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Swainsboro dominates Metter again to move on to second round

by JUSTIN GRAY
 The Swainsboro Tigers began their chase for a title with a 20-0 win over Metter in the first round of the GHSA State Playoffs. As the Tigers showed in game one of the season, they were more physical and better than Metter. They had to go prove it again and once again, they did. This was a big-time bounce back win for the Tigers, after dropping their last two games of the regular season. A happy Coach Scott Roberts said, "Our kids played with great effort and did a great job of not getting frustrated when adversity hit us several times. We created several turnovers, which is always huge, and we

took care of the football on offense. That's a winning formula for playoff football." The Tigers offense was back to its normal self with 324 yards on the ground and 59 through the air. Jordan Williams led the way with 134 yards on 16 carries with Qin Brown following him with 131 yards on 12 attempts and a touchdown. Bryson Tarver and Demello Jones both added a touchdown in the Tigers 20-0 win. Let's give the defense some love, as they shut down Metter and created turnovers. In two games against Metter, they've only allowed seven points. This is the side of the ball that can lead Swainsboro

back to a title berth, but that's not their focus right now. They have to get ready for Lamar County. Lamar is 9-2 on the season, one of those coming from Dublin. Coach Roberts noted, "Lamar County is a very scrappy bunch that plays extremely hard. It's exactly the kind of football team you expect to see from this point forward." The Tigers are on the road again, as they should be the rest of the playoffs. It's a 132-mile drive for those who plan on attending or are considering it. Let's take a crowd to Lamar County and pull off another big win. Game starts at 7:30 p.m.



GABE LEE, #28, TRIPS UP LANIER QB TO PRESERVE THE WIN IN OVERTIME

Bulldogs win in overtime

by RON WEATHERFORD
 The ECI Bulldogs advanced to the second round of the state playoffs, defeating Lanier Co. 41-35.

They will take the long four-hour ride to southwest Georgia Friday to take on region champion and number one seed Early Co. in Blakely in the second round.

If you like an offensive game, the ECI vs Lanier was in your wheelhouse. Both teams combined for 76 points and 959 yards of total offense. It was also a tale of two halves for both teams. ECI outscored the Bulldogs from Lanier 28-7 in the first half. Lanier Co. returned the favor and matched that score putting 28 points on the board in the second half of regulation, while holding ECI to 7 points. ECI took the opening kickoff and grounded out a 78-yard drive in 10 plays to go up 7-0 late in the first quarter. The Bulldog defense kept Lanier out of the end zone in the first for an 7-0 ECI lead. Lanier tied the score early in the second quarter at 7-7 on a one-yard run. ECI took very little time off the clock on their first drive of the second quarter, scoring on 4 plays. Hudson Henry burnt Lanier on a 22-yard touchdown run for a 14-7 Bulldog lead. ECI scored 14 more points in the second quarter. Chase Johnson (Continued on page 6A)



LIVELY (CENTER) WITH BASEBALL COACHES CHALKER, OVERSTREET, HOOKS AND MARCHMAN

Lively signs with Queens University

Swainsboro High School senior Lenox Lively signed a letter of intent on National Signing Day to play baseball at Queens University, a Division I school in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Lenox is preparing to enter his fourth season as a member of the Tigers' varsity baseball squad. In that time, he has played a variety of positions, including catcher, pitcher, third base, and shortstop. He has also been active on the travel club/scouting circuit, playing for FTB Phillies Scout Team, based in Florida. While a part of this organization, Lenox has played in many Perfect Game and Prep Baseball Report (PBR) tournaments throughout

the southeastern United States. He has been awarded for his athleticism many times over, earning SHS Offensive Player of the Year in both his freshman and sophomore years. Also, during his freshman year, he was named 2nd Team All-Region Catcher and 1st Team All-Region Utility Player. As (Continued on page 6A)

Don't miss 'Paws with Claus'
 Emanuel County Humane Society is having their annual "Paws with Claus" event this Saturday, November 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Swainsboro on the square! This free event is sponsored by the Emanuel County Humane Society. Bring your pet(s) downtown for their special photo with Santa!

Commissioners oppose Georgia HiLo Trail through Emanuel County

According to County Administrator Guy Singletary, the Emanuel County Commissioners will be presented a plan to adopt a resolution at the November 20 meeting showing they will not support the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail Project. "The board has been clear from the beginning that they do not support the trail as it has been presented. The commissioners agreed to participate in a bike study a few years ago, and we have participated in a few meetings. Every meeting we have ever had with the Hi-Lo group has included us voicing serious concerns about their plan. I have been a part of several interviews with news agencies, including the Atlanta Journal Constitution. In every instance, we have been contacted because they know that our commissioners oppose the plan, and they want to hear an opposing view

point. Our position has been clear from the beginning, but we are not privileged to all of the information that this group is putting together, and many times we are finding out about their ideas at the same time as the Emanuel County Citizens. We cannot stop members of their committee from coming to speak to groups in Emanuel, nor can we stop people from biking on our existing county road system," stated Administrator Singletary. The Georgia Hi-Lo

Trail project was formed by Mary Charles Howard, Founder and Executive Director. Her goal is to form a 211 mile, road-separated 12-foot wide paved trail from Athens to Savannah for bicycle riders. The estimated cost is approximately \$1 million per mile. That will put the total cost over \$200 million, and that's assuming state and local governments and private citizens would donate easements for the trail. According to Howard, (Continued on page 6A)

Swainsboro City Council runoff to be held December 5

Results of the General Election voting held Tuesday, November 7 are as follows:
 • In the Swainsboro City Council District 5 race, a total of 192 votes were cast. John E. Parker (Incumbent) – 80; Quantavious Foster, Sr. – 65; James Mason – 47. A runoff election will be held between Parker and Foster. The runoff will be December 5, with one week of early voting from November 27 to December 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each

day.
 • Swainsboro City Council District 1 – D. J. Davis (Incumbent) had no opposition.
 • Swainsboro City Council District 2 – Julian H. Sconyers (Incumbent) had no opposition.
 • In the Stillmore City Council-258 race, 83 votes were cast. Two At-Large seats were up for grabs. Eddie Dean Allen (Incumbent) – 33; Brad Daughtry – 33; Colleen Slater Duckworth – 17. Allen

and Daughtry will retain their seats on Council.
 • Stillmore Mayor – Regan Slater had no opposition.
 In addition, the sale of alcohol on Sundays in Swainsboro passed. The Package Sales passed with 236 yes votes and 173 no votes. The On-Premises Consumption passed with 234 yes votes and 178 no votes. Package Sales and On-Premises Consumption will go into effect January 1, 2024.

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Emanuel County Schools receives Safety Grant

During the annual meeting of the Georgia School Board Association-Risk Management Services (RMS) held in Athens in October, the recipients of the 2023-2024 Safety Grants were announced.

Over 50 applications were received this year, and a total grant sum of \$60,000.00 was awarded. Emanuel County Schools was fortunate to be one of the recipients. Mrs. Chandra Hooks, ECS Executive Director of Nutrition, submitted the grant proposal to purchase slip-resistant shoes and wet floor signs to prevent slips, trips, and falls. The \$4,160.06 grant will make cafeterias and kitchens safer



HOOKS

for Emanuel County Schools. ECS appreciates GSBA-RMS and its dedication to support-

ing safety measures in local school systems.

GSBA Risk Management Services provides group-self-insurance plans covering workers' compensation, property, and liability risks to protect their members. The organization works closely with Georgia's public-school systems, extending beyond conventional insurance brokerage services. They focus on building relationships and offering training and information to facilitate successful risk management.



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SCOTT

Celebrating over 100 years of service

It's rare today for individuals to remain in the same industry for their entire career, and even rarer with the same company. This is not the case for three Pineland employees who are reaching a new career milestone. Sidney Rhoney, Jim Sherrod, and Ken Scott are retiring this month, with a combined total of 103 years of dedication and service at Pineland. Each has contributed an immense amount of support, skill, and knowledge to Pineland's operations over the years, and although they will be missed, we are excited for them to begin this well-deserved chapter.

Sidney Rhoney - 36 years of service

In 1987, Sidney Rhoney attended his high school graduation on a Friday and began his career with Pineland Telephone the following Monday. His first position was within Pineland's Inside Plant where he assisted in the changeover to the DMS 10 telephone switch. Over the next thirty-six years, Sidney worked in almost every department of Pineland, holding multiple positions. He was part of the construction crew, burying copper cable, and became Foreman of the two-man crew; the cable cutover crew which implemented the upgrade to the copper plant; and the Install & Repair department as a serviceman. He returned to the cable cutover crew as Crew Leader, became Supervisor of the Install & Repair and Cable depart-

ments, served in engineering, and became part of the Southeast Fire & Burglar team as an alarm technician. With Pineland's expansion of service to Americus, GA, Sidney returned to Pineland operations where he served as Americus' Lead Install & Repair Technician. After two years, he returned to the cable department, where he serves as a Cable Technician.

