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Happy Grandparents Day!

A grandparent is warm hugs and sweet memories. They remember all of your accomplishments and forget all of your mistakes. They help you establish the foundations of love that you'll build your life upon, and they give and give endlessly without regret. A grandparent is a best friend for life and we hope that you'll observe this Grandparents Day on Sunday, September 10, with your built in best friends that deserve your time the most!

Happy grandparents' day!



LETHA AND JAMES HALL OF CANOOCHEE ENJOY MAKING MEMORIES WITH THEIR GRANDCHILDREN AT LAKE SINCLAIR LEFT TO RIGHT; VICTORIA PETERSON, L HALL, NOLAN WILLIAMS, J HALL AND KIMBER RAE PETERSON

Ready for some Friday Night Lights?

ECI Bulldogs vs Dublin at Home - 7:30 P.M. (Friday, Sept. 8)

DEA Eagles vs Westwood Academy at Home - 7:30 P.M. (Friday, September 8)

Swainsboro Tigers vs Dodge County at Dodge County - 7:30 P.M. (Friday, Sept. 8)



EMC EMPLOYEES WEARING THEIR SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH SHIRTS

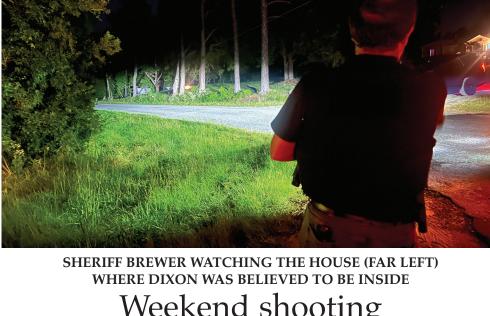
EMC recognizes Sepsis Awareness Month

This September, Emanuel Medical Center joins healthcare organizations around the world in recognizing "Sepsis Awareness Month." This is an opportunity for EMC to work together, to raise awareness of this condition that is the leading cause of death among

patients in American hospitals.

Sepsis is the body's overwhelming life-threatening response to infection that can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death. In other words, it's your body's overactive and toxic response to an infection. Like strokes or heart attacks, sepsis is a workshop in August, medical emergency that outstanding faculty and requires rapid diagnosis staff were acknowland treatment. Sepsis can edged. lead to severe sepsis and achieving service mileseptic shock.

Month spread the word dedication and years about sepsis-you can of service. In addition, help save lives.



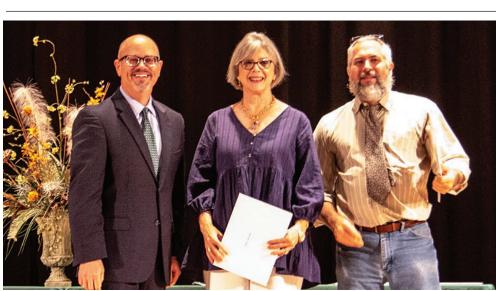
Weekend shooting in Swainsboro neighborhood

Shortly after 10 p.m. Saturday, September 2, the Emanuel County 911 center received a call stating that a person had been shot on Harrison Drive in Swainsboro. Upon arrival of law enforcement officials an adult male was found with multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was later identified as Frederick P Anthony, 33, of Swainsboro. He was transported to the local emergency room and later transferred to an Augusta trauma center, where he is still hospitalized.

Within the hour, a second call was received regarding a home invasion with shots fired on Glenwood Road in Swainsboro. When law enforcement arrived, the suspect had already fled the scene. At that time, no injuries were reported. The suspect in both incidents was identified as Johnnie Lee Dixon, Jr, 35, of Swainsboro. While multiple local law enforcement agencies were searching for Dixon, the vehicle he had been driving was found at a residence on Glenwood Road, adjacent to what was believed to be Dixon's residence. Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer contacted the Burke County Sheriff's Office and requested a

SWAT team for assistance. Local law enforcement surrounded the residence while the SWAT team made entrance. However, Dixon was not located

At approximately 9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 3, Dixon presented himself at the Emanuel Co Detention Center and was taken into custody. Dixon had a gunshot wound to the right chest he apparently suffered sometime during the night. At that point Dixon was transported to Emanuel Medical Center and then to an Augusta trauma Continued on page 3A)



DR. SCHECTER WITH 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS **BRASHER AND SHARMAN**

East Georgia State College honors employees at Appreciation and Recognition Program

Each year at East Georgia State College's (EGSC) fall workshop, faculty and staff come together to meet about the upcoming academic year. During the workshop, the annual EGSC Employee Appreciation Recognition Program is held.

During this year's Employees stones were present-This Sepsis Awareness ed awards for their STAR Staff Awards and

Distinguished Faculty Awards were presented to faculty and staff who have gone above and beyond for students.

The first awards given out, the Service

Milestone Awards, were for years of service. The award recipients have 325 years of combined service to EGSC.

For 25 years of service, Continued on page 7A)



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Shelter dogs to be euthanized if not adopted

The Emanuel County Humane Society and The Forest-Blade are partnering together to save the lives of shelter dogs at the Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter in Swainsboro. Each week The Forest-Blade will feature dogs from the shelter whose time is almost up

soon if not adopted. The **Emanuel County Humane** Society will sponsor these dogs featured in the paper weekly by paying for their adoption fee, spaying/neutering and rabies shot when they are adopted. These are dogs/pup-

and will be euthanized pies that have been at the shelter the longest. When the shelter is full, like it is now, room has to be made for other dogs to come in. NO ONE likes the thoughts of innocent, healthy dogs having to be "put to death" to make room for more

dogs/puppies. It is not the shelter's fault, nor the staff who lovingly care for these dogs. It is State Regulations handed down by the Georgia Department of Agriculture in order to operate a city/county animal shelter. Blame also

needs to be put on irresponsible pet owners who don't spay/neuter their pets: therefore, allowing them to have unwanted litters of puppies/kittens.

If you can give one of these precious fur babies a loving home, contact the shelter right away at

478-237-4040 or go by there soon. Remember, you will be saving the life of a dog that will be giving you so much love. Their days are almost over, SO PLEASE HURRY!

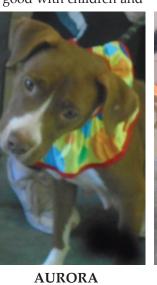
"Aurora" is a female bulldog mix. She is a very loving mother dog and has five beautiful puppies ready to be adopted. She is good with children and

other dogs and has a very sweet and loving personality. Her age is about two years old and she weighs 42 lbs.

"Flo" is a female black/ tan Shepherd mix and is about a year old. She's little on the shy side but likes to be around other

dogs. She weighs 38 lbs. "Molly" is a black female Lab mix. She is about a year old and weighs 27 lbs.

"Gumbo" is a playful and handsome tricolored Bulldog mix male dog. He is about a year old and weighs 42 lbs. After some play time, he is ready for a belly rub and some quiet time with his person.









GUMBO



MOLLY

DAR to hold meeting

The Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution will meet on September 14, at 3 p.m. on the campus of East Georgia State College. Members are encouraged to bring items for project Homefront (shaving cream, razors, white socks, board games, coloring books for adults and children, crayons, children's books, playing cards, adult books, baby wipes, toiletries, wrapped cheese crackers, face cleansers, small



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then obtaining Eastbrook Cemetery in 2005; and the purchase of Chapman Funeral Home in 2010.

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(From front page) center. Investigators are working to determine the circumstances involved in the gunshot wound to Dixon as well as all other unresolved details associated with the case. Law Enforcement officials

have stated that no weap-

ons were fired at any time local deputy. by department personnel during the response to these two incidents.

Dixon was released from the hospital in Augusta Sunday afternoon and was escorted to the Emanuel County Detention Center by a Sheriff Brewer commended the actions of the involved public safety agencies, and requested anyone with additional information regarding these two incidents contact the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office.

First appearance held for Dixon Tuesday afternoon

A first appearance hearing was held for Johnnie Lee Dixon, Jr, 35, of Swainsboro, on Tuesday, September 5, at 2:44 p.m., before honorable Judge Bobby Reeves in the Emanuel County Superior Courtroom. During his hearing, Dixon was charged with breaking and entering a residence on Glenwood Road in Swainsboro by shooting through the front door with a shotgun while residents were inside the home, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon x2, aggravated assault, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon at a residence on Harrison Drive in Swainsboro. This is still an ongoing case with possibly more charges



pending. No bail or bond was set during the hear-

After Dixon was read his charges and rights, he was asked if he understood what he was being charged with to which he replied, "Not quite,"

and preceded to state that he was under the influence of alcohol and pills that night and only remembers waking up in the hospital and being told that he was being charged with aggravated

Mason speaks at Exchange Club

On Tuesday, August 29, Gary Mason presented an update on Wreaths Across America to the Swainsboro Exchange Club. A \$500 donation is being made by the club to the local WAA project. This year's ceremony will be held at the Swainsboro City Cemetery on December 16, beginning at 10 a.m.



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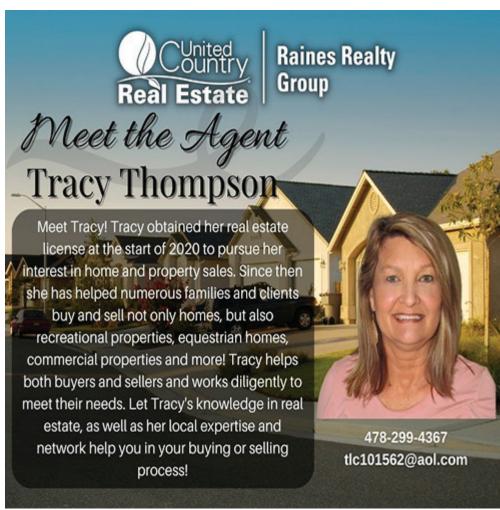
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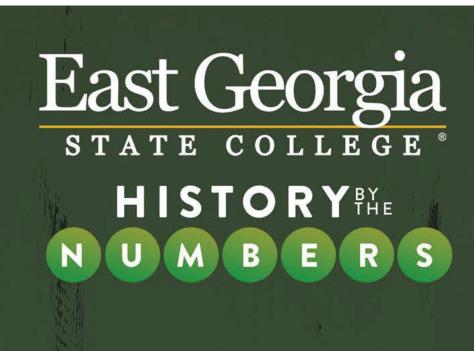
Cooking with apples

Tammy Allen, from Emanuel County Family Connection, teamed up with Emanuel County Farm to School and Mandi Johnson's STEAM classes to organize apple baking activities. Apples are Georgia's Farm to School "Harvest of the Month" in September, making this a perfect opportunity for students to learn



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WHEN CODY OSTING AND WILL ADAMS, JR., WALKED ACROSS THE STAGE DURING EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014, THEY NOT ONLY EARNED THEIR FOUR-YEAR DEGREE IN BIOLOGY, THEY ALSO MADE COLLEGE HISTORY AS THE









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Numbers 32:23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out.

