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EGSC Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration to be held

East Georgia State College (EGSC) will host a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Thursday, January 18. The event is open to the public and will be held at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Luck F. Gambrell Building on the Swainsboro campus of EGSC. After the ceremony, a candlelight vigil will be held outside the Gambrell Building. During the ceremony, the MLK Choir and Sounds of Gabriel will perform. Asia Jennings, an alumna of EGSC, will also perform during the event. Statesboro Mayor Jonathan McCollar will be the guest speaker.



JENNINGS



MCCOLLAR

ness for social issues that are dear to her.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar is a native of Statesboro, Georgia. He was educated in the public school system of Bulloch County where he graduated in the class of 1992 from Statesboro High School. He went on to attend Georgia Southern University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history with an emphasis in American history. He attended the Jack Averitt School of Graduate Studies where he earned a master's degree in public administration with an empha-

sis in governmental and non-profit organizations. Jonathan is a devoted husband to the exceptional Adrienne McCollar and is an adoring father of five. Mayor McCollar recognized early on in his life a desire for public service and being a voice for the voiceless. This passion, being spurred by his Christian beliefs, has led him to become an active tool for the advocating of social equality, economic development, and political activism. Along with this path he has worn the hats of educator, business owner, community organizer, advocate, volunteer, mentor, and now mayor. In these capacities, he has received numerous awards and recognition for volunteerism, leadership, and dedication. Mayor McCollar's entire career has been focused on public service. He has had the opportunity to work with such stellar organizations as Educational Services of America, Goodwill Industries International, and The American Cancer Society and now Georgia Southern University. In each of these capacities, he was recognized for his ability to be an effective leader.

EGSC invites the community to the MLK Day Celebration event Thursday, January 18, at 7 p.m. in the Gambrell Building Auditorium.



GAY, PAUL AND SHEFFIELD BEING SWORN IN BY PROBATE JUDGE DON WILKES

Garfield Mayor and Council sworn in

At the first Council meeting of the year in Garfield on Tuesday, January 9, Mayor Tommie Paul and Council Members, Teah Gay and Latrail Sheffield were sworn in.



EMANUEL COUNTY YOUTH AND LEADERS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Youth Night of Worship to return

The Emanuel County Youth Night of Worship will return to Swainsboro on March 2, 2024. Leading up to the event, we will be spotlighting youth in our region who are making a difference through their faith and relationships with Jesus Christ. You can find their stories on Facebook and Instagram on the page, "Youth Night of Worship."

To begin the series, is the story of a group of Emanuel County Youth who used their Christmas Break to change the lives of children in the Dominican Republic. Read on to find out more of this intriguing story.

John 3:30 "He must become greater - I must become less."

Mr. James Holton "Holt" Rowland, of Blackshear, Georgia, passed away at age 16 in November 2010, from injuries received in an automobile accident in Pierce County, Georgia. He was an accomplished baseball player with a bright future before his young life ended too soon. The most defining characteristic of Holt was his relationship with Jesus Christ which defined his relationships with others. In his mem-

ory, his parents established the Holt Rowland Foundation to continue his legacy.

The mission of The Holt Rowland Foundation is to advance the educational, spiritual, and athletic aspirations of youth in Pierce County, surrounding counties, and internationally. Holt Rowland, the namesake of the foundation, did just that. He put His spiritual life, which was based on a firm foundation in Jesus Christ first. Holt took his education very seriously, and he worked hard to develop the athletic talents that God gave him. Therefore, in his honor and memory the foundation strives to assist in developing the full potential of youth in our community and in our world.

In 2017, Holt's House

of Hope was established in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic, with the vision of providing a place for the children of Boca Chica to come and find community through Biblical discipleship, education, fun and training in various skills that will allow them to achieve their fullest potential. The mission of the foundation is to provide refuge, restoration and hope for the boys and girls of Boca Chica through the gospel of Jesus Christ. The leaders hope to make an eternal impact on the Dominican Republic by sharing the hope of Christ with the boys and girls today - understanding they will be the leaders of tomorrow.