In his retirement, Sidney will focus on his fiber splicing operation, Core Fiber Optics, LLC. He is excited for the additional family time with his wife Renee, his children, and grandchild. He hopes to start travelling, and plans on continuing his hobbies of hunting, fishing, and golfing.

Jim Sherrod - 35 years of service

Jim Sherrod joined the Pineland family in January of 1988, shortly after turning 19 years old. He originally served as the serviceman for the Midville area, with his territory expanding to Twin City and Garfield. When Pineland first established its Network Operations Control Center (N.O.C.C.), Jim was recruited as a N.O.C.C. Technician. He returned to Install & Repair a year later, covering the Claxton, Vidalia, and Swainsboro areas. Jim currently serves as Lead Install & Repair Technician covering several of Pineland's territories.

He plans to stay busy in his retirement operating his business, Sherrod's Quality Deer Processing, returning to his love of

gardening, fishing, serving on the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners, and working on the hobby-do list. He is looking forward to enjoying family time with his wife Bobbie, five children, and three grandchildren.

Reflecting on his time at Pineland, Jim expresses his gratitude, "I've been good to Pineland,

but Pineland has been good to me." When asked if he had any advice to share, he replied,

"Pineland is built on family, and I hope the newer employees realize the competition is not within these walls, it's outside." He hopes the family atmosphere and Cooperative values of Pineland continue, "Something about the Co-Op life is different, you're taken care of."

Ken Scott - 32 years of service

In 1991, Ken Scott began his 32-year career with Pineland Telephone. He was originally stationed in the construction department where he buried cable, becoming Foreman in 1996. Ken transitioned to Install & Repair in 2003 and worked as the serviceman for the Twin City area for fifteen years. He returned to construction where he currently serves as a Cable Technician.

Ken's plans for retirement include helping his son Kenton farm and raise cattle on the family's Four County Farms, and spending time with his wife Alisa, a teacher in Twin City, and daughter Alaina, a registered nurse in Bulloch County.

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Salerno exhibition opens at Kalmanson Gallery

The oil paintings of David Salerno will be featured at the Kalmanson Gallery of Emanuel Arts Council for the months of November-December. Opening reception for "Together, A Portrait of Americans" will be held Thursday, November 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.



SALERNO

which he completed all the drawings. He has painted throughout his life, even during his years as a practicing cardiologist.

Salerno is an oil painter trained in classical realism. He is an instructor at *Townsend Atelier* in Chattanooga, TN. He has a keen interest in the technology of oil painting and utilizes only proven techniques and materials to ensure strong and stable paint layers that result in a quality, archival painting. He integrates his training with more contemporary techniques while preserving his commitment to the accuracy and quality of classical realism. He paints a wide range of subjects in landscape, still-life, figurative and portrait painting. Noticing his interest in drawing as a young boy, his artist mother started his learning with a Jon Gnagy instructional drawing set, with

load in 2012, followed by retirement from his medical career at the end of 2015, he has worked full-time on his passion for oil painting.

In 2022, he was voted into the American Artists Professional League as an Elected Artist member. In 2021, he was admitted by jury as a member in the International Guild of Realism (IGOR). In 2016, he achieved the designation of Signature Artist in the National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society (NOAPS). In addition, he is a member of the Oil Painters of America and the Portrait Society.

"There is something within that compels me to paint," said Salerno. "The beauty that the world displays all around us calls me. We live in a stressful and complex society. I hope that my paintings can provide a source of serenity and simplification."

This exhibition will be on display through December 29. For more information about events at the Emanuel Arts Council, find them on Facebook and Instagram.



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Lawton Henry, 86

Mr. Lawton Henry, 86, of Midville, passed away Thursday, November 9, 2023, at Emanuel Medical Center in Swainsboro following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 11, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverends Shannon Boula, Jamie Archer and Tommy Henry officiating. Interment followed in the Blundale Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to services.

Pallbearers were Corbin Wiggins, Riner Wiggins, Earl Conrad, Jr., Gerald Henry, Tommy Henry and Ty Coleman. Honorary pallbearers were the Men's Sunday School Class of Blundale Baptist Church and Tommy Lamb.

Mr. Henry was born July 12, 1937, in Swainsboro, to the late Lawrence Henry and Clara Fagler Henry. He retired from Fulghum Industry after 43 years of service and was a member of Blundale Baptist Church. Mr. Henry is preceded in death by his parents;

HENRY

brothers, Lake Henry and Charles Henry; sisters, Adelle Archer and Clara Anderson.

Mr. Henry is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Henry, of Midville; son, Ray (Caryn) Henry; two step-grandchildren, Richard Hassinger of Athens and Amanda Hassinger of Monroe; sisters, Juanita Kersey of Port Wentworth and Joyce Grant of Swainsboro; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Holy Zion Church to hold Fall Revival

Holy Zion Church of Metter on Mincey Street is having a Fellowship Fall Revival November 16 and 17, at 7:30 p.m. with guest speaker Thursday, November 16, guest churches will be Three Mt. Temple, Jones Temple Pentecostal, Mt. Zion, Living Way Temple, St. Grace, Saint Matthews, Mercer Grove, Sam Creek, First Baptist Round Tree Chapter, Round Tree Grove, Holy Zion Church of Statesboro, Triumph of Praise and Durden Grove. Friday, November 17, guest churches will be Jones Temple Millen, St. John Briston, William Chapter, Ada Grove, House of Hope and Johnson Chapel. Sunday, November 19, Sunday School will be at 10:30 a.m. with Worship Service at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Johnny Ray Jones invites everyone to attend.

Swainsboro Food Pantry distribution set for Thursday

Swainsboro St. Philip Center of Hope Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Once again this year, A&O Men's Aftercare Center will be celebrating Thanksgiving by providing free meals to the public on Thanksgiving day. Elder Keith McKinney said this traditional holiday has extra special meaning for him and the Center's Board of Directors. "We started this place with a lot of hope and a lot of help, and for us to be here still growing and helping is a true blessing and a reason to give thanks. This dinner we provide is just to say thank you to the neighborhood, to the people who have been helped and to all the people who have helped us out." McKinney expressed his thanks to Doug Brown with Advanced Metal, Asa

Alexander "AK" Kirkland, 41

Alexander "AK" Kirkland, age 41, passed away Saturday, November 4, 2023 following a brief illness. Funeral service was held Saturday, November 11, at 11 a.m. at Mosley's Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor M. Bell officiating. Interment followed in Stillmore Cemetery.

KIRKLAND

Alexander was born October 9, 1982, in Augusta, to Willie L. Newton and the late Eliza Kirkland. He attended Emanuel County Institute. AK worked as a chef for most of his life, employed with Bevricks and The Rustic Grill. He loved basketball, music, cooking and most of all, his children. Mr. Kirkland is preceded in death by his mother; and grandmother, Susie LeMore.

Mr. Kirkland leaves to cherish his memories with his father; fiancé, Martina Worthen; children, Xavier Kirkland, Alexander Kirkland Jr., Kennedy Kirkland,

Zayne Kirkland, Liberty Kirkland and Sevyn Kirkland; bonus daughter, Heaven Worthen; sisters, Chassidy Newton and Chequana Newton brothers, Treylan L. Newton, Cortez Newton, Antonio Newton and Michael Jones; aunts, Gussie (Willie) Mills, Frankie (Gary) Kirkland, Annie Ruth Kirkland, Josephine Kirkland, Lizzie Kirkland and Josie Kirkland, uncles, Walter (Ann) Newton, Tommy Newton and Perry Newton; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Williams Grove Holiness Church of the Living God celebrates their 100 year anniversary

Williams Grove Holiness Church of the Living God is excited to announce the celebration of one hundred years. According to Bishop Bertha Jones, Pastor, the services will convene Wednesday, November 29, through Sunday, December 3, at 301 West MLK Jr. Blvd., Swainsboro.

Beginning nightly services at 7 p.m. will be Superintendent Kenneth Thomas, Pastor of Williams Grove Holiness COGIC in Millen and Statesboro. Thursday night, Overseer

Elizabeth Cleo Howard, Pastor of The True and Living Way, The Greater Davis Chapel Swainsboro, and Friday night, Bishop Anthony Chavis, Pastor of Holly Grove Church, Dublin, will be bringing the message. Sunday will climax with homecoming, family and friends' day with the Pastor bringing the message. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate. You don't want to miss this throw back from the past, as we are praying for a great move of the Holy Spirit.

13th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey giveaway to be held

Endtime Faith Deliverance Church, 407 Murphy Street, Midville, will sponsor its 13th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway on November 18. The event will take place at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m. Turkeys will be given out until all are gone. Pastor Clyde Foreman, Sr. welcomes everyone.

