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Routine agenda for Commissioners Smoother roads and cleaner buildings

The regular meeting of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners convened Monday evening, October 16, at the John C. Coleman County Office Building. Following Chairman Hugh Foskey's call to order, the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were delivered. In addition to the Chairman, Commissioners present included Commissioner

Oliver, Sherrod, and Thompson. The meeting agenda was opened by Chairman Foskey who called for presentation of minutes of the previous meeting. Following approval, the first agenda item for discussion dealt with fees for environmental services provided for the county. Administrator Singletary reported to the Board on the need for a revised

scale in payment for these services. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Oliver and seconded by Vice Chairman Sherrod for an appropriate adjusted increase in this service. Next on the agenda was discussion of the contracted services for cleaning and building maintenance of all county facilities. Singletary (Continued on page 6A)



LADY EAGLES

DEA Varsity Lady Eagles head to Final Four

DEA Lady Eagles played two games against Fullington Academy Lady Trojans Monday, October 16. In the first game, Eagles defeated Trojans 5-3. Eagles jumped out to the lead in the top of the second inning after Emily McRae singled, scoring two runs, Kyli Bell doubled, scoring

one run, and a steal of home scored one run. Eagles added on run in the third. Payton Peebles doubled, making the score 5-1. Aubrey Scott earned the win for the Eagles. They allowed three hits and three runs (zero earned) over seven innings, striking out eight and walking four. Brooklin Cromer took

the loss for Fullington Academy. They went seven innings, giving up five runs on 15 hits, striking out four and walking one. Eagles collected 15 hits in the game. Emma Proctor and Peebles each collected three hits for the Eagles. McRae seized on their opportunities, leading the Eagles with (Continued on page 6A)

BOE holds monthly meeting

The Emanuel County Board of Education met on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 5 p.m. at the Central Office for the new board member reception and swearing in ceremony of Mr. Brandon Jones. The monthly regular meeting then started at 5:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance: John Allen Bailey, Cherie Hooks, Brandon Jones, Tanya Lane, Johnny Parker and Sandra Swinney. Absent was Del Brown. Vice Chairman Johnny Parker welcomed everyone calling the meeting to order. Sandra Swinney delivered the invocation followed by Tanya Lane leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was (Continued on page 7A)



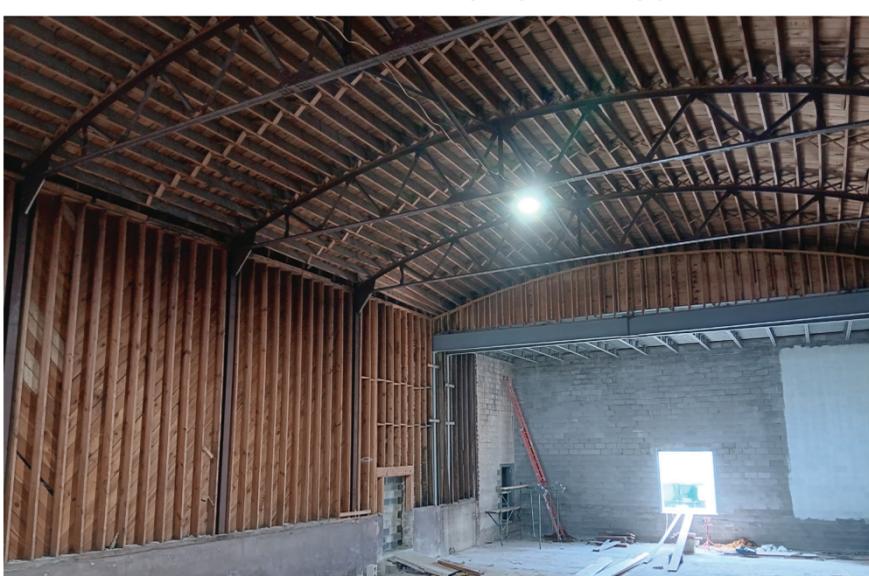
JONES BEING SWORN IN BY PROBATE JUDGE DON WILKES

"A Star is Born", again

Renovation work continues to move forward downtown at the Barbara and Tobe Karrh Cultural Arts Center. Framing going up inside of the historic theater is reshaping the interior spaces both at the lobby entrance, the snack bar and in the upper floor spaces. The Theater Foundation members are looking forward to more "coming attractions" and appreciate the continuing support of all donors as well as the City of Swainsboro and the Fox Theater Foundation.



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Contested municipal elections and referendums

Two contested municipal elections and two referendums should mean an easy experience for voters in Swainsboro and Stillmore on election day, November 7. Voters in Swainsboro's District 5 will decide if newcomers Quantavius Foster or Dr. James Mason will unseat incumbent Councilman John E. Parker. District 2 Councilman Julian Sconyers and District 1 Councilman D.J. Davis are both without opposition. There are two special elections for Swainsboro voters to decide "yes or no" on Sunday package sales of alcohol and Sunday alcohol sales by the drink.

In Stillmore, longtime Mayor Regan Slater faces no challengers. The position of "At Large" City Councilmember is being sought by Eddie Dean Allen, Brad Daugherty and Colleen Slater Duckworth. Voters will select two of those contenders. Please remember that even though the ballots are simple and quick this year, the value and importance of your vote is what good government relies on. Be sure to Go Vote!.

City budget set for public hearing

The Swainsboro Mayor and City Council met for a special called meeting on Tuesday, October 10, at the City Hall. Present were Mayor Bennett, Councilpersons Collins, Davis, Parker, Quarterman and Sconyers. Councilperson Stafford was absent. Following an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes of the October 2, 2023, meeting were submitted and approved.

In old business, council approved by a 5-0 vote a motion by CP Davis to advertise the proposed 2024 City Budget and set a public hearing date of October 26, 2023, at 3 p.m. at City Hall for comments or questions. In addition, council approved by a 5-0 vote a motion by CP Parker to advertise the

proposed new millage rate as well as advertisement of the five-year millage rate history including the proposed new rate. In new business, council considered responses to Request for Proposals issued by the City for Construction Management Services for the "Multipurpose Building" at the location of the Gumlog Street gymnasium. The num-

ber of responses to the RFP was not provided. CP Parker made a motion to accept a proposal from BAK company of Statesboro. Collins, Quarterman and Parker voted in favor. Sconyers and Davis opposed. The motion failed. In a second effort to pass a motion from an earlier meeting, Councilperson Davis made a motion to (Continued on page 6A)

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The Forest-Blade goes to Ireland

Sybil Johnson, Pam Johnson and Joyce Cannady of Twin City toured a week in Ireland, a beautiful country full of history, and took *The Forest-Blade*. It was an experience of a lifetime! Highlights of the trip included the Bunnratty Castle, the most authentic castle built in 1425; The Cliffs of Moher, sea cliffs formed nine miles along the North Atlantic coastline over millions of years ago; Malahide Castle, the home of the Talbot family for over eight hundred years and is believed to be the most "haunted" castle; The Guinness Storehouse, a fresh beer brewery, is a national icon signifying the history of the Irish culture and heritage; Trinity College, the oldest university in

Ireland, was founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I; The Long Room, which extends seventy-one yards, stores over 200,000 books in the old library at Trinity College and represents over four centuries of learning; the George Salmon statue on the Trinity College grounds is a reminder of his infamous quote, "Over my dead body will women enter this college", in which women did enter after his death in 1904; the Book of Kells, also at Trinity College, is an illuminated manuscript of the four Gospels of the New Testament in Latin; St. Patrick's Cathedral, the national cathedral of the Church of Ireland, contains around a thousand, gorgeous stained glass windows and includes

monuments, memorials and burials within the walls. It contains a medieval tower that houses the largest ringing peal bells in Ireland; Galway Cathedral, a Roman Catholic Cathedral with Gothic and Renaissance architecture, features marble floors, rose windows, the statue of the Blessed Virgin, and a complex crucifixion mosaic behind the altar; a Queenstown Port (now known as Cobh), was the last stop for passengers to board the Titanic. Three days after leaving the port, the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank, losing over 1,500 lives; Waterford Crystal House, a factory for creating ad designing the world renowned crystal, was unique while observing



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 the master craftsmen perform their artistic skills; Grafton St. Shopping in Dublin; Pubs and Cafes/ Restaurants to enjoy Irish stew and the Irish fish and chips, a favorite of tourists; the Beautiful Landscape and Scenery of green pastures with sheep and stonewalls or hedgerows for boundaries and the mud thatched cottages on the hillsides and in towns; friendly people everywhere; and buses of tourists who add a boost to the economy.

City Council meeting correction

In *The Forest-Blade's* coverage of the city council meeting on October 2, we reported that a motion to increase city fees passed by a vote of three in favor with two opposed and one abstention. This vote was accurately reported by this newspaper. However, there was no official declaration made from the chair following the vote to declare if the motion had passed or failed. Consequently, *The Blade* reported the three to two vote as a pass. In recent correspondence, *The Blade* has now been informed that the position of the City is that based on earlier legal cases, the motion did not pass even though the council members in favor outnumbered those opposed. We are frankly confused. However, in full faith and expectation of receiving more clarification on this subject and in consideration of the best interest of the public, this paper accepts the City's opinion regarding the vote to the effect that the motion and vote in question did in fact not pass.

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GUESTS ENJOYING PANCAKES AT LAST YEAR'S EVENT

Twin City Lions Club Pancake Supper to be held Thursday

The Annual Twin City Lions Club Pancake Supper will be held on Thursday, October 19 at the Lions Club Clubhouse on the Metter Highway from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out. The cost will be \$6 per plate.

Local banks celebrating 47th Annual Georgia Peanut Banking Week

The Georgia Peanut Commission and Georgia Bankers Association will join forces Oct. 16-20, 2023, to promote the 47th annual Georgia Peanut Bank Week. Financial institutions and local banks across the state will offer a tribute to Georgia's 4,000 peanut farm families and the sustainability they provide to Georgia's state and local economies.

The 2023 theme, "Counting on Georgia Peanuts," will showcase the affordable and nutritious peanut. Recent research studies indicate and highlight that regularly eating peanuts can reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and cancer. Individuals can reap these benefits by taking one daily ounce (about a handful) of peanuts or 2 tablespoons of peanut butter.

"We're excited to con-



GEORGIA PEANUTS

tinue Georgia Peanut Bank Week for the forty-seventh year and salute peanut farmers and the nutritional benefits of peanuts," says Joe Bodiford, chairman of the Georgia Peanut Commission. "This promotion is a great way to highlight all peanuts have to offer our communities across the state."

The annual promotion will be taking place during an opportune time of the year: peanut harvest. In 2022, Georgia peanuts were planted on more than 680,000 acres

throughout Georgia and accounted for 52 percent of peanut production in the United States. Peanuts were planted in 77 of Georgia's 159 counties with an average yield of more than 4,250 pounds per acre.

The Georgia Peanut Commission urges everyone to stop by their local participating bank or financial institution during Georgia Peanut Bank Week to learn more about Georgia peanuts. For more information, visit the GPC website at www.gapeanuts.com.



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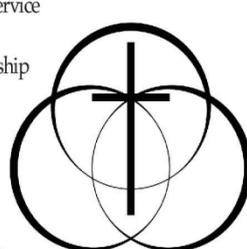
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Earl Newsome, 82

Mr. Earl Newsome, 82, of Kite, passed away Friday, October 13, 2023, at Tift Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 15, at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Mark Hardin officiating. Interment followed in the Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family received friends Sunday, October 15, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Brent Fails, Bill Hackle, Kelly Thigpen, Vance Adams, Raymond Wilson and Jeff Coursey.

Earl was born January 24, 1941, in Kite on a small farm, to the late Elton Newsome and Eula Mae Way Newsome. He went to work in Treutlen County as a deputy sheriff as a young man. Shortly after, Earl went into trucking which became his passion. He loved driving and working on trucks and long hauls out to California. When Earl wasn't driving trucks, he was talking about them. He loved his sports car, but more than anything, he loved his family. Earl's grandson Justin held a



NEWSOME

very special place in his heart. The last years of his life were spent with his faithful companion and best friend, Buddy (his dog). Mr. Newsome is preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Martha Lee Newsome.