As one leaves the airport of Boca Chica, a province of Santo Domingo (Continued on page 2A)

Local candidates hit the campaign trail

The starting pistol has sounded, and five Emanuel Countians are off and running for the District 1 seat of the Emanuel County Commission. The election will be held March 12, 2024, with early voting beginning on February 19, 2024. The winner of this election will serve the remainder of the term of the late Commissioner Dessie Davis which ends on December 31, 2024. Candidates for the March 12 election include Kawame Coleman, Allen Farley, Kenny Griffin, Chris Jukes and Jonquin

McKinney. An election for the full term for District 1, which begins in January of 2025, will be held in May, with qualifying starting March 3. District 1 is home to 2,778 regis-

tered voters. If you are not registered, you have until February 12, 2024, to become eligible to vote. For sample election ballots, you may go to www.sos.ga.gov/myvoterpage.



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PTO challenges SES to raise money

Swainsboro Elementary School PTO challenged Swainsboro Elementary School in a contest to raise money for the local Animal Shelter. Together, they raised almost \$400. The top fundraising classes earned a Popcorn Bar Party hosted by the PTO and Growing Communication. Money raised will go towards food, blankets, and medicine. Everyone was very pleased with the donation.



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JILL SCARBORO, SES PTO PRESIDENT, WITH SOME SES STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ANIMAL SHELTER PROJECT



YOUTH ENTERTAINING IN BOCA CHICA



YOUTH AND LEADERS AT WORK

Youth Night of...

(Continued on page 2A) Domingo, he/she sees a city much like the cities in America with shopping malls, traffic, and a cityscape with many businesses and industries. However, as the traveler moves from Santo Domingo toward Boca Chica, he/she sees a completely different lifestyle with many of the homes having dirt floors and water collection basins on the roofs. In the USA, approximately 15% of the population live below the poverty level. However, in the Dominican Republic, that number is closer to 30%. Holt's House welcomes mission teams of all ages. Medical Mission teams provide care for the boys and girls; other teams assist in building projects while youth groups and mission teams minister to the boys and girls. **This is where the youth of Emanuel County enter the picture.** With organization from leaders Matthew McNeely, Chad Thompson, and Kimber Haskins, ten students, aged 10-19 spent 7 days of their Christmas vacation with ninety-four children ages 8-18 in Boca Chica. From noon until 8 pm daily, the Youth of Emanuel County ministered to the children through devo-

tion time, crafting, playing, working, and fellowship. Then, the local team prayed and worshiped at night before starting all over the next day. The students traveling to the DR were Alisa Haskins, Charlie McNeely, Aleena Thompson, Kiera Thompson, Thai Thompson, Aiden Thompson, Jayden Benteau, Samuel McBride, Grace McBride, and Landon Goodman. Collectively, the students stated that it was a life-changing experience. For every little bit of hope and encouragement they gave the children, they received it back exponentially. The week's theme: Live, Laugh and Love certainly rang true as the goodbyes were extremely hard. Many of the children at the refuge have never been out of Boca Chica. The visitors and residents shared educational experiences with one another that will last a lifetime! The greatest takeaway, according to the students, is that language is not a barrier when you are sharing the Love of Jesus. To find out more or help with the mission, visit holtshouseofhope.com or theholtsworldfoundation.com, or their pages on Facebook.

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Kenny Griffin



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E ducation Focus on expanding educational opportunities for all ages K-12, Southeastern Tech and East Georgia State College. (after school programs, adult career programs, etc.)

E conomy Focus on working with state and local agencies to recruit business to bring more jobs to our area. Encourage development of affordable family housing through state and federal grants. Market our area with statewide campaigns to attract tourism and new residents

E nvironment Focus on improving quality of life issues. Clean up blighted neighborhoods by clearing derelict and abandoned buildings. Work with state and local agencies to bring safety and vitality to these areas by improving roadways and street lighting. Form "neighborhood teams" to bring county government, citizens and the business community working together for better problem-solving.

We need to visualize what we as a community would look like as we grow beyond borders and boundaries. Lets seal the divide and move ahead together.

