspire and inspire. They engage and encourage, and these are the kind of people that set the table for the rest of us to achieve, and when we do, we wonder, "how did we do that?" Now the question we are left to deal with is how could people so rare and so special just

Charles Schwabe



be gone? The answer, of course is, they aren't. A spirit and a presence that strong doesn't just stop. These exceptional three occupied the places of those before them and carried on that common vision and heart. These three will remain with us, reflected in every minor and magnificent moment of the time they were here. Every student saved by Denny Key and Millcreek Foundation, and every soldier and every soul that followed the lead of Captain Clarence Thompson and every life ever touched by any of these three is a story of victory. For the

story to continue however, there is an obligation to ensure that a new generation of the "special and the rare" are ready to take their place. The story requires it, and the generations that have gone before expect nothing less. The new class of "exceptional people" needs to be formed and must accept the call and the challenge of committing themselves to maintaining the hopes, dreams and standards of this community and this country. Just look at the legacy of these three exceptional men. It is your time now, and history is waiting.

Summertown Seniors

Near the beginning of the school term when our class would become SHS Seniors of 1953, we learned unexpected news. Most of our classmates had been together since grade one. The only exception was the eighth graders who had entered SHS from Wesley. Sonny Stephens, a basketball star from Summertown, had joined junior class the year before. Our senior class would include the

entire senior class from Summertown. Their school had lost accreditation from the state which would affect their acceptance into colleges. This was not acceptable to the small group of seniors who attended school in their hometown. They asked to transfer to SHS for their senior year. This was a wise decision. We did not know the Summertown students and questioned their decision. "Would they

fit in with us?" "Were their curriculum standards lower?" "Could they keep up with work that would be harder?" This made us sound quite "snobbish" of students we had yet to meet. On the first day of the school term 1952-53, we watched a small minibus arrive that was driven by Summertown student Dan Powell. Paul Bishop, Jimmie Lee Meadows, Carter Greenway, May Jane Scott, Gloria Odum,

and JoAnn Underwood stepped off the bus and immediately became SHS Seniors. Friendships were formed quickly, and curriculum was not a challenge. They were well prepared. Clubs and activities welcomed them as members. Yes, they could "keep up" with the "harder work". At the end of term, four of the top ten Seniors were from Summertown. Carter Greenway was

Shirley Proctor Twiss



the Valedictorian---yes, a Summertown student. When a disgruntled parent complained to Mr. Glenn that it was easier for Carter to gain high grades from Summertown, our principal replied that his grade point average for the twelfth

grade was higher than all in SHS. I am very thankful to have shared my senior year with Summertown friends—even if I did lose my position on girls' basketball team to JoAnn Underwood. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com

Editorial Cartoons



The endless summer

The summers were long, hot and endless. We went barefoot all summer, and the young boys went shirtless and carefree. There were endless paths and trails to follow in search of adventure and sweet blackberry bushes and wild plums. Children in those days were never seen or heard. We were too busy searching for bird's nests and uncovering secrets that only mother and father could teach us. Mother and father could tell you what vicinity of the woods or forest we were in, but they never knew for sure, but they were always certain we were safe and secure because crime was non-existent in those bygone innocent years.

After a carefree dinner of skillet corn and fresh butterbeans, sliced tomatoes and fried chicken with buttermilk biscuits, we retired to the long, wrap-around front porch where a gently, cool afternoon breeze was

Ronnie Johnson



stirring. Time seemed to freeze as we could almost hear and feel our heartbeats attuned to the warm streaks of sunshine filtering through the old oak tree, shading out front yard. There were several watermelons that we rolled around with our dusty bare feet, while the old birddog occasionally raised his head and quickly lowered it back without a care in the world. In times like these, we thought our sweet, carefree summers would never end because going back to school never crossed our minds. Little Jimmy Dickens sang about how we got our education out behind the barn and without a doubt, those song lyrics rang true for us. Sugar momma told us eager to know children that babies came from the extra, big bumps on the bottom of the sycamore trees. We had to take her word for it

because parent never told us the truth about the birds and the bees. To say we were seen but never heard was the absolute truth. Country folks believed that keeping food on the table was their main responsibility, while the intimate facts of life would be revealed later. The preacher came to dinner on the third Sunday of each month. It has been said that preachers love the Lord and fried chicken, but I'm not quite sure they fall in exactly that order. I had named every chicken on the yard, and I hated to sacrifice even one to the preacher's appetite for fried chicken. "Lord, why weren't some preachers vegetarians back then?" I now ask myself. Eventually, my endless summer came to an end. The old home place no longer exists, while everything else had "Gone with the Wind".

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Holy Zion Church to celebrate 45th anniversary

Holy Zion Church of Metter is celebrating their 45th anniversary of their pastor and his wife. Thursday night, September 14, guest speaker will be Bishop Larry McMillen. Guest churches will be Bible Time, House of Hope, Johnson Chapter, Mt. Zion, Living Way, Jones Temple, Pentecostal Temple of Grace House of God. Friday night, September 15, guest speaker will be Pastor Apostolic T.V. Outen with guest churches Ada Grove Pentecostal, High Point, St. John, Brinkson Rock and William Chapter. Sunday, September 17, Sunday School will be at 10:30 a.m. with Worship Service at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be pastor Shane Mosley with guest churches Holy Zion Church of Statesboro, Holy Zion Twin City and Mount Gilead. Dinner will be served, and Pastor Johnny Ray Jones invites everyone to attend.

Swainsboro First Assembly of God to hold grand reopening

Swainsboro First Assembly of God, formerly The CrossRoads Church, is having a grand reopening to celebrate the naming of their church. They want to invite everyone to a weekend revival Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, September 3, at 10:30 a.m. They welcome all and look forward to seeing you there.

Women's Prayer Breakfast to be held

The Women's Church, 423 Hopkins Department of the Second Union Missionary Baptist Association would like to invite the women of your church to a prayer breakfast on Saturday, September 2, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church, 423 Hopkins St., Swainsboro. The speaker will be Dr. Felicia George-Prince from Metter. Your presence and participation in this effort will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Sis. Delane Washington at 478.494.6096.

Coat giveaway to be held

A&O Aftercare Center will be hosting a coat giveaway Saturday, September 9, at 334 Lee St., Swainsboro, starting at 11 a.m. Brand new coats and warm food will be FREE. Be warm and cozy during this winter season!

Upcoming events at Franklin Memorial Library

by KAYLA WILLIAMS, Asst. Mgr. at FML

Franklin Memorial Library has lined up a series of fun, engaging activities for the week of August 28 to September 3. Though this week may seem quieter than usual, the library continues to offer a blend of events that cater to a wide range of interests and age groups. Kicking off the week, the library honors our brave veterans with breakfast. The Veterans' Breakfast will take place on Monday, August 28, at 9:30 a.m. It is an opportunity for veterans to mingle, share stories, and talk about the upcoming Wreaths Across America. This event is open to all veterans in our community, and we encourage those who served to join us in this gathering. On Friday, September 1, at 10:30 a.m., the library welcomes toddlers and parents for Toddler Time. This event encourages little ones to engage with stories, songs, and creative play, fostering a love for reading and learning from an early age. This is a wonderful opportunity for toddlers to interact with peers and for parents to connect with each other in the community. Wrapping up the week, the Knotty Knitters Club will meet on Saturday, September 2, at 10 a.m. This event is perfect for those who love to knit or are interested in picking up the craft. Whether you are a seasoned knitter or a beginner eager to learn, this meet-up offers a warm, friendly environment where you can hone your skills and share your projects with like-minded individuals. We are happy to announce that our Teen Advisory Boards, also known as TABs, will be back in session. A TAB is a group of teen volunteers who help us figure out how to best serve the teens at the library. They recommend books, plan events, and help us make the library a place where teens feel welcomed and valued. Also, mark your calendars for Grandparents Day, a special day to honor the wisdom and heritage our grandparents provide. This will be an opportunity to connect across generations and celebrate family ties with fun-filled activities designed for all ages. We would like to invite you to our annual Fall Book Sale, a must-attend event for book lovers. A wide variety of books across different genres will be available at affordable prices. It's a perfect opportunity to expand your home library, discover new authors, or find that out-of-print book you have been searching for. Finally, we're introducing a new Readiness Workshop for our teens and TAB members. These workshops aim to equip our young patrons with necessary life skills, from managing personal finances to effective communication and more. Even though this week might be slower than usual, Franklin Memorial Library continues to offer activities that promote learning, connect communities, and celebrate our local heroes. Whether you are a veteran, a parent of a toddler, or a knitting enthusiast, there is something for everyone at the library this week. We look forward to seeing you at Franklin Memorial Library. Come create, learn, and connect with us!