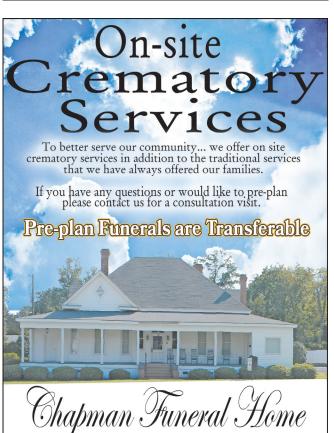
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Christopher Michael "Bubba" Lovett, 24

Christopher Mr. Michael "Bubba" Lovett, age 24, of Swainsboro, passed away Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at his residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 3, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Brad McKenzie officiating. Interment followed in Eastbrook Cemetery. The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, September 2, at Chapman Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Tim Smith, Justin Stavely, Ryder Lamb, Austin Bose, Tyler Roberson and Derek Jukes. Christopher was born

November 6, 1998, to Michael Earl Lovett and Wendy Kirby. He worked as a night shift supervisor at Battle Lumber. Bubba loved cooking, racing go carts, trail riding on his side by side, riding four-wheelers, and working on trucks and automobiles. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Bubba loved his children and his family. Mr. Lovett is preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Linda Wilkerson; and maternal grandparents, Roger Kirby and Olien



Hutcheson Kirby. Mr. Lovett is sur-

vived by his parents, Michael Lovett of Wadley and Wendy Kirby of Swainsboro; fiancée, Hailey Lane of Swainsboro; daughter, Falon Grace Lovett; sons, Liam Dewey Lovett and Sawyer Tate Lovett, all of Swainsboro; sisters, Whitney Lovett of Adrian, Mikendy Webb of Swainsboro, and Kelli Giles of Oak Park; brother, Matt Giles (Kelsey) of Adrian and Joe Lovett of Twin City; paternal grandfather, Bob Lovett of Adrian; stepmother, Suzanna Lovett of Twin City; nephew, Weston Moore; and several aunts, uncles and many

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Barbara "BJ" Wood Williams,

Williams, age 76, passed away Monday, June 12, 2023, at AU Medical Center in Augusta. Memorial service was held Monday, September 11, at 11 a.m. at First Methodist Church in Swainsboro with Rev. David Unkles officiating.

BI was born in Texas to the late Mack and Eloise Wood. She worked in Interior Design and

Mrs. Barbara "BJ" Wood Landscape Design. BJ was a member of Swainsboro First Methodist Church. Mrs. Williams is preceded in death by her parents.

vived by her husband, Jim prehend. It seems in the Williams; brother, Chip carnal world that things Wood; and sister, Linda are getting brighter and Parrish.

Tomlinson

Coat giveaway to be held

A&O Aftercare Center will be hosting a coat give- minor things that will away Saturday, September 9, at 334 Lee St., Swainsboro, make you think that we starting at 11 a.m. Brand new coats and warm food will are advancing. be FREE. Be warm and cozy during this winter season!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Emanuel County is very lucky to have such well-trained deputies! They recently responded to my house after I called 911 for a fellow that pushed himself in my home. Deputies didn't hesitate to search the woods, regardless of the danger and 100-degree temperatures, and were very professional and quick to respond.

May God bless them and all of our 1st respond-

L. Taylor

Emily Riner Mason, 92

Mrs. Emily Riner Mason, 92, of Swainsboro, passed away Sunday, September 3, 2023, at Emanuel County Nursing Home following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 5, at 3 p.m. at the Chapel of Chapman Funeral home with Reverend Louis Pearce officiating. The family received friends Tuesday, September 5, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Swainsboro City Cem-

Pallbearers were her nephews.

Mrs. Mason was born September 6, 1930, to the late Edgar R. Riner and Sallie Lawson Riner. She attended Swainsboro High School and Perry Business College. Mrs. Mason was a member of the First Baptist Church of Swainsboro, Agape Sunday School Class, and also a member of the David Emanuel Chapter DAR. She was the first lady to solo and get her flying license in Emanuel County. Her hobbies included fish-

MASON

ing, cooking, and traveling. Mrs. Mason is preceded in death by her parents; husband, James B. Mason; brothers, Ulys Riner, Frank Riner, Talmadge Riner, and Alford Riner.

Mrs. Mason is survived by her sons, Jimmy (Mamie) Mason of Townsend, Bobby Mason and Bill Mason, both of Swainsboro; brother, Hollis Riner of Dublin; a host of grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to any charity or church of your choice.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrange-

Light in darkness

For some reason this phrase keeps ringing in my head. "...light in darkness, my God, that is who you are.". Yes, a light in darkness. We need the light as this world is getting darker by the minute.

Oh yes, we have advancements happening Mrs. Williams is sur- faster than we can combetter. We have technol-Funeral ogy beyond our compre-Home & Crematory was hension. Cars are now in charge of arrange- telling you that you are driving too close. car tells you that the car ahead of you has just pulled off. These are just

side of life. That side is abstract. The things which are not seen. Things that are destructive and dangerous which cannot be controlled by man. The darkness of this world is presented in some of these: hatred, greed, wars, murders, jealousy, broken relationships, and the list goes on. No, technology cannot control these.

We need light during these dark times.



BISHOP JONES In the beginning, God said, " Let there be light and there was light. (Gen.1:3). Also, John 1:4 tells us about Jesus. " In him was life; and the life was the light of men. The light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." Our life today needs the light of Jesus Christ, for he is the

light of the world. He is truly the savior of the world. Study the light for yourself. No one wants to be in darkness. Let the light of the life of Jesus shine in your heart today for Jesus is the living Word. He is truly a light in every dark place in your life if you will only let him. He is our light in darkness. Walk in the light.

Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church honors Senior Citizens and Retirees

During morning worship Sunday, August 27, 2023, Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Cross-Green Community honored its Senior Citizens and Retirees. The program was sponsored by the Mission Ministry using the theme "The Sweetness of Growing Old" with Isaiah 46:4 (NIV) as the chosen scripture: "Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you".

Elizabeth G. Harrison presided over the program. Others appearing on program were Dr. Elvira G. Jackson, Patricia Sanders, Dr. Barbara Jordan and Rev. Michael Thomas. While

all senior citizens par-

ticipated through action retired from Emanuel

RETIREES JOANNE BRINSON, TONYA COTTON (STANDING IN FOR HER MOTHER MARION MILLS) AND FANNIE WALKER

songs and recall, each retiree spoke to the years of service she had provided in the work force. Joanne Brinson retired from the United States Postal Service after 40 years; Marion Mills

Medical Center after 46 years; and Fannie Walker provided 25 years of service to Wadley Shirt Company and 28 years of service to Burke County Service Center, making her total years

of service 53 years. Each retiree was presented an award, a specially designed church cup, and a rose pen.

All attendees were provided a delicious meal as they exited the front doors.

Editorials Columns ___ The true joy of Labor Day

I hope everyone had a good Labor Day holiday. The weather was beautiful. All the TV weathermen and weatherwomen were heroes and still have their jobs. In other areas dealing with employment, however, the skies are a bit cloudy. UPS has settled their threatened labor strike, and for my money, they deserve it. Ford employees are not happy with their paycheck and the electric Fords are not selling too well so we may have a little problem there. The airline pilots and the writers in Hollywood are still threatening to strike. My personal feeling on this one is: if I get on an airplane, I want a

happy pilot up front who likes his job and his check, a lot. The Hollywood writers crowd...I'm not too worried about them.

It's good to have a job but unlike President Biden, I don't think every job has to be a "good union job." That's his favorite expression whenever he talks about the new, wonderful clean-energy jobs. It's always got to be a good "union" job. How many good union jobs do you think they have over in Russia or Cuba or China or North Korea? The answer is None. Not happy with your job? Try asking Putin for a raise, and good luck. Over there, they call unions "workers' rights organizations" but all the employees in these lovely countries work for the central government. Kinda like Biden, huh? He's worked for the central government in Washington, D.C. for the last 53 years. It's the only job he's ever had. He was a lifeguard once, but I don't think he was a union man then.

Work is good for you. Anyhow, that's what my parents and my wife always told me. Every banker I have ever known also repeated that phrase to me as I signed the note. Work makes you get up, get organized, face the world, and stick to a schedule. The psychology folks say when we work, it releases endorphins and dopamine into your system which sounds like something you could get arrested for but really is natural and good for you and doesn't cost a cent. I'm sure you have all heard the saying that, "if you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life. I have always questioned that saying, but I have seen two cases where that did actually work out. Both were buddies of mine long ago in college, and what they really loved in life was mainly taking naps. One of them ended up marrying a girl whose great-great-aunt bought a basket-full of Coca Cola stock way back before the flood, and the other fellow napped his way through

calling for Kirby Smart's

scalp. To say expectations

are high is an understate-

In the good ol' days when

I was at UGA, those good

ol' days didn't include

football. A four-win season

was the norm. The annu-

al butt-kicking by Georgia

Tech was as painful as it

was humiliating. Today's

Johnny-come-lately fans

dismiss Tech as a mere tri-

fle on the schedule as com-

pared to Auburn, Florida

and Tennessee. Not me.

The scars are too deep. You

may judge the Georgia

Bulldogs success as nation-

al championships or even

SEC championships. I

judge success by one

game, the only game. Beat

I have had season tick-

ets since the Kennedy

Georgia Tech.