VOTE March 12, 2024

Early Voting Begins February 19th



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New Year in full swing at Franklin Memorial Library

by ROSIE LOVETT
The New Year is in full swing at the Franklin Memorial Library! Come dive into learning, celebrate your community and unleash your creativity alongside friendly neighbors and talented staff. Join us for lively and interactive Toddler Time on Friday, January 26, at 10:30 a.m. Sing songs, read stories and engage in playful activities designed to spark your little one's imagination and love of learning. To show

our appreciation to our local heroes, we host our Veterans Breakfast every Monday morning. Our next breakfast will be on January 22, at 9 a.m. Next, put on your inventor hats for our STEM Toy Lab on Tuesday, January 30, at 4:30 p.m. Explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering and math through engaging activities and interactive toys. Job seekers, take note! Come interview with potential employers and explore employ-

ment opportunities at our Job Fair on Wednesday, January 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dress to impress and bring your resumes, as local businesses from various industries will be eager to meet talented individuals like you. This is just a taste of the many exciting events happening at the Franklin Memorial Library in January. So gather your family, friends and your appetite for knowledge and join us for fun, learning and community spirit!



PRESIDENT ELECT GARY MASON, RECREATION DIRECTOR JERRY LAWSON AND EXCHANGE CLUB PRESIDENT DAMIEN SCOTT

Lawson speaks to Swainsboro Exchange Club

Jerry Lawson, the new Director of the Emanuel County Recreation Department, was the speaker at the Swainsboro Exchange Club on Tuesday, January 9. He gave an overview of the staffing, programs/sports and upcoming plans for the Emanuel County Recreation Department.



RIDGEWAY 104 MEMBERS



SWEET, HATCHER AND RUIZ

Hatcher takes over Ridgeway 104

Ridgeway 104 held their meeting Monday, January 8. Brother Mike Hatcher took over the office of WM for Ridgeway 104 and Patrick Sweet was appointed as the District Deputy to the Grand Master for District 1-B. The group was pleased to have special guest Carlos Ruiz, the District Deputy to the Grand Master for 1-A.

Pictured in the top photo is Mike Hatcher, WM; Donald Hall, SW; Howard Miller, JW; Chris Carr, Secretary; Richard Claxton, JR, SS; James Moxlwy, JS; Phillip Bedgood, SD; James Calvert, JD; Patrick Sweet, TYLER; and Glenn Grimes, CHAPLAIN. (not pictured: Hal Bridges, TREASURER)

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Elizabeth Kirkland Jones, 89

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkland Jones, age 89, of Waynesboro, who entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her children. Funeral service was held Saturday, January 13, at 11 a.m. at Summertown Baptist Church, where Elizabeth was a life-long member, with Rev. John Durden officiating. Interment followed in the Hawhammock Baptist Church Cemetery. Family received friends Friday, January 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. at DeLoach-McKerley-Prescott Funeral Home in Waynesboro.

Known as Betty to her friends and family, she was born on January 17, 1934, in Emanuel County, and was the second child of five children born to Judge Henry Frank Kirkland and Leslie Moore Kirkland of Summertown. Betty graduated from Summertown High School at the age of 16 and was awarded the State Title of Best Actress in 1950. She then went on to study at the Georgia State College for Women, majoring in English and Speech, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1954. The years 1953-1954 were momentous in her life, as she became a bride in 1953 at the age of 19, and then graduated from college and began her 40-year career as a teacher. Betty's first teaching job was at Wadley High School. Over the course of her career, she taught the subjects of English and Grammar, French, American Literature, and Drama. She greatly admired the teachers she had in school and felt drawn to become one herself. Betty also greatly enjoyed directing plays and helping her students develop their acting skills. She was also driven to continue her own education and, in 1973, received a master's degree in education from Mercer University. Betty's husband, Clifford, was an enlisted man in the United States Air Force, so that meant that they were often required to move. Their first experience with life on an Air Force Base was in Warner Robins. They then moved to other bases including Savannah, Rapid City, South Dakota and Fairbanks, Alaska. Betty taught in schools wherever they lived and after Clifford retired, they moved back to Emanuel County, where Betty continued teaching at Swainsboro High School. In 1975, they moved the family to Waynesboro, where