Mr. Newsome is survived by his son, Sammy (Lynn) Newsome of Kite; daughters, Angela (Todd) Griffin of Adel and Tammy Trujillo of Metter; grandchildren, Justin Newsome, Blake Morrison, Tyler Morrison, Jacob Griffin, Dakota Edenfield (Megan), Devin Edenfield and Alex Trujillo; sister, Annette Jenkins of Adel; several great-grandchildren; his beloved dog, Buddy; and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Melanie Anne Martin, 64

Melanie Anne Martin, age 64, passed away unexpectedly on October 5, 2023, at Memorial Health Meadows in Vidalia. A Celebration of Life and Memorial Service will take place in Swainsboro shortly after the new year. Specific details are incomplete at this time and will be announced later by Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory. Melanie was born May 29, 1959, in Tucson, AZ, to the late Maurice and Carolyn Martin. She excelled in academics and later went on to become an elementary school teacher. Melanie identified as a fun-spirited extrovert who never met a stranger. She loved the beach,



MARTIN

NASCAR, UGA, and Lynyrd Skynyrd. Her friends and family are saddened by her sudden death. Ms. Martin is preceded in death by her parents.

Ms. Martin is survived by her son, Dustin (Brittany); granddaughters, Emory and Amelia; brother, Dale Martin (Renee) and their children.

Layla Janae Roberts, Infant

Layla Janae Roberts made her departure from life on Thursday, October 5, 2023.

Layla was born October 3, 2023, to Courtney and George Roberts. Even though her life was short lived, she will be loved forever and held close to their hearts. Layla is preceded in death by her grandfather, Charlie Minton Jr.; great-grandparents,



TURPENTINE STILL ON DISPLAY
ECHS to host Fall Festival Open House

by MISSY ELDER

The Emanuel County Historic Society will host its Fall Harvest Open House Saturday, October 21 from 1-6 p.m. We are located across from the Jaycee Fairground

which formed around the longleaf pine tree in the late 1790s when a tree reached eight feet or better in diameter. Spread a tape measure on the floor and see how big that is! We hope you will come out and visit our 1800s buildings. A lot of history is displayed on our little Longview Farm and in the Home Museum building. No admission is charged. Need information? Please call Missy 478-763-3631.

Leonard Leroy Dillard Sr., 57

Leonard Leroy Dillard Sr., age 57, departed his earthly home peacefully on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at Piedmont Midtown Hospital in Columbus. Funeral service was held Monday, October 16, at 11 a.m. at Rountree Island Missionary Baptist Church in Midville with Pastor Richard Lawrence Jr. officiating. Interment followed in Green Cemetery.

Leonard was born February 9, 1966, in Emanuel County, to Lyna Givins Dillard and the late Leroy Dillard. He received his education in the public schools of Emanuel County. Leonard was a minister and member of Rountree Island Baptist Church. He was a lovable and helpful person. During his lifetime, Leonard enjoyed repairing bicycles, tricycles, skateboards and scooters, and participated in parades, singing, helping others and fellowshiping



DILLARD

with family and friends. Leonard was formerly employed by Lawrence Construction and the City of Wadley. Mr. Dillard is preceded in death by his father; daughter, Victoria Dillard; and brother, Melvin Givins.

Mr. Dillard leaves to cherish fond memories with his mother; sons, Leonard Dillard Jr. and Shaun Lamar Dillard; brothers, Gerald Dillard, Eric Dillard and Reginald Dillard; uncles, aunts, other relatives and friends.

Jogresan Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Faith Baptist Church to hold gospel sing

Faith Baptist Church in Kite will have a fifth Sunday night sing on October 29 at 6 p.m. featuring Men of Praise from Metter. Everyone is invited to attend.

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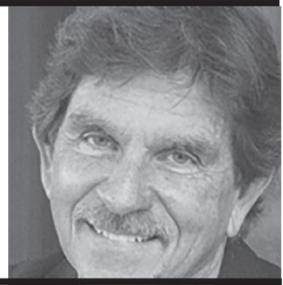
This world can be a place of wonder and charm, a place where hopes and dreams come true every day. That's one scenario. Sadly, the other can be a nightmare of almost unimaginable extremes. Ever since last Saturday morning, the state of Israel has seen some of the very worst. Much of it is so unspeakable that it literally takes a few days of hearing about it and watching it before you are able to actually process how humans can be so inhumane. On the TV

and movie screen, we are conditioned to seeing evil in every terrible form that computer generation can create, but when you see the real-life effects of raw hatred and disregard for life, you feel like you are witnessing evil for the very first time. It is frightening to a degree that we truly cannot understand. I am not a student of Middle East affairs, but I think even the most earnest of those scholars have a difficult time winding through the maze of history and geo-

political minefields and generations of human suffering that are woven into life in that part of the world. Of all the tribes, kingdoms, sheikdoms, sultanates and all the rest, it is difficult to find a political system in that region that practices anything like what we know as representative government. Israel has now witnessed what is being called their 911. The understandable response is one of massive revenge for the Israeli lives lost. Gaza City will likely

crumble to the ground as Hamas is eradicated. The cost of this in human terms will be the death of thousands of Palestinians who do not support Hamas but will be caught in the cross-fire. The real monsters in this story of death and destruction are not only the murderous members of Hamas but also the cowardly leaders of the series of failed governments in Gaza. For years, they betrayed the people of that small strip of land, forfeiting any chance to build true

Charles Schwabe



peace with the people of Israel. Israel is an uncommon land. It is a complex experiment, and a symbol of many, many things to many different people. The sentiment expressed about it, however, is strikingly similar. In spite of differing opinions, heated loyalties and uncompro-

mising principles, most of the people who have either lived there or just visited, simply want to go back. It will be a difficult time there for a while. Let us hope the people and the leaders of that country and the world are prepared for the challenges that lie ahead.

Some random thoughts on some random subjects

Just when you thought our federal government couldn't get any more dysfunctional, we all watched the political train wreck that was the ouster of a U.S. Speaker of the House for the first time in our nation's history. Speaker Kevin McCarthy was voted out of office thanks to 208 Democrats and 9 Republicans – meaning 210 Republicans voted for him. (Georgia's 14 representatives voted 5-9 against the ouster along party lines.) McCarthy had it coming. It took 15 votes for him to get the job in the first place and one of the conditions he agreed to was to allow a single member of Congress — Democrat or Republican — to bring a "motion to vacate," which forces a vote on removing the speaker. Republican Matt Gaetz, of Florida, did just that...

Humorist Will Rogers once observed he was not a member of an organized political party. He was a Democrat. No question if ol' Will was around today, he would be a Republican. They have turned disorganization into an art form... Meanwhile back home, the Georgia High School Association has approved a rule allowing high school athletes in the state to profit from their name, likeness and image (NIL) as do college athletes today. You have to wonder where all of this is going to end up: Middle school? Grammar school? Preschool? ("Hello. My name is Timmy, I am 4 years old. I play dodgeball and I want to tell you about a special this weekend on tire rotation from my friends at Meineke Car Care. Tell 'em Timmy sent you. Now 'scuse

me. I gotta go teeteetee.")... Is there any nation on Earth more preoccupied with dredging up its past and heading off on a guilt trip than we are? On December 7, 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor without warning, killing 2,400 Americans and wounding a thousand more. Some 11,000 American soldiers died as Japanese prisoners of war and another 500 to 600 American didn't survive the brutal Bataan Death March. So what do some want to focus on 80-plus years later? Japanese internment camps. Given that we didn't know the good guys from the bad, our government took no chances. And good for them. To you hand-wringers, get over it. The Japanese started it all with their sneak attack. They are the ones who should be

apologizing and making repatriations... My recent column about my trip to Iraq to be with members of Georgia's 48th Brigade Combat Team got a response from Dr. David Campbell, senior minister at Due West United Methodist Church in Cobb County. He had been there 20 years ago as an Army chaplain and knew first-hand the conditions I had described. However, he had one correction to offer. I had quoted Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman as saying, "War is hell." Dr. Campbell said, "Sherman was wrong. War is war and hell is hell. It is the chaplain's job to help remind people of the difference!" Touché!... Another reader who shall remain anonymous is not a Brian Kemp fan. Among the many sins our governor has committed in the reader's view is

Dick Yarbrough



that he went to Davos, a worldwide economic forum in Switzerland, viewed by some as a nefarious New World Order cabal. "Kemp has sold Georgians out to the ChiComs," he wrote," and attended the WEF Conference in Davos, Switzerland this past spring. I wonder what kind of screw-job Georgians are about to get from Kemp's involvement in Davos." I didn't have the heart to tell him that Donald Trump also hung out with that bunch of commie pinko, George Soros-loving, tree hugging, climate change conspiracists at the WEF Conference in Davos, as well. Not

once, but twice. Oops!... Finally, our state and my alma mater lost a great man with the recent passing of Sonny Seiler. He will forever be associated with the long line of Georgia Bulldog mascots known as "Uga," but he was also a crackerjack lawyer in Savannah and possessed of a sharp wit. I was honored to be president of the University of Georgia National Alumni Association and followed in that post by Sonny Seiler. He was a great friend and a Damn Good Dawg. He will be missed. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dick-yarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

Editorial Cartoons



Yellow buses

Shirley Proctor Twiss



Each year at the start of a new school term, I delight in seeing the big yellow buses filled with students. I think back to my years in the classroom. I loved both sitting in the small desk facing the large desk of my teacher and sitting at the large desk in front of my students. I had sat on my front porch watching the school children walk up Church Street to the school and longed to be one of them. In 1941 my dream came true when my first-grade teacher, Miss Scarboro, met me at the classroom door and assigned me a desk.

I must have been the first arrival, because more children continued to fill the desks. My attention was on the window and watching the big yellow buses lined up and unloading many students of all sizes. One small girl clutching her school

supplies headed into the first-grade building. Miss Scarboro met her at our door and brought her to sit in desk behind me. "This is Shirley and Shirley, this is Annette." That was the beginning of a lifelong friendship. We learned that there would be a morning and afternoon recess to go outside and play on the campus. At noon we ate in the lunchroom. You could eat the lunchroom food, a lunch brought from home or if living close by, go home for lunch. At recess time, Annette and I would join a group to play "hop scotch," "The Farmer in the dell or "London Bridge." Great fun until the bell rang and back to classroom. Throughout the next twelve years we played together, ate together, and hoped each year to be in the same room. Sometimes she went home with me and spent the night

when there was after school activities. This was like the sister I had always wanted. In our last years of high we both got jobs at the United Five and Ten Cent Store. The store would fill with customers from noon until nine o'clock. It was fun work, especially filling the candy case, dinner break at Lucille Lewis and earning three one-dollar bills. After graduation we went our separate ways, until reuniting when she returned to live in Swainsboro, and when I visited my hometown often. Happy Reunions always. I cherish those memories. Now Annette McDaniel Evans, my first friend, my best friend, and my longest-time friend is not well. My heart, thoughts and prayers are for soon recovery and return to good health. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com.



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Martin and Burke speak to Colby Smith Reunion

On Saturday, October 7, at 11 a.m., members of the Colby Smith family met at the Bethany Baptist Church four miles outside of Harrison for their 43rd reunion. In addition to family members, there were 10 members of the Skunk Brigade, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. Reunion President Dess Smith III welcomed everyone, with Bernard Martin blessing the food.

Following a great covered dish meal, President Dess introduced Bernard Martin and Steve Burke who presented their program on "Christianity and Survival during the Revolutionary War". After a short agenda of business, the meeting moved outside for a three-round volley by the flintlock rifles and four six-pounder cannons.



LEE HERRON, ALTON MCCLLOUD, GARY MASON, DESS SMITH III, DESCENDANT TOM MAYO, BENJAMIN MARTIN, BERNARD MARTIN II AND BERNARD MARTIN'S GRANDSON (NOT PICTURED: STEVE BURKE AND BERNARD MARTIN)

COMPATRIOTS MARTIN AND BURKE

Routine agenda for...

(From front page)

discussed the unsatisfactory level of performance of the contractor, American Facilities Services, in delivering the contracted services. Following discussion, the Board agreed that timely action was needed, and Vice Chairman Sherrod made a motion to cancel the contract with American Facilities Services for nonperformance. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Following a 4-0 vote to cancel, Sherrod then offered a motion to hire the next lowest bidder from the most recent bid competition, Tribond. That motion also passed with a 4-0 vote. Moving to the next item of business, the Board heard from Administrator Singletary on the LMIG road assistance grant from the State. The Administrator advised that the list of county road resurfacing and repair projects under this program is ready for bid. The total grant allowed in this project could be as much as 2.4 million dollars, with the possible inclusion of unused funds that have been returned to counties from earlier D.O.T. programs. The Board agreed to move forward and passed a motion to schedule a bid the LMIG project. In other final action, the Board moved to endorse a resolution from the Association of County Commissioners supporting the efforts of governmental bodies to enact mental health legislation whenever possible to address the spiraling need of these programs throughout the country. Following this, Chairman Foskey called for and received a vote for adjournment.