Administration,

ment. But not for me.

Charles Schwabe



law school and then fell into a case where he won one of the biggest environmental lawsuits since Moses practiced law. So, I guess miracles do happen. In real life, however, the best way to look at work is just to accept it as part of life, and like most everything else, you will get out of it what you put into it. Work is important to your self-respect and to your perception of and satisfaction in the world around you. Obviously,

most of us need it to get by in this life and keep a roof over our head and food on the table. But, in all honesty, probably the best thing about work is reaching that point where you don't have to do it any more if you don't want to. A.K.A., RETIREMENT. So, from all of us who have reached an increased number of years and a decreased level of energy, hang in there and you will make it just fine. Oh, and don't work too hard.

Are you ready for some football? Woof! Woof!

Are you ready for some football? I sure am and it is about time. The University of Georgia, the oldest state-chartered university in the land and the last I looked with 25 Rhodes Scholars to its credit, is set to defend its two consecutive National Football Championships next Saturday against the University of Tennessee at Martin Skyhawks on Dooley Field.

Everybody assumes it will be a walkover for the Dawgs. UT Martin plays in the Ohio Valley Conference along with the Lindenwood Lions and the Fighting Leathernecks of Western Illinois, among others. Dooley Field and its 92,746 fanatics - some well-lubricated by kickoff will be a whole new ball-

It is very satisfying to refer to the place as Dooley

Out on a Limb

HEY, JIMMY ...

SET ME UP WITH ANOTHER, WILL YA?

Editorial Cartoons

I THINK YOU'VE

HAD ENOUGH, PHINNEAS

Field, in honor of the late Hall of Fame coach Vince Dooley. It took years to get it done. A petulant member of the powerful Board of Regents blocked any effort to make it happen and vowed it never would as long as he had any say. And then along comes a guy by the name of Brian Kemp, who grew up in Athens, went on vacations with the Dooley family and was a college roommate at UGA with one of the Dooley sons. It seems he got himself elected governor of our great state. Among a governor's prerogatives is naming members to the Board of Regents. He "suggested" the board might want to reconsider the idea and voila! - Dooley Field was dedicated in 2019 in time for Vince Dooley to enjoy the deserved honor. One more reason to love Brian

Speaking of Vince Dooley, if he were he still coaching, he would have me worried sick right now over the real possibility of UT Martin upsetting the Bulldogs. Allowing fans to become overconfident was not his style. I remember listening to him on the radio the week UGA was set to play Vanderbilt, not exactly a powerhouse. Doolev bemoaned the fact that the Commodores had a punter whose specialty was coffin-corner kicks -meaning he could consistently punt the ball out-ofbounds within the 10-yardline. That would require long drives downfield for Georgia, which he wasn't sure they could sustain over four quarters. I fretted all week long over that possibility. Georgia won by 7 touchdowns.

Today, it is just the oppo-

by Gary Kopervas

BEER GARDEN

Dick site. Georgia fans exult in two straight national championships and fully expect a third. Anything less and the anonymous social media rant-andravers with the fake cutie-

means I have seen a lot of football games on pre-Dooley three best athletes I ever saw play were Fran (née Francis) Tarkenton, the Hall of Fame quarterback who provided a couthose dark days and whose jersey should have been retired years ago; Archie Manning, of Ole Miss, who would gain 10 yards after being chased around the field for 50 yards and quarterback Preston Ridlehuber from Gainesville, Georgia,

you remember the famous "Heidi game" in 1968 when NBC cut away from the New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game in the final moments of a seesaw battle to show the movie Heidi

resulting in a national outrage from viewers. Preston Ridlehuber scored the winning touchdown for Oakland with 33 seconds remaining that most of the nation never saw.

Admittedly, I am an old fogey, but I am a bit dismayed at what is happening to college football these days with the transfer portal, open betting and an NIL (name, image and licensing) program that has merit but needs better governance. The college game is becoming as professional as the NFL. But one thing hasn't changed: My love for the Red and Black. Go you Hairy Dawgs! Woof! Woof! (Just beat Tech. Please.) You can reach Dick Yarbrough dick@dickyarbrough. com or at P.O. Box 725373,

Yarbrough poo names will likely be

field. The ple of years of sunshine in who may have been the best athlete of them all. A piece of trivia: Perhaps

> Atlanta, Georgia 31139. Ronnie

The Overstreet Place

We were told as children to stay away from the Overstreet Place, it was said to be haunted. Back in the early fifties, people still believed in ghosts and spirits from the underworld. Electric lights had come to the dark woods and fields of southern Emanuel County, but we still sat on the front porch of our little bungalow, intently listening to dad tell horrific ghost stories of blood, gore, and headless creatures who lingered in unseen dark shadows at

midnight. The Overstreet Place was ageless, open, and inviting during sunny, daylight hours while at sundown, it took on an air of mystery, gloom and doom, as the full moon became visible as it peeked from behind dark storm clouds toward midnight. On warm summer days, there were some wild, sweet plums that grew on the same road that the Overstreet house

Johnson

was on. I was sure I could get those heavenly, sweet delights and be back at ho me before sundown. Temptation over-ruled common sense and off I went to my "Garden of Eden". I took a container to carry

some plums back home but the sweet juice ran down my chin and onto my belly and all the plums went into my mouth and not a single one went into the container. The more I ate, the longer I lingered, until I realized it was approaching sundown. Where had the time gone?

I scrambled over the barb wire fence and headed home. As I neared the old Overstreet Place, evening shadows had begun to fall and all the terrible stories I had heard about the Overstreet Place had come to life for me. The blood had suddenly frozen in my feet, and the sand had lost its warm,

summer heat; I was afraid. Suddenly, soft notes of sweet music drifted from the old weather-beaten barn that was opposite from the farmhouse. The music was not current but surely had come from a distant bygone era of which I

was not familiar. Darkness was falling fast across the old Overstreet Place, bringing unexpected dark shadows and a strange sound of a lonely whippoorwill somewhere

Quietly, the old farmhouse door opened and a young woman dressed in dark clothing, supposedly from another century, floated onto the front porch carrying a lighted lantern. She seemed sad and lonely. She must be the same lady daddy had spoken about in his ghost stories, and she must be still looking for her long-lost love that never came back from the war.





The Spats

ARE YOU IGNORANT OR JUST APATHETIC?

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by Jeff Pickering

I DON'T KNOW AND I DON'T CARE.

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Wares hosts inaugural One Fore One golf tournament: One fore all

by BRITTANY HALL Georgia native, Bobby Jones, once said, "Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots - but you have to play the ball where it lies." We've all experienced the good, the bad, and the ugly, and have adapted to the phrase that if something doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you or ultimately, make you stronger.

Golf does more than teach the players the game of life through unique obstacles. In the case of the One Fore One Challenge, a concept assembled by Joe

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and Christy Holaway, and always thought owners of local favorite Ware's Bar-B-Q, golfers are tested on their ability to adapt and overcome. By stretching the rules one hole at a time and providing players with a fun alternative to the game of golf, the Holaways are transforming one life at a time at The Refuge; a domestic violence shelter and sexual assault center.

"A few months back I went to Joe and told him that I wish that there was something that we could do to give back to our community." Explained Christy, "Joe loves golf and has played this unique format before

that it was fun. So, we got to talking about it and I wondered if we could take that concept and turn it into a tournament where we could raise money for a good cause. One night while we were eating dinner with a good friend of ours, Rocky Davis, we brought up the idea of the tournament. He told us about The Refuge and that should consider partnering with Tripp Fitzner and the District Attorney's office. So that's just what we did. From that point, we knew this challenge was going to benefit a worthy cause."

On Saturday August 19, the first inaugural One Fore One Challenge was held at the Swainsboro Golf and Country Club. Hosted by Wares Bar-B-Q, in partnership with the District Attorney's office of the Middle Judicial Circuit, the tournament began at 9 a.m. The field consisted of 13 two-person teams. Included in the \$150 registration fee was their green and cart fee, a delicious lunch provided by Ware's Bar-B-Q, a gift bag with a coozie, a thermal cup, a golf towel, a coffee mug and golf tees, as well as two raffle tickets. Winners of the tournament received a cash payout of \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place, and \$75 for third place. The challenge concluded with a message from Sexual Assault Coordinator, Heather Williams, and Executive Director, Betty Dell Williams, of The Refuge.

So, what was the challenge, you ask? Each team could only use one club to test their skill in a nine-hole competition.

"The idea behind the challenge was that players could only use one club to complete a 9-hole course. Golfers could use whatever club they wanted but one club and one club only. We named the challenge One Fore One because it is essentially, one club for one cause." Said Christy, "This year was new and a bit different to what golfers are used to. We hope to grow next year. This particular game is just for fun and bragging rights... and to see how lucky

you are." Included in this offbeat game of golf were individual side games that were found on holes three, six, and nine. On hole 3, was a cornhole game dubbed "Cornhole in One." Players were given the option to pay \$10 to throw one cornhole bag at the cornhole board and if they made it, then they automatically earned a hole in one and could advance to the next hole. On hole six was "The Longest Drive" competition where players could dole out \$10 and opt to switch up their one club for a six-iron in hopes to split the pot. Hole 9 came with

a game of "Hole of

Fortune" that offered a spinning wheel with twelve spots. A small \$10 donation allowed a spin that could bring about fortune or woe. Six positive spots allowed players to take a stroke away from their game, go half the distance on the green, or putt an extra time. Four neutral spots were mandatory donations and the two remaining spots had players add a stroke to their score or took a drive from one of the players on their

"A lot of players participated in the side games, especially the Cornhole in One and the Hole of Fortune." explained Christy, "In fact, we raised \$140 off the Hole of Fortune. We just wanted the golfers to have a chance to not take the game so serious and have a good time. We got a lot of good feedback from it, so I think that's exactly what they did."