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they opened the Dairy Queen. They went on to successfully own and operate several other stores in Augusta, Millen, Garden City, Louisville and Wrens. Betty continued teaching in various local school systems and often worked alongside her husband and children in many of the Dairy Queen stores. She also learned how to decorate cakes, which were sold in the stores, and enjoyed teaching this skill to their employees. But, despite all of her education, skills, talents and accomplishments, the most important part of Betty's life was, without doubt, that of being a mother and grandmother. She loved each of her children and grandchildren very much and was always proud of them and their accomplishments – and loved bragging on them whenever she had the chance to do so. Betty was also an avid reader, and enjoyed gardening, collecting recipes, writing poetry, sewing, arts and crafts, and reminiscing about the unique experiences she had growing up in Summertown. Mrs. Jones is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 67 years, Clifford Jones; sisters, Joyce Chavous and Minnie Kate Underwood; and son, Clifford Jones, Jr.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her children, Carey Mark Jones of Chamblee, Robert Kipton Jones of Waynesboro, Carol Ann Jones (Reid Stephenson) of Waynesboro, Jo Maelisa Jones of Woodstock and Tina Elizabeth Anchor (Michael Anchor) of Evans; grandchildren, Samantha Elizabeth (Quinton) Mino of Tallahassee, Florida and Ryan Zane (Becca) Anchor of Martinez; brother, Joe (Linda) Kirkland of Summertown; sister, Bennie (Terry) Lang of Pensacola, Florida; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to: Summertown Baptist Church, 51 Summertown Church Street, Midville, Georgia 30441, or to the Georgia Baptist Children's Home, 9420 Blackshear Hwy SE, Baxley, GA 31513.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Joseph W. Brown, 72

Joseph W. Brown, age 72, passed away Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 13, at 1 p.m. at the ECI Auditorium in Twin City. Interment followed at Rountree Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was Friday, January 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Hodges Funeral Home in Metter.

Joseph was born August 5, 1951, in Metter, to the late Mr. Joseph C. and Mrs. Mary Brooks Brown. He accepted Christ into his life at an early age and became a member of Rountree Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Over the years, Joseph served his church faithfully as a member of the Choir and as a Deacon. He attended Rountree Grove dutifully under the leadership of Pastor S.D. Bing until his health began to fail. Joseph lived a quiet life, working for many years as an orderly at Emanuel Medical Center. One of his favorite things was attending church, and he enjoyed fellowship-

ping with other churches in the community. Joseph often attended God's Holy Tabernacle, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Amos Handsome. He also found joy in spreading the Gospel, calling family, friends and neighbors, to tell them about the glory of God and Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Mr. Brown is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jessie Brown; and sister, Christine Howell.

Mr. Brown leaves behind to cherish many fond memories with his siblings, Mr. George Earl Brown (Shirley) of Twin City, Mr. James Brown (Deborah) of Aline, Mr. Alfonzo Brown of Twin City, Mr. Raymond Brown (Carolyn) of Beaufort, South Carolina, Ms. Betty Robinson of Twin City, Mr. Dewayne Brown of McDonough and Mrs. LaTonya JuQueen Deans; and many loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Hodges Funeral Home of Metter was in charge of arrangements.

Lula Mae Robinson, 102

Mrs. Lula Mae Robinson, a centenarian and a beloved member of the Twin City community, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at the age of 102. Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 20, at 1 p.m. at Parrish Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Lula was born November 3, 1921, in Jenkins County, to the late Richard Facyson and Sophie Facyson. She married Theodore "Buddy" Robinson and they had six children: Lillie B. Reynolds, Johnny L. Robinson (deceased), Eva M. Smith, Mary A. Cross, Felix Robinson and Stanley D. Robinson. Lula was blessed with five generations of



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descendants who cherished her. She was a kind, gentle, and generous person who touched the lives of many people in her 102 years of life. Lula will be remembered for her strength, her resilience, and her love of dressing up and wearing her red lipstick, as she was always ready for any occasion. Lula was dearly loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

Whitaker Funeral Home of Metter is in charge of arrangements.

Cecil Van Lewis, 76

Mr. Cecil Van Lewis, age 76, passed away Saturday, January 13, 2024, at his home in Rincon. The family will receive visitors Wednesday, January 17, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home in Statesboro. The funeral will follow at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Franklin Sasser officiating. Interment will be at Hebron Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Garfield.

Mr. Lewis was born on November 1, 1947, in Emanuel County. He attended Emanuel County Institute and for the last two years of high school, attended Carlisle Military College in Bamberg, SC, graduating in 1966. That same year, Van joined the United States Army and served for 11 years. He later served in the Air National Guard and worked at Gulfstream, retiring from both. Van enjoyed riding his motor-



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cycle, traveling when he was able and camping. Mr. Lewis is preceded in death by and his parents, Cecil and Mildred Lewis; and wife, Janice Mae Lewis.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his son, Cecil Van Lewis Jr.; daughters, Shannon Parker and Jenny Lewis; brothers, Glen (Christine) Lewis, Stephen Lewis and Wyler Lewis; sister, Cecelia (Randy) Tankersley; grandchildren; nieces, and nephews.