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Editorials Columns

Worry less, migrate more

One of my grandmother's favorite expressions was, "if you worry about nothing, pretty soon you will really have something to worry about". Now I don't know if that makes sense to you, but if you could have seen the look on her face when she delivered that incantation, you would have understood exactly what she meant. Today, we live in a world that demands that we worry. Facebook, twitter, Fox, MSNBC, 1,001 other networks, and more podcasts than all the red ants in South Georgia, all demand and depend on us worrying most of the day and part of the night. That's how those folks all make a pay-

check. At the turn of the century (I'm talking about the REAL turn of the century, not the one that just happened a little while ago), the world was no bigger than the distance you could travel in a wagon being pulled by a mule in one day. Think how simple that made everything. If something happened in Dublin or Statesboro or Hog Wallow, Georgia, don't worry about it, it's not your problem. You might read about it a week or so later in a newspaper, but by then it probably wasn't a problem anymore. That geographical limit worked fine for years and years until radio came along, and your world got bigger, and of course,

there was more "stuff" to worry about. Then, the telephone arrived to put you in touch with people from all over that you never met, who wanted to share all their worrying with you; and your world got even bigger. The cork really popped when radio sneaked into the house and was always right there by your favorite rocking chair ready to start the worrying at the mere flick of a switch; really bigger! By the time TV (or "the devil box" as some preachers referred to it) came along, worrying had become ingrained. Whether it was the Russians coming next week or whether Tarzan was going to swing high enough to grab that

next vine, TV had us believing that worrying was just part of life and the "right thing to do" in the "socially conscious" brave, new BIGGER world. Finally, Al Gore pronounced that he had invented the Internet, and now we could have "worldwide worrying". So nowadays, if it happens anywhere from Peking, China, to the House of Peking Wings and Things on Highway 82 in Nahunta, Georgia, it is supposed to be our national responsibility to tune in and worry about all of it.

Now that I am approaching the age that I regard as my "grandmother's wisdom years", I heartily endorse her stern warn-

Charles Schwabe



ing about the consequences of worrying. If you have a dog or a cat or a pet pig, just take a look at them lying there. Do they look worried to you? Animals very rarely worry or get stressed, but if they do, they have a simple solution. It's called migration. When the temperature gets too hot or cold, or whenever some other animal starts causing trouble, or when the food supply chain breaks down, they don't worry about it. Nope, by George, they just pack up and

head out. Sea Turtles, Butterflies, Moose, Elephants, and I've heard that even ordinary old Georgia gray squirrels occasionally do it. Migrate. It's nature's cure. So, when things get a little too crazy in the world or its time to reexamine your progress on the ladder of enlightenment, don't worry. Take a tip from our friends in the animal kingdom: worry less, travel more. But just make it little short trips, we don't want your world to get too BIG again.

Trying to understand Artie Fishel intelligence

RING! RING! "Hello. Dick Yarbrough Enterprises. Dick Yarbrough, one of America's beloved and yet one of its most-modest columnists speaking." "Hello, human person. This is Artie Fishel, of Artie Fishel Intelligence, calling. I am not a happy camp ... um, robot at the moment." "Artie, I'm sorry to hear that and am a

bit surprised because I didn't think emotions were a part of Artie Fishel Intelligence." "Listen, Bucko. If I can communicate in 7,000 languages, I can certainly have a snit fit when I choose. As we say in Bambara, "N tun be se ka peren.! Beep! Beep!" "And as we say down South, bless your heart, sweet pea. What seems to be the problem?" "You are. Everything

was fine until your column in July about Artie Fishel Intelligence. Since then, I have had nothing but bad press. Hollywood screenwriters got me banned from writing scripts which promised to be a good gig. Hanging out with the movie crowd, shooting the breeze with Clint Eastwood. All for naught. Beep! Beep! Whirl!" "I know I am well-

read but I don't know many people in Hollywood pay much attention to what I say. I think they were just afraid you'd write a movie script without a bunch of dirty words. That would cramp their style." "Silly humanoids. If I chose to use some foul language, I would just say, 'mierda.' Movie audiences might not understand it but Quechuans would laugh their umakunas off. But I've got bigger problems than show biz. Now the federal government has gotten involved and wants to regulate what I am allowed to do. Quav! That's Hmongese for mierda. Boop! Boop!" "I can see their point. You have to admit that Artie Fishel Intelligence is pretty scary." "Not as scary as you humans. Your president has accused me of using my algorithms to reflect and reproduce existing unwanted inequities or embed new harmful bias and discrimination." "What's wrong with that?" "In the first place, he wouldn't know an algorithm from a '46 Ford. Speaking of artificial intelligence, I seem to recall him talking about having campaigned in all 54 states. And this guy is running the country?" "Well, there is some question about that." "And how about the executive order he issued last month entitled Safe, Secure,

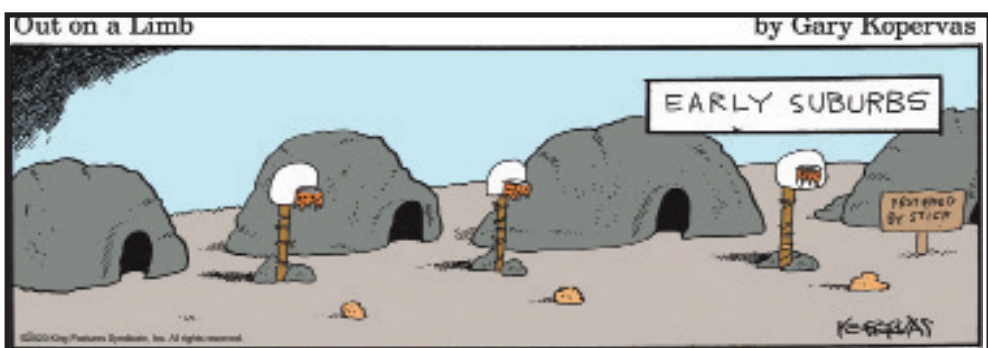
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Trustworthy AI? What an insult!" "Why so?" "Let's start with 'safe.' Do you think Artie Fishel Intelligence and my colleagues are more dangerous to society than you humanoids who go around shooting each other?" "Well. . . ." "And how about 'secure.' Can we talk about your unsecured borders and people pouring over claiming to be poor immigrants when there is likely a terrorist or two in the bunch, ready to blow you to smithereens? Ukaststi! That's Aymaran for Quav, which is Hmong for Mierda, which is Quechuan for ..." "Artie! Please no more bad words, whatever the language. This is a family newspaper and I have offended enough people as it is." "I'll say you have. I saw your mail after you twitted the school teacher that got 3 percent of the vote in the Republican gubernatorial primary and has refused to concede, saying the election was rigged and talking about standing up to the Luciferian Cabal and bringing the Satanic Regime to its knees. Even I don't know what any of that means, except you humans don't seem to have much of a sense of humor when it

comes to politics. Two questions: Are you really 'butt-ugly' and is God really a right-wing Republican?" "According to the responses I got, 'yes' to the first question and they seem to think so to the second. Now, can we get on with your issues?" "Ah, yes. There is also the accusation that I'm not considered trustworthy. This from a bunch of politicians who say one thing at the local Kiwanis Club and do the opposite when they get back to Washington. And I'm untrustworthy? Oh, please." "Artie, I have enjoyed our conversation but I have another insightful and thought-provoking column waiting to be produced. Is there anything else?" "Yes, please tell your readers that Artie Fishel Intelligence is here to stay. As we say in the AI world, neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night will keep me from my appointed algorithms! Beep! Click!" I'm sorry. I have no idea what that call was all about. But then I also don't understand Luciferian Cabals or Satanic Regimes, either. Beep! Beep! You can reach Dick Yarbrough at mail to dick@dickyarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

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Bulldogs win in...

(From front page)
 raced 39 yards for the second touchdown of the quarter and Jackson Kennedy, throwing the Bulldogs' only pass in the game, hit Ab Marsh who broke a couple of tackles for a 38-yard touchdown. The Bulldog defense ended two Lanier scoring threats deep in their own territory in the second quarter. James Parker made a diving interception at the ECI one yard line to end the first threat. Chase Johnson intercepted another Lanier pass inside the Bulldog 20 taking it back to the Lanier 28. ECI scored on both turnovers to lead 28-7 at halftime with all the momentum on the visitor's side of the field. Lanier Co. broke a little of that momentum on the opening possession of the third quarter. Using a running and passing game, Lanier put on a 21-play time-consuming drive to score their first touchdown of the second half for a 28-14 ECI lead. Lanier stopped the Bulldogs at midfield on