Through the One Fore

One Challenge, the

Holaways, along with participating golfers and sponsors, raised over \$4,000 for The Refuge. Additionally, wanted immensely thank their volunteers and sponsors: Hart Law Group - Hole of Fortune Game Sponsor, Jeffrey Brewer, **Emanuel County Sheriff** - Cornhole in One Game Sponsor, Kristin C. Hall, Clerk of Court - Longest Drive Game Ellington Sponsor, Insurance Inc, Famous Credit, Advanced Metal Components, Inc, Pro Parts Place, A-Z Power Equipment,

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"We set our goal at \$3,000 but we got \$4,000 and I'm just so amazed." Christy said with a smile. At the conclusion of the event, Christy shared a speech with those who partook in the first One Fore One Challenge and expressed words of gratitude for all participants, "Today you were given one option, one club, and somehow, we manipulated you into believing that it would be fun. We truly hope that it was, because through the laughs and new memories that you all made during today's challenges, you also helped a stranger

through theirs." The Holaways hope that the One Fore One Challenge will continue to be an annual event that brings joy to the players and provides for the people that need it most. "Even though we're a part of the Swainsboro community, we wouldn't be opposed to moving this challenge to different areas because our goal is to help whatever community we can." Christy explained that their intentions are to remain open to partnerships with a new organization and be able to change the cause as needed. In this way, the One Fore One title will remain the same but at its core will truly be One Fore All.

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE / PROVISIONAL / EMERGENCY BALLOT Emanuel County, Georgia Precinct: 131-Twin, 135-Twin, 136-Twin, 137-Twin Special Election - September 19, 2023 1. Use Black or Blue Ink to mark the ballot Do NOT use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot. 2. Completly fill in the empty oval to the left of the Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote Do NOT use check marks or X to mark ballot Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed 3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the oval to the left of the Write-In selection, then write the name Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot. of the Write-In candidate in the space provided If you make a mistake or change your mind on a selection A, Do not attempt to mark through the selection or attempt to erase. Write "Spoiled" across the ballot AND across the return envelope B. Mail or return the spoiled ballot and envelope to your county board of registrars; a new official absentee ballot will be mailed to you. If you decide to vote in-person: Surrender the ballot to the poll manager at an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot. "I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this

election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [O.C.G.A. 21-2-284(e), 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)] SPECIAL ELECTION For Board of Education District 1 (Vote for One) O Pam Riner Baggett Robert Frew A. Brandon Jones Write-in

Emanuel County Board of Education Site Prep and Land Clearing for Steel Building

College,

The Emanuel County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for land clearing (tree, stump, and debris removal), site prep/fill, septic area prep, grading, and building pad work for a 50 X 100 steel building located between 115 and 129 Tiger

Trail Swainsboro, Georgia 30401. The size of the area is approximately 425 feet by 225 feet. The Emanuel County Tax Assessors designate the property as Parcel Number 096008. 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 13, 2023. Bids will be opened at the office of the Emanuel County Board of Education, 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401 on September 13, 2023, at 2:00 PM.

For more information contact Matt Braswell, Project Manager, at the Emanuel County Board of Education, 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401, 478-237-6674. The Emanuel County Board of Education

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PROPERTY SALE

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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

> cation, 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401, 478-237-6674.

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 Edu-

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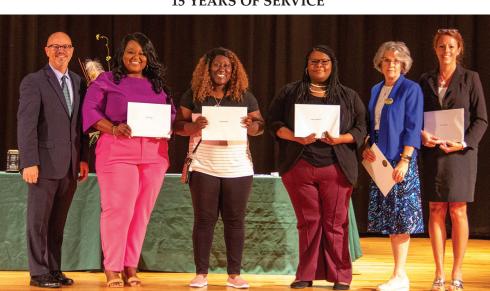
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(From front page) Alan Brasher and Sandra Sharman were recognized. Larry Braddy and Paul Cerpovicz received awards for 20 years of service. For 15 years of service, Courtney oiner, Carmine Palumbo, Jessica Todd, Ashley Woods, Tracy Woods, and Fang Xie received the awards. For were recognized. Armond Boudreaux, Antre' Drummer, Sherrie Helms, Deborah Kittrell-Mikell, Candace Lynn, Luke Martin, Victor Poole, Chelsea Price, BJ Scott, Ruth Underwood, and Erin Youmans were all recognized for their 10 years of service to EGSC. For five years of service, Laura Chambers, Susan Howell, Lynette Saulsberry, Deborah Vess, Catressa Wilson, Hadrian Wolff, and Sara Young were recognized.

The next awards presented at the event were the awards for STAR Staff of the Year and Distinguished Faculty Awards. The recipients

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of these awards were chosen by the head of their department.

In the STAR Staff of the Year category, seven full-time staff members were recognized. In the President's Unit at EGSC, Trey Drawdy in the Police Department and Katelyn Moore in Information Technology the Academic Affairs Unit, Meghan Crews in Library Services and Tayla Brown in Retention Services were recognized, and Cynthia Reese in the Office of Student Conduct received the award for the Student Affairs unit. Meshia Williams in the Business Office and Tom Parillo

in Plant Operations were recognized from the Business Affairs unit at the College.

The Distinguished Faculty of the Year Awards for the School of Liberal Mathematics and Natural Sciences were awarded to John Gleissner, Yelena White, Jeffery Howell, and

Julie Strickland. EGSC's success as an institution is strengthened by its dedicated faculty and staff who are focused on helping every student achieve a college degree. EGSC would like to thank the faculty and staff for their hard work each vear.



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Brandon Jones



Brandon, his wife, Tosha, and their children

"Hi, I'm Brandon Jones and I want your vote on September 19th for the **Emanuel County Board of Education!**

I come from a long line of educators in Emanuel County and my wife, Tosha, has also been an educator for 24 years. I have a track record of effective leadership in business, church and the community for many years. I will work tirelessly to benefit each and every child that attends school in our school system. God Bless!"

Your Vote is Greatly Appreciated

Brandon Jones ___



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200 FFA members and advisors attend Statewide Floral Design Training to create their designs. cation program in public their potential for pre-

High School FFA member Laynie Scott 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. FFA Advisors/

were in attendance included Faith Patrick.

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 The top two students from each of the six area events will move on to compete on the state level in December at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

FFA is a national organization of over 945,988 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. The Georgia FFA Association has a membership of more than 80,000, making it the third-largest association in the nation. The Georgia Department of Education provides leadership and helps set the direction for FFA as a service to the local agricultural education programs.

FFA is an integral part of the agricultural edu-

schools. The FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing

mier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.





Second-grade students at TCE learn about fire safety

second-grade students at Twin City Elementary School recently learned all about fire safety. They read the story, "Firefighters at Work," and on Thursday, August 17, Mr. Robert Telgen of the Twin City Fire Department visited the classes. He taught them all about home fire safety and how to work the features of the fire truck. He also answered many questions students had about how much water the fire truck could hold.

Agriculture Teachers that

Some classes also had

STUDENTS WITH TELGAN AND SMOKEY THE BEAR

a visitor from the 911 Administration Office, Crystal Guest! On Friday, August 18, Smokey the Bear and the Forestry Commission even visited to teach the students how to prevent forest fires! Students learned how the Forestry

Commission puts out fires in different states and how they use helicopters and airplanes to fight fires.

Watt speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, August 15, 2023, at the Rustic Grill at 7 p.m. With President Tammy Allen presiding, there were 18 in attendance including one guest, Richard Smith II. The caramel-coated fresh pear cake, baked by Petite Garrett, was won by Petite Garrett. President Tammy Allen won the Domino's pizza that was sented the spotlight for the night, Cindy Ware. A graduate of North Augusta High School, Ware has six Grandchildren who call her MeMe. She is a retired teacher who taught many years in the Emanuel County School System. She is a member of First Methodist Church and is a Sunday school teacher. Her hobbies include going to the beach and playing with her Grandchildren. Her favorite candy bar is a Hersey bar. The program for the evening was presented by Kiwanian Dwight Watt, a member the

donated by Dominos Pizza. Garrett also premember Swainsboro Kiwanis Club the Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis Club. He is also the current Governor of the Tennessee-Kentucky District of Kiwanis. Dwight recently attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis and gave us an update. Dwight drove to the Convention, as he does to most events he attends in the summer. The most important business of the Convention was the election of Katrina Baranko of the Georgia District (Albany Kiwanis Club) as the Kiwanis International President. The delegates also voted down a dues' increase. Dwight noted they had already

informed the districts of

some cost-cutting mea-

sures. He showed pic-



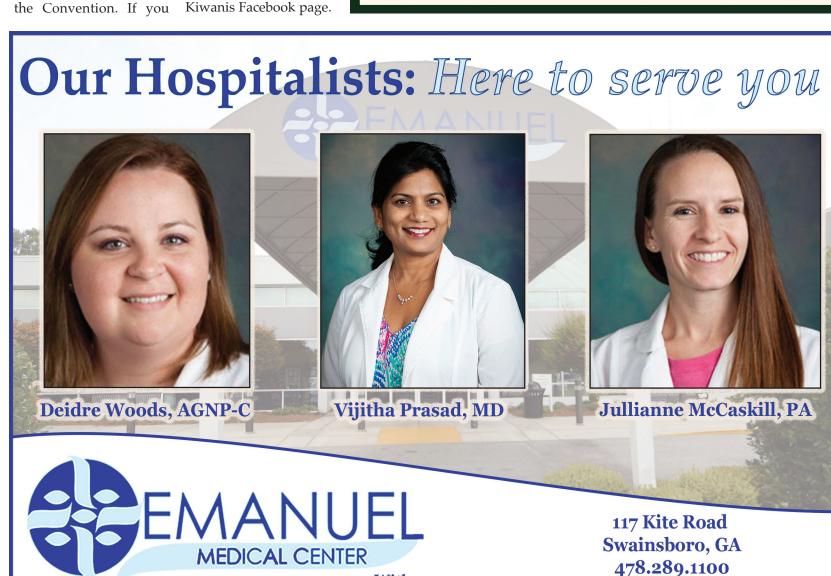
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the Mall of America (LEGO Land and the Indoor Climbing Walls), the Mary Tyler Moore statute, his picture with a Taylor-Swift cutout, the Convention entertainment (the Oak Ridge Boys and the key-note speaker – a drummer), and a tractor-trailer fire and a visit to the "Little Brown Church in the Vale" on his travels to and from

tures of the Governor's would like to become a dinner at Hell's Kitchen, member of the Kiwanis Club, please contact membership chair, Jane Durden, at 478-494-4113 or e-mail her at hsdurden@ bellsouth.net. Also, if you would like more information about the Club and the many community service projects they do each year, visit their Club website at: http://www. swainsborokiwanis. org or to our Swainsboro