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of arrangements.

Annie "Ruth" Lamb Burnette, 91

Sis. Annie Ruth Lamb Burnette, age 91, was invited to a private affair held in her honor between her and the Lord on January 5, 2024. A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, January 10, at 3 p.m. at St. Philip Baptist Church with Rev. James E. Love officiating. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Ruth was born June 13, 1932, in Lyons, to the late Jim Lamb and Ruth Ellen Chapple Lamb Wilson. Upon completion of high school at Swainsboro High & Industrial on June 2, 1952, Ruth was employed at Emanuel County Hospital/Emanuel Medical Center until she relocated to Hartford, CT in 1957. Ruth retired from St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center May 1, 1994, as a Nursing Assistant and LPN. After retirement, she returned to Swainsboro and volunteered her time and services at Emanuel



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Medical Center and the local food pantry. Miss Burnette is preceded in death by her parents; and beloved sisters, Pauline Hubert and Carnell Lamb.

Miss Burnette leaves behind to cherish her memories with her nieces, nephew, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, great-great-great nieces and nephews and godchildren. She held a special place in her heart for Robert and Elaine Yordan and Robert Andrew Yordan, Jr., all of CT.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

James "Henry" Hampton, Sr., 87

Deacon James "Henry" Hampton, Sr., age 87, peacefully transitioned to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, surrounded by family.

Henry was born on August 4, 1936, in Swainsboro, to the late Deacon Clifton (Buddy) Hampton and Mother Sadie Hampton. As a member of Williams Chapel Holiness Church, he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age. Henry was also ordained as a Deacon at an early age. He was gifted with a wonderful singing voice and was a member of The Union Gospel Singers. Henry enjoyed glorifying the Lord through praise and worship and he lived a life steadfast in the word of God. He always carried himself in an upright and Godly way, demonstrating a strong yet gentle character. Henry had a kind spirit and was genuinely loving, caring, generous and a friend to all; always quick to offer a helping hand with a smile.

On June 5, 1959, Henry obtained favor from the Lord when he united in Holy Matrimony with the love of his life, Rosa Mae Moore. To this union, they were blessed with four children. Henry and Rosa were a devoted couple and model parents to their children. Henry was employed by the State of Georgia where he worked at The Ogeechee Clinic until his retirement in 2011. Prior to the Ogeechee Clinic, he worked at Citizens Bank for 20+ years. Henry was also skilled at maintaining lawns and meticulously manicuring shrubs. At his home, his yard showcased beautifully trimmed azaleas, rose bushes and other varieties of plants and flow-



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ers. Henry was a servant to his community and would often express his love for living in Swainsboro. Many who know him (or know of him) call him "Good Man", "Distinguished Gentleman" or "Icon to the Community". Henry was truly the epitome of a good and faithful servant. Deacon Hampton is preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Rosa Mae Moore; brothers, John Powell and Rosevelt Hampton; and sister, Sarah Outler.

Loving memories will forever be cherished by two sons, Derald Moore Hampton (Hilda) of Sebastian, FL and James Henry Hampton, Jr. of Swainsboro; two daughters, Gloria Faye Hampton of Swainsboro and Margaret Delaine Hampton Wright of Jacksonville, FL; three grandchildren, Corey Dwayne Johnson of Daytona Beach, FL, Demetrius Lovell Johnson of Seattle, WA and Whitney LaFaye Fedderick (Christopher) of Columbus; five sisters, Mary Fowler (Clyde) of Summertown, Fannie Boynton, Alpha "Affie" Johnson, Pearl Boykin (Thomas), all of Swainsboro, and Doris Hargrove (Calvin) of Levittown, PA; sister-in-law, Ruthie James of Conyers; twenty-two grandchildren; forty-five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mosley Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

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Swainsboro Food Pantry distribution

Swainsboro St. Philip Center of Hope Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, January 18, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.