City budget set...

(From front page)

approve an increase in certain fees charged by the city. Sconyers seconded. The motion failed 2-3. Davis and Sconyers in favor, Collins, Parker and Quarterman opposed. Agenda items concerning fee increases at the Vann Community House and the City Auditorium were scheduled for discussion but were not acted on. No explanation was provided. In final business, CP Parker made a motion to approve purchase of police equipment and purchase of fire equipment. Both motions were seconded by Davis and passed with 5-0 votes on each. No dollar amount was provided for the expenditures. Council considered contracts that are due to expire at the end of the fiscal year, November 30. No action was taken, and no additional information was provided. The agenda being completed, the meeting was adjourned.

DEA Varsity Lady...

(From front page)

two runs batted in from the number nine spot in the lineup. They went 1 for 4 on the day Scott, Maddie Perkins and Bell each collected multiple hits for the Eagles. Eagles turned one double play in the game.

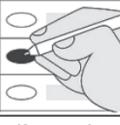
In the second game, Eagles defeated Trojans 18-16. It came down to the wire as the Eagles grabbed the victory in a walk-off fashion. The game was tied 16-16 in the bottom of the seventh when Emma Proctor doubled, scoring two runs. Proctor drove in four runners in the win. Trojans got on the board in the top of the first inning. Eagles took the lead, 3-2, in the bottom of the first thanks to singles by McRae and Sara Cate Fennell. Trojans captured the lead, 5-3, in the top of

the second then scored nine runs on seven hits in the top of the third inning. Eagles scored five runs on three hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. Scott singled, scoring one run, Proctor singled, scoring one run, errors scored two runs, and Perkins singled, scoring one run. Eagles flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the sixth, scoring seven runs on six hits to take a 15-14 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a double by Scott that drove in three. Trojans captured the lead, 16-15, in the top of the seventh and Eagles took the lead, 18-16, in the bottom of the seventh.

DEA Lady Eagles will play Thomas Jefferson Academy Thursday, October 19, at 4 p.m. in Columbus for the Final Four.

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE / PROVISIONAL / EMERGENCY BALLOT

Emanuel County, Georgia
Precinct: 129-Still
Municipal General Election - November 7, 2023



To Vote:

1. Use Black or Blue Ink to mark the ballot.
2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote.
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 of the Write-In candidate in the space provided.

Warning

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- Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices.
- Do NOT use check marks or X to mark ballot.
- Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed.
- Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot.

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)]

City of Stillmore

For Mayor
(Vote for One)

Regan Slater
(Incumbent)

Write-in

At Large
For City Council
(Vote for Two)

Eddie Dean Allen
(Incumbent)

Brad Daughtry
(Incumbent)

Colleen Slater Duckworth

Write-in

Write-in

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE / PROVISIONAL / EMERGENCY BALLOT

Emanuel County, Georgia
Precinct: Swainsboro

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City of Swainsboro

Special Election

ON-Premises Referendum Resolution
(Vote for One)

For City Council District 5
(Vote for One)

Quantavius Foster,
Sr.

James Mason

John E. Parker
(Incumbent)

Write-In

Package Sales Referendum Resolution
(Vote for One)

Shall the governing authority of the City of Swainsboro be authorized to permit and regulate package sales by retailers of malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.?

Yes

Shall the governing authority of the City of Swainsboro be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purpose by the drink?

Yes

No

City of Swainsboro

City of Swainsboro

For City Council District 2
(Vote for One)

Julian H. Sconyers, Jr.
(Incumbent)

Write-In

For City Council District 1
(Vote for One)

D.J. Davis
(Incumbent)

Write-In



BOARD MEMBER CHERIE HOOKS, S.A.S. AWARD RECIPIENT KRISTIE JOHNSON AND SUPERINTENDENT SCOTTY HATTAWAY



BOARD MEMBER BRANDON JONES, P.A.U.S.E. AWARD RECIPIENT KASON PALMER AND SHS PRINCIPAL BRANDON ANDREWS



FFA STUDENTS SERVING AT NEW BOARD MEMBER RECEPTION - SHS LANI KIRBY AND GRACIE STAPLETON

BOE holds monthly...

(From front page)

made by John Allen Bailey to accept the agenda as presented. Tanya Lane seconded. John Allen Bailey, Cherie Hooks, Brandon Jones, Tanya Lane, Johnny Parker and Sandra Swinney voted "yes". CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

1. September Awards for F.A.M.I.L.Y., P.A.U.S.E. and S.A.S. - Ms. Tammy Gray recognized the following recipients:

September 2023 - F.A.M.I.L.Y. - Lane Cardell - 5th Grade Teacher at TCE; P.A.U.S.E. - Kason Palmer - Senior at SHS; S.A.S. - Kristie Johnson - Human Resources Specialist at the Central Office

2. A Graduation update was given by Dr. Denise Warnock.

3. Dr. Gail Greenway gave an ESSER update.

DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows:

1. Minutes of the September 19 Regular Board Meeting and September 26, 2023, Called Board Meeting.

2. Financial Reports - Mollie Smith

3. Fundraisers: SHS Soccer Boys & Girls - Sell Shirts - Oct. - Dec. 2023; SHS Soccer Boys & Girls - Game Passes - Oct. - Dec. 2023; SHS Soccer Boys & Girls - Baked Goods - October 16-Nov. 2023; SHS - Jeans Day for Teachers - October 6, 20,

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4. RESA Service Area change Resolution.

5. Approval of Emanuel County Early Head Start Policy Council By-Laws.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the consent agenda as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION EMPLOYMENTS:

The Board approved the employment of the following classified employees:

Dixon, Eric - Paraprofessional - ECI - 10/16/2023 - NCIC Incomplete; Greenway, Amber - Paraprofessional - TCE-10/17/2023-NCIC Incomplete; Leverett, Dannah - Health/PE Paraprofessional - SES - 10/17/2023 - NCIC Incomplete; Roberts, Christopher - Maintenance Supervisor - Maintenance-10/17/2023 - NCIC Complete

RESIGNATIONS / RETIREMENTS:

The Board approved the resignations of the following classified employees:

Jones, Carl - Bus Driver - Transportation - 9/29/2023; Rich, Harley - Paraprofessional - SPS - 9/25/2023; Sellers, Kelsey - Paraprofessional - EHS - 10/6/2023; Wilkes, Jessica - Paraprofessional - SHS - 9/29/2023

The Board approved the retirement of the following classified employ-

ee:
Hodges, Sharon - Administrative Assistant - Central Office - 1/1/2024

Swainsboro Elementary School PTO and Family Reading Night

Swainsboro Elementary School invites families to PTO and Family Reading Night on Thursday, October 26, at 5:30 p.m. The event aims to promote family involvement in education and encourage a love for reading. Activities include the Parent-Teacher Organization meeting, reading stations and the Outlook Wax Museum.

Swainsboro Food Pantry distribution

St. Philip Center of Hope will be open for distribution on Thursday, October 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Counting On Georgia Peanuts

Oct 16 - 20 is Georgia Peanut Bank Week

Pictured: Luke Lanier with local farmer, Blake Johnson

Peanuts are planted in 77 out of 159 counties in Georgia. Georgia Peanuts were harvested on 680,000 acres in 2022 yielding an average of 4,250 pounds per acre.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Firefighters of the Year recognized at Firefighter Banquet in September



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Commissioner Hugh Foskey; Justin Johnson, Firefighter of the Year; Fire Chief Jesse Yawn; Public Safety Coordinator Courtney Terwilliger



CANOOCHEE
Commissioner Jim Sherrod; Fire Chief Wesley Coleman; Robert Coleman, Firefighter of the Year; Public Safety Coordinator Courtney Terwilliger



CROSS GREEN
Commissioner Jim Sherrod; Fire Chief Archie Brinson; George Harrison, Firefighter of the Year; Public Safety Coordinator Courtney Terwilliger



DELLWOOD
Commissioner Jim Sherrod; Fire Chief William Nasworthy; Joey Hood, Firefighter of the Year; Public Safety Coordinator Courtney Terwilliger



GARFIELD
Commissioner Jim Sherrod; David Ellington, Firefighter of the Year; Fire Chief Peyton Riner; Public Safety Coordinator Courtney Terwilliger



NORRISTOWN
Commissioner Hugh Foskey; Fire Chief Charles Headrick; Spencer Wood, Firefighter of the Year; Public Safety Coordinator Courtney Terwilliger



NUNEZ
Commissioner Hugh Foskey; Fire Chief Johnny Mills; Darren McGee, Firefighter of the Year; Public Safety Coordinator Courtney Terwilliger



OAK PARK
Commissioner Timmy Oliver; Bobby Wilson, Firefighter of the Year; Public Safety Coordinator Courtney Terwilliger; (Not Pictured - Fire Chief Sterling Damron)



STILLMORE
Commissioner Timmy Oliver; Jeremy Claxton, Firefighter of the Year; Public Safety Coordinator Courtney Terwilliger; (Not Pictured - Fire Chief James Turner)



SUMMERTOWN
Commissioner Jim Sherrod; Marshall Williamson, Firefighter of the Year; Fire Chief Kelvin Daley; Public Safety Coordinator Courtney Terwilliger



SWAINSBORO
Commissioner Ricky Thompson; Sue Bragg, Firefighter of the Year; Lieutenant James Ward, Fire Chief Mike Strobridge; Public Safety Coordinator Courtney Terwilliger



TWIN CITY
Fire Chief Foster Grimes; Commissioner Timmy Oliver; Twin City Mayor Matt Donaldson; BJ Grimes, Firefighter of the Year; Public Safety Coordinator Courtney Terwilliger



Scenes from a live burn class at the burn building

THANK YOU to all our firefighters!

Glad Garden Club learns about being wild

The Glad Garden Club held its October meeting at the Sudie A. Fulford Learning Center at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 9. The meeting was called to order by President, JoAnn Trammell and touching inspirational message given by Karen C. Van Horn. Program presented by Katherine Fowler from Soperton. Katherine is an expert on wildflowers, is a published author on the subject and has received several awards for her slide presentation. She is now basically retired but still loves to give presentations and share her vast knowledge about wildflowers. She definitely has a keen eye as she can identify true wildflowers while her husband is driving down the road and she makes him stop so she can take a picture and/or a sample. She has identified many specimens on US 341 traveling to Brunswick such as Hooded Pitcher Plant that eats bugs, Swamp Sunflowers, False Foxglove and a rare Rosebud Orchid in a ditch. Some flowers found around TyTy are Swamp Rose and Rocky Shoals Spider Lily. Katherine even reported that the D.O.T. has planted Cosmos off of I-16 around the Dublin Visitors' Center. Wildflowers are everywhere!



SHERRI CLIFTON, SYLVIA DURDEN, JOANN TRAMMELL, KATHRYN FOWLER -PROGRAM, GLORIA MASON, THOMASENE FLANDERS, KAREN CLEMENTS, JEANETTE HALL AND AUDREY WEST

the Veterans Park, Johnny Tapley of the Veterans of the Library, has offered to bring in a load of topsoil to encourage plant growth. Over the years, the park has been over-mowed and unintentionally stripped of topsoil nutrients so the topsoil should help a great deal. Glad Garden club has also been invited by the Veterans of the Library to participate in the first annual lighting of the tree at Christmas due to our part in working closely with the Veterans to promote beautification and conservation in the park. Exact time TBA. Jeanette Hall and Audrey West continue to maintain the entrances to the "Crossroads of the Great South" and new members have volunteered to assist. This is also a labor intensive, ongoing project.

Members had a grand time at the 65th Oleander District Meeting on October 12, in Jesup. Members were welcomed by Mayor Ralph A. Hickox, Jr. and our special guest of honor was Lisa Hall, President of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. After a program presented by Jessica Roberts, co-owner of Roberts Bee Company and H&R Apiaries about bees and pollinators, a delightful luncheon was served and bidding on silent auctions items continued along with basket raffle tickets. Glad Garden Club was the proud recipient of several awards. Certificates of Appreciation were received for valuable contribution to Roadside Beautification, Founder's Memorial Garden, GCG Natural Disaster Fund and the Martha Miller Butterfly Award. Due to

the hard work of members, the Glad Garden Club again received the 2022 Standard of Excellence Award in recognition of their many accomplishments for 2022 as detailed on their President's Report of Garden Club Achievements. We are so proud of our small but growing club's achievements.

The Glad Garden Club meets the second Monday of the Month at 10 a.m. September through May at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center at East Georgia State College unless otherwise notified. Come see us ya hear!