An update from your local library

by KAYLA WILLIAMS, Asst. Mgr. at FML

To kick off the week, we show our gratitude to the brave men and women who have served our country by giving them breakfast and coffee. Join us for Veterans' Breakfast every Monday morning if you have served or currently are active. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and honor our heroes over a delightful breakfast. Things were official on Tuesday, August 22, at 4 p.m. with the Emanuel County Library Board Meeting. On Wednesday, August 23, at 4 p.m., the Teen Anime Club gathered for activities. If you are a teenager with a passion for anime, or simply curious about it, this is the place for you. Make new friends, discuss your favorite anime series, and be part of a fun, welcoming community. Our youngest library-goers are not left out either. Toddler Time is every Friday at 10:30 a.m. With engaging stories and delightful activities, it is the perfect outing for toddlers and their caregivers. Finally, get crafty with the inaugural meeting of the Knotty Knitters Knitting Club on Saturday, August 26, at 10 a.m. Whether you are a seasoned knitter or picking up needles for the first time, everyone is welcome. Come share tips, tricks, and good company with fellow knitting enthusiasts. These events reflect Franklin Memorial Library's commitment to serve as a community hub, offering activities that cater to diverse interests and age groups. We look forward to welcoming you to these events and many more in the future.

Honoring our Educators

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A lasting impression: Meet inspiring teacher, Tylan Davis

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

"I was born and raised in Milledgeville." He shared, "I was almost named Tyrone after my dad, but at the last minute my parents decided they wanted a more unique name for me while still keeping it similar."

After graduating from Baldwin high school, Davis attended college at the University of Georgia where he was given the opportunity to travel all over the country with the renowned Redcoat Band. Additionally, he witnessed the Georgia Bulldogs win two National Championships!

Before venturing into his professional career, he taught band camps at Social Circle middle and high school, his alma mater, Baldwin high school, and Walnut Grove high school.

"Throughout college I had many opportunities to travel to various schools to teach individual and group lessons to band kids. I

completed my senior practicum for my bachelor's degree at Malcom Bridge middle school in Oconee County teaching sixth through eighth grade band."

In April of this year, Davis was hired as the Band Director at Swainsboro Middle School. When asked what drove him into this profession, He explained, "I chose this profession because I feel that I have learned so many valuable life lessons through school and I want to extend that guidance out to the youth of today. Because of my upbringing, surroundings, and great teachers in school I have been able to experience great things I never thought I would in life. I want to give that same opportunity to my students."

Although this is Davis's first year as a teacher, he likes to consider the four years that he attended college as well because that's when his time as a classroom instructor began. Throughout that time, he received two scholarships - one of which was awarded for his outstanding leadership in the UGA Redcoat band and the UGA Trombone Studio.

When asked what he loves most about Swainsboro Middle School, Davis said, "I have only been working for a month, but I have already felt so welcomed and supported by my school and staff. Everyone is so nice and easy to talk to and go to for advice. I am so lucky to be surrounded by people who want to see every-

one succeed." It was these same fundamentals that first inspired him to become the uplifting, inspirational teacher that he is today.

"As I mentioned before, I've had many amazing teachers. The most influential ones were all of my previous band directors. My middle school band director believed in me even when I didn't believe in myself. My high school band directors showed me what it meant to have discipline and to be persistent about improving myself. My band directors in college enabled me to experience greatness at levels I never thought possible. All of these experiences have led me to become a band director and try to do the same thing for my students," he said with a smile.

In addition to teaching, Davis's passions include watching movies and tv shows.

"One of my favorite movies of all time is Interstellar, because I am a huge space nerd. I'm a huge Star Wars fan as well. I also like to travel, hang out with friends, go to the gym, and play video games." He concluded.

Now that you've met the teacher and read his story, read his Q/A's below to further understand Tylan Davis's incredible values of teaching and how he's changing and inspiring young lives in our community. Interview conducted by Brittany Hall.

What have you found most rewarding in your career?

Davis: The most rewarding thing



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about being a middle school band teacher is seeing the "light bulb" moment happen with a student. That moment when you show them something and they figure out how to do it, or that moment during class where everyone plays very well after hours of hard work getting to that point. It is so fulfilling knowing that for many students I am the one jumpstarting a potentially lifelong passion for music. As a first-year teacher that fact can also be daunting at times.

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

Davis: In the short time that has passed since the beginning of the semester I already feel impacted by my students. They are so silly and very sweet. Some students have given me small gifts, candy bars, and even drawings. They may seem small, but it makes my day and reminds me that even if I feel like I had a bad day as a teacher, the students still appreciate me.

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

Davis: I am a new educator myself, and the biggest thing I have learned since starting is that it is never too early to prepare. The more you can get done before class starts the smoother things will go. Also, knowing that no teacher starts out being amazing goes a long way. I have had plenty of older teachers reach out to tell me that the first year is the hardest, and



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not to let it get me down. It also really helps to have a mentor. Someone who has been in the teaching field for years that can tell you the best way to be an effective teacher.

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

Davis: Never give up on yourself. Being great at something is hard and you are going to fail. But failure is a great teacher and if you can learn from the failure, you can overcome it. I still have to tell myself this everyday. It is the greatest piece of advice I can offer.

What's a favorite memory or some of your favorite memories that you have from your time as an educator?

Davis: A favorite memory of mine has been testing fifth graders for instruments. Seeing the surprise and joy in their faces when they realize they can make a sound on an instrument is truly something unforgettable.

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

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires" - William A. Ward

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The Emanuel County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the former Adrian School Property consisting of twelve acres located at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 80 and North Hall Street, Adrian, GA, 31002. The property is designated by the Emanuel County Tax Assessors as Map # AD1 028. Sealed bids are to be delivered to the Emanuel County Board of Education, 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401 on or before 2:00 PM September 28, 2023. Bids will be opened at the office of the Emanuel County Board of Education, 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401 on September 29, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Bidders will be required to post a \$5,000.00 bid bond with a Cashier's Check on the day the bids are opened. Closing will be within 30 days of the day the bid is accepted. As a condition of the sale, the purchaser will be required to submit a business plan which outlines how they intend to use the property and demonstrates they have the resources to carry out the business plan. The successful bidder will be determined based on the amount of the bid in addition to the business plan's viability and compatibility with the community. Any personal property located in the building is included in the sale. Environmental reports are available at the Office of the Emanuel County Board of Education. For more information contact Jansen Ware, Director of Operations, at the Emanuel County Board of Education, 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401, 478-237-6674.

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ECI Homecoming 2023: *I love the 80s*

As educational trends come and go, one thing that remains constant is the tradition of Homecoming and all the festivities and rec-

ognition that accompany it. This occasion is just on the horizon for the faculty, staff, and students of Emanuel County Institute. To get

the excitement kicked off, high school students recently voted on representatives for their respective classes to serve on this year's

Homecoming Court. Among this special group are the seniors who will vie for the title of Homecoming King and Queen. Representatives include from (top row) l-r; Charlie Rehberg, O'Zion Reese, Evan Donaldson, Aden McQuaig, and Jack Walden. Followed by (bottom row) l-r; Dhahami Salgado, Haley Patel, La'Tyra Stone, Asia Gibbons, and Jarei Oglesby. Junior representatives include; Kayanna Thompson, Halli Kate Johnson, Michaela Barquet, and Clorinda Carrillo. Sophomore representatives consist of; Brooklyn Dorsey, Madison Walker, Erin Stanford, and Lola Walden. Rounding out the court are freshmen representatives; Mary Katherine Durden, Chailey Whitehead, Aniston O'Dell, and Jlynn Hicks.

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SHS Lady Tigers pick up region win

by HUGH HENDRIX
The Swainsboro Lady Tiger softball team picked up a huge region win over the Jefferson County Lady Warriors last Thursday. Hannah Howard led off the game with a triple to get things rolling for the visiting Tigers. Swainsboro would go on to score three runs in the top of the first inning and score two more runs in the second inning to jump out to an early 5-0 lead and cruise to an 11-2 victory.