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Swainsboro blanks Jeff Davis

by JUSTIN GRAY

The Swainsboro Tigers rode into Jeff Davis Friday, September 1, and beat down the Yellow Jackets, 32-0. This was a complete domination. Jeff Davis is a familiar foe for the Tigers as they were in the same region for the last few seasons, and the Tigers have owned them as of late. It was a tough week of practice with the hurricane coming in, so preparation was a little different than usual, but the Tigers still played well. Coach Scott Roberts was complimentary of the team saying, "It was a weird week with the cancellation of two practices due to the hurricane. I thought our kids handled that very maturely and took care of business Friday night. We put a lot of stuff on

film that you could tell we missed a couple of practices, but the effort was there and that overcame a lot of mistakes." On offense, it was led by Bryson Tarver and Quin Brown who both ran for over 100 yards and four combined touchdowns. Jordan Williams added the other. That is what makes this team so impressive, the running back room is running over. They have had a different leading rusher every game, any back can break one at any time, and that makes them nearly impossible to stop. On the defensive side of the ball, I can't go another week without mentioning Jerrod Steward. He has been a force in every game - we saw the same thing last year. He can stop the run, rush the quarterback, and even drop

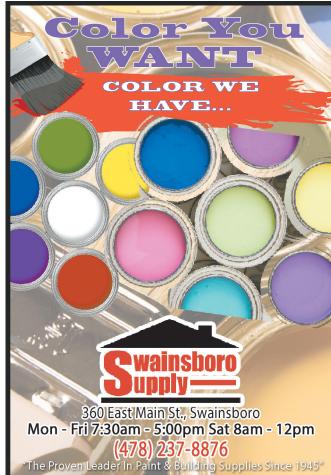
back in coverage. This guy will be a top player every time he steps on the field. The defense, as a whole, has begun the year a lot like last year, only giving up two touchdowns through the first three weeks. This team gets better and better every single week. They have been winning despite being a little banged up. Hopefully they will be in full health in the next few weeks. They will go on the road to take on Dodge County next Friday, September 8. The Tigers don't need to overlook this Dodge County, but I know they'll be ready to go.

DEA defeats Crisp Academy

DEA defeated Crisp Academy Thursday night, August 31. Richard Braddy started the game with a 48-yard touchdown reception to Billy Martin. Braddy then made a 1-vard run followed by a 7-yard run by Clayton Hood, bringing the score to 20-0. Braddy made another 52-yard touchdown reception to Randon Williams, boosting the score to 26-0, followed by Martin making a 6-yard run, Hood making a 56-yard run and Tony Sutton making a 6-yard run, bringing the score to 44-6. The Eagles ended the game with a winning score of 44-12.



Photo by Crystal Hammock







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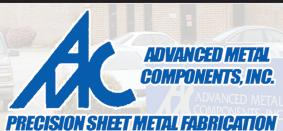
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BRIAN STEELE, #12, FINDS ROOM IN LINCOLN DEFENSE

Lincoln Co. shuts out Bulldogs

bу WEATHERFORD

The 42-21 shellacking the Bulldogs put on Lincoln Co. at their home field last season must have added

a little motivation to their game plan. The Red Devils shutout the Bulldogs Friday, 28-0, spoiling their home opener at Rountree Stadium. Before the Bulldog defense could break a sweat, Lincoln Co. had put up 14 points on the scoreboard in

just 8 plays. "Lincoln

County just came out

early and hit us in the

were children. Excitement filled our hearts as we began the trip. Then, after a while, boredom and restlessness would set in and

everyone became anxious and angry and wondered why we ever left home. No matter where we were going or how long it took, someone would ask the question,

'Are we there yet?" It is a question that is handed down from one gen eration to the next and one family to another. It's part of every journey. And the answer was and still is the same: "Almost" or "Not yet." It reminds us of the fact that life is indeed a journey and we are never sure where or when it will end.

It is difficult to face the uncertainties of life wondering when there will be some final resolution to the issues that surround us and threaten us constantly. We are

troubled when we see injustice and feel deceived. We want to be free from the fear and threat of terror-

football coach Chris Kearson. "They scored quick on back-to-back drives. Although we adjusted and played better in the second half, we've got some work to do."

the Bulldog defense credit, they only allowed one other offensive touchdown in the game coming late in the second quarter. After a porous first quarter, the Bulldog defense held Lincoln Co. to just 87 offensive yards in the final three quarters. The Red Division one.

mouth," commented Devils scored on a pick six late in the fourth quarter for their final points. Unfortunately, the Bulldog offense was ineffective at moving the ball against Lincoln Co. defense with several three and out possession holding ECI to just 127 yards, 54 rushing, 73 passing, during the game.

Hopefully Bulldogs can get in a full week of practice this week preparing to host Dublin. The Irish are currently ranked seventh in class A,

Franklin Memorial Library events for this week

rrankiin Memoriai Library is announcing its September 6 through schedule, which includes special events, a staff meeting, and changes in operating hours. On September 6, the library staff will gather for a meeting to discuss upcoming events and ways to better serve the community. Therefore, the Library will open later than the usual hours. The exact timing will be shared on our website and social media platforms. The library still has "Toddler Time," an educational program designed specifically for young kids. Mrs. Shari Watt, an experienced early childhood educator, will be leading this program. The Storytime and crafts will be held on Friday, September 8th at 8:30 am. On September 9th, at 10 am, the library invites grandparents and their grandkids for

a speciai preakiast and craft event. This event will provide a fun and engaging opportunity for grandparents to bond with their grandchildren over breakfast and a craft activity. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Tammy Allan, Director of Emanuel County Family Connection, for partnering with us in this event. Mrs. Tammy will graciously provide breakfast for our grandparents and their grandchildren on this day.

The library is also excited to announce a book sale this month, offering a wide range of pooks at reduced prices. This is a great opportunity for book lovers to expand their personal libraries while supporting Franklin Memorial Library. To celebrate the arrival of the fall season, the library will also host a Fall Festival. The festival will feature numerous fun-filled activities for the community to enjoy. More details about the event will be announced soon. Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for future announcements and updates regarding the library's events and schedules.





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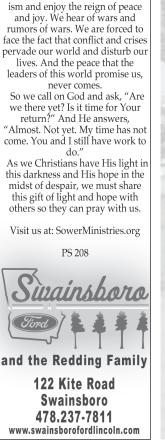
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Jail Report

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

Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); Probation Office (PROB); or East Georgia Cassandra

State College (EGSC). Dawn Hobson entered 8/28/23; Bench warrant - City; SPD James David Young, entered 8/28/23; VGCSA possession of drug related object/

Hunter Blake Kersey, entered 8/29/23; Hold for out of county billing; released 8/30/23 Justin Demond Johnson, entered 8/29/23; COURT brought from another agency/facility; ECSO

crack cocaine; SPD

Richard Allen Turner, entered 8/29/23; Theft/deception; SPD Shaquan Lavarse entered Mitchell, 8/29/23; Theft/deception/Robbery by sudden snatch; SPD

Felicia Montgomery VGCSA possession of Reynolds, entered

apartment and

to where he was at. C/p

stated they then got into

an argument and when

she got in her car and

drove away, offender

pulled a gun and shot

Officer responded to

EMC ER for a female

that had been beaten by

her boyfriend. Victim

stated she and her boy-

friend got into an argu-

ment that led to them

fighting and he hit her

with his fist and rake

Officer ran the tag on

a vehicle to find it had

suspended registration

and no insurance, at

which time he initiated

a traffic stop. Offend-

er advised it wasn't her

vehicle and she had

no idea it didn't have

insurance. Offender was

patched to Mable Ave.

in reference to a report

of harassment. Com-

plainant stated her

daughter was being

to Lucky St. in reference

to complainant stating

her wallet was missing

and someone used her

debit card at WalMart

and Harvey's.

Officer was dispatched

harassed by offender.

issued two citations.

Officer was

her car.

handle.

August 26

8/30/23; Bench warrant/State court; released 8/31/23; **ECSO**

Donyal Lakarl Fann, entered 8/30/23; Cruelty to children 3red degree/Cruelty to children 3rd degree/ Sim battery; SPD Tammy Jo Murphy,

entered 8/31/23; Leaving scene of accident; released 8/31/23; ECSO Terrio Dominque

Sherrod, entered 8/31/23; Theft/ shoplifting; released 8/31/23; SPD

Sequoia Jannae Merkerson, entered 8/31/23; Driving lic susp/rev; 8/31/23; ECSO

court; ECSO

Harbin,

Jonathan

released Phillipe Aaron Riner, entered 8/31/23; Probation/Superior

Michael

entered

8/31/23; Aggr assault/Crim damage to prop-2nd deg/ possession VGCSA marijuana/Obstr/ hindering of officer/ Firearm/knife posses/ crime/attempt crime/ Other; SPD

cer spoke with a witness

who advised offender

Disorderly conduct; released 8/31/23; SPD David Pernell Snelling Jr., entered 8/31/23; Aggr assault/Aggr assault/ Aggr assault; SPD

Malik John Green,

8/31/23;

entered

Zackery Dillon Hammitt, entered 8/31/23; Bench warrant/Sate court/ Cruelty to animals; **ECSO** Vinson Marquez

Andrews, entered 9/1/23; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; ECSO

Swainsboro Police Reports stop. Upon running the ment. Officers entered Officers with the

Swainsboro Police Department (SPD) reported... August 24

Officer observed a vehicle approaching at a high rate of speed and clocked it at 52 MPH in a 35 MPH zone, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Upon running the tag, it came back with no insurance and suspended registra-

Complainant went to SPD to make a report about unwanted advances from offender on several occasions. C/p stated offender goes to her work and flirts with her by making remarks about her body. C/p also advised that offender followed her to Dollar General and she went inside and was shopping when offender approached her and continued to follow her around the store making comments to her.