The Glad Garden Club is a member of the Deep South Region of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., and the Oleander District of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUCTIONEER

Notice is hereby given that the CITY OF SWAINSBORO, through its Mayor and City Council, is accepting applications for the services of an auctioneer for the purpose of conducting auctions of certain real property owned by the CITY OF SWAINSBORO.

Applications will be accepted beginning on October 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. and ending November 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., and should be submitted on or before the deadline, to City Hall for the City of Swainsboro located at 101 West Main Street or mailed to City of Swainsboro, Post Office Box 600, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401. Any application which is not submitted in accordance with this Notice and delivered in a timely manner will not be considered.

FOR FULL AND COMPLETE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AUCTIONEER PLEASE CONTACT CITY HALL AT 478.237.7025.

City of Swainsboro Budget Hearing

December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024

The City of Swainsboro will hold a public hearing Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing written and oral comments from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for the fiscal year 2023-24 as contained in the proposed budget summary below. Decisions on use of these funds are made at the local level by government and people closest to local problems. Georgia Act 1405, which was passed by the Georgia Central Assembly, requires a hearing on the proposed use of the funds in relation to the overall budget before the budget is adopted each year.

All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens and organizations representing the interest of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and submit comments.

Any person needing special services should contact Herman Middlebrooks Jr., coordinator of ADA services, at City Hall.

Summary of Proposed Budget (General Fund)

Sources	REVENUES	Amount
General Tax Digest		\$2,230,109
Other Taxes & Franchise Fee		\$3,099,000
Licenses and Permits		\$409,000
Fines and Forfeits		\$481,200
Service Charges / Fees		\$1,378,300
Income From Other Governments		\$418,492
Hotel / Motel.....		\$150,000
Use of Fund Balance.....		\$268,613
Other Financing Sources.....		\$63,000
Total		\$8,497,714

EXPENDITURES

Activity	Amount
Police	\$2,449,207
Fire	\$1,187,190
Public Works	\$1,391,793
Sanitation/Recycling	\$810,000
Parks & Recreation	\$358,063
General Administration	\$1,243,979
Animal Control	\$197,503
Building Department	\$126,270
Hotel / Motel.....	\$150,000
Cultural Arts(Golf Course).....	\$87,600
Airport.....	\$200,000
Library.....	\$140,293
Downtown Development.....	\$155,816
Total	\$8,497,714

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET (WATER AND WASTE WATER FUND)

Sources	REVENUES	Amount
Water and Waste Water Receipts		\$2,600,000
Water and Waste Water Services		\$15,000
Service Charges		\$110,000
Customer Transfer Fees		\$50
Miscellaneous		\$5,400
Total		\$2,730,950

EXPENSES

Sources	Amount
Water and Waste Water Funds	\$2,526,447
Water and Waste Water Capital Expenses.....	\$204,503
Total.....	\$2,730,950

A copy of this information, the entire proposed budget and additional background materials are available for public inspection from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at City Hall, Swainsboro, GA 30401

Seedling Garden Club meets

The second meeting of the club's new year met on Monday, October 9, at the First Methodist Church Social Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Nancy Lisenby. Seventeen members and one visitor were welcomed. Mary Ellen Smith was welcomed as a new member and Dess Smith was welcomed as a subscribing member. The club is always ready to welcome new members.



DURDEN, LIENBY, TANNER AND BRIERCHECK DURDEN, LIENBY, TANNER AND BRIERCHECK

of this youth garden club. The club voted to adopt the area around the Emanuel County Nursing Home as a new project. Containers and surrounding areas will be changed with each season of the year. Hopefully this will add some cheer to the residents and staff of the nursing home. Martha Cobb gave a short review of the upcoming flower show to be held in April, and reminded everyone of the next month meeting which will be our annual auction.

President Lisenby introduced the speaker for the meeting. Savannah Tanner of Emanuel County Extension Office presented a very educational program on Organic Strategies for the Garden and Home Landscape. Tanner is a graduate of ABAC and has been with the Extension Office for seven years. She stated the biggest question she gets is how to rid stickers from the lawn. Tanner stressed that the most important thing to do for your yards is to get a soil sample, with the best time being in January. She also stressed not to over fertilize plants - broadcast evenly and water in fertilizer. Do not use feed and kill on beds. Club members were given a yearly planning calendar to use for times to plant certain plants. The club enjoyed the presentation and learned

a lot from it. As the saying goes, "never too old to learn", and this is so true for Garden Club ladies trying to raise beautiful flowers and veggies. Along with Tanner's presentation, club member Paula Karrh gave a very educational horticulture moment. This included October gardening tips which we all appreciated, along with her hand out of things to plant now.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jill Briercheck and Jane Durden. The Social Hall was transformed into a Fall Wonderland. A large pumpkin welcome sign greeted everyone at the door and the refreshment table was very inviting, holding potted mums and pumpkins surrounded with Fall leaves. Members enjoyed the chicken salad croissants, a variety of cookies, nuts and bottled water.

The meeting was adjourned after the drawing for the door prizes. Winners were Kay Peacock and Martha Cobb. As members departed, they were given Halloween treat bags by the hostesses, and didn't even have to go Trick or Treating. All this made for a special Fall meeting.

The Seedling Garden Club invites anyone that loves to learn and have fun at the same time and wants to "Inspire To Grow Through Beautification, Preservation

Conservation, Education", to come join our club as we learn, have fun, take field trips and help with projects that help beautify our city and county.

The Seedling Garden Club is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and Oleander District III.

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EMANUEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS WITH A PREFERENCE FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK

Sealed proposals from (CP) Construction Professionals for the construction of Twin City Elementary School Renovation will be received by the Emanuel County Board of Education (Owner), at the office of the Emanuel County Board of Education, 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401 until 10:00 a.m., prevailing time on October 30, 2023. The Emanuel County Board of Education plans to select the most qualified Construction Professional Firm (CP) to enter into a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract for the construction of the above referenced project.

The procedures for contracts as established by the Georgia Local Government Public Works Construction Law, O.C.G.A., 36-91-1 shall be followed.

A package with requirements for Construction Professionals with a Preference for Construction Management At Risk Proposals may be obtained with a written request via U.S. Mail at the office of James W. Buckley and Associates, Inc., 114 North Green Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, Attn: Teresa Moore or by email to tam@jwbuckley.com. Written requests shall be on company letterhead and include firm name, principal (owner), phone and fax numbers, and mailing address with project name, dated, and signed.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities and informalities. Oral, fax or email responses will not be acceptable.

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Seedling Garden Club attends district meeting

The 65th Oleander Annual District Meeting of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. was held on October 12, "Under the Chandelier" venue in Jesup. Seven members of the Seedling Garden Club attended: Martha Cobb, Cheryl Goodman, Paula Karrh, Nancy Lisenby, Diana Malone, Judy McWhorter and Kay Peacock.

Joni Thompson, Oleander District Director, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. followed by a beautiful invocation by Chaplain Betty Waller. The flag presentation was by Wayne County High School ROTC with Barbara Cromley leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A welcome was given by Winette Almon, meeting committee chairman, and a special welcome from the community was given by Jesup Mayor Ralph A. Hickox, Jr. Guest of Honor, Lisa Hall, GCG President, gave a very inspiring greeting sharing her goals for the next two years for The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. We are proud that Oleander has bragging rights of Lisa Hall, new GCG president, since she is from our own district and lives in Savannah. Her theme for the next two years is "Plant America; promoting beautification, conservation and education." Betty Waller,



PEACOCK, KARRH, MCWHORTER, MALONE, GOODMAN, COBB AND LISEBY

District Chaplain, presented a very moving, loving memorial service for members lost in death this past year. Seedling was saddened that our own, Ginny Smith, was among the members lost this year.

Former Oleander District Directors were seated at the Honor Table and recognized. Seedling Garden Club's own Paula Karrh (1981-83), Kay Peacock (1999-2001) and Diana Malone (2021-23) was among those recognized. Seedling is honored to have four members now serving on GCG State Board and six serving on District Board.

Jessica Roberts, co-owner of Roberts Bee Company in Jesup, presented a very interesting program on

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Each club in the district was asked to donate a basket to be raffled. This is the only fundraiser the district has. Our own Amber Albritton designed a large, beautiful basket for our club.

The meeting ended with presentation of awards. Seedling won a Club Standard of Excellence Award, Award of Merit for the club's Standard Flower Show held in 2022, which also won a National Award. Certificates were presented to club for donations made to the following: Arboreta/Botanical and Memorial Gardens, Gar-

den Therapy Fund, Natural Disaster Support and Roadside Beautification.

Seedling Garden Club was happy to be part of the 146 members attending this annual meeting. We enjoyed visiting with garden club ladies from all over Oleander, meeting our new GCG President and our new Oleander District Director, viewing the numerous Educational Exhibits and of course enjoying the delicious meal. Lucky club members winning baskets were Cheryl Goodman and Kay Peacock.

Seedling Garden Club is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and the Oleander District.

DEA first graders hatch chicks

Mrs. Dana Durden's first grade class hatches chicks every year and this year they certainly did enjoy learning all about the life cycle of a chick and counting down the days until the eggs hatched. "We sure do enjoy our hands on learning at

DEA and this is an experience first graders don't forget!" explained Miss Dana. Middle school students checked in to see the chicks too because they had such fond memories of hatching chicks when they were in Mrs. Dana's room years ago.



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Tigers crush East Laurens in Region matchup

by Justin Gray
The Swainsboro Tigers have been dominant in nearly every game this season, only one game has ended in a one score game. The Tigers are on one of the most impressive runs in school history winning 30 of their last 32 games, both of those losses coming in the playoffs. They looked to try and continue their dominance against a familiar foe in East Laurens. The tigers haven't even given East Laurens a chance in their past few matchups, blowing them out every time. This one would prove to be more of the same. Swainsboro came out of the gates hot, as

Jerrold Steward returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown on this cold, rainy Friday night. After that, Swainsboro rolled to a 63-0 win behind explosive offense and stifling defense. The Tigers are one of the best teams in the state at playing complimentary football. Complimentary football is exactly what it sounds like, the offense and defense help one another and have each other's back each week. This week the star on the offensive side was Qin Brown who rushed for 110 yards on four carries and three touchdowns. Yes, that's right, he scored three of the four times he got the ball, but that

is what everyone in the room can do any Friday night. Three more backs found the endzone in Ja'bois Smith (2), Jordon Williams and Demello Jones. The room rushed for a total of 372 yards. Demello Jones had quite the game as well, he had one passing touchdown, one rushing touchdown, and returned an interception for a touchdown. The defense was the standard Swainsboro Tiger defense, giving up no points and letting the offense go to work. The Tigers now hoist an 8-0 record and a 2-0 region record. They will be off on the upcoming Friday night, October 20th, before playing the hard-



Photo by Mark Williams Studio

QIN BROWN ON HIS WAY TO ONE OF HIS THREE SCORES

est two games on their schedule. Their next matchup is at Bleckley County on October 27th in what could wind up being the Region title.

Bleckley is 6-2 and 2-0 in region play. Their only losses have come to Schley County (#1 in A-DII) and West Laurens (AAAA). They played

the Tigers the closest of anybody in the regular season last year, so it will be a battle. Fans need to be there and be loud for the Tigers next week!

Lady Tigers wrap up the regular season

by HUGH HENDRIX
With region games complete, last week's schedule featured a couple of non-region match-ups against teams from Class Single A, D 1, region 3. Thursday's home game against Bryan County was rained out so Tuesday's game at Screven County ended up being the final game of the regular season for the Lady Tigers. The match-up proved to be a good one as both teams were looking to get ready for the playoffs.



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solo shot put the Tigers up 1-0. The very next inning, Bishop collected another RBI with a squeeze bunt which scored shortstop Jocie Hendrix.

The Tigers carried that 2-0 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning but the

Gamecocks would not go down easily. With one run already in and the bases full of Gamecocks, Screven County walked it off with a two-out, two run single to defeat the Lady Tigers by a final score of 3-2.



LADY TIGER SENIORS

Senior players lead Lady Tigers into the playoffs

by HUGH HENDRIX
The Swainsboro Lady Tiger softball team hit the road early Wednesday morning headed to Roberta, GA for the Super Regional round of the GHSA Class A - Division 1 playoffs. Swainsboro High School will be one of four schools competing at the super regional hosted by Crawford County High School. Tournament play begins at noon when #1 seed Crawford County hosts #4 seed Pelham High School. Game two will follow at 2 p.m., when #3 seed Swainsboro faces off against #2 seed Metter High School. The losers of game one and

game two will play at 4 p.m. and the winners of game one and game two will play at 6pm. One of the four teams will be eliminated on Wednesday with the other three teams moving on to play Thursday. Game times for day two of the double elimination tournament will be 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. (if necessary). The tournament champion from each of the eight super regional tournaments will then move on the GHSA state softball championships the following week in Columbus.