SENIOR PITCHER CALLIE POWELL

to do early in the season. Everyone knew that the early season schedule would be tough for the Tigers. Games against teams like Atlanta-area class 7-A softball powerhouse programs Lambert High School and Mountain View High School would be a real challenge for the Tigers, but the coaches wanted to play teams like that to test their team before region play started. Although the schedule has been somewhat difficult, the Tigers players and coaches all agree that they have simply not played

up to their standards. At the plate the Tigers have struggled to pick up clutch hits when needed and simply have not scored enough runs. On defense, the Tigers have made numerous dynamic plays but have been inconsistent at times and the pitching has also been very inconsistent early in the season.

The Lady Tigers, however, expect their offensive explosion and great pitching performance at Jefferson County to get their season back on track and propel them into the 2023 playoff hunt.



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JORDON WILLIAMS HEADED FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Swainsboro steams past Washington County, improves to 2-0

by JUSTIN GRAY

After a great showing last week, Swainsboro was back home to face a familiar foe. The Tigers welcomed Washington County into "The Den" with hopes to send them home with a loss. The Tigers opened up the scoring with a 59-yard touchdown run by Demello Jones taking the lead 6-0. The defense was dominant, and it wouldn't take the offense much longer to extend their lead to 13-0 on a 29-yard touchdown pass from Jones to Schuyler Coney. It was evident midway through the second quarter that with the Tigers' speed, they may

run away with this one. Jones made it a 20-0 lead on another touchdown run, this one a 35-yarder. The Tigers quickly scored again to make it 27-0 and this one was all but over. The Tigers rolled to a 46-6 win over WACO behind a great game on both sides of the ball. The defense often gets overshadowed by this great offense, but they were terrific in this one. They've been a dominant group for the last few seasons, but this group has had some players step up and fill in big holes from last season. The offense did their usual thing - they scored a lot of points. They ran for 344 yards as

a group with five touchdowns; Jones had two, Bryson Tarver, Jordan Williams, and Jabios Smith all had one. The passing game was better in this one as Jones threw for two touchdowns and 78 yards all to Schuyler Coney. Head Coach Scott Roberts was satisfied saying, "We started out a little sluggish, but our kids fought through it. This is a game of adversity and all that matters is how you respond to it. We are growing up every week, but we have a long way to go."

The Tigers will head to Hazlehurst next week to take on Jeff Davis at 7:30 p.m.

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Several new faces on the field and sidelines for the Bulldogs this season

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

(This article was omitted in the Fall Sports Special Edition. We regret this error.)

The ECI Bulldog football team will have the same schedule in 2023 as the 2022 season. The Bulldogs will start the 2023 campaign with the youngest team they have fielded in several years, made up mostly of underclassmen with only four seniors. These freshmen and sophomores are no stranger to being thrown into the mix or having success, having won back-to-back middle school championships the last two years.

"The 2023 ECI Bulldogs will need to gain experience in a hurry," commented head football coach Chris Kearson when asked about his young Bulldogs. "The majority is made up of freshmen and sophomores. This group likes to compete and likes the taste of success, so that is one thing working in their favor. Look for a lot of new faces on both sides of the ball. I look for 15-16 sophomores and freshmen to play significant minutes every Friday night. What is not working in their favor is the early season schedule and the grid of a long hot summer and an early season grind with our non-region schedule."

The Bulldogs will start with two scrimmage games followed by six non-region games. They will end the regular season playing their region opponents the last four games on the schedule. Including the scrimmage game with Fitzgerald, the Bulldogs will face six teams that ended the 2022 season ranked seventh or better in the state polls.

ECI started the pre-season playing Vidalia. The Bulldogs and Indians varsity teams played for three quarters and ended up tied 14-14. The two JV teams closed the game in the fourth quarter. Both JV offenses moved the ball but neither found the end zone. Next, they traveled to Fitzgerald to take on the AA state runner-up Hurricanes. The Hurricanes began the season as the top ranked team in class AA.

The Bulldogs begin the regular season in Metter in their annual rivalry game. The Tigers ended last season ranked sixth in class A division one. They are under a new coach this season. Lee Shaw, who coached at Rabun Co. and Flowery Branch, takes over the helm from Rodney Garvin who is now the head coach at Vidalia.

The Bulldogs traveled to Lincoln County's Buddy Buford Field last season and surprised the seventh ranked Red

Devils 41-27. Lincoln will be looking for pay back when they visit Rountree Stadium on September 1.

On September 9, the Dublin Irish will come calling. The Bulldogs went toe to toe with the Irish, tied at half. The green men easily pulled away in the second half and the Bulldogs are looking for a complete game against the Irish in front of the home crowd.

The Bulldogs will take the short trip to Tiger Field on September 15, to take on Swainsboro. The Tigers were state runner-up in 2022. The Bulldogs will have their hands full trying to contain one of the more dynamic players in the state in Demello Jones and find some holes in the stingy Tiger Defense.

The Bulldogs will host Johnson Co. on September 22. The Trojans ended the season ranked at number three last season. The Bulldogs and JOCO were tied in regulation in 2022 with the Trojans winning in overtime 27-21.

ECI ended their non-region schedule hosting Jefferson Co. The Bulldogs and Warriors had a high scoring back and forth game last season with ECI coming out on top. The Warriors' long time coach JB Arnold retired last season after 22 years. Marlo East, who was defensive

coordinator at WACO and Jefferson Co., takes over this season.

The Bulldogs open up region play on October 13, when they visit Portal. The Bulldogs easily defeated the Panthers 42-14 last season. Word on the street has the Panthers fielding a more competitive team in 2023. One player to watch on the Panther team is Florida commit Amir Jackson, who is rated as the number six tight end in the nation.

ECI will host McIntosh Co. the next Friday evening. The Buccaneers ended last season with a 10-2 record, a region championship and ranked seventh in class A.

On October 27, the Bulldogs will cross the river for their annual neighborhood bash with Jenkins Co. It was a tale of two halves against the Eagles last season. After rushing for 240 yards and leading 21-14 at the half, the Bulldogs failed to find the endzone the rest of the game, losing to their rivals 31-24.

The Bulldogs will end the regular season at Rountree hosting Montgomery Co. The Bulldogs led the Eagles 28-0 at half-time in Mt. Vernon last season and defeated the Eagles 34-14. Montgomery always seems to feature speed at the skill positions and this season will be no different for the Eagles.

STC Foundation Announces Fall 2023 Scholarships

The Southeastern Technical College (STC) Foundation continues to bolster financial support for students by awarding Fall 2023 scholarships.

"Congratulations to all the Fall 2023 STC Foundation Scholarship recipients! We are honored to be able to reward these students for their hard work and determination, and we wish them much success as they continue to work toward their career goals," said Blythe Wilcox, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and the STC Foundation.

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"The STC Foundation would like to thank our donors, who make these scholarships possible. Not only are you helping STC students achieve their goals, but you are also helping to create a more skilled workforce for our local community," said Wilcox.

The following students have been awarded scholarships through the STC Foundation for the fall 2023 semester.

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Bulldogs' comeback comes up short against Metter

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

The Bulldogs traveled to Metter Friday to take on their longest running rivals in the Metter Tigers.

The Bulldogs' second half comeback came up short with the Tigers taking the game 17-10. Although not showing on the scoreboard, the Bulldog defense shut down the Tigers for three quarters. In a stat that defies logic, the defense held Metter to a total of 43 yards for three quarters but trailed the Tigers 17-0. Turnovers, three, mistakes and penalties, two that took touchdowns off the board, plagued the Bulldogs during the game.

"Aside from the final score, I thought we competed very well," commented head coach Chris Kearson. "The turnovers put them in fantastic position to score and that has to be fixed, but our guys fought really hard to the final horn. After watching film, I was disappointed in the turnovers, but I was pleasantly surprised with how many 9th and 10th graders were giving us quality minutes. Things don't get any easier with Lincoln Co. next week coming off a 49-6 beat down of McCormick last Friday."