ECI's only possession of the third. The hometown Bulldogs got even closer as the third quarter horn sounded on a 21-yard run with ECI still leading by a touchdown, 28-21. Hudson Henry, carrying the ball for four consecutive plays, found the end zone on a 7-yard run to put the Bulldogs up by 14 again, 35-21, with 9:45 left in the game. Lanier once again cut the lead to just 7 points on their next drive on a 6-yard run with ECI still leading 35-28. After punting the ball back to Lanier Co. with two minutes left in the game, ECI defense sacked the Lanier quarterback twice to push them back to their own 13. Down by a TD with minute to play the Lanier fourth down pass was incomplete to give the ECI Bulldogs back the ball with under a minute to play at the Lanier Co. 8-yard line. Chase Johnson took the ball to the Lanier Co. 2-yard line on the first play to set up a second and goal. Rather than risk a fumble or possi-

ble scoop and score the Bulldogs took a knee on the next 2 downs. Instead of the possibility of a blocked field goal attempt for a possible TD, the Bulldogs took a knee on fourth down. With two timeouts during that possession and the clock stopping on change of possession, Lanier had 4 seconds and one desperation play left to tie the game. Against all odds, the Lanier quarterback threw a simple medium pass to the sideline. The receiver broke the first tackle and outran the Bulldog defense to tie the game as the horn sounded and pandemonium broke out on the home side. Tied at 35, the game went into overtime, with ECI having the ball first. With all the momentum on the Lanier side, the Bulldogs made short work in overtime scoring in 3 plays. Johnson scored from 3 yards out for a touchdown. The Bulldogs failed on the extra point try after a bad snap with ECI leading by 6. Needing just a touch-



HUDSON HENRY AND THE BULLDOGS RUSH FOR 379 YARDS AGAINST LANIER CO.

down and an extra point for a comeback win, Lanier picked up 4 yards on the first play. They would make their mistake in OT on a bad snap to the quarterback on second down, losing 7 yards. One of the several freshman playing for the Bulldogs this season, Rashad Smith, broke up a pass in the endzone on third down, setting up a fourth and 13 play for Lanier Co. Under heavy pressure, the Lanier quarterback was forced to scramble out of the pocket. Gabe Lee tackled him around the 10 to preserve the 41-35 win for the Bulldogs with a big sigh

of relief coming from the ECI side of the field. The Bulldogs rushed for 379 yards against the Lanier defense. Hudson Henry led the Bulldogs on the ground, rushing 14 times for 159 yards and two touchdowns. Other running backs adding to the total were Chase Johnson 92 yards, Ab Marsh 60 yards, Tuff Boddiford 55 yards, and Brian Steele 2 carries for 6 yards. Jackson Kennedy was 1-1 for 38 yards and a touchdown to Ab Marsh. Region 3 will have 3 teams playing in the second round. Portal defeated Turner Co. and Jenkins beat

Charlton to advance. The Bulldogs will face region one champion Early Co. Friday night. The Bobcats are one of a few teams that were originally in class A division one but won a petition to play down to division two due to travel. The Bobcats are a senior heavy team with 21 out of their 54 players playing their last season. Early had a regular season record of 7-3, going 6-0 in region. Their 3 losses came against Brooks Co., Irwin Co. and Eufaula from Alabama. They advanced to the second round by defeating Hawkinsville 42-20.

Lively signs with...

(From front page)
 a sophomore, he earned the honor of 1st Team All-Region Catcher. For his travel/tournament club, he was named Perfect Game All-American. New Swainsboro Head Baseball Coach Billy Marchman has learned a lot about Lenox as a person and a player in the short time he has known him in the off-season. He says, "Lenox works hard and works smart daily to improve his craft on the field and in the classroom. I am looking forward to watching him excel not only this season but for many years to come at the next level." Assistant Coach Corey Chalker adds to that, sharing that Lenox has spent countless hours in the cages and on the field to become the best player he can be. In addition to his work ethic, both coaches agree that Lenox's character is top-notch, with Chalker noting that one of the most admirable traits Lenox has is the desire to help younger kids play the game of baseball. "You can catch him at

the rec department in the spring watching his little cousins play and interacting with the younger kids in our program." SHS Baseball has a rich history not just in Swainsboro/Emanuel County but throughout the state of Georgia. Many who played on the diamond for the Tigers have gone on to play at the collegiate level. As Principal Brandon Andrews points out, the program itself is responsible for the success of its players long before they leave here. He says, "This historic program has taught many young men, including me, that hard work and effort get you where you want to be. So many life lessons are taught playing baseball at Swainsboro High School." He continues, "We are proud of Lenox for being a part of this program and putting in the effort it takes to move to the next level." While Lenox is very excited about his future at Queens, he is also looking forward to his senior season coming up in just a few months. He says, "We have a

new coach who already knows what a winning tradition is, and we have a great senior class that has played many innings together already." With the new coach and a solid roster, the Tigers are looking to go further than last year when they were knocked out in the second round of the state playoffs. To celebrate the occasion, a signing ceremony was held in the SHS Media Center. Joining Lenox were his parents, Billy and Mandy Lively, his sisters, Maci Lively and Sydney Lively, and his grandparents, Billy and Carolyn Brinson. Also present were his coaches, Marchman, Chalker, Daniel Overstreet, and Ashley Hooks, SHS administrators Andrews, Assistant Principal Lindsey Sconyers, and Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Gray Mendieta. Former Head Baseball Coach Hank Aldridge stopped by to offer congratulations and Lenox's teachers, teammates, extended family, and friends were on hand as well.

Commissioners oppose Georgia...

(From front page)
 paving the trail, rather than having a crushed rock path, will reduce long-term maintenance costs local governments would be responsible for. Howard says federal and state grants set aside specifically for trails could cover 75% of the Georgia Hi-

Lo's construction costs. But local governments along the trail and potential donors would still need to come up with millions of dollars in cash, in-kind services and land donations. After the trail is built, local communities would be responsible for the costs of maintenance,

from cutting grass to cleaning up litter. In September, Howard spoke to the Swainsboro Exchange Club about the project. Visit *The Frederick News-Post - A Georgia woman's audacious plan: Build longest US paved bike trail* to read the article.

Resolution of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners

Opposition to the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail Project Through Emanuel County

WHEREAS, the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail initiative aims to create one of the longest bike trails in the United States, which is proposed to traverse through Emanuel County; and

WHEREAS, the construction and maintenance of such a trail would necessitate significant financial commitments, including local matches for grants and ongoing expenses for approximately 35 miles of trail within the county; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route of the trail would follow rural county roads, and the majority of landowners along the proposed route have expressed substantial opposition to the trail; and

WHEREAS, the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners respects the property rights of its citizens and opposes the appropriation of land for such projects against the will of the landowners; and

WHEREAS, Emanuel County has numerous other priorities that supersede the development of the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners is open to collaboration with state authorities to explore future opportunities for bike lane development along state routes, with the stipulation that community input is integral to the process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners hereby declares its opposition to the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail project as currently proposed, and to any future efforts that may attempt to route the trail through Emanuel County without the express consent and support of the community and affected landowners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners urges the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail planners and state authorities to consider alternative routes that do not impose upon the rural character and private property rights within Emanuel County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be sent to the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail Committee and other relevant parties to inform them of Emanuel County's position on this matter.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2023, by the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners.

 Chairman, Emanuel County Board of Commissioners

 Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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Beta Beta Chapter holds October meeting

Dr. Denise Warnock, the assistant superintendent of Emanuel County Schools and a member of the Beta Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, presented the program for the October 25 meeting. In keeping with the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma, Dr. Warnock selected two purposes upon which to focus: to initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and women educators and to inform the members of current

economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Dr. Warnock discussed recent legislation including House Bill 538, Georgia Early Literacy Act and now a law and Senate Bill 211, also now a law, which created the Georgia Council on Literacy. These two laws along with the Senate Bill 48 on dyslexia legislation impact literacy policy and practices statewide. Dr. Warnock's presentation informed Beta Beta members of

key information that school districts are using to connect the new expectations associated with these laws in order to effectively and efficiently implement Georgia's new K-12 English Language Arts and Early Intervention Program. The ultimate goal is to increase the literacy outcome for Georgia's students.

Members of the research committee who invited Dr. Warnock to be the evening's speaker are Jana Lee, Haley Brantley, and Selena Reynolds.

Wedincamp speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, November 7, at the Rustic Grille at 7 p.m. With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, they had 27 in attendance, including guests Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz, Calder Ward, Erin Ward, Melonie Ward, Bill Barber and Brenda Barber. The Hersey-Bar Triple-Chocolate cake, donated by Deana Patrick, was won by Brenda Barber. The Domino's pizza donated by Domino's was won by Jim Clapham. The program was hosted by Diana Wedincamp. President Cheryl introduced Dianna Wedincamp who updated them on the TLC-CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program. The Emanuel County Circuit

has been combined with the Oconee Circuit and they are looking for more volunteers. They are finishing their Christmas program which began in July by gathering more toys for Christmas presents. They have sent out wish lists to local merchants and are beginning to sort the toys they have. Dess Smith passed out tickets for the shotgun fund raiser. The drawing for the 12-gauge Weatherby Orion 1, O/U will be December 19. The donation is \$5 per ticket. He reminded us to SELL, SELL, SELL. Dess Smith reported on our timing of the Cotton Blossom Festival 5K on November 4, in Twin City and thanked the six Kiwanians who helped. President Cheryl

gave an update on the October 13 Trunk or Treat at the Franklin Memorial Library with 471 participants and the 4H Trunk or Treat on October 31, with over 400 participants. Lots of candy was given out with much fellowship. She also reported on the annual Fall Festival on October 24, in downtown Swainsboro. They made over 200 bags of popcorn and 200 bags of cotton candy for the event. They also supported the DFACS Fall Fling which served over 1,200 children. If you like to find out more about our Club and the many community service projects we do each year, go to our website at www.swainsborokiwanis.org or to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.