This year Swainsboro outscored their regular season opponents by a

score of 172-156 and they carry a .298 team batting average into the playoffs. They are led offensively by seniors Hannah Howard, Jocie Hendrix and Savannah Hooks. The Lady Tigers look for their defense to remain steady up the middle and they hope to get more spectacular plays from their athletic outfielders. They will also likely rely heavily on senior pitcher Callie Powell who has started 21 games in the circle this season.

If you cannot make the drive to Roberta, GA you can keep up with the Lady Tigers on the Swainsboro High Softball Facebook page.

A rainy night in Portal for the Bulldogs

by RON WEATHERFORD
The ECI Bulldogs football team has pretty much had their way with Portal the last several years. The Panthers had only beaten the Bulldogs twice in the last 20 years, the last being in 2011.



TYLER FOREMAN BREAKS UP PASS TO JACKSON IN END ZONE

heartbeat", commented coach Chris Kearson. We did none of the things we needed to do. I'll shoulder the blame for that, and we'll be better, I promise you that."

Disaster struck early for the Bulldogs on the first play of the game when the Panthers picked up an ECI fumble and ran it back for a 40-yard scoop and score touchdown. The Bulldogs moved the ball in the first quarter, running 22 plays to the Panthers' just four plays but found themselves down 14-0 after a dropped snap on punt gave Portal a short field for their second touchdown on a Bulldog mistake. The Panthers went up 20 on the first play of the second quarter on Coleman's punt return. They added seven

more late in the half on a 12-yard TD to make the score at the half 27-0.

The Panthers added two more touchdowns in the third quarter to end the scoring for a 40-0 lead.

The Bulldogs rushed for 154 yards with another 58 passing for 212 during the game. The Bulldog defense held Portal to 71 yards rushing, but the Panthers found success through the air for 169 yards passing.

With a region loss, the Bulldogs have no time to lick their wounds. The 2022 region champions, McIntosh Co., visit Rountree Stadium Friday.

The Buccaneers are 4-4 in the season with a 1-1 region record with a loss to 7-0 Jenkins Co. and a win against 0-8 Montgomery Co.

DEA falls short to Windsor

DEA fell short against Windsor (Macon) Friday night, October 13. Richard Braddy started the game with a pass to Randon Williams scoring a 12-yard touchdown. Clayton Hood made a run, boosting the score to 8-0. Peyton Lee made a fumble recovery, followed by Billy Martin with an interception. Braddy then made a 2-yard run, ending the game with a 14-20 loss.

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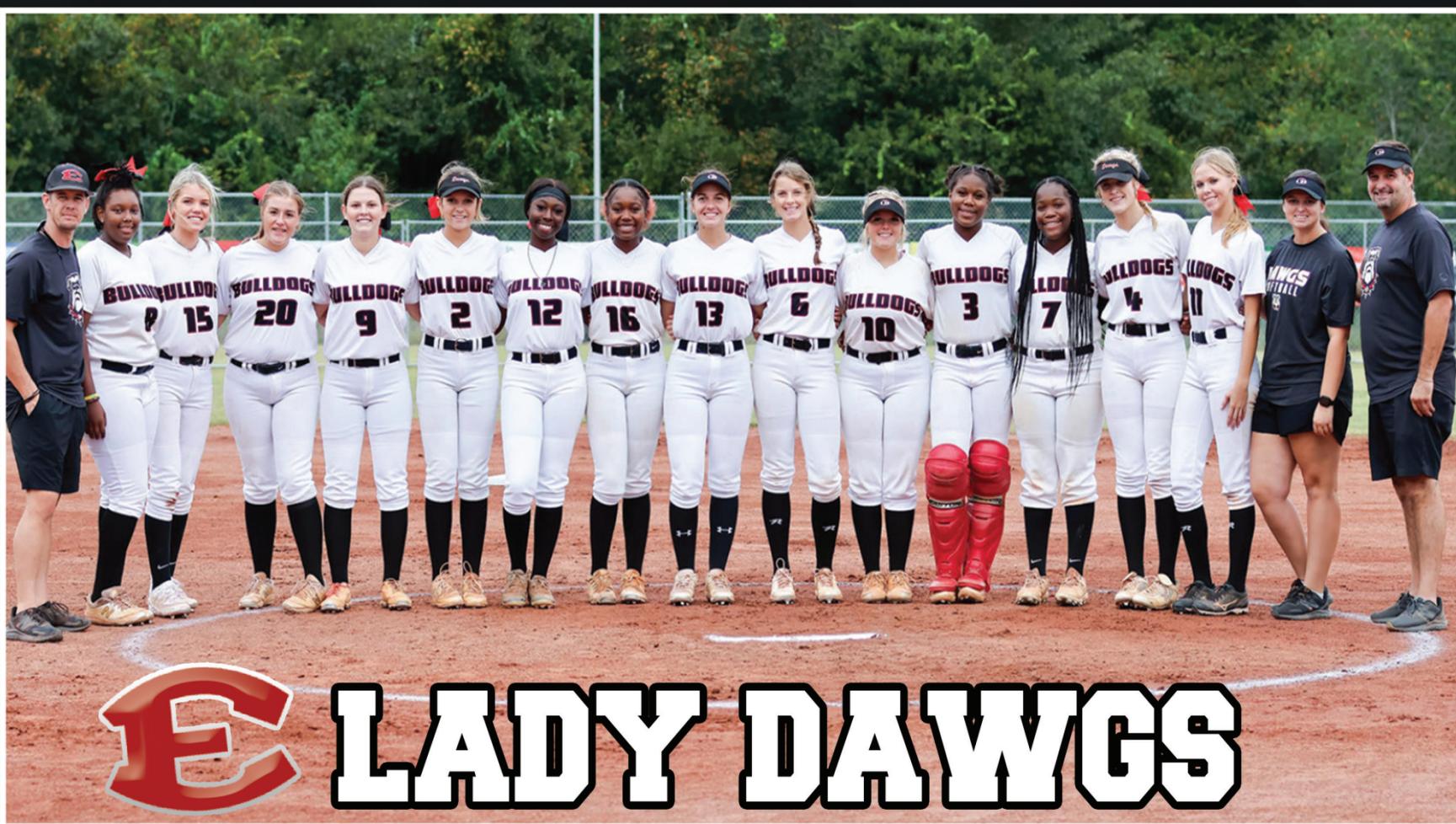


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Sheriff's Reports

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

October 9

Deputy responded to Odomville Church Rd. to assist Adrian Fire Dept. with a tractor trailer that caught fire.

Deputy met with complainant and witness at ECSO where c/p stated offender has a drug problem and keeps taking drugs to their house around their kids. C/p wants to evict offender but discovered that since it's not his house and he rents, the landlord would have to evict offender. Witness stated after offender goes to the bathroom and stays for a while, she finds cellophane packages with clear rock and brownish color stuff in it. Witness stated she has actually caught offender in the bathroom smoking drugs before and offender is currently on probation.

Deputy took a report regarding a truck not being returned after offender failed to pay the agreed amount for it. Complainant stated he had an agreement with offender to buy his truck and agreed to pay the loan at Title Max of \$4,200 and \$2,000 for the transmission to be able to purchase the truck. C/p stated that while he was in jail, offender went to c/p's father's house and he agreed to let offender get the truck and he would give him the money when he got it. C/p stated it has been over a month and offender has not paid him or the loan. C/p stated offender texted c/p's father saying he was going to return the truck but has yet to do so.

October 10

Deputies, along with GDC K9 Unit and SPD unit assisted Toombs Co. SO with the search and apprehension of two suspects. During the investigation, ECSO deputies made contact with one suspect that led to a foot chase. At that point, deputies engaged the suspect into a stand-off during which time the suspect would not comply with deputies to show both hands and would make multiple suicidal statements. After several minutes of dialogue, Chief Deputy was able to negotiate the surrender of the suspect and he was taken into custody. Suspect was later turned over to Toombs Co. SO. Upon further investigation, a continued search of the second suspect was attempted and after appx. three hours, the search was called off.

October 11

Deputies assisted EMS with a call of a passenger of a tractor having a seizure on I16. The patient was actively seizing, and the deputy was able to get him out of the tractor and lay him on his side. EMS arrived and stabilized the patient for transport and deputies escorted EMS from the location to EMC ER.

Deputy responded to Whippoorwill Rd. in reference to complainant wanting to secure the residence and dogs being left at the proper-

ty. Complainant stated the previous tenant of the property had been evicted and a writ of possession had been served and she went to check on it and two dogs were there. AC1 was contacted to pick them up.

Deputy met with complainant at ECSO where c/p stated her vehicle was repossessed from N. Racetrack St. and she was attempting to register a new vehicle with her military tag that was affixed to the vehicle. C/p stated she has moved to a new residence in Bulloch Co. where she is trying to register her vehicle and needed to have the previously noted tag registered to c/p's new vehicle.

Complainant went to ECSO to make a report in reference to someone opening a credit card in her name. She stated she has been served by a deputy with a paper stating she is being sued by the financial company for not making any payments on the account and wants ECSO to investigate the incident.

October 12

Deputies were dispatched to Friendship Church Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute.

Deputy spoke with complainant by phone for a report of damage to property. C/p stated her neighbor dug a ditch between his pond and c/p's, causing c/p's property to be flooded. C/p knew damages to include a power utility pole being knocked down and would be at the location on Saturday to assess the entirety of the damages.

Deputies assisted Holsonback Rentals with a writ of possession on W. 3rd Ave. in Stillmore.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 West in reference to a tree in the road.

Deputy responded to Cattle Dr. in reference to some dogs killing livestock. Complainant showed deputy to the barn where two dogs were found. C/p stated he had been away from the residence for a few days and upon returning, he found the dogs

along with eleven dead goats. One dog had a collar with a wireless fence module but neither had any identifying tags. Both appeared to be malnourished and unkept. AC1 was notified and took possession of the dogs.

Deputy took a report via phone in reference to vehicle damage. Complainant stated she slid off the road due to terrible road conditions and got stuck, causing damages to her vehicle.

October 13

Deputy spoke with complainant who stated he lost his wallet that had his license, credit card and SS card in it, as well as other ID cards.

Deputy responded to the Dept. of Community Supervision for a male subject who had an active warrant for a probation violation. Offender was taken into custody and transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputies responded to Harrington St. in reference to a structure fire. Heavy smoke was coming from the front door and deputies secured the scene and verified no one was inside the residence. Emanuel Fire arrived and deputies assisted with traffic control.

Deputy received a report at ECSO in reference to a theft. Complainant advised he let offender go to the store for him a few times and discovered several discrepancies on his bank statement. C/p advised his cell phone was stolen a few days prior and he had his bank app and Cashapp on his phone and noticed the transactions without authorization totaling \$234.50.

Deputy met with complainant at ECSO where c/p stated he bought a wedding ring set and gave it to offender with plans of getting married and the couple has broken up and c/p asked for the rings back and offender has not given them back.

Deputies responded to Friendship Church Rd. in reference to the caller being padlocked out of her residence. Complainant stated offender is known to ride around in a work

vehicle while unlicensed and is also known to have a large caliber rifle and is a convicted felon. While speaking with c/p, a vehicle pulled into the yard and c/p stated the male subject was the offender. Deputy spoke with the offender and asked for his license, and he presented an ID card. Deputy advised offender he handed him an ID card and offender stated he's never had a driver's license. Deputy ran offender's info to find he was unlicensed and then asked him about the rifle in the truck. Offender stated he did have one and that it was loaded. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

October 14

Deputy responded to Red Bud Ave. in reference to a prowler. Complainant stated her grandson woke her up stating he heard rustling and voices outside his bedroom window. Deputies walked the area but did not locate any sign or evidence of someone outside the residence.