Oisin Matthew's kick sailed into the endzone to put Metter at the 20 to begin the game. The Bulldog defense shut the door forcing the Tigers to punt from their own 15-yard line. The punter shanked the ball after a high snap that would have given the Bulldogs the ball at the Metter 8-yard line. The first mistake of the night, roughing the punter, gave the Tigers new life.

The Bulldogs made their second special

teams mistake later in the quarter when high snap to the punter gave Metter the Ball at the Bulldog 12. The defense held, forcing the Tigers to kick a short field goal to lead 3-0 without getting a first down in the first quarter. ECI gave Metter the ball at the Bulldog 13-yard line in the second quarter after the punt returned allowed the ball to hit him for the special team's third mistake of the night.

Metter once again took advantage of the short field with a pass for touchdown on the first play following the turnover to lead the Bulldogs 10-0 at the half. It was all Bulldogs in the second quarter as the Bulldogs moved the ball up and down the field on the Tiger defense, rushing for 125 in the quarter. But the Bulldogs also had a touchdown called back and a killer fumble that resulted in a

scoop and score for the Tigers.

The Bulldogs scored their only touchdown on a 31-yard run by freshman Chase Johnson. The Tiger offense never touched the ball in the third quarter, had 43

total offensive yards for the game, and led 17-7 after three quarters. The Bulldogs drew a little closer in the fourth on a Matthews 38-yard field goal to make the score 17-10 early in the fourth.

After stopping the Tiger offense all night, the defense was looking for another stop to give it back to their rejuvenated offense. The Tigers went to a 4 widespread and the Bulldogs could not stop the quarterback draws up the middle. The Tigers kept the ball with only a few seconds left, turning the ball over on downs at the Bulldog 22-yard line.

The Tigers intercepted on the first play and ran out the clock with ECI taking the loss 17-10. Including the quarterbacks, the Bulldogs have a mostly all sophomore-freshman backfield who rushed for 184 yards during the game. Chase Johnson led with 65 yards with Tyler Foreman right behind with 59 yards. Brian Steele ended the game with 29 yards and Tuff Boddiford added 26.

The Bulldogs will host Lincoln Co. Friday night at Rountree Field in the home opener.



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DEA defeats Monsignor Donovan

DEA defeated Monsignor Donovan in Athens Friday night, August 25. Billy Martin began the game with a 40-yard run, followed by Peyton Lee's reception from Richard Braddy, boosting the score to 8-0. Clayton Hood made a successful 1-yard run, followed by Jay Carter also making a 1-yard run, bringing the score to 20-0. Martin then made a 28-yard run with Ethan Fields following with an interception. Martin came back again with an 89-yard run, boosting the score to 32-0, Sailor Powell with an 8-yard run, and Free with a fumble recovery. Fields made a 12-yard run, followed by Free making a run, then Paxton Dixon making a 52-yard run, boosting the score to 52-0. Dixon then made another run, followed by Bryan Beasley making a 1-yard run and a run, and David Vautier making a 1-yard run. Carter then made an interception and Free ended the game with a safety, earning the winning score of 70-0.



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SHS Lady Tigers' bats starting to come to life

by HUGH HENDRIX
Monday evening, the SHS Lady Tiger softball team put up double-digit runs for the fourth straight game, something they had failed to do in each of their first ten games of the season. In the non-region game, the Treutlen County Lady Viking pitchers had trouble finding the strike zone and with some timely hitting the Lady Tigers scored 17 runs in the first inning. Leading the Swainsboro offense on the evening were Hannah Howard, Kyleigh Hostilo, Berklie Bishop, Callie Powell, and Aa'Caylah Murphy. Senior Savannah Hooks got the start in the pitching circle for the home team Lady Tigers. Hooks pitched the complete three inning game allowing two runs on just two hits and two walks. Hooks also struck out three batters as she led her team to the convincing 17-2 victory.

Earlier in the season, the Lady Tigers made long road trips to Augusta and Atlanta to play in Saturday double-headers. This last Saturday, however, they made the much shorter twenty-five mile trip down Highway 80 East to Portal for the

Turpentine Diamond Day games hosted by Portal High School. Softball teams from Portal High School, Swainsboro High School, Edmund Burke Academy, and Liberty County participated in the event.

In the first game of the day, Swainsboro would face off against Edmund Burke Academy. Early in the game, everything that Edmund Burke hit seemed to find a hole. The Lady Spartans scored six runs on seven hits in the first two innings and jumped out to an early 6-1 lead. The Lady Tigers, however, would come roaring back to score eight runs in the last two innings of the game to tie the score at ten runs each. Since the Turpentine Diamond Day games were not region games and with the teams playing multiple games on the 100 degree day, it was decided that the game would end in a tie. Leading hitters for Swainsboro were Callie Powell (3-3, 2 RBI), Berklie Bishop (2-3, RBI), Hannah Howard (2-4, 2 RBI), and Jocie Hendrix (2-4, 2 RBI).

In Swainsboro's second game of the day, the Lady Tigers faced off against the Liberty County Lady

Panthers in a game that Swainsboro would control from the beginning to the very end. Swainsboro jumped out to an early 5-0 lead and they never looked back. With one on and one out, in the bottom of the fourth inning, senior shortstop Jocie Hendrix singled up the middle to drive in freshman Holli Schoen to extend the Swainsboro lead to 13-1. The twelve run lead ended the game due to the mercy rule. Offensively, the Lady Tigers were led by Gracie Beneteau (3-4, RBI), Jocie Hendrix (3-4, 3 RBI), Aa'Caylah Murphy (3-3, 2 RBI), and Kayla Crabb (2-3, RBI). Senior pitcher Callie Powell limited the Liberty County softball team to just one run on one hit in the game to record the win for her Lady Tiger teammates.

Rain from Hurricane Idalia could play a major factor in this week's action for the Lady Tigers. On the schedule for the remainder of the week was a road trip to Dublin Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. We did not have the results of this game at press time. Another road trip to Johnson County is scheduled for Thursday evening at 5:30.



TIGERS FIGHT FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Middle School Tigers fall to Dublin

by HAROLD SCOTT
Swainsboro Middle School football began its season on Wednesday August 23, against Dublin. Unfortunately, the young Tigers fell short in a 22-8 loss.

Below is a game summary and comments from Coach Corey Chalker.

Dublin received the opening kickoff and was forced to punt. Kamaurion Duke, DJ Cuyler, and Kyle Johnson took turns driving the ball down the field, which led to a 15-yard touchdown run by Johnson. Kamaurion Dukes punched in the 2-point conversion, giving the Tigers an 8-0 early lead. Dublin would respond by hitting a long pass

on 3rd down to put them in the red zone, and they would tie the game 8-8. Swainsboro's offense gained momentum on each drive but failed to put any points on the board as they would trail 14-8 at the half. After halftime, the Tigers received the kickoff and ran seven minutes and 15 seconds off the clock to get to the red zone, but would have costly mistakes that caused them to fail a fourth-down execution. The Tigers defense stood strong on the next possession. Dublin would have a bad snap on the punt to put Swainsboro back in the red zone with the ball on the six-yard line. Swainsboro would again make costly mistakes, which

kept them from putting more points on the board. Dublin would score on the next drive to make the score 22-8, which would be the final score.

Comments:
"We have to do a better job of conditioning and hydrating ourselves as a team. I feel like we ran out of gas and we had a couple of guys cramping up. We will learn from this game and push ahead to East Laurens, which will be played at EL High School next Wednesday at 6:00."

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DEA defeats Covenant Academy

DEA defeated Covenant Academy (Macon) Thursday night, August 24. Karson Kettles began the game with a 2-yard run, followed by Ben Griner with an 18-yard touchdown reception from Jace Farmer. Hayden Powell made a successful run, boosting the score to 14-6. Kettles ended the game with a 4-yard run, earning the winning score of 20-14.

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Tigers in College

by HAROLD SCOTT
Swainsboro High School will have several former Tigers on college rosters this season. We wish them all well. We will follow their career and update the Swainsboro community throughout the season. There may be others, and we will add them as we become aware.

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August 18

Deputies responded to Mustang Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute. Complainant advised she had been arguing with her child's father and tried to leave and offender would not let her. Offender advised the same thing and stated c/p always overreacts and makes the situations bigger than they are and they always work things out and get back together. C/p's father arrived and both parties wanted to talk through their problems and resolve the incident.