C/p stated offender walked up behind her and kissed her on the cheek and was playing with her hair. Dollar General had footage of offender following c/p throughout the store. Officer met with com-

plainant in reference to damage to her vehicle where c/p's rear windshield had been shattered. Officer met with com-

plainant in reference to c/p's ex-coworker/ offender harassing and threatening him. C/p stated he feels that offender is threatening his mother and son due to a text message sent to him by offender.

Officer observed a driver not wearing a seatbelt, at which time he initiated a traffic driver's license, they came back suspended. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail. August 25

Officer was patched to N. Racetrack St. in reference to a possible overdose. Complainant stated she found victim on the floor unresponsive and believes she took something. EMS arrived and transported victim to EMC ER.

window.

driver not wearing a seatbelt, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. During the search, marijuana and cocaine were discovered, as well as drug related objects.

patched to Stevens Dr. in reference to a theft of a bicycle.

plainant in reference to a loose rock from recent road work flying up and cracking his windshield. Officer responded to N. Racetrack St. in reference to a domestic dispute and offendvictim's car. Victim and believed he went

apartment and she said no and advised they could search her apart-

found a male subject on the sofa and identified him. Upon running the male subject's info, it was found that he was diswanted out of Fulton Co. and they wanted a hold placed. Officer then spoke with the victim and asked who shot her car and she gave offender's name. Victim advised she loaned her car to offender and he would not take it back so she got a ride

the

Officers were dispatched to Gumlog Rd. in reference to a theft. Complainant stated his AC was taken out of his Officer observed a

Officers were dis-

Officer met with com-

er had a gun and shot advised offender ran to another apartment. Officers went to the apartment and asked a female subject who lived there and she gave the name and stated she was in the shower. Officer knocked on the door and asked if a male had run into her

> Officer met with complainant at SPD who was visibly upset. C/p explained that she broke

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up with her boyfriend and he keeps harassing her and goes over to her house uninvited and he still has a key. C/p stated she and offender got into an argument and he broke her cell phone, and he has started making threats towards any male she is involved with and told c/p she needs to leave town. August 27

Officer was dispatched to SPD in reference to a complainant advising her EBT card was used in Ionesboro and believes her ex-boyfriend is the one who used it.

Officers were dispatched to West Moring St. for an entering auto report. Complainant stated he went to get something out of his truck and noticed his backpack was gone. Officers were dis-

patched to West Church St. in reference to a female wanting to get her items from the residence. Offender/complainant and several females were on the porch and offender was waving his hands in the air and them started to slap his hands together. As officer approached, offender started shout and seemed agitated and continued to get louder as officer gave commands to calm down. Offender finally listened and was asked what was going on and he wanted to get his stuff out of the house and leave. Officer advised offender that it was fine but to wait and offender stated he did not care anymore and started to walk off and officer gave commands for him to stop walking away as he began to try to get in a vehicle. Offender began talking to another officer and the first offiwas highly intoxicated and that was the reason he was acting up. When the officer returned to where offender and other officers were, offender was holding a handgun. Offender was taken to the ground then transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer was transported to SPD in reference to a report about someone taking the window unit out and entering the res-August 28

Officer was

dispatched to Harris St. in reference to a theft. Complainant stated her landlord goes in her house without her knowing and she left \$300 on the kitchen table and when she returned, it was gone. C/p stated she knows her landlord went inside her residence because she could smell his cologne.

Officers were dis-

patched to North Main St. in reference to a theft of a vehicle and credit card. Complainant stated he met a female online and developed a relationship with her and he agreed to let her stay at his residence. C/p allowed offender to use his vehicle and credit card to do some laundry and she had not returned. Offender finally returned after learning that law enforcement was on scene and was asked why she didn't return earlier and she stated she felt uneasy about being at the residence and wanted to leave. Offender stated she purchased a b us ticket with c/p's credit card and was given permission by c/p. C/p stated he did not give offender permission and she still advised he did and offi-

cer told them this would be a civil issue. Offender was able to collect her belongings from the residence and transported to Enmarket. Officer met with complainant at SPD in reference to a report about her parking her vehicle at Bradford Inn and someone breaking both mirrors off. Officer was advised of a female walking on Gumlog Rd. who had warrants. Officer arrived and observed a male and female walking and asked their names. Offender was advised she had a warrant. The male subject gave his name and the female called him another name and

officer asked the male

subject why she called

him that and asked if

he had anything on him and he stated no. Officer asked if he could search him and he stated yes and a glass pipe was found inside a cigarette box and crack cocaine in his pocket. Both subjects were transported to EmCo Jail. August 29

Officers responded to Truist Bank in reference to a male subject chasing another male subject in the parking lot. An employee of the bank advised that after cashing a check for a large sum of money, a male subject asked the teller for a rear exit, which the teller thought was suspicious. One male was handcuffed and another was sitting on the curb near the ATM machine. Det. was contacted in reference to the incident possibly being related to a robbery by sudden snatching and the possibility of the check offender cashed being fraudulent. Both male subjects were transport-

ed to EmCo Jail. Officer was patched to McLeod Bridge Rd. in reference to an unwanted person inside a vehicle. The driver and passenger were in a verbal altercation that sounded like it turned physical Complainant advised offender contacted her asking for a ride and when he got in the vehicle, he began arguing with her about the vehicle she was driving. C/p advised offender hit her a coup0le of times and jumped out and got in a truck with someone and left.

> August 30 Officers were dis-

patched to Sutton Dr. in reference to a complainant wanting to report his personal information being put on Facebook and his accounts being logged onto on Snapchat and Facebook. C/p and his mother stated offender was harassing c/p and stating she was sending the mother messages about getting c/p away from offender's windows and to stop knocking on them. C/p's mother stated she sent offender a photo of c/p and told her he was on his back porch and had not left the residence. C/p showed officer where offender was logging onto his FB account and advised he never gave her permission. Officer met with complainant in reference to

a dispute. C/p advised

offender went into

Mike's and picked up

a newspaper stand and

threw it at her.

CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-132 and O.C.G.A. 21-2-9 (b) a municipal general election will be held for the City of Adrian on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 for City Council Post 2, Post 3, and Mayor from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. **Qualifying Candidates:**

Post 2: Robert Fountain Jr., incumbent, unopposed

Post 3: Jesse Yawn, incumbent Jason Bennett Sharon Jackson Mayor: Wynola Smith, incumbent, unopposed

All persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to register to vote in the general election may register to vote through the close of business on October 10th, 2023. Early voting will be held starting October 16th,

Monday through Saturday, from 9am-5pm and end on Friday, November 3rd, 2023 at 5:00pm. Should a runoff election be required such runoff will

be held on December 5th, 2023. NOTICE OF POLLING LOCATION CHANGE

The election will be held at the Adrian City Hall

located at 304 West Main Street, Adrian, GA 31002. Polls will be open from 7:00am until 7:00pm on Election Day. This 5th day of September, 2023.

> Felicia Owen Election Superintendent Adrian, GA

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According to the Emanuel it cross the line and exit

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 want-

County Sheriff's Office...

incident. August 20

respond-Deputy ed 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.

ed to talk through their

problems and resolve the

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 run 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 net 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 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 refer-

ence 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

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

the shoulder of the road,

at which time he initiated

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.

an incident that occurred

August 22

on Angela Dr.

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 form 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

Deputy responded to Pendleton Cutoff Rd. in reference to a domestic. Deputy initiated a traf-

fic stop on US 1 South. Investigators were notified by the Sheriff of an incident that occurred

with offender inside the

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 vic-

tim 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

deputy to give to c/p. Deputies assisted GSP with a single vehicle crash on Hwy 57 East with no injuries reported.

and turned it over to the

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

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 locat-

ed 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

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

to ECSO.

complainant in reference to harassing/threatening text messages. Investigators were con-

tacted by SPD Detectives in reference to a stalking incident involving city employees. Sheriff's investigators were requested to investigate due to a conflict of inter-

Deputy/victim was in a pursuit with offender and offender caused victim to strike a stop sign, causing damage to his vehicle. Pursuit continued into Montgomery County where law enforcement lost offender.

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

up and hangout so she packed some belongings so she could stay the night with offender. C/p stat-Leman Rd. in reference to ed offender went to her a trespasser who attemptresidence in Statesboro and drove back towards ed to burn down a build-Twin City and prior to ing. Complainant stated getting into Twin City, she went to check damage 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.

Deputies responded to

Ollie Youmans Rd. in ref-

erence to an irate female

who had destroyed prop-

erty. Complainant stat-

ed the female was in the

August 26

and forth for a while and

decided to finally meet

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 strowed 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 Deputies responded

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

Deputies responded to

Prosperity Dr. in reference

to PSSI in reference to a

stolen gun. Complainant

stated while he was at

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.

Deputies responded to

August 28

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

left on bad terms. On-call Investigator was notified. Deputy responded to Buck Corbin Rd. and spoke with the mother-inlaw of victim who stated

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 form

the program that recently

everything was good. Deputy received a call about a female wanting to make a report about a car being stolen. Complainant advised she thinks she knows who took the car. C/p stated the subjects agreed to buy a vehicle from someone c/p has Power of Attorney over and they were advised not to take the car until it was fixed but they took it any way. C/p stated the subjects got a Bill of Sale on the car and blew the motor on it and was advised to bring the car back. C/p advised they took the car back and was told to take it to a shop and the shop owner advised c/p that the car needed to be removed from his property. C/p stated the car was

the subjects took it. Deputies responded to Alcott Dr. regarding a burglary. Complainant stated she returned home and discovered someone had forced their way into her house. The latch on the front door was ripped off and when c/p entered her home, she noticed her TV was gone. C/p went into the bedroom to find her pistol and ammo was gone as well. C/p stated her brother called her after the burglary and suggested a named subject possibly did it and c/p said it had to be someone she knows personally for them to know where her pistol was.

removed and she believes

Deputy received a report from complainant advising suspects had been threatening and harassing her on Facebook. C/p advised all parties have been arguing (Continued on page 7B)

Sheriff's Reports.