Deputy was dispatched to Hwy 192 in reference to a MVA and made contact with the first responder who stated he woke up and found a message advising him there was a car in his front yard that seemed to have been wrecked. Complainant then went outside to find a vehicle appeared to have run off the road and went in his yard so he radioed 911 and attempted to make contact with the driver but the driver would not wake up so after several attempts, he was about to break the window when the driver woke up and unlocked the door. C/p stated the driver seemed to be intoxicated. Deputy opened the back door of the vehicle and could smell marijuana and began trying to speak with the driver, but he would hardly speak with him and would only give slight answers and hand gestures. Deputy could also smell alcoholic beverage and observed an open bottle in the center console. Deputies were then able to have offender move things in the passenger

seat where he began to crawl out of the passenger side. Deputy was advised to place offender in handcuffs due to a possible firearm and he was searched, and a handgun was found in his front pocket. While searching the vehicle, marijuana was found. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputies responded to Old Swainsboro Rd. in Twin City in reference to a domestic dispute. After speaking with both parties, it was determined that the nature of the complaint was based on the male subject's substance abuse. Male subject acknowledged he had a drinking problem and would continue to do what he does. Both parties were separated for the night.

Deputy took a report in reference to harassing communication. Complainant stated her estranged husband has been calling, texting and leaving harassing messages for her all day and night and wants him to stop harassing her.

October 15

Deputies responded to Red Oak Dr. in reference to a domestic. Complainant stated offender took her vehicle all night and had another female in her

vehicle. C/p advised she called the female and told her not to be in her car and offender got upset. C/p then advised offender jumped on her and she wants him out of her house. Offender advised they were just arguing, and he was in the process of packing his stuff. C/p's mother arrived and stated offender didn't hit c/p and it's always an ongoing issue between them.

Complainant stated he approached the intersection of Corinth Church Rd. and Foskey Rd. when he observed another vehicle pulling a long trailer attempting to turn on Corinth Church Rd. C/p stated he attempted to move his vehicle over to give the truck room to turn and his right front tire went down in the ditch. Deputy responded to Quick Loop Rd. in reference to a domestic disturbance. Deputy could detect sounds of distress from outside the back door of the residence at which point he entered into the residence and located both subjects in a heated argument. It was determined that the dispute ensued over money when the female found out the male spent his payroll check gambling over the weekend.

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The City of Adrian today announces its intention to increase the 2023 property taxes it will levy this year by 8.06% over the rollback millage rate.

Each year, the board of tax assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the county. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the county indicate there has been an increase in the fair market value of any specific property, the board of tax assessors is required by law to re-determine the value of such property and adjust the assessment. This is called a reassessment. When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the City of Adrian requires that a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, before the City of Adrian may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this increase to be held at the Annex Building, Nora Blvd, Adrian, Georgia on October 26th, 2023 at 11:00AM and 6:00PM and on October 31st, 2023 at 11:00AM.

NOTICE						
The City Commission of Twin City does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held in the City Commission Chambers on November 7, 2023 at 7:30PM and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.						
CURRENT 2023 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY						
CITY WIDE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Real & Personal	16,983,601	17,349,622	17,021,110	20,355,577	20,686,775	22,368,407
Motor Vehicles	541,750	470,630	237,026	343,010	305,370	409,130
Mobile Homes	200,723	180,024	209,648	224,410	226,980	236,945
Timber - 100%						
Heavy Duty Equipment						
Gross Digest	17,726,074	18,000,276	17,467,784	20,922,997	21,219,125	23,014,482
Less M& O Exemptions	502,791	493,417	496,278	512,515	607,076	539,765
Net M & O Digest	17,223,283	17,506,859	16,971,506	20,410,482	20,612,049	22,474,717
State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value						
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	17,223,283	17,506,859	16,971,506	20,410,482	20,612,049	22,474,717
Gross M&O Millage	17.964	18.473	21.321	19.359	19.852	18.843
Less Rollback (LOST)	10.773	11.260	14.104	12.476	13.233	12.462
Net M&O Millage	7.191	7.213	7.217	6.883	6.619	6.381
Total City Taxes Levied	\$123,853	\$126,277	\$122,483	\$140,485	\$136,431	\$143,411
Net Taxes \$ Increase		\$2,424	-\$3,794	\$18,002	-\$4,054	\$6,980
Net Taxes % Increase		1.96%	-3.00%	14.70%	-2.89%	5.12%

Jail Report

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

or East Georgia State College (EGSC).
 Brian Chapell Mills, entered 10/9/23; Driving susp/rev/Reckless driving/Improper passing/Speeding 30+ MPH over; released 10/10/23; SMPD
 Clarence Duran Harvey, entered 10/9/23; Driving lic susp/rev; released 10/10/23; SPD
 Tamika Robertson Moore, entered 10/9/23; DRIVING LIS SUSP/REV; RELEASED 10/9/23; SPD
 Darion Lamar Moody, entered 10/10/23; COURT - brought in from another agency/facility; released 10/12/23; ECSSO
 Tydreke Santele Carlton, entered 10/10/23; Battery/

Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation; released 10/11/23; WALK-IN
 Darryl Lee Byrd, entered 10/10/23; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; released 10/12/23; SPD
 Derric Fanta Hopkins, entered 10/10/23; Driving lic susp/rev/No insurance/Tag light requirements/Suspended registration; SPD
 Norman Bernard Parrish II, entered 10/11/23; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation; ECSSO
 Amber Armorie Wilcher, entered 10/11/23; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/VGCSA possession of drug related object/Other; released

10/13/23; EGSC
 Marc Engel Robin, entered 10/12/23; Printing/executing/negotia checks/drafts/Printing/executing/negotia checks/drafts/Theft/deception/Theft/deception; released 10/13/23; ECSSO
 Susan Ellen Moran, entered 10/12/23; DUI/alch; released 10/13/23; SPD
 Christopher Evan Blocker, entered 10/13/23; Hold for Jefferson CO; released 10/13/23; ECSSO
 Willie James Ford, entered 10/13/23; VGCSA drugs schedule I & II drugs/VGCSA manuf marijuana/Possession of cocaine; released 10/13/23; WALK-IN
 Andre Renee

McCloud Sr, entered 10/13/23; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; released 10/15/23; ECSSO
 Curtis Lee Sims, entered 10/13/23; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation/Terror threats and acts/Obstr/ofc/Simp battery; WALK-IN
 Bob Aaron Harrison, entered 10/13/23; Driving while unlicensed/expired/Firearm poss by conv felon; ECSSO
 Damion Early, entered 10/13/23; Driving while unlicensed/expired; SPD
 Dadge George Franklin, entered 10/13/23; Child support/Superior contempt order/Child support/Superior contempt order/DUI/refusal/

Leaving scene of accident/Following too closely/Driving while unlicensed/expired/Duty/stop a scene/hitrun/leave scene; SPD
 Jayjay Cody Pace, entered 10/14/23; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga probation; released 10/14/23; SPD
 Fazon Raheem Parrish, entered 10/14/23; Failure to maintain lane/Open container/DUI/alch/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 10/14/23; ECSSO
 Amber Marie Thomas, entered 10/14/23; Hold for out of county billing; ECSSO
 Decobian Montrez Kendricks, entered 10/15/23; Crim trespass; released 10/15/23; EGA

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

on Friday and the property had a shed building in the back yard and it was there on the property when he left on Friday and when he returned, the shed was missing. Drag marks were observed that led to a residence on W. Church St. Officers went to the residence in an attempt to make contact with the owner and spotted the shed building in the yard but could not make contact with anyone at the residence but were able to obtain a cell phone number for the offender. Offender advised he was not home but would meet with them shortly. Offender arrived and stated the previous owner of the Powell St. residence sold the shed building to him and the officer asked if he had a bill of sale and he stated he did not but was able to provide text messages with the previous owner where an agreement was made for the sale of the shed. Officers then met with c/p and asked if he could provide a document stating the shed was included in the sale of the property, but c/p could not provide one and stated the previous owner nor the realtor informed him that the shed did not come with the property, and he was led to believe it belonged to him.

ed someone must have gone to his house and stole several items. C/p also stated someone keeps knocking over his rat poison, so rats are eating all his stuff, and someone removed a tree limb and placed it on his fence to let his dogs out.
October 9
 Officer met with complainant on Lucky St. in reference to a stolen vehicle. That was wrecked into a residence. C/p and the owner of the vehicle advised the vehicle was parked on the side of the road on Lewis St. near Lucky St. for appx. 30 mins. and when c/p went outside, she found the vehicle missing and was around the corner on Lucky St. The vehicle was wrecked into a dilapidated old, abandoned residence. C/p advised she got in the vehicle and backed it up and parked it at a nearby residence. Officers observed damage to the vehicle but was unable to notice any damage to the residence due to the entire structure falling down. C/p advised the vehicle was on top of a pile of bricks that she backed over to remove the vehicle from the location. C/p also advised her father was on his way to remove the vehicle with a trailer.
 Officer observed a vehicle with a headlight out, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer asked the driver for his license, and he stated they are suspended. Officer then asked for the driver's name and DOB and ran him through GCIC to find his license are suspended and asked the passenger if she had a valid license and she stated she did. Officer

verified her information then asked the driver to step out of the vehicle. Driver was transported to EmCo Jail and the vehicle was turned over to the passenger.
 Officer ran the registration on a vehicle to find that the owner had a suspended license, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer asked the driver for her license, and she stated she did not have them and provided a DDS 1205 that she was issued to drive off of from August. Officer then advised offender that her license is suspended due to implied consent and asked her to exit the vehicle. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.
October 10
 Officer was dispatched to Summit Ave. in reference to a property damage report. Complainant stated she was inside and heard and felt something hit the side of her house and went outside to find a large tire smoking at the corner of her home. Officer observed the tire lying beside the corner of the house and noticed a broken rocking chair, a wooden cross shattered and the vinyl siding damaged. Officer flipped the tire and suspected it had broken off a large trailer or semi and noticed it was still hot. C/p informed officer that her neighbor witnessed the tire flying past their house on Rainbow Ridge.
 Officer met with complainant at SPD in reference to a report where she stated while she was at WalMart, she requested \$80 cash back from the self-checkout and forgot to get her money and doesn't know who removed it

from the register.
 Officer was dispatched to Lucky St. in reference to unwanted juveniles on the property that has caused damage to vehicles on the property. Officer met with complainant who stated unknown offenders caused a large dent into the hood of her vehicle and pushed the driver side window down on another vehicle. C/p advised she suspects the juveniles live next door to her. Officer inspected the damages to the vehicles and observed what c/p stated. Officer made contact with the neighbor and advised her of the situation, and she denied her grandchildren being on c/p's property, and officer advised her to make sure her grandchildren understand that they are not allowed on c/p's property. Officer then went back and spoke with c/p who advised the house across the road has cameras and try to obtain any video footage of the incident.
 Officer observed a vehicle with not working tag lights, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Upon running the registration, it was found that the vehicle did not have valid insurance and suspended registration. Contact was made with the driver who stated he was aware of the findings but was trying to go pick up his other car. Officer then asked for the driver's license and found that it is suspended for failure to appear. Officer asked the driver to step out of the vehicle and placed him under arrest and transported him to EmCo Jail.
 Officer responded to N. Main St. for someone pulling a gun. Officer made contact with complainant who stated a male subject came up to him and pulled out a gun and stated if he did not give the gun back, he was going to shoot him. C/p stated the gun belongs to a female and she was the one who sent offender to get it but stated he does not have it because he is a convicted felon. Officer went to Lee St. to talk with the female

who stated c/p stole it from her a while back. The female subject stated c/p told her a male subject's sister had the gun and would take it to her, and advised she did not send anyone to get the gun from c/p but asked offender to go ask c/p where it was at. Officer asked offender if he had a gun when he went up to c/p and he stated. He did but it was in his pocket and did not pull it out or tell c/p he was going to kill or shoot him. He stated he asked c/p where the gun was at and told him he needed to give it back to the female. Officer was able to see video of what happened and could see offender go up to c/p and talk but never pulled a gun out of his pocket.
October 11
 Officer responded to Marion St. in reference to a domestic dispute between mother and daughter. 911 advised the mother was intoxicated and had a knife. Officer observed offender on the front porch and complainant and witness walked out of the house onto the front porch. Officer asked what was going on and c/p and offender both started trying to speak at the same time and officer told offender to have a seat and asked her where the knife was, and she said she did not have a knife, and wanted her daughter out of her house. Officer advised offender of the eviction process and asked her to tell him what was going on. Offender stated her daughter had been putting her hands on her and pushing her all night. Officer then spoke with c/p who stated she pushed her mother back when she got in her face yelling at her. Officer then asked c/p about the knife and she could not show him or tell him where it was at. Officer then spoke with the witness who stated he got home and offender was drunk and was keeping everyone up by stomping through the house and fussing at everyone. C/p stated offender even broke his glasses while they were arguing.

Guns
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Notice of Property Tax Increase

The City of Adrian has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 8.06 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at Adrian Community Center Annex at 107 Nora Blvd., Adrian, GA on Thursday, October 26th at 11:00am.