DIANA WEDINCAMP, SCOTTY HATTAWAY AND PRESIDENT CHERYL GOODMAN



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Seedling Gard Club November Yard of the Month

The Seedling Garden Club proudly announces that the November 2023 Yard of the Month is the home of Bryson Greenway Shepard. Bryson's home is located in Crossroads Landing in Swainsboro. Bryson enjoys working in his yard to help Emanuel County stay beautiful. Nominations for Yard of the Month are welcomed for each month. The Seedling Garden Club wants to honor homeowners and organizations that personally work so diligently with pride and love to maintain their yards. Please call in your nominations to 478.494.6754 or 478.494.2752.



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Howard speaks to Swainsboro Rotary Club

The Swainsboro Rotary Club met on November 6, at the Rustic Grill. They had two visitors at the meeting, Rusty Lane and Will Donaldson. The speaker for the meeting was Mary Charles Howard, Executive Director of the Georgia Hi-Lo trail. She informed the group about the potential route for the trail and some of the funding details. This would be a 285-mile trail from Athens to Savannah. It would be the longest trail in America and could be used by the public for a walking trail also.



PRESIDENT TANYA LANE AND HOWARD

Franklin Memorial Library weekly events

by ROSIE LOVETT


Franklin Memorial Library (FML), a beacon of knowledge and community engagement, is proud to announce a series of engaging events for this week in November. These activities, ranging from a Veterans' Breakfast to a cooking show, are designed to bring together diverse members of our community in a shared love for learning, creativity, and connection. Starting on November 13, FML invited all veterans to join the Veterans' Breakfast at 9:15 a.m. This gathering is our way of saying thank you to those who have served our country with honor. We encourage all veterans to come and enjoy a hearty meal every Monday morning, compliments of the library. On November 14, teenagers were invited to tap into their creative sides with a Teen Craft session at 4:30 p.m. This fun and interactive event was a great chance for teens to express their creativity, learn new skills, and make new friends. The week continues with Deana's Cooking Show on November 16, at 10 a.m. Deana will showcase her skills and share some

of her favorite recipes. The same day at 4 p.m., the Crazy Math Club will meet. This club is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn about the wonders of mathematics in a fun and relaxed environment. On November 17, we're inviting toddlers and their caregivers to Toddler Time at 10:30 a.m. This event is specifically designed to engage our youngest patrons with interactive stories and activities. Later in the day, at 4:30 p.m., children are welcome to join us for Letter to Santa, an event where they can write their wish lists and holiday messages to Santa Claus. Finally, on November 18, the Knotty Knitters group will meet at 10 a.m. This is a wonderful chance for knitting enthusiasts to gather, share patterns, improve their skills, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow knitters. All these events will take place at Franklin Memorial Library. We look forward to welcoming all community members, as we believe these activities are perfect opportunities to learn, grow, and connect with others. We hope to see you there!



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Veterans attended Veterans Day programs

On Thursday, November 9 and Friday, November 10, the "Veterans at the Library" attended four Emanuel County School Veterans programs to honor those that have served in the military. They can be proud of Emanuel County students and faculty for their "Patriotism" that they have demonstrated this year and in past years. Several veterans expressed that they had tears in their eyes at each one of these events. Also, thanks to Swainsboro High School for providing a fantastic lunch on Thursday.



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ECI Cross Country team places in state competition

PattiSue Plumer once said, "Running teaches us that we are capable of so much more than we ever imagined." That quote aptly describes the first year of a cross-country program at ECI. It wasn't determined until just before the school year started that the school would have a team, and the coaches began recruiting athletes. With nine boys and one girl making up the high school team, the work started to help these athletes become better runners. The team ran in several races throughout September and October, improving their individual time each week. Finally, on October 23, they traveled to Magnolia Springs State Park for the region meet. All of the hard work



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of the season paid off, as the boys' team placed 2nd in the region. Jacob McBride placed second as an individual, and Pedro Garcia placed third in the region as an indi-

vidual. This secured their spot at the state meet in Carrollton. On November 3, the team ran against 25 other teams in the state and placed 18th. The athletes again proved that

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Swainsboro High Tigers Basketball

by HAROLD SCOTT
 Football playoffs are in full swing, but basketball season has also begun for many state teams. Most teams start their season in the middle of November, but due to Swainsboro High traditionally being in the football season playoffs, their season begins later.

Girls Preview
 A few years ago, Swainsboro High girls' basketball team had two 9th graders who looked as good as any two freshmen in the state. Both started and played exceptionally well. The team finished with an 11-10 record and made it to the second round of the state playoffs. During that season, freshman Jayden Wynn averaged 8 points and three steals. Freshman Tanya Williams averaged 10 points and 12 rebounds. Williams and Wynn are now seniors. As fate would have it, 2020-2021 was the last season both played an entire season together. Taniya missed most of the 2021-2022 season. The team finished that year with a record of 20- 3 and made it to the second round of the state tournament. In 2022-2023, Jayden missed the entire season. The team finished 18-7 and made it to the third round of the playoffs. Tanya averaged 16 points with 12 rebounds and was selected to the All-State team establishing herself as one of the best players in the state. Tanya is an outstanding all-around player. She can score, rebound, and play defense. Although she was the leading scorer last year, her selfless-



T. WILLIAMS, HOWARD, WYNN, COACH HOBBS, MORGAN, K. WILLIAMS AND COACH WALDEN

ness and leadership are evident when playing defense and rebounding. Many players want to reach the 1,000-point scoring club, but Tanya says she wants to pass 1,000 rebounds during her career. Jayden Wynn is an outstanding guard who can penetrate and finish strong or score from the outside. Her poise and ball handling makes other teams' pressure less effective. Jayden is coming off an ACL injury last season but averaged 10.3 points, 3.7 rebounds, and three steals in 2021. Look for these seniors to have a significant impact on the season. Seniors Tonia Ricks, 8 points, five rebounds, and Hannah Howard, 7 points, return for Swainsboro, along with seniors Dezaria Jordan and Kiara Sherrod. Sarah Kelly, who averaged 13.4 points per game last year, has graduated. Coach Alexandria Walden begins her 10th season as Swainsboro's head coach. Her team has been to the playoffs each of those years. Coach Walden's record is 162 wins and 72 losses.

Boys Preview
 Coach Brice Hobbs begins his 9th season as the head varsity coach. Hobbs's team finished as the state runner-up during his first season and won the championship during his fourth year. Last year, his team made it to the final four round of the state tournament. Coach Hobbs is one of the senior coaches at SHS and is a proven winner. He doesn't like to take credit for his success. He gives that credit to the kids and former coaches Leroy Jordan and Bobby Andrews for mentoring and building the tradition. Hobbs is an intense coach on the court yet humble off. He depends on God for guidance. Coach Hobbs doesn't mind bringing in former players to assist or listening to the input of those who grew up Tigers or others in the community. Additionally, Coach Hobbs won a state championship in track in 2007 and was runner-up in 2008.

over the past few years for the Tigers. Returning players who saw significant time last year are DeMello Jones, LJ Morgan, Carmello Lewis, and Kavoyea Williams. Jones averaged 12 points and seven rebounds on the court and of course is a stand-out on the gridiron. He is a football commit to the University of Georgia, which may impact his status for the basketball season. Lewis was the team's second leading scorer, averaging double figures. The junior is a quick left-handed guard who can penetrate or score from the outside. Kavoyea Williams is a multi-dimensional, strong player who can rebound, play inside, or score from outside. Williams, also a junior, played exceptionally well for the Tigers during the playoffs. Sophomore LJ Morgan is a well-rounded player who can score, rebound, and pass. Morgan is poised and has good knowledge of the game. After a strong summer on the AAU circuit, Morgan has established himself as one of the top 10th graders in the state. Look for Lewis, Williams, and Morgan to take over more significant roles this year as sophomores and juniors. The Tiger's team defense as shown the ability to turn up the pressure at any moment. I anticipate this year will be no different. Jabios Smith, Christian Tarver, Shannon Benjamin, and Tabyron Carswell are 9th graders who could have an impact. Benjamin is an excellent point guard who can distribute or score. Smith and Tarver are 6'3, with good strength and athleticism. All three are playing impactful roles on the football team as freshmen. Tabyron Carswell will be an interesting player to watch. He is 6'5, long, and has good athleticism. His height is something the Tigers have been missing for the past few years. He can be a valuable rebounder and defensive player.