NIAMH MATTHEWS, WEEKEND BLESSINGS COORDINATOR, ANNISTON O'DELL, LILY DELEON AND MAKAYLA RADFORD

ECI FBLA holds Weekend Blessing Pretzel Drive

Emanuel County Institute Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) recently held a Pretzel Drive for Weekend Blessings. Students were encouraged to bring in bags of pretzels, and the homeroom that collected the most would be treated to a party. The school

collected many bags to help out the program. There are currently over 200 students being served by Weekend Blessings in Emanuel County. With the drive, each student will be able to receive three bags of pretzels for the summer break. If you are

looking for ways to get involved with Weekend Blessings, please contact Mylie Rose Lane, FBLA Member, at miley-lane@emanuel.k12.ga.us or adviser, Mrs. Jessica Smith, at jhsmith@emanuel.k12.ga.us. Thank you for your support of this program.

How to prevent cardiovascular disease

by ASHTON TOOMER, ISSA CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER AND EGSC STUDENT

The number one health concern among our citizens in this beautiful nation today is bad heart health. The root cause of this problem is lack of holistic and fitness knowledge. Which you would think should be common knowledge, but it is not. The way to fix this problem is by educating yourself with specific information and techniques that will eliminate this risk altogether. For example, some are Diets, Exercises, Reading food labels, and knowing the difference between macro and micronutrients.

Basically, everything starts from within and then it comes out when pertaining to health and wellness. What that means is your diet matters more than your genetics. This is because if you can regulate what you put into your body you can control your physical fitness. Think of your body as a jet. You need jet fuel to make your jet perform smoothly and fast. This is where reading food labels and knowing the difference between macros and micros fall into play. Macros or Macronutrients are water, cholesterol, protein, fats, carbohydrates or carbs, and fiber. Now you must have the correct portion of each every day, and this looks different for each individual. So, it is important to be conscious



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of where you are physically and internally health wise. A good way to see this is by using something called BMI or Body Mass Index tool. Micronutrients are minerals and vitamins such as Chromium and Vitamin D. These are needed in small amounts. This is where you implement knowing about nutrient density in your foods. What is nutrient density you ask? It is the amount of beneficial nutrients in a particular food proportion. So, one might go on a 5/2 diet which necessitates you eating just a quarter or 25% of your overall calories a day. It's just like investing in high quality tools for your jet to fix and modify it.

Now here is where exercise and form selection fills in. Which is just as important as your diet to combat public enemy number one heart disease. Now just moving can be an exercise in itself however what good is it if

it's not solving the problem at hand. No good at all so here are some cardiovascular exercises you can do. Aerobic exercise which is using your oxygen as energy opposed to your glucose. The heart rate threshold for these exercises is 130 bpm to 150 bpm. This will entail jumping rope, hiking, brisk walking, jumping lunges, mountain climbers, and jogging in place. These are some, not all. Doing these consistently for 45 minutes a day will raise your chances of fending off cardiovascular disease. Also adding anaerobic exercises to your lifestyle will be very advantageous as well. What this means is you will be trading glucose for energy to push yourself through these particular exercises instead of oxygen. This glucose is located in your muscles which act as a reservoir for glucose. Some exercises you can do are weightlifting, plyometrics, HIIT Training and Pilates. Furthermore, you can target different muscle groups in your body as well cause the human body has 600 functioning muscles. Along with 206 strong bones.

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Holy Zion Church to celebrate 46th Anniversary

Holy Zion Church of Metter will celebrate its 46th Church Anniversary January 18, 19 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night, January 18, guest speaker will be Bishop Larry MacMillen. Guest churches will be Bible Time, Jones Temple Pentecostal, Living Way, Saint Matthews, Sam Creek, Holy Zion Church of Statesboro, Temple of Grace Sanctuary, Stillmore William Grove and Holiness William Grove Church of God in Christ. Friday night, January 19, guest speaker will be Pastor Pearl Stine Ocopers. Guest churches will be Foundation Spring, Ada Grove Pentecostal, Brinston Rock Turn Point, House of Hope, Johnson Chapter House of God, Saint John and William Chapter. Sunday, January 21, Sunday School will be at 10:30 a.m. with worship service at 11:30 a.m. Guest church will be Mt. Gilead. Dinner will be served. Pastor Johnny R. Jones invites everyone to attend.