Times and place of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at Adrian Community Center Annex at 107 Nora Blvd., Adrian, GA on Thursday, October 26th at 6:00pm and Tuesday, October 31st at 10:00am.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 8.608 mills, an increase of 0.642 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 7.966 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$50,000.00 is approximately \$172.16.

Legals

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM JAMES FORRISTER JR., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 23E0120
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
 MARY ELLEN WILLIAMS has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of WILLIAM JAMES FORRISTER JR., deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before October 23, 2023.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 DON E. WILKES
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Jeanie Hooks
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 P. O. Box 70 / 125 South Main Street
 Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
 Address
 (478) 237-7091
 Telephone Number

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

Maggie Hartley
 Plaintiff,
 Robert Gagnon
 Defendant
 Civil Action File No. 23-CV-201
NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
 TO: Robert Gagnon, Defendant
 Named Above:
 You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Complaint for Divorce [state the relief sought] was filed against you in said court on Sept 20, 2023, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on Sept 20, 2023, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Maggie Hartley, plaintiff, whose address is 23 Tony Baker Lane Garfield, GA 30425 an answer to the complaint within (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 Witness the Honorable Robert S. Reeves, Judge of said court.
 This the 20th day of September, 2023.
 Clerk of Superior Court
 Emanuel, County

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF JONATHAN IVEY SCOTT, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 23E0123
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
 LISA D. SCOTT has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of JONATHAN IVEY SCOTT deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before October 30, 2023.

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

Stacey Jackson Williams
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 Jeffery Brian Williams
 Defendant.
 Civil Action No. 23CV208
NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
 TO: Jeffery Brian Williams, Defendant
 Named Above:
 You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Divorce [state the relief sought] was filed against you in said court on 9/26, 2023 and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on 9/26, 2023 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Stacey Williams, plaintiff, whose address is 7342 Pinetucky Rd. Swainsboro, GA 30401 an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 Witness the Honorable Robert Reeves, Judge of said court.
 This the 26 day of September, 2023.

Kristin C Hall
 Clerk of Superior Court
 Emanuel, County

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
 GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
 Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Jimmy L Riner and Dora L Riner to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association, dated December 9, 2013, recorded in Deed Book 394, Page 334, Emanuel County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 531, Page 383, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION by assignment to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$107,815.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, 2023, the following described property:
 SEE 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 representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.
 PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 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: PNC Bank, N.A., 3232 Newmark Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342, 800-523-8654.
 Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.
 To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Jimmy L. Riner or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 230 Johnson Grove Church Rd, Midville, Georgia 30441. 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 with the holder of the security deed.
 PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Attorney in Fact for Jimmy L Riner and Dora L Riner McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN 57TH G.M. DISTRICT, EMANUEL COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS
 ALL THAT LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING SITUATE IN THE 57TH G. M. DISTRICT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 13 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEGIN BOUNDED, NOW OR FORMERLY, AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH BY LANDS OF MAUDE GREENWAY AND LANDS OR HATTIE LOUISE BISHOP; EAST BY LANDS OF CHARLES ELLIOTT; SOUTH BY COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD DESIGNATED AS COUNTY ROAD NO. 10 WHICH SEPARATES SAID PROPERTY FROM PROPERTY OF VICKIE L. HARBIN, FORMERLY LANDS OF LOYCE M. ALMOND; AND WEST BY A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD DESIGNATED AS COUNTY ROAD NO. 6, A/K/A OLD MCKENNEY'S POND ROAD. LESS AND ACCEPT: ON ACRE OF LAND WHICH WAS CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED FROM LOYCE M. ALLMOND TO MOLLIE S. CHAPMAN DATED MARCH 11, 1986, WHICH IS RECORDED IN EMANUEL COUNTY RECORDS IN DEED BOOK IT, PAGE 593, SAID ONE ACRE IS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY WALTER K. MAUPIN, SURVEYOR, DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1986, WHICH IS RECORDED IN EMANUEL COUNTY RECORDS IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 793.
 LESS AND EXCEPT: THREE ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY WALTER K. MAUPIN, SURVEYOR, DATED JULY 22, 1993, AND RECORDED IN OFFICE OF CLERK, EMANUEL SUPERIOR COURT, PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 281, CONVEYED FROM MOLLIE S. CHAPMAN TO VICKIE C. HARBIN BY WARRANTY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1999 RECORDED IN EMANUEL COUNTY RECORDS IN DEED BOOK 137, PAGE 374-375.
 LESS AND EXCEPT: ONE ACRE OF LAND WHICH IS CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED FROM JIMMY L. RINER AND DORA L. RINER TO JAMASON LEE RINER DATED MARCH 4, 2004 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 221, PAGES 478-479 OF THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF CLERK, EMANUEL COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. SAID

ONE ACRE IS NOW SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY NEVIL LAND SURVEYING, INC., DATED MARCH 2, 2004 AND RECORDED IN EMANUEL COUNTY RECORDS IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE 202.
 BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM JIMMY L. RINER AS SET FORTH IN DEED BOOK 221, PAGE 497 DATED 03/05/2004 AND RECORDED 03/10/2004, EMANUEL COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF GEORGIA.
 Tax/Parcel ID: 145 019A
 MR/chr 11/7/23
 Our file no. 23-12692GA - FT1

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, EMANUEL COUNTY
 Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Drayton David Lewis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Morris Bank, its successors and assigns dated 9/15/2021 and recorded in Deed Book 523 Page 273 Emanuel County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Renasant Bank, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$83,600.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on November 7, 2023 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:
 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE 1748TH G.M. DISTRICT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING ONE (1) ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY WALTER K. MAUPIN, SURVEYOR, DATED DECEMBER 2, 1972, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 147, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK, EMANUEL SUPERIOR COURT. SAID TRACT BEING BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: EAST BY LANDS OF THE COLEMAN ESTATE; SOUTHWEST BY LANDS OF RALPH KERSEY; AND NORTHWEST BY A COUNTY ROAD.
 THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS THE SAME AS THAT CONVEYED TO TAMMIE R. BELL AND CAMERON R. WILLIFORD BY JOINT SURVIVORSHIP WARRANTY DEED FROM MITCHELL MOORE DATED MARCH 22, 2011, WHICH IS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 351, PAGE 453, EMANUEL COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS. SUBJECT TO COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD. SAID PROPERTY IS FURTHER IDENTIFIED BY THE EMANUEL COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR AS 244 KERSEY ROAD, ADRIAN, GA 31002, MAP/PARCEL: 014/002.
 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 of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as 244 Kersey Rd, Adrian, GA 31002 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Drayton Lewis or tenant or tenants.
 cenlar is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.
 cenlar Mortgage Servicing Representative 425 Phillips Boulevard Ewing, NJ 08618 customerservice@loanadministration.com 1-800-223-6527
 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.
 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) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
 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 non-judicial 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 immediately above.
 Renasant Bank as agent and Attorney in Fact for Drayton David Lewis Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.
 1010-2029A
 THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1010-2029A

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
 IN RE: ESTATE OF BELLE TATUM, DECEASED.
 All creditors of the Estate of Belle Tatum, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Philip Tatum, Executor of the Belle Tatum Estate, at (Continued on page 8B)

Classifieds

Deadline is Monday at 9:30 a.m.
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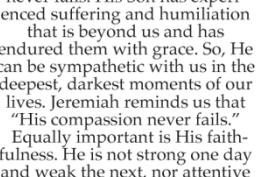
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(From page 7B)
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RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
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DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX SALE

Under and by virtue of certain tax Fi. Fa.'s issued by the Tax Commissioner of Emanuel County, Georgia, in favor of the State of Georgia and County of Emanuel, against the following named persons and the property as described next to their respective name(s). There will be sold for cash or certified funds at public outcry, before the Courthouse door in Swainsboro, Emanuel County, Georgia, between the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in November, 2023, the same being November 7th, 2023, and continuing on November 8th, 2023, if necessary between the legal hours of sale, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The below listed and described properties, or as much thereof as will satisfy the State and County tax execution on the respective individual and property. The property (ies) hereinafter described have been levied on as the property of the persons whose names immediately precede the property description. Each of the respective parcels of property are located in Emanuel County, State of Georgia. The years for which said Fi. Fa.'s are issued and levied are stated opposite the name of the owner in each case. Each defendant and tenant in possession, if applicable, has been notified of levy time and place of sale. Purchaser shall pay for title, all transfer costs, all taxes, advertising costs and recording fees.

Map & Parcel: 025003D

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Williams, Stacey Jackson

Current Record Holder: Williams, Stacey Jackson

CRH Address: 7342 Pinetucky Road Swainsboro, GA 30401

Amount Due: \$3,710.56

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020

Deed Book: 360/28

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, 1208th GMD, being 1.02 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 20, Page 98E.

Or as further described in Deed Book 360, Page 28. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel

025003D, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 069107

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Patrick, Lloyd George

Current Record Holder: Patrick, Lloyd George

CRH Address: 1252 McGarrh Mill Pond Road Midville, GA 30441

Amount Due: \$913.26

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, 1208 GMD, Section, being 1.00 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 10, Page 641.

Or as further described in Deed Book HQ, Page 312. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 069107, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 074048

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Dirs Choice Enterprises LLC

Current Record Holder: Dirs Choice Enterprises LLC

CRH Address: 123 Powell Street Swainsboro, GA 30401

Amount Due: \$1,457.39

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021

Deed Book: 470/261

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, 53rd GMD, being 87.807 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 18, Page 491.

Or as further described in Deed Book 470, Page 261. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 074048, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 089029

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Smith, Kirtus D.

Current Record Holder: Smith, Kirtus D.

CRH Address: 860 McGarrh Mill Pond Road Swainsboro, GA 30401

Amount Due: \$1,750.07

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021

Deed Book: 508/320

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, 1208th GMD. As shown in Plat Book 13, Page 92.

Or as further described in Deed Book 508, Page 320. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 089029, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 095C020

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Daniels, James B

Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Daniels, James B, Deceased

CRH Address: PO Box 1534 Swainsboro, GA 30401

Amount Due: \$2,786.80

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020,2019

Deed Book: 257/420

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, City of Swainsboro, 53rd GMD, being 0.22 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 8, Page 206.

Or as further described in Deed Book 257, Page 420. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 095C020, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 101021A

Defendant in Fi-Fa: David, Shane

Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of David, Shane W. Deceased

CRH Address: PO Box 61 Swainsboro, GA 30401

Amount Due: \$1,298.59

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020,2019,2018,2017

Deed Book: 436/409

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, City of Oak Park, 58th GMD, being 1.00 acre, more or less. Being Lot 32, of Sandy Lakes Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 19, Page 260.

Or as further described in Deed Book 436, Page 409. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 101021A, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 120044

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Lee, Debra Leola & Lee, James Gray

Current Record Holder: Lee, Debra Leola & Lee, James Gray

CRH Address: 14 Bowen Drive, Twin

City, GA 30471

Amount Due: \$1,034.84

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020

Deed Book: 384/430

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, City of Oak Park, 58th GMD, being 0.781 acres, more or less. Being Lot 21, of Long Bay Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 21, Page 50.

Or as further described in Deed Book 384, Page 430. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 120044, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 131047

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Gardner, A.B.

Current Record Holder: Gardner, A.B.

CRH Address: 6600 Blackbird Drive Statesboro, GA 30461

Amount Due: \$835.75

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020

Deed Book: 145/182

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, 1560th GMD. Being Lot 32, of T.H. Fountain Jr. Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 18, Page 375.

Or as further described in Deed Book 145, Page 182. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 131047, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 132032A

Defendant in Fi-Fa: McCoy, Mitchell

Current Record Holder: McCoy, Mitchell

CRH Address: 1257 Lambs Bridge Road Twin City, GA 30471

Amount Due: \$1,479.66

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2019,2018

Deed Book: 380/407

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, 1560th GMD, being 1.13 acres, more or less. Being Lot 9. As shown in Plat Book 6, Page 170.

Or as further described in Deed Book 380, Page 407. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 132032A, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 140011

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Wolfe, Fred N. & Jennifer R.

Current Record Holder: Wolfe, Fred Neal & Jennifer Rushing

CRH Address: 902 Church Street Vidalia, GA 30474

Amount Due: \$10,757.57

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021

Deed Book: 447/535

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, 50th GMD, being 31.62 acres, more or less. As shown as Parcel 1 in Plat Book 20, Page 78C.