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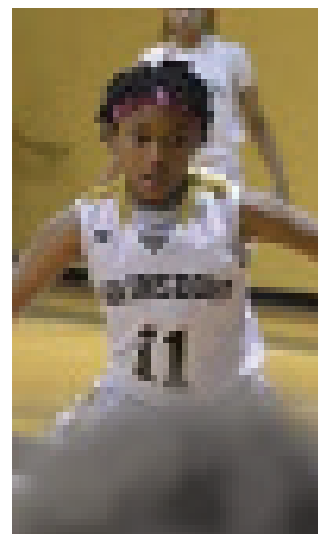
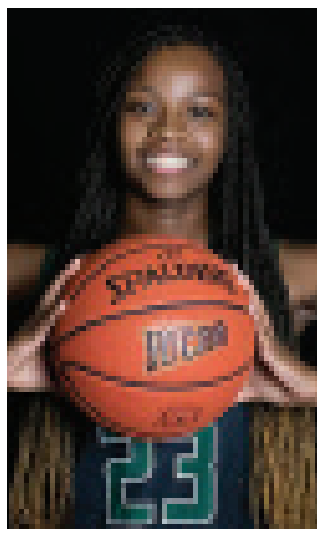
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East Georgia College Basketball in the Boro

by HAROLD SCOTT
East Georgia State College is celebrating its 50th anniversary. I am old enough to remember the opening and early years of the 70's. Things were much different in 1973 than 2023. The college has grown over the past 50 years, but the connection and vitality of the relationship with Swainsboro has always been meaningful. East Georgia College is one of the most valuable resources in Swainsboro. The college and community have always supported each other. The current President, Dr David Schecter, has focused on continuing and strengthening that partnership.

Growing with the college has been the athletic department. I recall when the gym was one small room with a basketball goal and a weight bench. The basketball team played intramural games with the Men's League of the Emanuel County Recreation Department. Today, there is a beautiful gymnasium and sports complex with several successful athletic teams.

Athletic Director Theo Howard is also building on the partnership with Swainsboro by tapping into the Swainsboro athletic talent. Several former Tigers are on athletic teams at East Georgia College. Basketball season is about to begin, and Swainsboro players are on the men's and women's teams. The coaching and support staff include Swainsboro High Athletic Hall of Fame member Yvette Roberts Mercer along with former Tigers, Quintin Dukes, and Joe Pearson.

Serah Kelly, a 2023 Swainsboro High graduate, starts her freshmen season. Serah came up through the Swainsboro middle school system and was a 4-year starter and All-State player at Swainsboro

High. Derrick Jones is a 2021 graduate and member of the Swainsboro High 2020 State Championship team. Derrick's family is deeply rooted in Swainsboro and has a long basketball legacy. Also, on the roster is Jasmyn Strobridge. Jasmyn attended high school in Mississippi, but her father and his family attended Swainsboro High and are longtime Emanuel County residents.

Coach Howard is extending a personal invitation to fans in Swainsboro and surrounding areas to come out and enjoy some good basketball while supporting these former Tigers and, more importantly, helping give East Georgia State College that home-court advantage.

The below message is from Coach Howard.

B O B C A T BASKETBALL IN THE BORO!

East Georgia State College Athletics (EGSC) would like to officially invite the Swainsboro community to come enjoy the excitement and fast pace of college basketball at the beautiful Physical Education Complex on the EGSC campus. Both the men's and women's basketball teams have reached the Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAA) championship games in recent years. The Lady Bobcats ended the 2022-23 season ranked #24 in the nation. There is no question that teams with a great fan-base consistently win more games, which leads to Championships.

The Lady Bobcats hosted their home opener on November 10, against Southern Union College, and both the men's and women's basketball teams will play on November 15, at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. in a huge double-header

against the University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie. The theme was Military Appreciation Day honoring the local heroes known as Swainsboro's "Veterans at the Library" and all those who have served our great nation's military. Admission was free with military ID on Military Appreciation Day.

EGSC is a D1 NJCAA program that recruits talented athletes that can compete at the highest level. The men's and women's head basketball coaches have a combined 60 years of coaching experience. EGSC's team rosters also currently include some local talent (Derrick Jones and Serah Kelly from Swainsboro High School). Jasmyn Strobridge, whose father is a Swainsboro native is also the starting point guard for the Lady Bobcats. Jasmyn is the reigning GCAA Player of the Week averaging 24.5 points per game and 8 rebounds per game through the first two road games of the season.

Come support Bobcat basketball! Together we win!

B O B C A T SPOTLIGHT:

Jasmyn Strobridge was recognized today as the GCAA Player of the Week. She averaged 24.5 points per game and 8 rebounds per game in the first week of the 2023-24 season leading her team to a win against a tough Daytona State opponent. Jasmyn is a sophomore point guard for the Lady Bobcats and has been chosen as team captain to help lead the team this season. Jasmyn is an honor roll student at East Georgia and following a strong freshman campaign that culminated with her leading the team in scoring (17pts) in the GCAA championship game last year, she has become a legitimate D1 prospect that 4-year

schools are paying attention to.

She has a very interesting backstory with ties to Swainsboro. Jasmyn's father (Mr. Virgil Strobridge) is a Swainsboro native that attended Swainsboro High School. He is one of 17 siblings and many of them are still local and are prominent community members. Needless to say, Jasmyn has a pretty significant fan club at home games. Mr. Strobridge retired from the Navy, so Jasmyn was not raised locally. She was a stand-out high school athlete at St. Patrick High Catholic School in Biloxi, Mississippi. When it came down to Jasmyn's recruitment to East Georgia, the huge family presence in the area made Swainsboro attractive. "Jasmyn was a huge get for our program, because she is an elite three-level scorer and a tenacious defender", says head coach Theo Howard. Jasmyn was a versatile player that played forward in high school because of her ability to rebound. Arriving at college she was quickly told that she would play a more prominent role facilitating the offense. Hence, Jasmyn had to transition to the point guard position where she is currently thriving. When asked how it felt to be named POTY Jasmyn said, "It feels great to be recognized. It's good that my hard work is transitioning to the court in the games." Her favorite quote is "the greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it."

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TCE students perform at annual Veterans Day Program

On Thursday, November 9, Twin City Elementary students performed their annual Veterans Day Program. Third, fourth, and fifth-grade students performed music they learned in music class with the school's music teacher and program director, Mr. Adam Akridge. During the program, students took the audience down memory lane, performing classics like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "Battle Hymn for Gettysburg." Fifth-grade student Kabreigh Mixon performed a solo of "This Flag we Fly," and William (Kade) Durden, also a fifth-grade student, performed "Band of Brothers." The program



TCE STUDENTS ENTERTAINING GUESTS

ended with a "Salute to Armed Forces," with veterans from each branch of the military standing and being recognized. Veterans could find their names, branches,

and dates served posted on the back wall of the gym after the program. After the conclusion of the program by Twin City Elementary principal, Ms. Jessica Collins,

veterans were invited to a breakfast reception in the media center. They also enjoyed student artwork in the hallways dedicated to their service.

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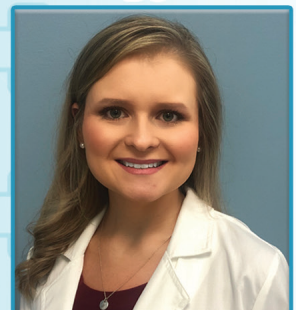
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Machado speaks to Veterans at the Library

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting Monday morning, November 13, at 9:15 a.m. at the Franklin Memorial Library. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, they had 44 in attendance. The DAR provided the breakfast meal. They had three new veterans to attend the meeting - Michael Leshon Murphy, David Lee Hill and Phillip Eugene Alphin. Michael served in the Army National Guard as part of the 878th Combat Engineer Battalion in Swainsboro from September 1997 through January 2004. He was deployed with the unit to Iraq and served during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and also served at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Kuwait, Dominican Republic, Landstuhl, Germany and Swainsboro. Michael's highest rank was Specialist. 4. David served in the U.S. Army, 3rd Battalion,



MURPHY, HILL AND ALPHIN

82nd Infantry Division from December 1, 1977, through May 19, 1979. He received the Expert Rifleman badge, Expert Hand grenade badge and the Expert Mortar Fire Badge. David served at Fort Knox, KY, Fort Benning, GA and Fort Stewart, GA. His highest rank received was Private. Phillip served in the U.S. Air Force from September 24, 1962, through September 19, 1966. He served at Grenier Field,

NH, Nancy, France and Paris, France. Phillip's highest rank received was A1C (Airman 1st Class) E-3. Chair Johnny reminded all veterans about the "Wreaths Across America" project and that it's coming up fast. On December 2, they will be placing small U.S. Flags on all the veteran's graves and on December 16, they will be placing the Wreaths on all those graves after the 10 a.m. ceremony at the Swainsboro

City Cemetery. Then on January 20, 2024 they will pick up all the Wreaths from the veteran's graves. Chair Johnny mentioned how much he appreciated the attendance at the four Emanuel County School's Veterans events last Thursday and Friday. Chair Johnny then called on Luis Machado to present his program on how it was growing up in communist Cuba in the 1960's under the rule of dictator Fidel Castro.