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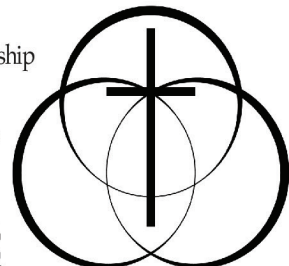
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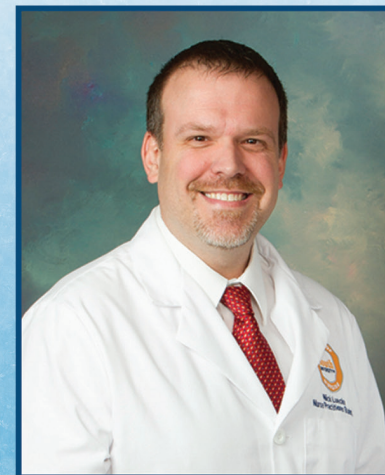
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Editorials Columns

Generations

I know it's risky to get sentimental about things nowadays, but I find myself becoming more and more mellow and appreciative of where I live, the longer I live here. Now, that's a dangerous admission because at this moment, I can already imagine the eye-rolling going on out there among the younger readers (and by younger, I mean anyone who doesn't have at least four or five pairs of "three-dollar" reading glasses lying around the house on coffee tables, end tables, bookshelves, and other strategic places). Eye-rolling is fine. It's a healthy form of the art of respectful protest of older generations. Eye-

Rolling(ER) and Subtle Head-Shaking(SHS) are both ways that the younger crowd can secretly comment about the older crowd, "Bless their hearts, they just don't get it anymore." "ER and SHS" are examples of the techniques that Gen XYZ, or Alpha, or Millennials, use to silently demonstrate their pity but also their superiority of the fading baby boomer generation and how they squandered opportunities and missed the chance to create the perfect world. Well, you say, every generation must have its own crusade, and these kids just need something to protest. That's fair, I guess, but some of the things

that I happen to need are things like Social Security checks and Medicare coverage. The Beatles generation and the 80s Disco crowd all like those things too. We get downright sentimental, mellow, and appreciative when it comes to that because most of us entered the labor force back before Chubby Checker could do the twist. So, we need the Gen XYZ and all the rest of 'em to get out there and keep working and keep paying those payroll taxes to Uncle Sam, cause I'm pretty sure we can't count on A.I. and the Robots to pay their fair share. And the main thing is, you don't want to see a bunch of MeMas, Gammys, PopPops, and

Ammas out there on their walkers trying to stop traffic protesting social security cuts. For the most part, this country has always been able to rely on the promise of tomorrow. You might not need reading glasses yet, but you will, and if you don't care about Medicare now, one day you also will. With a little common sense in our government, social security and health care will endure and do what they're supposed to do. For that to happen, there must finally be some real give and take in Congress. This country, for all its faults, is an amazing place. Each generation plays a vital role and brings its own

Charles Schwabe



advancements and contributions. In turn, the system requires work and loyalty and support from each one. I like living where I'm living, and one of the best things about it is when you reach a certain age, things like eye-rolling and head-shaking don't bother you a bit. What does bother you is the thought that somewhere along the line, the next crusade of the protesters might be a radical rethinking and readjust-

ment of the way our system works and how it looks at the responsibilities of government versus the individual. In a competently run democracy, the future always promises hope. Our best hope is that a strong, free generation of Americans will always be there, ready to step up when it's their turn to make sure that the privilege of living and growing old and liking it wherever you like is your free choice in this country.

Voters, not the courts, should decide Presidential choices

In case you haven't noticed, there is an election scheduled for this November to choose the Leader of the Free World. As of this writing, the choice is between two candidates that a majority of the American people don't particularly care for. According to the latest Gallup Poll, Pres. Joe Biden is viewed favorably by 41% of U.S. adults. Former Pres. Donald Trump's favorable rating is 42%. Maybe that is because one gives new meaning to the term uninspiring and seems more interested in transgender issues than in keeping our borders secure. The other is a narcissistic, mean-spirited misogynist. And these are our choices?