Or as further described in Deed Book 447, Page 535. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 140011, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 153016

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Rowland, John

Current Record Holder: Rowland, John

CRH Address: 2324 GA Highway 192 S Twin City, GA 30471

Amount Due: \$8,039.09

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020

Deed Book: 454/151

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, 58th GMD, being 1.00 acre, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 11, Page 548.

Or as further described in Deed Book 454, Page 151. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 153016, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 177021

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Jordan, Wesley A. & Shana B.

Current Record Holder: Jordan, Wesley A. & Durden, Shana B.

CRH Address: 288 Mount Olive Church Road Twin City, GA 30471

Amount Due: \$2,840.19

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021

Deed Book: 410/196

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, 1560th GMD, being 2.00 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 4, Page 10.

Or as further described in Deed Book 410, Page 196. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 177021, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 178001B

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Gunn, Jeremy

Current Record Holder: Gunn, Jeremy

CRH Address: PO Box 372 Twin City, GA 30471

Amount Due: \$883.82

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020

Deed Book: 377/235

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, City of Twin City, 1560th GMD, being 0.244 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 22, Page 352.

Or as further described in Deed Book 377, Page 235. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 178001B, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 184011

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Johnson, Richard A.

Current Record Holder: Johnson, Richard A.

CRH Address: PO Box 136 Garfield, GA 30425

Amount Due: \$4,716.85

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021

Deed Book: IA/801

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, City of Twin City, 1560th GMD, being 16.00 acres, more or less. Or as further described in Deed Book IA, Page 801. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 184011, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: GA1012

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Gay, Mildred Estate

Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Gay, Mildred, Deceased

CRH Address: PO Box 77 Garfield, GA 30425

Amount Due: \$492.74

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020,2019

Deed Book: 149/507

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, City of Garfield. Or as further described in Deed Book 149, Page 507. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel GA1012, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: GA3004

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Marshall, Grady & Hattie Belle

Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Marshall, Hattie Belle, Deceased & Marshall, Grady

CRH Address: PO Box 106 Garfield, GA 30425

Amount Due: \$517.23

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020,2019,2018

Deed Book: GS/156

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia,

County of Emanuel. Being Lot 13 & one half of Lot 12, of J.A. Chapman Estate. As shown in Deed Book BZ, Page 558.

Or as further described in Deed Book GS, Page 156. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel GA3004, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: OP1064

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Roundtree, Stephanie Marie

Current Record Holder: Roundtree, Stephanie Marie

CRH Address: 3846 Harrington Street Lyons, GA 30436

Amount Due: \$937.94

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021

Deed Book: 411/87; DF/543

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, City of Oak Park, 50th GMD. As shown in Deed Book DF, Page 543.

Or as further described in Deed Book 411, Page 87. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel OP1064, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: S05028

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Waters, Stephen Ray

Current Record Holder: Waters, Stephen Ray

CRH Address: 232 Happiness Drive Swainsboro, GA 30401

Amount Due: \$950.95

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021

Deed Book: 359/127

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, 53rd GMD, being 0.24 acres, more or less. Being Lot 18. As shown in Plat Book 1, Page 97.

Or as further described in Deed Book 359, Page 127. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel S05028, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: S06028

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Wilson, Gary

Current Record Holder: Wilson, Gary

CRH Address: 715 West Church Street Swainsboro, GA 30401

Amount Due: \$2,101.15

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020,2019

Deed Book: 186/627; DR/1B

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, City of Swainsboro, 53rd GMD. Being Lots 10 & 11, Block C, of Lake Luck Subdivision. As shown in Deed Book DR, Page 1B.

Or as further described in Deed Book 186, Page 627. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel S06028, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: S09035B

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Smiley, Jackey

Current Record Holder: Smiley, Jackey

CRH Address: 466 Howarth Drive Swainsboro, GA 30401

Amount Due: \$1,320.00

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021

Deed Book: 520/555

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, City of Swainsboro, 53rd GMD. Being Lot 6, Block K, of Eastwood Estates Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 3, Page 11B.

Or as further described in Deed Book 520, Page 555. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel S09035B, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: S13078

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Samples, Samantha Ann

Current Record Holder: Samples, Samantha Ann

CRH Address: 717 North Coleman Street Swainsboro, GA 30401

Amount Due: \$2,608.78

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020

Deed Book: 272/280

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, City of Swainsboro, 53rd GMD. Being Lots 9 & 10, Block B, of Fowler Hill Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 4, Page 248.

Or as further described in Deed Book 272, Page 280. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel S13078, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: S23132A

Defendant in Fi-Fa: New Pages Of Life Ministries, Inc.

Current Record Holder: New Pages Of Life Ministries, Inc.

CRH Address: PO Box 601 Swainsboro, GA 30401

Amount Due: \$670.88

Tax Years Due: 2022,2021,2020,2019,2018

Deed Book: 223/564

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Emanuel, City of Swainsboro, 53rd GMD. Being Lots 8, 9, & 10, Block B, of School Park Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 22, Page 413.

Or as further described in Deed Book 223, Page 564. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel S23132A, Emanuel County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: S28047

Lisenby speaks to the Wiregrass Chapter

The Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, held its monthly meeting Thursday night, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the New China Restaurant. With Interim President Steve Burke presiding, they had 16 in attendance. Steve called on Compatriot Gary Mason to bless the food and then they enjoyed a great buffet meal. After the meal, Steve asked Compatriot Dess to introduce the speaker. Dess introduced Mike Lisenby, who presented his program on the "Freedom Shrine". Mike talked about four documents: the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Treaty of Paris, 1781 and the Constitution. Steve then gave an update on three events they participated the past weekend: the Colby Smith reunion on Saturday, October 7, the grave Marking for Patriot

Joseph Avant on Sunday, October 8, and the Siege of Savannah on Monday, October 9. Steve then gave an update on several upcoming events including For Morris on Saturday November 18, Wreaths Across America in Emanuel County on December 16, and the Christmas covered dish meeting on December 14, at the First Methodist Church social hall. The meeting was closed with the SAR Recessional. Steve called on the 2024 nominations committee chair Gary Mason to give his committee's report. Chair Gary reported that his committee had been working hard in contacting the 2023 officers to see who wanted to continue. Also, Gary mentioned that if anyone wanted to run for any of the positions, they can announce it at the November meeting. Elections will be held at the December meeting.



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Skunk Brigade attends Siege of Savannah event

On Monday morning, October 9, the Skunk Brigade traveled to Savannah to participate in the annual Siege of Savannah event. The event started at 9:30 a.m. with a parade formation from the museum traveling the original route of the Patriots and French when they attacked the British on October 9, 1779. This major assault against the British siege works failed with the result of the British remaining in control of Savannah until July 1782. While marching to



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the event location, cannons fired at least five times. During the event, several speeches were

given by dignitaries and then the laying of wreaths was held. After this, the Sons of the

Revolution fired a three-round volley with their flintlocks and one shot by their cannon.

Skunk Brigade attends Patriot Grave Marking

On Sunday afternoon, October 8, at 2:30 p.m., the Skunk Brigade, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, traveled to the Smyrna Baptist Church in Deepstep to participate in the Patriot Grave Marking for Patriot Joseph Ransome Avant. The event was sponsored by the Governor Jared Irwin Chapter, NSDAR, May and Smith Funeral Directors, Strickland Family and the Fall Line Chapter GASSAR. After the GASSAR Skunk Brigade Color Guard posted the colors, Regent Dorothy Price Reynolds welcomed everyone to the event and Sandra Dukes Avant gave a biography of Joseph Avant. The Marker was then unveiled. President of the Fall Line Chapter GASSAR Sandy Mercer then held the Laying of the Wreaths. At the end of the event, a three-round volley by the flintlock rifles and six-pounder cannons was held to honor Patriot Joseph Ransome Avant.



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ATTENDEES AT THE EVENT

NOTICE

The City of Swainsboro does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Swainsboro city hall on November 6th at 6:00 pm and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2023 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

City Area	CITY WIDE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
		Real & Personal	140,347,431	141,465,306	134,331,543	169,697,674	168,727,255
VALUE	Motor Vehicles	2,903,300	2,444,600	1,116,201	1,770,830	1,530,920	1,522,920
	Mobile Homes	116,765	92,241	88,654	84,823	138,468	203,571
	Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	20,148	0	0
	Gross Digest	143,367,496	144,002,147	135,536,398	171,573,475	170,396,643	193,310,779
	Less Exemptions	23,771,814	22,366,654	10,039,428	9,552,913	12,130,033	12,426,661
	NET DIGEST VALUE	119,595,682	121,635,493	125,496,970	162,020,562	158,266,610	180,884,118
RATE	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	25.7410	26.2380	26.6050	21.1850	21.4910	18.9900
	Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	6.3130	6.8850	7.2000	6.7800	7.3000	6.9900
	NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	19.4280	19.3530	19.4050	14.4050	14.1910	12.0000
TAX	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$2,323,505	\$2,354,012	\$2,435,269	\$2,333,906	\$2,245,961	\$2,170,609
	Net Tax \$ Increase	\$40,564	\$30,507	\$81,257	(\$101,363)	(\$87,945)	(\$75,352)
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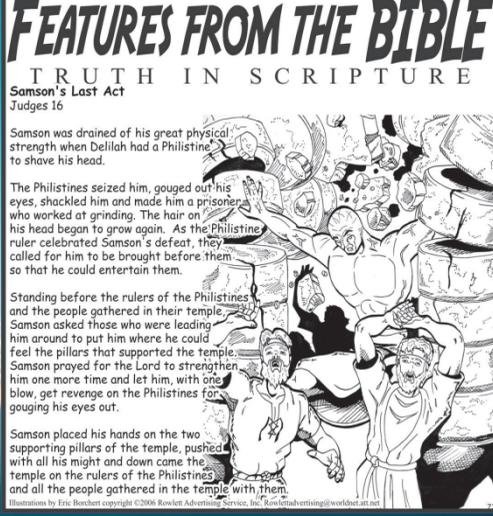
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The Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes, shackled him and made him a prisoner who worked at grinding. The hair on his head began to grow again. As the Philistine ruler celebrated Samson's defeat, they called for him to be brought before them so that he could entertain them.
Standing before the rulers of the Philistines and the people gathered in their temple, Samson asked those who were leading him around to put him where he could feel the pillars that supported the temple. Samson prayed for the Lord to strengthen him one more time and let him, with one blow, get revenge on the Philistines for gouging his eyes out.
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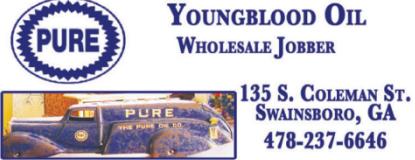
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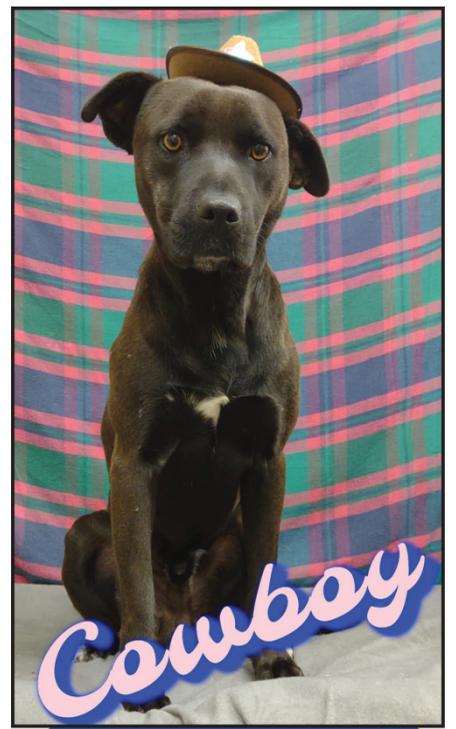
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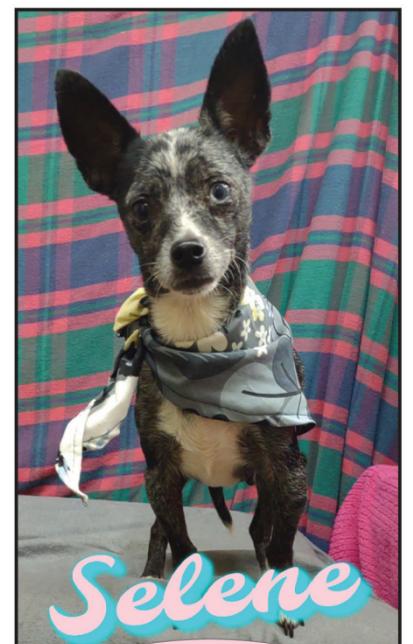
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