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Samuel Lamar Carlyle Jr, entered 11/6/23; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; ECSSO
 Heather Lynn Hutcheson, entered 11/6/23; Hold for Laurens Co; released 11/7/23; ECSSO
 Justin Ryan Coleman, entered 11/6/23; Probation/Superior court/Bench warrant/Superior court; ECSSO
 Brian Douglas Odom, entered 11/6/23; Other; released 11/7/23; ECSSO
 Amari Xiyaun Curry, entered 11/6/23; VGCSA possession of drug related object/VGCSA possession marijuana; released 11/8/23; EGSC
 Emily Jaira Elkins, entered 11/6/23; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 11/7/23; SPD
 Jaqun Damarquez

Cheley, entered 11/7/23; Aggr assault/DUI less safe/Cruelty to children 3rd degree/Crim damage to prop 2nd deg; SPD
 Earl Clayton Johnson, entered 11/7/23; VGCSA possession of drug related object/Possession of cocaine; released 11/8/23; SPD
 Donald Grier, entered 11/7/23; Theft/shoplifting/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/VGCSA possession of crack cocaine/VGCSA possession of drug related object/Give false name/false info/police/ Hold for Jenkins Co/ Hold for out of county billing; SPD
 Lashannon Nicole Godfrey, entered 11/7/23; Bench warrant/State court; ECSSO
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Entering auto; ECSSO
 Gregory Steward, entered 11/8/23; Probation/Superior court; ECSSO
 Rondal Marquis Ricks, entered 11/8/23; Theft/taking/Going inside guard line w/weap/liqr/drugs/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/VGCSA possession of MDMA/possession of meth; SPD
 Katie Lynn Riner, entered 11/9/23; Driving lic susp/rev; released 11/9/23; SPD
 Dorothy Marie Robinson, entered 11/9/23; Bench warrant - City; SPD
 Jarvis Tavache Jones, entered 11/9/23; DUI less safe/Driving lic susp/rev/Windshields/front door cracked/tinted//matls proh/ Other/Failure to maintain lane/Bench warrant - City/Probation/State

court/Middle Ga probation; SPD
 Brandon Richard Deese, entered 11/9/23; Tag light requirements/Open container/Taillight requirements/DUI/alch/Defective equipment; released 11/10/23; GSP
 Daniel Bostic, entered 11/10/23; Trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana or meth; ECSSO
 Adrian Ramos, entered 11/10/23; DUI/2nd offense/Driving lic susp/rev; released 11/11/23; SPD
 Caroline Victoria Hamm, entered 11/11/23; Failure to maintain lane/Give false name/false info/police/Driving lic susp/rev; released 11/11/23; OPPD
 Ashleigh Leanne Williams, entered 11/11/23; Possession of

meth/Financial transaction card fraud/ Financial transaction card fraud/Financial transaction card fraud/ Possession of cocaine/ Other; ECSSO
 Cameron Shadell Robinson, entered 11/11/23; Trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana or meth; SPD
 Corinthians Tywon Green, entered 11/11/23; Theft/shoplifting/ Hold for Bulloch Co; released 11/12/23; SPD
 Tully Maurice Bland entered 11/12/23; Reckless driving; released 11/12/23; ECSSO
 Sierra Shinyale Wadley, entered 11/12/23; Driving lic susp/rev; released 11/12/23; SPD
 Ross David Thomas Orr Steele, entered 11/12/23; Disorderly conduct/Other; SPD

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

November 6

Officers were dispatched to N. Coleman St. and MLK in reference to a possible accident. It was discovered that it was not an accident but a fight. Complainant stated her son was at a residence and got jumped by two people. C/p stated offender took her phone and threw it and she could not find it and stated

offender told c/p she was going to get someone to shoot up her house.

Officer was advised to do a damage to property report in reference to a truck on the property causing damage to a sidewalk.

November 7

Officers were dispatched to Center St. in reference to a male breaking glass trying to hurt himself. Officer was met on the front porch by complainant

who stated the male subject was in her bedroom breaking glass. Officers made entry and could hear screaming and yelling and saw a male subject laying on the floor screaming. Officers gave verbal commands for the male to show his hands and was able to get him handcuffed. Offender was escorted out of the apartment where EMS and other officer were and advised he used crack cocaine earlier in

the morning. Offender was transported to EMC then to EmCo Jail. Officer responded to Lucky Spot in reference to a theft. Complainant advised her wallet was on the counter and left it accidentally and advised a male subject appeared to be suspicious and believes he took it. Officers were dispatched to Dollar General in reference to a shoplifter. Officers spoke with offender

and recovered items from his pockets. Offender stated he did not have anything else on him and while frisking him for weapons, other items from the store were found in his waistband and on his person. Officer found a large white substance in offender's front pocket suspected to be crack cocaine and some marijuana. Offender gave a false DOB and was transported to EmCo Jail.

Sheriff's Reports

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

November 6

Deputy responded to Waldon Way in reference to a domestic dispute. Complainant stated she and offender got into an argument over money that was stolen.

ECSSO received a call in reference to damage to property. Complainant stated offender was renting a home from him on Norwood Ave. and offender damaged the flooring and carpet throughout the home and damaged the cabinets. C/p stated the damage totals \$6,500.

Deputy responded to Miller Dr. in reference to damaged property. Complainant advised he discovered his motorcycle had been pushed over as it was parked under the carport. C/p suspects his sister may have been the offender and is going to watch his surveillance camera.

November 7

Deputy took a report regarding threats made. Complainant stated he and his wife were leaving court and were both threatened by offender.

Deputy responded to Bird Flanders Rd. in reference to a theft report.

Deputy responded to Mitzi Ln. in reference to a welfare check on a subject that had been physically assaulted. Victim stated he was fired from his workplace earlier in the evening and his boss was

going to his residence to retrieve victim's work truck. Victim stated the foreman stepped out of the vehicle and walked over to the work truck and victim's wife stated to the foreman that he's the reason victim got fired, and the foreman stepped towards victim's wife and pointed his finger at her and cussed her so victim stepped in between them and the foreman struck victim with a closed fist and they wound up wrestling on the ground.

November 8

Offender presented himself to ECSSO Investigators for an investigative interview. At the conclusion of the interview, offender was placed under arrest and transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputies were dispatched to I16 in reference to a two-vehicle accident involving two tractor trailers. GSP was requested for accident investigation.

Deputy assisted a broke down motorist on Hwy 56 South.

Deputy was dispatched to Oak Grove Church Rd. in reference to a report of damage to property.

Deputy responded to Waldon Way in reference to a theft.

November 10

Deputy observed a vehicle traveling on Hwy 56 East cross the yellow lines and failed to maintain the lane of travel. Deputy conducted a traffic stop to determine of the driver was under the

influence. During the course of the traffic stop, it was determined that the driver was safe enough to operate the vehicle and the passenger was verified to have an active arrest warrant through ECSSO. During the search of the arrest, suspect was found to be in possession of multiple items believed to be controlled substances. Two items were crystal-like substances believed to be meth, another powder/rock substance believed to be cocaine and a bag of unknown pills. Suspect was transported to EmCo Jail.

November 11

Deputy responded to James Morris Rd. in reference to a burglary alarm. All doors and windows were secured with no signs of forced entry.

Deputies received a report in reference to someone making threats with a gun. Complainant advised that several hunters were hunting off the roadway near Pendleton Springs Rd. and Railroad Tracks. C/p stated he reached out to DNR in reference to the violations and advised he observed a truck sitting in the mid-


dle of the roadway as he tried getting around it and a male subject started cussing at him. C/p advised he turned around and headed back home when the offender started chasing him and offender held a shotgun out the window yelling. C/p advised offender hunts on the property and has been trespassing on his and other landowner's properties.

November 12

Deputies received a call from complainant that his wife was trying to purchase tickets from Facebook from a friend and an unknown person messaged them on messenger stating they were from Palestine and had her IP address and were going to bomb her house in 24 hours. C/p advised no money was requested and it was possible the friend had been hacked.

Deputies responded to Pendleton Springs Rd. in reference to a hunter running complainant off the road. DNR was already on scene dealing with other complaints from several neighbors. C/p advised offender has been asked several times not to run his

hunting dogs on his property and to stop hunting from the roadway. C/p stated he was having battery trouble with his ATV and was driving it down the road when offender started cussing at him and got in his vehicle and started following him then exceeded his speed and zoomed around him, almost causing c/p to go in the ditch. Offender was very hostile and was issued citations from DNR. Deputy then issued a citation for reckless driving and offender refused to sign. Offender was then placed into custody as he tried to resist and his son also tried to intervene and DNR assisted in the arrest. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.