August 20

Deputy responded to a call regarding a tractor trailer that jack knifed. Complainant stated a dragon fly flew in his window and caused him to lose control of the truck. No injuries were reported and the truck was drivable.

August 21

Deputy responded to Sam Overstreet Rd. in reference to a vehicle in the roadway. Deputy found the stranded motorist had run out of gas and was off the roadway.

Deputy responded to a vehicle that had ran off the roadway on US 1 North. Upon arrival, the driver had already left, and the engine was cold which indicated it had been there for a while. The vehicle appeared to have left the roadway and rolled over.

Deputy met with complainant at ECSO about making a payment on a building that has not been delivered. Deputies made contact with the company who advised the building would be delivered the following day. C/p stated she didn't want the building anymore and wanted her money back. The company stated they would cancel the building and refund the money and it would take up to 72 hours for the refund.

Victim stated she was traveling on Hwy 57 West when she came up on two vehicles traveling at a slow rate of speed, so she signaled to go around both vehicles and when she attempted to pass the second vehicle, it came over on her and slammed on brakes causing her to slide off the road and hit a sign. Witness called it in and left the scene, so deputy made contact with him, and he gave the same statement as the victim.

Deputies responded to Willie Davis Rd. in reference to a female knocking on someone door. While enroute, deputy made contact with the female on Hwy 56 North. While speaking with the female, she appeared to have an altered mental health status and would not give much info on how she got to where she was or where she lived. After talking with her for several minutes, she gave her name and DOB, and it was determined she had a NJ license and address. She was unable to give an address of where she came from or where she was going and was only able to state she wanted her dog and her parents.

She was transported to EMC for evaluation.

Deputy responded to Cowford Bridge Rd. in reference to an elderly female possibly being scammed.

Deputy approached a vehicle traveling at a low rate of speed and observed it cross the line and exit the shoulder of the road, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. The driver informed deputy that he did not speak English and began to communicate through translate on his phone. Deputy asked the driver for his license, and he stated he did not have one. Offender was then asked for his ID or Passport, and he advised he did not have those documents either. Offender was informed he would be going to jail and asked if he had someone to pick up his vehicle and he stated no and began speaking with someone on the phone. Offender was asked to step out of the vehicle and did not comply and continued to speak on the phone. The driver was then asked again to step out of the vehicle, and he complied and continued to speak on the phone. While on the phone, the individual sounded angry. The driver hung up and was placed under arrest and transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputy responded to EMC ER in reference to an incident that occurred on Angela Dr.

Complainant stated he struck debris on. Hwy 46 West with his camper causing disabling damage to the undercarriage. C/p stated one of his holding tanks was damaged, as well as one of the slide outs and fender wells.

August 22

Victim states he got a refund from the IRS but didn't file. Victim stated he called the SS office to report it and they told him to void the check.

Deputy assisted SPD with a vehicle chase and observed a subject matching the description of the suspect running into the wood line on S. Racetrack St. Deputy exited his vehicle and ran toward the wood line when the suspect ran from the wood line onto the back steps of a residence. Deputy gave command for the suspect to get on the ground and he complied. Offender was arrested on multiple charges and transported to EmCo Jail.

Complainant went to ECSO to file a complaint about offender harassing him and threatening to slander him on the internet. C/p stated he does not want anything to do with offender and wants to be left alone. C/p had a key to offender's house but did not want to return it in person due to fear of trouble, so he left it with ECSO.

Deputy responded to Pendleton Cutoff Rd. in reference to a domestic.

Deputy initiated a traffic stop on US 1 South.

Investigators were notified by the Sheriff of an incident that occurred with offender inside the jail.

Deputies were alerted to a suspicious person

call that initially started at an address on Robin Blvd. and would later lead to two addresses on Hwy 80 West. Subject in question was detained and found to be highly intoxicated on narcotics. Subject was described as being paranoid, irate and incoherent and forced his way into the first two abandoned houses and was adamant to the homeowners that someone was trying to kill him and he wanted someone to call 911 but did not want the police involved. The events described by the homeowner were unsettling and fighting in nature due to a complete stranger entering their home uninvited with such strange and unpredictable behaviors. A broken door window with all glass and framework was found busted, caused by the subject attempting forced entry using a yard rake. Subject was taken into custody and transported to EmCo Det. Ctr. For further investigation.

August 23

Deputy met with victim at ECSO for a report of fraudulent activity. Deputy responded to Hwy 46 East in reference to complainant stating his sister arranged for a vehicle to be transported to him from NC and the transport company sub-contracted the transport through another company. C/p stated his vehicle was delivered and it would not move from the side of the road where it was offloaded. C/p further stated that the driver of the transport truck advised him that while in transit, he suffered two flat tires on the car hauler and had to offload all vehicle so the tires could be changed. C/p believes the driver damaged his vehicle while offloading it and he refused to pay the \$1,100 hauling fee due to the damage. The driver stated he was sub-contracted to haul c/p's vehicle and stated he did not damage it and believes c/p is trying to avoid paying his for his services. The driver had the ignition key to the vehicle and turned it over to the deputy to give to c/p.

Deputies assisted GSP with a single vehicle crash on Hwy 57 East with no injuries reported.

Deputy responded to Overstreet Rd. in reference to a welfare check. Contact was made with the victim who stated he was fine but had been sick.

Deputy met with complainant at ECSO in reference to a report of damage to his vehicle. C/p stated while he was traveling on Hwy 1 South behind a tractor trailer, a rock was thrown from the trailer and struck his windshield, causing a crack/chip. C/p stated he tried to get the driver of the tractor trailer to stop with him but it merged onto I16 East without stopping. The trailer tag was advised to be through Nebraska and appeared to be a food transportation company trailer. Deputy was unable to get any information back on the given trailer tag.

Deputy responded to Rustic Grill in reference to a burglary alarm. Deputy checked all doors and windows with no signs of forced entry and escorted an employee inside and she reset the alarm.

August 24

Deputy responded to GLS Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute. Complainant advised that her boyfriend/offender had been drinking and left in her vehicle about an hour prior to dispatch. C/p advised when offender gets drunk, he gets "handsy" and did not want him to return to her location. C/p was on the phone with offender and he told her he was on his way back with her vehicle.

Deputy met with complainant and witness on I16 in reference to a traffic related accident. The accident occurred when two rear trailer wheels detached from the trailer axles of witness' vehicle and struck c/p's vehicle.

Deputy met with complainant at EC SO in reference to a report of TPO violation.

Suspects were taken into custody from Polly Cir. On warrants issued through the EmCo Court System and transported to EmCo Jail.

Investigator was located on Davis Rd. in reference to a suspicious package being received. Victim explained that he was contacted by an employment company via email after he submitted a request for information relating to employment and was told that he would receive one or more packages and he was to relabel them and forward them to the address on the label and he was to receive a check after all the packages were delivered to the employment company. Victim stated he suspected it was a scam and stopped all communication with the company and on this date, he received a package via FedEx and received an email from the company asking about the package. Victim advised all communication with the employment company stopped after he replied stating he was giving the package to ECSO. The package was turned over to ECSO.

Deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Antioch Church Rd.

Deputy spoke with complainant in reference to harassing/threatening text messages.

Investigators were contacted by SPD Detectives in reference to a stalking incident involving city employees. Sheriff's investigators were requested to investigate due to a conflict of interest.

August 25

Deputies responded to Crider in reference to a two-vehicle accident. Complainant stated offender hit her car while trying to park then moved to another parking space away from her and proceeded into the plant to work. The security officer found offender and took her to speak with deputies and she stated she was aware she hit the car but had nothing to

write on to leave a note. Deputies gathered both parties' information and advised them they could pick it up and take to their insurance companies.

Deputies responded to Oak Grove Church Rd. in reference to a comment being made. Complainant stated that while walking to the mailbox, he heard offender stated that he was going to pull out his gun and start shooting.

Deputy spoke with complainant in reference to a report of fraudulent activity.