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back and forth through social media.

Deputy responded to Hwy 80 East in reference to a dispute. Deputies spoke with complainant who advised offender had already left. C/p stated she and offender got into an argument and he grabbed her by the arm. Deputies did observe a scratch mark on c/p's arm. C/p stated offender broke her TV and dented the door and this isn't the first time he had acted this way. C/p advised offender cut her tires and busted the mirror in her home and she wants him to stay away from her.

August 29

Victim stated he and suspect use to live together on Lindsey Rd. and while he was at work, suspect went to his home and took a trampoline out of his yard after being gone for six months. Vitim stated he moved to his new residence on Red Oak Rd. land took the trampoline with him and suspect got someone to go get it. Deputies encountered the person moving the trampoline on Canoochee Rd. and made a stop to advise them to go to Red Oak Rd. and sort it out. Deputy talked to the victim who advised he wanted the trampoline back. Subject unloaded the trampoline and left,

and the suspect stated the trampoline belongs to her. Both were advised of the civil and criminal process.

Deputies responded to Christopher Dr. in reference to complainant receiving text messages from offender wanting to commit suicide. Deputies spoke with offender who stated he got a little overwhelmed earlier with everything going on in his life, but he calmed down and was fine. Deputies asked offender if he needed medical attention, and he stated

August 31

Deputy met with complainant Dellwood Main St. in reference to a hit and run. Suspect ran into a building and fled the scene. Contact was later made with suspect at Dollar General and transported to EmCo

Det. Ctr. Deputy responded to GLS Rd. in reference to an irate male destroying property. Complainant stated offender had been tearing up stuff in the residence and deputy observed several things scattered in disarray.

Complainant stated she struck a deer on Hwy 192.

Complainant stated she responded to a Facebook ad for a dog for sale and sent suspect \$124 on Cashapp and was to meet sus-

pect the next day to pay the other half and get the dog. C/p stated suspect failed to meet her and she went to his job and he told her he had been hacked and had no dogs for sale.

September 1

Deputy was dispatched to Lake Luck Dr. in reference to a report of criminal tres-Complainant pass. stated the property he bought goes all the way to the corner of Lake Luck and Prosperity and around a month ago, he was approached by suspect asking to cut the grass behind his fence on c/p's property and c/p advised suspect not to cut the grass and to stay off his property. C/p stated he drove by the area and noticed the grass had been cut. C/p was advised of the probable cause process.

Inv. conducted a traffics top on Industrial Way for a traffic viola-

Deputies responded to C&G in reference to a burglary alarm. All gates were secured and no signs of forced entry were observed.

Deputies responded to North Prong Rd. in reference to complainant advising he was being chased by a vehicle and they were shooting at him. Complainant advised he and suspect had been arguing throughout the day via mes-

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suspended;

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sages and he drove by suspects house and the vehicle pulled in behind him and started shooting. C/p eventually lost the vehicle and later discovered he had a flat tire. C/p stated he heard about seven shots and heard one ding from his vehicle.

Deputy met with complainant on Hwy 47 East in reference to an incident that occurred the night prior. C/pstated he heard a gunshot on his property and found damage to his boat. C/p stated he has two suspects in mind that are distant relatives who are disgruntled over a land dispute. C/p stated he has encountered previous incidents on the property and believes it's a form of harassment by suspects.

September 3

Complainant stated offender went to her residence on Bonsue Dr. and took her vehicle without permission. Offender had permission in the past to use the vehicle but has since been advised not to use it. C/p stated she believes offender still has the spare keys in. his possession.

Deputy met with complainant on Kemp Rd. in reference to a stolen firearm found missing from his bedroom closet and advised he is sure a family member who resides within the residence took it.

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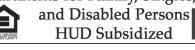
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The District Attorney's Office presented 22 bills of indictment to the grand jury, and the grand jury returned 20 true bills and 2 no bill.

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taking

Bernard Parrish: Aggravated assault; Possession of

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firearm by convicted **Eddie Terrell Mack:** Arson in the 2nd degree;

Tampering with evi-

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TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

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PHILLIP WILLIAMSON deceased, of

said county. (The petitioner has also

applied for waiver of bond, waiver of

reports, waiver of statements, and/or

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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF **EMANUEL** IN RE: ESTATE OF TIM CLARK, DECEASED.

All creditors of the estate of Tim Clark, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Kimberly Monk and Hope Henry, Administrators of the Tim Clark Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.

This 1st day of August, 2023. RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Kimberly Monk and Hope Henry Administrators of the Tin Clark

Estate Richard M. McNeely, P.C. P. O. Box 767

Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (478) 237-4225

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND **DEBTORS** All creditors of the estate of FRED

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 WIILIE JAMES BUIE, decedent late of Emanuel Count, 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, exec utrix 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**

CIVIL ACTION NO. PLAINTIFF, VS. KAITLYN DANIELLE PEEBLES

MICHAEL REFFETT DONALD SCOTT ALLEN DEFENDANTS. NOTICE AND SUMMONS TO: **KAITLYN DANIELLE PEEBLES** MICHAEL REFETT

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

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. day of 2023.

Clerk, Emanuel County Superior Court

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 Please be advised that this law firm is acting as a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. August 25, 2023 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL #9589 0710 5270 1058 7295 37 Ebony C. Howard Steven J. Howard 44 Long Leaf Drive Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 Re: Default of Security Deed from Ebony Collins Howard and Steven Jurelle Howard, to21st Mortgage Corporation, dated November 16, 2018, filed for record November 26, 2018, recorded at Deed Book 472. Page 156, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, in the original principal amount of \$93,705.30; as affected by Corrective Deed to Secure Debt dated September 8, 2020, filed for record September 22, 2020, recorded at Deed Book 503, Page 96, the captioned matters. In previous you remain in default. Nonetheless,

Emanuel County, Georgia Records. Dear Mr. and Ms. Howard: This firm represents Lender with respect to communication from Lender, you have been notified that you are in default with respect to the Security Deed and Note. Further, Lender has advised you of your right to cure this default. As of the date of this letter, it may be possible to cure this default by paying all accrued but unpaid interest, late fees, and all other cost and fees allowable by law. Interest, late charges, and other charges may vary from day to day, so the total amount owed will change. To obtain further information regarding the amount owed, you may call our office at (470)-427-2683 and ask for Jason Godwin. The person or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Jason Godwin 3985 Steve Reynolds Blvd Bldg D Norcross, GA 30093 Phone: 470-427-2683 Email: jgodwin@godwinlawgroup.com Please understand that Lender is not required by law

to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Note. Unless you notify this office within 30 days of receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of the debt or any portion thereof, our office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within 30 days of receiving this notice that you dispute this debt or any portion thereof, this office will

obtain verification of the debt and mail you a copy of such verification. Upon your written request within 30 days of receiving this notice, our office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act does not require that we wait thirty (30) days from the date you

receive this letter before initiating

foreclosure proceedings. In the event

we do initiate foreclosure proceed-

Security Deed now in foreclosure

Under Power which shall be submit-

ted to the legal organ of the county

for publication in Emanuel County

is enclosed herewith. Notice is also

hereby given to you pursuant to

O.C.G.A. Section 13-4-4, that Lender

continues to rely on and hereby con-

tinues to require strict compliance

with each and every term and con-

dition of the Note and Security Deed

and the other documents evidencing

and securing the indebtedness, and

none of the terms or conditions con-

tained in the Note and Security Deed

shall be construed as having been

modified by Grantor's/Borrower's fail-

ure to make the payments required

under the Note and Security Deed.

A copy of this letter is being sent to

you by USPS Certified Mail. Refusal

of delivery is deemed, under the law,

to be equivalent to notice. This law

firm is acting as a debt collector. This

is an attempt to collect a debt and

any information obtained will be used

for that purpose. Sincerely, Jason B.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF

HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE

DOLLARS, U.S. CURRENCY

(\$1,479.00), and ONE (1) GLOCK

19 WITH EXTENDED MAGAZINE.

SERIAL NO. BXXV152, Defendant

OCTAVIOUS NY'JOUN CHAVEZ

and

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT OF

TO: ALL PERSONS HAVING AN

INTEREST IN SAID PROPERTY

WHO ARE NOT OTHERWISE

NOTIFIED OF THE FOREGOING

You are hereby notified that the

above-styled action seeking the for-

feiture of the above-described prop-

FOUR-

DERRICK

Owner(s)/Interest

CIVIL ACTION NO. 23CV00111

Godwin

GEORGIA

Plaintiff.

in rem,

FREEMAN

Purported

Holder(s).

FORFEITURE

PROCEEDING

STATE OF GEORGIA,

ONE-THOUSAND,

RE PROPERTY OF

NICHOLAS HARDEN,

ings within thirty (30) days from the ("Grantee"), dated November 22, date you receive this letter you still 2019, and recorded December 10. retain the rights described above. Be 2019 in Deed Book 489. Page 401. advised that if your personal liability Emanuel County, Georgia records for this debt has been modified or (the "Security Deed"), conveying the extinguished by a discharge in bankafter-described property to secure a certain Note dated November ruptcy, this notice is provided solely 22. 2019 in the original principal to foreclose on the Security Deed remaining on your property and is not amount of \$1,738,800.00 from Place an attempt to collect the discharged Vendome Holding Co., Inc. personal obligation. If you are cur-308 Glenwood Associates LLC to Grantee (the "Note"), with interest at rently in the military service, or have been in the military service within the the rate specified therein, there will past 180 days, and you entered the be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash service after signing the Note and

please notify this office immediately. within the legal hours of sale on the You may be entitled to relief under first Tuesday in October, 2023, the the Service Members Civil Relief following described property: Act. This letter shall also serve as Tract one: All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate, and being in the 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel notice that Lender intends to initiate foreclosure proceedings against County, Georgia, containing Four the Property on the first Tuesday of October, 2023 and may also exerand Two Hundred Eleven One cise its other rights under the Note and Security Deed, which rights will be in addition to the rights which are exercised, noticed or discussed herein. A copy of the Notice of Sale