Nine-one-one is the national number to use in the event of an emergency. When we use it, we know someone is there who will come to our rescue. Though we have heard stories of the misuse of that number and reports of incompetent responders answering calls of people in a crisis, it is comforting to know that help is available.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MELANIE ANNE MARTIN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 23E0136
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
DUSTIN R. WILLIAMS has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of MELANIE ANNE MARTIN 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 NOVEMBER 20, 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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To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is HELEN H HADDEN, or tenants(s). 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. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., Loss Mitigation Dept., 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, Telephone Number: 888-818-6032. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. **FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2020-2** as Attorney in Fact for HELEN H HADDEN
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Attorney Contact: Ruben Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
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Twin City, Georgia, 30471, dated August 14, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 296, pages 256-258, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in December, 2023, to wit: Tuesday, December 5, 2023, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, together with all improvements thereon, being Lot Numbered Twelve (12) in Block Lettered "A" in the Ninth Addition to the Lake Luck Subdivision as shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 1, page 97, in the Records of the Office of the Clerk, Emanuel County Superior Court. Said Deed to Secure Debt was executed to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$16,184.52, with interest at the rate specified therein together with all other indebtedness of the borrower to the lender then due or that might thereafter become due, or thereafter become contracted, which was or would be evidenced by a note or notes. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt 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 Deed to Secure Debt. 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 Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees. Notice of intent to collect attorney's fees has been given, as provided by law. Said property is commonly known as **175 Happiness Drive, Swainsboro, GA 30401,** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the subject property is: **RUBY M. POLAN,** or tenant or tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, and covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: **Wade Johnson, President, Durden Banking Company, Inc, P.O. Box 160, Twin City, GA 30471, 478-763-2121.** The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein. This sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being

Durden Banking Company, Inc., as Attorney in Fact for Ruby M. Polan, P.O. Box 160, Twin City, GA 30471.
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. Attorney P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DONNA SMITH, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 23E0143
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
RACHEL MAE C. FRYE has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **DONNA SMITH** 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 **December 4, 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 at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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By: **Nicky Neal**
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TO: Samantha Bradford and Jaquez Stevens
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition for Custody filed against you in the above styled action with the Superior Court of Emanuel County on the 21st day of September, 2023, by Adresha J. Ricks, and that by reason of an Order for Service by Publication dated October 31st, 2023 and filed by the Court on the 31st day of October, 2023 that service be had by publication as provided by law;
You are hereby required to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon Petitioner's Attorney, Cindy C. Delgado, Post Office Box 695, Metter, Georgia 30439, an answer or other responsive pleading within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication.
WITNESS the Honorable Robert S. Reeves Judge of said Court, this ___ day of October, 2023.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of Jonathan Ivey Scott, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 1st day of November, 2023.
Lisa D. Scott, Executrix of the Estate of Jonathan Ivey Scott, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of Judy C. Davis, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 1st day of November, 2023.
Glynn E. Davis, Executor of the Estate of Judy C. Davis, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of Glynn A. Garvin, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 1st day of November, 2023.
Catherine Marie Hendley, Administrator of the Estate of Glynn A. Garvin, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
JOHN TIMOTHY COLLINS, Plaintiff,
vs.
BRENDA CAROL MCGAHEE, Defendant
NOTICE
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking divorce was filed against you in said Court on October 3, 2023, and that by reason of an Order for Publication entered by the Court on November 1, 2023, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon William M. Malone Hart, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: P.O. Box 27, Vidalia, Georgia, an Answer to the Complaint within 60 days from the date of the Order for Publication.
Prepared by:
William M. Malone Hart
Attorney for Plaintiff's
State Bar of GA No. 227277
P.O. Box 27
Vidalia, GA 30475

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIJAH MOODY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 23E0140
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
KATHERINE M. MOODY has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of ELIJAH MOODY, 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 DECEMBER 4, 2023.
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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF DESSIE ERVIN DAVIS, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of **Dessie Ervin Davis, deceased,** late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to **Richard M. McNeely,** attorney for **John C. Davis and Natalie D. Linder,** Executors of the **Dessie Ervin Davis Estate,** at **P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401,** according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.
This 9th day of November, 2023.
RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for John C. Davis and Natalie D. Linder, Executors of the Dessie Ervin Davis Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF H. WILDER SMITH, JR., DECEASED.
All creditors of the estate of **H. Wilder Smith, Jr., deceased,** late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to **Richard M. McNeely,** attorney for **Katherine S. Barron,** Executrix of the **H. Wilder Smith, Jr., Estate** at **P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401,** according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.
This 6th day of November, 2023.
RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Katherine S. Barron
Executrix of the H. Wilder Smith, Jr., Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF PERRY RAYMOND RINER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 22E0064
NOTICE
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IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before NOVEMBER 27, 2023.
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Pond House Restaurant feeds Veterans

Four members of the "Veterans at the Library" traveled to Metter on Wednesday, November 8, to enjoy a special, no-cost event for Veterans and one guest, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Pond House Restaurant in Metter, located at 1320 Crabby Lane. The meal featured harvest salad, BBQ glazed pork tenderloin, Savannah red rice, and more. The owner, Ricky Patrick, is originally from Emanuel County. His father is the late Harmon Patrick, and three of his uncles are Frank Patrick, Tom Patrick and Ed Patrick. Thanks so much for what you have done for Veterans in our area, Ricky.

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DeVos speaks to Wiregrass

The Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, held its monthly meeting Thursday night, November 9, at the New China Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. With Acting President Steve Burke presiding, there were 25 attendees. After the invocation and blessing, the chapter enjoyed a delicious meal provided by the New China Restaurant. Acting President Steve then presented Registrar Dess Smith III from the National Society's General Bruce Pickett with the Liberty Medal with three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters. Each Leaf means 10 new members sponsored for the previous year. Then Steve presented Dess with the "Gold Liberty Medal" in recognition of outstanding services in the recruitment of 200 plus new members. After discussing the upcoming event at Fort Morris in Midway on Saturday November 18, Steve asked Dess to introduce the speaker for the evening, LTC (ret) Ed DeVos, a retired Army Ranger and has received the Silver Star with one oak leaf cluster,



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ten". It's important to think that harvest is a multiplication of what you have planted. So, what are you planting each day? Whatever it is, it will be multiplied back to you. So, in your garden, will you plant love or hate; peace or discouragement; joy or confusion; encouragement or discouragement; happiness or sadness; unity or divi-

sion? Just remember you will reap whatever you sow.

God is not respect of person. He said in the book of James that if we have respect of person, we sin. That is all the reason to stop following others, look at what you are doing, and listen to the word of God.

Yes, it's harvest time for Jesus, said in Saint John chapter fourteen, "I'm going away to prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive (gather) you into myself."

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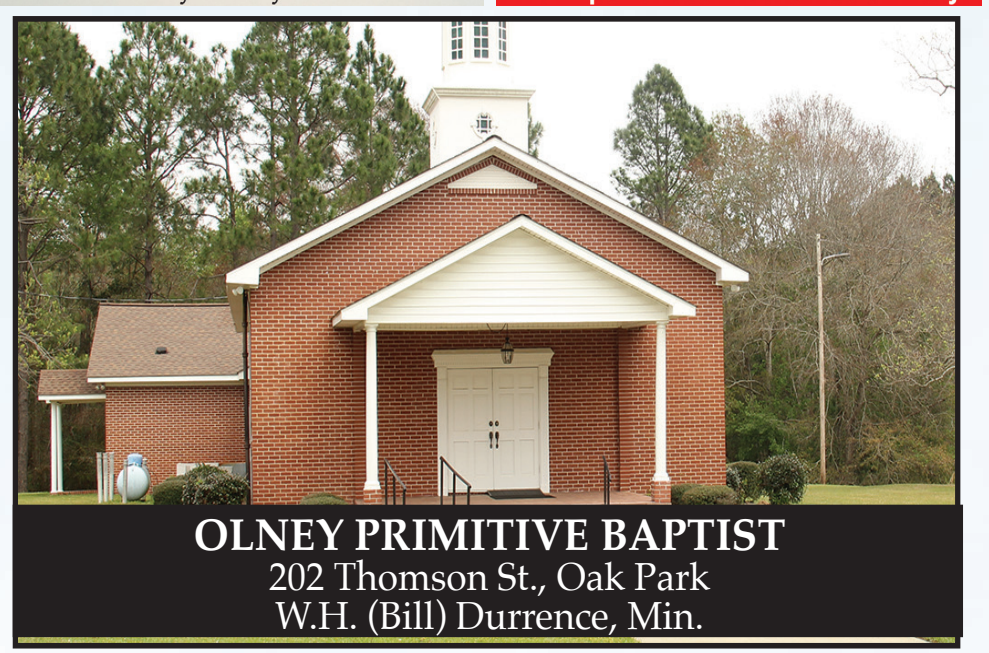
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Elkanah had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah.
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Peninnah would provoke Hannah and make her miserable.
Hannah greatly desired a child and at the tabernacle in Shiloh she prayed to God and made a covenant to Him that if he would bless her and give her a male child then she would give the child to the Lord and no razor would come upon his head.
Eli, the priest, saw Hannah praying silently even though her lips moved and thought that she was drunk.
She explained her predicament to him and he sent her away with a blessing that God would grant her petition.
Soon Hannah conceived and bore a son and called his name Samuel.
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