Contact was made with offender on Hwy 80 where an active warrant was served on him. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputy responded to TCPD in reference to a report of an incident that occurred in EmCo. Complainant/victim stated she was robbed at a convenient store at the Bulloch Co./ Emanuel Co. line. She stated she was talking to offender on a dating app and they have been texting back and forth for a while and decided to finally meet up and hangout so she packed some belongings so she could stay the night with offender. C/p stated offender went to her residence in Statesboro and drove back towards Twin City and prior to getting into Twin City, offender pulled into the gas station and asked her to go inside to get him something to drink and offender backed out of the parking lot and left victim inside the store. Victim stated she called offender to confront him about leaving her and he stated, "good luck getting back home" and hung up. Victim stated her belongings were still in offender's vehicle, including her debit card and Cashapp card. Victim stated her Cashapp card had \$112 on it but only had \$18. Victim stated she was told that offender was seen at the Bulldog store in Twin City attempting to sell her iPad. TCPD advised she would stop by the store and review video footage.

August 26

Deputies responded to Ollie Youmans Rd. in reference to an irate female who had destroyed property. Complainant stated the female was in the house with his wife and EMS arrived and made contact with offender and she declined assistance. Offender explained that she was feeling vibrations and she was afraid of metal and that a EMP was going to explode was inside her. C/p took deputies to a trailer that offender had been staying in on his property and offender had taken furniture and appliances and stowed them all over the trailer. While speaking with c/p, offender failed to comply with deputies' orders, at which time she was placed under arrest and transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputies responded to PSSI in reference to a stolen gun. Complainant stated while he was at work, someone went into his vehicle and stole his 9mm pistol.

Deputies responded to Hwy 56 North in reference to a dispute. Deputies encountered offender who was very angry, and complainant stated she was tired of offender accusing her of things. Deputies spoke with offender who stated c/p started yelling at him. Offender stated he told c/p that he knew she was cheating on him and that's when she hit him in the head and called the law.

Deputies responded to Prosperity Dr. in reference to fraud. Complainant stated a lady from Sandersville contacted him wanting to know where her puppy was and after questioning her, he learned the lady saw an ad on Facebook from his account and had sent money to his Cashapp. C/p stated he told the lady his account had been hacked because he didn't have any puppies, nor did she send money to his account.

August 27

Deputy responded to Powell Dr. in reference to an ATV accident. Deputy found victim laying on the ground complaining of pain in the center of his back radiating to his chest. Victim explained he attempted to push his friend up a hill with his ATV when it overturned on him and landed on his chest. EMS arrived and transported victim.

Deputy responded to Old Blundale Rd. in reference to trespassing.

August 28

Deputies responded to Leman Rd. in reference to a trespasser who attempted to burn down a building. Complainant stated she went to check damage to a door from a previous incident and she noticed someone had attempted to light the shed on fire. Deputy observed a burnt spot on the entrance door with several other burnt items on top of a metal stand. C/p and victim stated offender had been observed walking on the property after she had been told not to the night prior. Both stated offender has a grudge on victim due to her husband being on the run. C/p stated an unknown individual had been seen running from victim's camper in the early morning hours the night prior.

Deputy responded to August Rd. in reference to a burglary that occurred. Complainants stated two males entered the church and broke into the pastor's office and took appx. \$2,500 cash. C/p's stated suspects could be seen entering the back door and one was holding a shovel that was used to try to open the office door, then they walked into the kitchen and grabbed two knives to assist with breaking into the office. Once they made entry, one male walked in then right back out as if he knew exactly what he was looking for. C/p believes one of the males to be someone from the program that recently left on bad terms. On-call Investigator was notified.

Jail Report

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

Daniel Ray Boone, entered 8/21/23; DUI/alch/Failure to maintain lane; released 8/21/23; GSP

James Henry Parker, entered 8/21/23; Driving lic susp/rev/No insurance; released 8/21/23; SPD

Dominick Gavin Landon, entered 8/21/23; Probation/Superior court; ECSO

Colton Daniel Olliff, entered 8/21/23; Cruelty to children; released 8/23/23; ECSO

Reggie Ramon Grier, entered 8/21/23; Operation of veh w/o tag/decal/DUI/refusal; released 8/22/23; SPD

Cristain Ovidio, entered 8/21/23; Failure to maintain lane/Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 8/22/23; ECSO

Brian Vernon Mosley, entered 8/22/23; Fleeing/attempt to elude ofc/Other/VGCSA possession of drug related object/Cruelty to children/Trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana or meth/Other/Firearm poss by conv felon/Firearm/knife posses/

crime/attempt crime/Cruelty to children/Driving lic susp/rev/Tamper w/evidence/VGCSA possession marijuana w/intent to distribute/Mutiny in penal instit/Obstr/ofc; SPD

Gwendolyn Shankie Robertson, entered 8/22/23; Probation/Superior court; ECSO

Margie Baarber Wilkerson, entered 8/22/23; DUI/drugs/Leaving scene of accident/Failure to maintain lane; released 8/22/23; SPD

Andrew Jackson Williams, entered 8/22/23; Crim trespass; ECSO

James Allen Denison, entered 8/22/23; Probation/Superior court; ECSO

Kaitlyn Paige Wright, entered 8/22/23; Disorderly conduct; ECSO

Zulia Ramos Landaverde, entered 8/22/23; Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 8/22/23; ECSO

Michael Anthony Mason, entered 8/23/23; Theft/shoplifting; released 8/23/23; SPD

Brett Hise, entered 8/23/23; Child support/Superior court contempt order; released 8/23/23; ECSO

Samuel Anthony Worthington, entered 8/23/23; Child support/Superior Court contempt order; ECSO

Maurice Dwayne Pullens, entered 8/23/23; Other/Bench warrant/State court/ Hold for out of county billing/Bench warrant/State court; SPD

Jarmarion Jacquez Pullens, entered 8/23/23; Disorderly conduct; released 8/24/23; SPD

Janet Lannette Aldrich, entered 8/24/23; DUI/drugs/Failure to maintain lane; released 8/24/23; SPD

Ashley Paul Hood, entered 8/24/23; Probation/Superior Court/Bench warrant/Superior Court; ECSO

Lisa Marie Sluder, entered 8/24/23; Bench warrant/Superior Court/Other/Probation/Adrian PD/Middle Ga Probation; ECSO

Robert La'Jarrion Thomas, entered 8/24/23; Driving lic susp/rev/Seatbelt violation/other; released 8/24/23; SPD

Joshua Trenton Neesmith, entered 8/24/23; Probation/Superior court; ECSO

Tamika Robertson Moore, entered 8/24/23; DUI less safe; released 8/25/23; SPD

Aaron Michael Williams, entered 8/24/23; Probation/Superior court/Probation/Superior court; ECSO

Tevaris Terrell Harris, entered 8/25/23; Other; SPD

Hugh Avery Glisson, entered 8/25/23; Probation/Superior court; ECSO

Kirk Petter Lee Fehr, entered 8/25/23;

Stalking; ECSO
Zhivago Estrada Travet, entered 8/25/23; VGCSA possession cocaine; SPD
Remington Blake Lamb, entered 8/25/23; Possession of cocaine; SPD

Jami Janae Davis, entered 8/26/23; VGCSA possession of drug related object; SPD

Antonio Ramon Duffie, entered 8/26/23; Driving lic susp/rev/VGCSA possession of drug related object; SPD

Stephanie Layne Roberson, entered 8/26/23; Disorderly conduct; released 8/26/23; ECSO

Tywan Le'Keith Boynton, entered 8/26/23; Aggr assault/Cruelty to children 3rd degree; SPD

Woodrow Sagun Smith, entered 8/27/23; Disorderly conduct; released 8/27/23; SPD

Michael Burgess, entered 8/27/23; DUI/alch; released 8/27/23; ECSO

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

August 18

Officer observed a vehicle traveling 45 MPH in a 35 MPH school zone, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer spoke with the driver who handed him documents from Mexico and upon running his info, the driver came back with no license. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer ran the plate on a vehicle to fine it had no insurance, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. The driver had no license and was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer observed a vehicle go through an intersection without even slowing down, at which time she initiated a traffic stop. The driver advised he realized he didn't stop at the intersection and was sorry and wasn't from this area, then provided his license. Officer verified the driver's license to find he had active warrants through Bulloch and Screven Co. Officer asked dispatch to confirm the warrant status and both counties wanted a hold placed. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer was dispatched to Price St. in reference to stolen bike. The male

and female were transported to EmCo Jail for interference with an officer.