Thousandths (4.211) acres, more or less, and bounded as follows: North by Meadowlake Parkway: East by the lands of Mrs. Jerry Rich; South by lands of Emanuel County Development Authority; and West by Glenwood Road. Said property is more particularly described in plat by J.C. McLeod, surveyor, dated December 21, 1972, which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Plat Book

7, Page 50, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Tract two: All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 0.950 acres and designated as Parcel No. Two on a plat prepared by George William Donaldson, Surveyor, dated May 25, 1989, and recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 206, of the records of the Clerk, Superior Court, Emanuel County, Georgia, Said Plat is hereby incorporated herein for a more full, complete, and accurate description hereof. Said property being bounded as shown on said plat as follows: On the North by Parcel No. One as described by said plat; East and

Ithaca Industries, Inc. Being the same property conveyed to 308 Glenwood Associates LLC from Emanuel County Development Authority by Limited Warranty Deed, dated March 28, 2016, and recorded on April 12, 2016 in Book 429, Page

Southeast by land of Rich, et. al.;

on the Southwest by lands of the

Emanuel County Forestry Unit; on

the West and Northwest by lands of

18. A.P.N. 096-033 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note, Guaranty and Security Deed. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorneys' fees (notice of intent to collect attorneys' fees having been given). Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC is the present holder of the Note, Guaranty and Security Deed. Newtek Small Business

Finance, LLC is the entity with full

authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC may be contacted at: Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC, 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 130, Lake Success, NY 11042. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject propertv known as 308 Glenwood Road. Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 is/are: 308 Glenwood Associates LLC or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set

out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC as Attorney in Fact for 308 Glenwood Associates LLC THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING COLLECT A DEBT. INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE ROBINSON FRANZMAN LLP, 191 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 2600, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Telephone (404) 255-2503.

Notice of Sale Under Power State of Georgia, County of Emanuel. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by R&F Georgia Properties LLC ("Grantor") to Newtek Small Business Finance LLC ("Grantee"), dated November 22, 2019, and recorded December 10. 2019 in Deed Book 489. Page 452, Emanuel County, Georgia records (the "Security Deed"), conveying the after-described property to secure a Guaranty dated November 22, 2019 (the "Guaranty") relating to a certain Note dated November 22, 2019 in the original principal amount of \$1,738,800.00 from Place Vendome Holding Co., Inc. 308 Glenwood Associates LLC to Grantee (the "Note"), with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Emanuel County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2023, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying situate, and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting a distance of Three Hundred Eight and Seventy-two One-Hundredths (308.72) feet on the Southern side of East Main Street and containing Six and Thirty-Five One-Hundredths (6.35) acres as shown on plat of survey made by Aubrey E. Scott, Jr., Surveyor, dated June 8, 1982, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Plat Book 12, Page 176, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said property is bounded on the North by East Main Street, lands now or formerly belonging to Mrs. J.A. Garret and lands now or formerly belonging to Cuba Rowland; on the south by Eastwood Estates Subdivision; and on the West by lands now or formerly belonging to

D F Gilpin Being the same property conveyed to R & F Georgia Properties LLC from Place Vendome Holding Co., Inc., a Nevada corporation, d/b/a R & F Marketing by Quitclaim Deed dated May 9, 2008, and recorded on June 6, 2008, in Book 311, Page 437.

A.P.N. S07-018 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default. failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note, Guaranty and Security Deed. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorneys' fees (notice of intent to collect attorneys' fees having been given). Newtek Small Business Finance. LLC is the present holder of the Note, Guaranty and Security Deed. Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, Newtek Small Business Finance LLC may be contacted at: Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC, 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 130, Lake Success, NY 11042. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as 610 East Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 is/are: R&F Georgia Properties LLC or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but

not limited to, assessments, liens,

encumbrances, zoning ordinances,

easements, restrictions, covenants,

etc. The sale will be conducted

subject to (1) confirmation that the

sale is not prohibited under the U.S.

Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confir-

mation and audit of the status of the

loan with the holder of the security

deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section

9-13-172.1, which allows for certain

procedures regarding the rescission

State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC as Attorney in Fact for R&F Georgia Properties LLC. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING COLLECT A DEBT. INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ROBINSON FRANZMAN LLP. 191 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 2600, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Telephone: (404) 255-2503.

NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM TO: VALERIE DAVIS 93 Rabbit Run, Kite, Georgia, 31049 TO: LARRY P. CRAFT & LARRY B.

P.O., Box 292576, Tampa, Florida,

& TO ANY OF THEIR HEIRS OR SUCCESSORS KNOWN & UNKNOWN

&: TO ANYONE IT MAY CONCERN TAKE NOTICE THAT: The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:

All those lots or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the 53rd G.M. District, Emanuel County, Georgia and in or near the City of Swainsboro, Georgia known as Lots No. 8, 8A, 10 and 11 of Robin Road Subdivision, as shown on a plat prepared by Ford-McLeod, Surveyors on October 10, 1964, which is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 87 of the Records of the Clerk of Superior Court, Emanuel County, Georgia. Said plat by express reference is hereby incorporated herein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said Lots 8, 8A, 10 and 11 having the length, width and dimensions is shown on said

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

PARCEL NO. (S33 018). AFTER ADVERTISMENT SAID PROPERTY WAS SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON JULY 6, 2010, TO SATISFY A TAX FI FA(S) FOR THE YEAR(S) 2009 AND FOR PENALTY

& INTEREST.

Frank Davis, III

4401 Meeks Road

Kite, Georgia, 31049

The Tax Sale Deed to which this notice relates is dated the 6th day of July, 2010 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 344, Page 114. The property may be redeemed

at any time before the 1st day of October, 2023 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Frank Davis, III, 93 Rabbit Run, Kite, Georgia, 31049, Please be governed accordingly. This 31st day of August, 2023.

Telephone - 478-451-7490 TRADE NAME NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the business operated at 206 East Pine Street Swainsboro. GA 30401 with a mailing address of 427 North Main Street Swainsboro, GA 30401, in Emanuel County, Georgia, in the trade name of DURDEN HUSON FUNERAL DIRECTORS is owned and carried on by CHAPMAN FUNERAL SERVICES, INC., whose address is 427 North Main Street Swainsboro. GA 30401 with a mailing address of 427 North Main Street Swainsboro, 30401, in Emanuel County, and the statement relating thereto required by O.C.G.A. 10-1-490, has been filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia

JERRY N. CADLE, ATTORNEY Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401 478-237-2271

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA. EMANUEL COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Michael Allen Snyder to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Stockton Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated October 13, 2022, recorded in Deed Book 544, Page 80, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Stockton Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 558, Page 148, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND TWENTY-NINE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$161.029.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the

alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2023, the following described property:

courthouse door of Emanuel County,

Georgia, or at such place as may be

lawfully designated as an

EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representa-

of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the tion, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Stockton Mortgage Corporation is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Stockton Mortgage Corporation, 9726 Old Bailes Road, Suite 200, Fort Mill, SC 29707, 877-297-5484. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

> known as 563 Friendship Church Rd, Twin City, Georgia 30471. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan

To the best knowledge and belief of

the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Michael

Allen Snyder or a tenant or tenants

and said property is more commonly

with the holder of the security deed. Stockton Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Michael Allen Snyder McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076

www.foreclosurehotline.net

EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the 1429th G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 2.71 acres, more or less fronting on the Northern side of Friendship Church Road and on the Eastern side of J C Lance, as shown on plat of survey made by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, dated February 22, 1984, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Plat Book 13, page 263, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said property is bounded now or formerly as follows: North by lands of Doris M. Ivins and Harvey R. Ivins; East by lands of James L. Hall and Lawanda J. Hall: South by Friendship Church Road; and West by JC Lane.

conveyed by a Warranty Deed dated October 13, 2022, from Charles L. Ivins. Jr. and Beverly A. Ivins to Michael Allen Snyder, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court. Said property is the same as that conveyed by a Joint Survivorship Warranty Deed dated July 22, 1997, from Charles E. Greenway a/k/a C.E.

Said property is the same as that

of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Deed Book 98, page 48. Said property is designated in 2022 by the Emanuel County Tax Assessors as Map and Parcel #190-

Greenway and Ida L. Greenway to

Charles L. Ivins, Jr. and Beverly A.

Ivins, which is recorded in the Office

MR/mac 10/3/23 Our file no. 23-12388GA - FT18

September 7, 2023

Statements of qualifications and proposals are being requested from architectural firms with a strong record in successfully assisting local governments with the implementation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. Responding firms should be technically qualified and licensed in the State of Georgia to provide these services. Plans are to contract for architectural preliminary design services required for a potential FY 2024 CDBG project and, if funded for architectural services for its implementation. The project's purpose is to provide construction of a new mental

health building within the county. Information which should be submitted for our evaluation is as follows: 1) History of firm and resources CDBG/EIP/RDF expe-2)

rience, including other DCA grant programs Key personnel/qualifica-3) tions Current workload 4) 5) Scope and level of ser-

vice proposed Experience with similar projects and list of references Fees and/or Percentages any) associated with the

Preliminary Architect Report (PAR) for the application, and Design and Construction Management Services, if the project is funded. The draft PAR would be needed no later than November 30, 2023

Errors and Omissions 8) Insurance Statement 9) Qualifications Form

Section 3 Certification Form (Only Submit with your Proposal if you are claiming Section 3 Status.) All contracts are subject to Federal

and State contract provisions prescribed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. This project is covered under the requirements of Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, as amended, and Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply. Emanuel County also abides by the following laws as they pertain to HUD Assisted Projects: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title 1; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act); Section 104(b) (2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA): and the Architectural Barriers Act of

1968.

Interested parties should request copies of the Statement of Qualifications Form and Section 3 Solicitation Package prior to preparing and submitting their proposal. Proposals should be received no later than 5:00 PM on October 16th, 2023, Proposals received after the above date and time may not be considered. We reserve the right to accept or reject all proposals and waive informalities in the proposal process. Questions, Statement Qualifications and Section 3 Certification form requests (i.e.,

request for Section 3 preference), and proposal packages should be submitted to the name and address listed below: **Emanuel County** Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC 5405 Oak St Eastman, GA 31023