Officer performed a traffic stop on Williams St. and could smell a very strong odor of marijuana coming from the north side of the street. Three male subjects started walking away from the area and the officer briefly spoke with them then walked to the area they came from and found a clear plastic bag containing meth and a cigarillo container that contained marijuana. Other officers arrived on scene, as well as Ofc. Young and K-9 Maya. Maya was deployed and found more illegal drugs, a digital scale and a pistol. Offenders were arrested and transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer observed a vehicle with no lights on sitting at the picnic table area at Harmon Park. As he approached the vehicle, he could smell a strong odor of marijuana, and the driver sat up in the seat and crank up the car. Office then gave verbal commands to turn the vehicle off and let down the window. As the driver let down the window, a large amount of smoke rolled out. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

August 19

Officer observed a

vehicle with no taillights, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer approached the vehicle and asked the driver for her license, and he could smell a strong odor of perfume coming from the vehicle. Officer asked offender to step out of the vehicle and he could tell her eyes were glassy and bloodshot. Officer asked offender if she would do a field sobriety and she stated yes. Offender was arrested for DUI and transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer observed a driver with no seatbelt, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. As he approached the vehicle, he could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Offender advised he smoked earlier in the day and was asked to step out of the vehicle. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer was dispatched to Jerome St. in reference to a damaged vehicle report. Upon arrival, officer observed a vehicle with a smashed windshield that appeared to have been hit twice with a large rock found on the porch.

Officer was dispatched to Lakewood Dr. in reference to a stolen property report. Complainant stated his lawn mower and trailer was stolen from behind his residence.

Officer was dispatched to McDonald's in reference to a damaged vehicle. Complainant stated she was in the drive-thru and a vehicle struck the carrier attached to her truck and she attempted to speak with the driver, but she was very old and did not understand what c/p was saying and drove away prior to officer's arrival.

Officer was dispatched to Longview Rd. in reference to a civil dispute. Complainant reported offender and witness went to c/p's residence unannounced to repossess a log trailer that was reportedly owned by offender but in the possession of c/p. Offender alleged that c/p has not paid him for the trailer and c/p alleged that offender has not paid him for hauling multiple

loads of timber.

Officer responded to Howarth Dr. in reference to dogs at large. Complainant advised their neighbor's dogs and puppies keep getting out of their pen and going into their yard terrorizing c/p's dogs. Officer observed appx. 6-8 puppies and two larger bulldogs on the property. Officer attempted to make contact with the resident on McLeod Dr. but had negative contact. Code Enforcement was notified.

Officers were dispatched to Howarth Dr. for a dog at large. Complainant stated dogs are going into her yard messing with her dog who's on an underground collar system. Eight dogs were located running loose on McLeod Dr. AC1 loaded the dogs and transported them to the shelter.

Officers were dispatched to S. Main St. for a damage to vehicle report. Contact was made with complainant and his wife who stated an unknown offender hit their vehicle.

Officer observed a vehicle with altered suspension, at which time he initiated a traffic stop.

Officer responded to 7th St. for loud music.

Officer responded to Moreland Ave. for someone taking tools. Complainant stated tools were stolen and money from his lock box had been broken into.

August 20

Officer was dispatched to Cross St. in reference to a stolen wallet. Officer could smell a heavy odor of alcoholic beverage coming from complainant who stated a female was there to see a friend of his and she took his wallet with \$700 cash, his ID card and his SS card in it. C/p gave offender's name and advised she left walking east on Mabel Ave. Officers searched the area but could not find the female subject.

Officers exited their vehicles on Williams St. at an open wooded lot near Rentz St. in reference to individuals loitering on the property in a high drug activity area. Officers located a digi-

tal scale and could smell marijuana in the area. A brown paper bag was located with two separate bags with marijuana and suspected cocaine in them.

Officer noticed a vehicle real close to the rear of his vehicle and followed him very closely for a little bit, so he pulled off the side of the road to let the vehicle pass by. Officer got behind the vehicle and ran the tag to find the owner had suspended license, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

August 21

Officer ran the registration on a vehicle to find it did not have valid insurance, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer approached the vehicle and asked for the driver's license and he stated he did not have a license due to them being suspended for child support. Officer ran the driver's info to find his license are suspended for child support and DUI. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer met with complainant at SPD in reference to a previously occurred dispute. C/p stated she got home and saw there were no open parking spots around her apartment, so she parked in the driveway and her neighbor pulled up and started yelling at her. C/p stated offender got out of her vehicle and pulled out a baseball bat. C/p stated that she and offender's people were called and showed up and she and offender argued back and forth but it never got physical. C/p heard offender state that anytime she saw her, she was going to try to fight her.

Officers were dispatched to Hickory Trace Cir. For a report being made about complainant's car being keyed. Officer asked c/p if she knew of anyone that could have done it and she stated that her ex/suspect has been harassing her for months and de drives around her residence stalking her. C/p stated she suspects her ex is still calling her work from a blocked number and is in fear of

what he may do next.

Officer was dispatched to Moreland Ave. where complainant advised when he got to his shop, the back roll-up door was open and several items were missing to include half his toolboxes, eight car batteries, 19 catalytic converters, three carburetors, two torch kits, two jump boxes, one vacuum cleaner and two heaters.

Officer met with victim at SPD in reference to a stolen firearm.

Officer met with complainant at Peking in reference to his wallet being stolen. C/p stated he was fixing a to-go plate and knew his wallet was in his back pocket and when he went to pay, it was gone.

Officer observed a vehicle with a blank tag, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Upon making contact with the driver, he could smell an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Offender exited the vehicle and the officer observed him with thick speech and unsteady balance and his eyes were watery and bloodshot. Officer asked offender how much he had to drink and if he would provide a field sobriety and he stated he would, then requested his lawyer to be present. Offender asked for officer's supervisor and he advised he was the shift supervisor and advised he could see the captain during business hours. Offender asked questions about field sobriety and as he was trying to explain it, officer read a consent several times but was unable to complete it due to offender ignoring it ad yelling and speaking to a female at a residence. Officer attempted to read the consent again and offender refused to comply. He was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI and transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer was dispatched to S. Racetrack St. in reference to loud music full of profanity being blasted through the open door of a residence. Contact was made with offender who was issued a citation due to being warned about it earlier in the shift.



Legals

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF LEWIS EDWARD OGLESBY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 23E0100
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
 MICHAEL OGLESBY has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of LEWIS EDWARD OGLESBY 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 SEPTEMBER 5, 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 Street Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
 Address
 (478) 237-7091
 Telephone Number

DUNN, deceased late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This the 3rd day of August 2023.
 Billy Chapman, executor/executrix of the estate of
 Fred Dunn, decedent.
 P.O. Box 559 Swainsboro, GA. 30401
 Address of Executor
 (478)494-4341
 Telephone

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of George W. Culbreth, 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 16th day of August, 2023.
 George W. Culbreth, Jr. and Gladys Culbreth,
 Co-Administrators of the Estate of George W. Culbreth, Sr., decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Michael Paul Thompson, 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 17th day of August, 2023.
 Cal Morris Thompson, Executor of the Estate of
 Michael Paul Thompson, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of WILLIE JAMES BUIE, decedent late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
 This the 16th day of August, 2023.
 KRYSTLE LATISHA HUDSON, executrix of the estate of
 WILLIE JAMES BUIE, decedent.
 3300 Murfreesboro Pike Apt. 527
 Antioch, TN. 37013
 Address of Executrix
 (478)331-2636
 Telephone

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of MATTIE MERLE SNIPS WILSON, descendant late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the

undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
 This the 18th day of August, 2023.
 DAVID JEFFERY WILSON, executor of the estate of
 MATTIE MERLE SNIPS WILSON, decedent.
 19 Stockton Place
 Villa Rica, Ga. 30180
 Address of Executor
 (770) 845-8754
 Telephone

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
KENNETH PEEBLES PLAINTIFF,
C I V I L

ACTION NO. VS.

KAITLYN DANIELLE PEEBLES
MICHAEL REFFETT
DONALD SCOTT ALLEN
DEFENDANTS.
NOTICE AND SUMMONS TO:
KAITLYN DANIELLE PEEBLES
MICHAEL REFFETT
DONALD SCOTT ALLEN
 You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

Marnique W. Oliver
 Attorney at Law, LLC
 115 S. Racetrack Street
 P.O. Box 308
 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
 (478) 289-7661
 An answer to the Petition for Change of Custody which is here with served upon you must be received within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint/Petition.
 This _____, 2023.

Clerk, Emanuel County Superior Court

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF JANICE PAGE ROWLAND, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 23E0109
NOTICE

The petition of ANDREW JOHNNY ROWLAND, for an order declaring no administration is necessary in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
 This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition, in this Court on or before September 29, 2023.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any

objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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 Address
 (478) 237-7091
 Telephone Number

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of James G. Lynch, 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 24th day of August, 2023.
 Jerry N. Cadle, Executor of the Estate of
 James G. Lynch, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401


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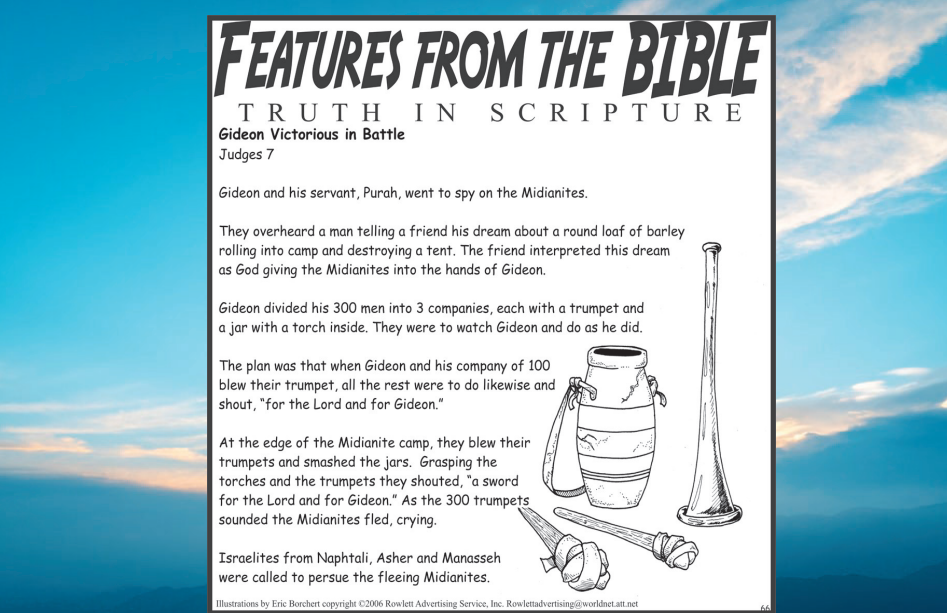
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Gideon divided his 300 men into 3 companies, each with a trumpet and a jar with a torch inside. They were to watch Gideon and do as he did.
The plan was that when Gideon and his company of 100 blew their trumpet, all the rest were to do likewise and shout, "For the Lord and for Gideon."
At the edge of the Midianite camp, they blew their trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches and the trumpets they shouted, "a sword for the Lord and for Gideon." As the 300 trumpets sounded the Midianites fled, crying.
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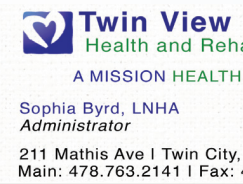


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The following occurred during the Emanuel County Superior Court July 2023 term:

Joshua Michael Chapman negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of

meth. He was fined \$500 with 15 years probation, RSAT susp. for rehab; one count driving while license suspended with 12 months probation. Defendant is sentenced to a total of 15 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence includes a behavior incentive date of 8/23/2026 in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 17.10.1.

Victoria Garnto negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of meth. She was fined \$500 with three years probation, 60-90 days PDC; one count possession of drug related object with 12 months probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of three years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served as determined by the

custodian.

Victoria Garnto negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of meth. She was fined \$500 with three years probation, 60-90 days PDC; one count possession of marijuana less than oz with 12 months probation; one count possession of drug related object with 12 months probation. Defendant is sentenced to a total of three years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian.

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THE BRIER CREEK ARTILLERY AND MILITIA

The Veterans at the Library holds event at the park

Several members of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution traveled to the Veterans and First Responders Memorial Park in Swainsboro on Saturday, August 26, 2023, to participate in the event held by the Veterans at the Library, to Honor the 13 service members that were killed on August 26, 2021, in Kabul, Afghanistan. On September 6, 2021, 13 flags were erected on the fence in front of the Memorial Park to honor these fallen service members. Also, one U.S. Flag was erected in memory of the National Guard sol-

dier that drowned on the Rio Grande in Texas saving two illegal immigrants that were smuggling drugs into the U.S. Border. This year's event, held at 11 a.m. was attended by more than 50 people. The event opened with a welcome from Johnny Tapley, then the invocation was given by Rev. Emory Fennell. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, remarks were made by Johnny Tapley. Next the Rememberance of the Service Members was held by Albert Hall saying each member's name and a bell was rung by

Jim McCurdy after each. A banner with each service members name was carried to the fence for the "Hanging of the Banner" assisted by members of the "Glad Garden Club". Commander Steve Burke of the Sons of the American Revolution, then held the Flintlock and Cannon Salute with a 3-round volley, 12 flintlock shots by four militia and 18 cannon shots fired by six cannons of the Brier Creek Artillery and Militia. Veteran Robert Nobles then played taps on his bugle. Afterward, Rev. Emory Fennell gave the benediction.

Hunters Safety Course a success

The Hunters Safety Course hosted by Ridgeway Lodge #104 of Garfield was a huge success. There were close to 30 participants ranging in a variety of ages and attending from a number of local towns. Thanks to Georgia DNR Officers Thain and Wilcox for making the course a great success! Thanks to all the local businesses who generously donated to this event



DNR OFFICERS THAIN AND WILCOX WITH PARTICIPANTS and to Ridgeway Lodge members for your tremendous help throughout the day. Ridgeway Lodge hopes to make this a yearly event.

ECI FFA members and advisors attend the Statewide Floral Design training

Emanuel County Institute FFA member Halli Kate Johnson recently attended the statewide FFA Floral Design Career Development Event training held at Camp John Hope. The workshop is designed specifically for FFA members and FFA Advisors to strengthen their floral design skills as well as build confidence in their creative ability. Randy Wooten (Delorice's Florist) and Georgia State Florist Association members led the training. The partnership between middle and high school agriculture programs and the Georgia State Florist Association plays a fundamental role in preparing students for future careers in the floral industry. The FFA Advisor/Agriculture Teacher who attended was Ms. Tori Pellerin.

This year's State Floral Design Training participants were divided into two groups. Sessions were

developed for both junior (6th-9th grade) and senior (10th-12th grade) levels. These specialized sessions allowed students more individual attention to hone their design skills in a particular area. Students learned to create traditional and modern bud vases, boutonnieres, corsages, centerpieces, and bouquets using the latest trends and techniques from the industry.

The Floral Design Career Development Event, which will be held this fall, allows students to showcase their talents in a competitive environment by utilizing the principles and elements of design. Students use the principles of balance, proportion, scale, focal point, emphasis, rhythm, harmony, unity, and the technique of flower placement to create their designs. The top two students from each of the six area events will move on to compete on the state



PELLERIN WITH STUDENTS AT DESIGN TRAINING level in December at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

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ership and helps set the direction for FFA as a service to the local agricultural education programs.

FFA is an integral part of the agricultural education program in public schools. The FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-291 and 21-2-235, notice is hereby given that the Twin City Municipal Election scheduled for November 7, 2023 has been cancelled. The following people have qualified for office and are unopposed:

- City Commission Ward 1 Jesse S. Brown
- City Commission Ward 2 William R. Brown III
- Mayor Matt W. Donaldson

Kerry K. Curry
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After dark one night a religious leader named Nicodemus went to visit Jesus. As their conversation unfolded Jesus said, "No one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again." "Nicodemus," Jesus said, "your earthly birth record will not allow you entrance to heaven. You need a birth certificate that has been issued by God!"

When we are born the first time, we are born into an "earthly family" because we have an "earthly father." It is only when we are born a second time - "born again" - by accepting Christ as our Savior that we are assured of "seeing" the Kingdom of God. "I am the Way," said Jesus, "if You want to be a citizen in My Kingdom."

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