Alas, they are very likely to be and I oppose any effort to deny us the right to pick between them. So, too, does one of the most prominent conservative voices in the country, Yuval Levin. Mr. Levin is the director of Social, Cultural and Constitutional Studies at the American Enterprise Institute and a contributing editor to National Review, the iconic conservative publication founded by William F. Buckley. In other words, he is a thoughtful, articulate conservative. These days, that sounds like a political oxymoron. As one who leans conservative in my own political views, I wonder what has happened to compassionate conservatism as evi-

denced by Ronald Reagan - who in two presidential elections never had to claim a stolen election because he won by margins Trump and his loyalists can't even comprehend - and our own late U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson. They didn't see the need to threaten, bully, demean or divide. Unfortunately, the term conservative has been hijacked by right-wing extremists just as left wingnuts couch their liberal agenda as progressive. (I find nothing progressive about socialism.) I put no stock in the babble on either side. However, I do listen to Yuval Levin. In a recent piece in National Review, Mr. Levin states, "After courts in Georgia, North

Carolina, Minnesota and elsewhere dismissed or rejected claims pursuing his (Trump's) removal from the ballot on the basis of the 14th Amendment's bar on individuals who 'have engaged in insurrection' against the Constitution, the Supreme Court of Colorado affirmed such a claim, and the U.S. Supreme Court is now likely to review that decision within weeks. "The attempt to remove Donald Trump from the ballot by recourse to the 14th Amendment," Levin writes, "is the latest such assault because it amounts to an abuse of the Constitution in search of a shortcut to defeating him. I think the Colorado court was wrong and that the U.S. Supreme Court will overturn it on the legal merits. But perhaps no less important, I think the pursuit of such a strategy against Trump is wrong, and that citizens who worry about the health of our constitutional order in an era when it has been under profound stress should reject and recoil from that strategy, regardless of what they think of Donald Trump."

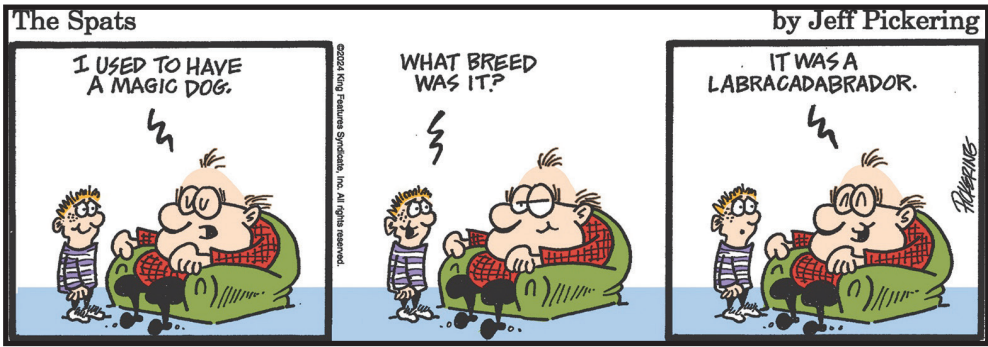
Dick Yarbrough



And what does this eminent conservative scholar think of Donald Trump? Not much. "He was an unfit president, lacked the character necessary for the job, operated without even a basic sense of (let alone any respect for) our system of government, and repeatedly put that system under intense stress in the service of his thuggish narcissism and pathetic self-pity. His ultimate betrayal of the constitutional order - his refusal to accept the legitimacy of his election defeat in 2020 and his effort to prevent the certification of his opponent's victory - was the most serious dereliction of the presidential office in the history of our country, and it rendered Trump one of the very worst of our presidents. It's an utter disgrace that any American voter, let alone one of our major political parties, is even thinking about sending him back to the White House."

But, as Yuval Levin says, that should be our choice to make. Not the courts, egged on by those using the 14th Amendment as a vehicle to try and disqualify Donald Trump from running. I agree with Yuval Levin. Quit using the United States Constitution as a political tool and let the voters have the final word. Nov. 5, 2024 - Election Day - is a long way off. A lot can happen between now and then but, assuming the Supreme Court gives the 14th Amendment argument the judicial heave-ho, it looks as though we will be choosing between duly nominated Joe Biden and Donald Trump. If that's the case, so be it. The bigger issue is why we can't find any better candidates than these two. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dick-yarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

Editorial Cartoons



Time passes Shirley Proctor Twiss



Here we are in mid-January 2024. Was not Christmas just a week or so ago??. Seems that anyhow to me. I look at the new date 2024 and think of other dates that are still impressed in my memory. Try out your math and do the subtracting. In November 1935, the Proctor family included a new baby girl. In 1953, this baby girl became a graduate of SHS. In 1956, her name changed to Twiss. Therefore, it has been a long time since she walked around the square or walked into the white Georgia marble courthouse. She still

grieves that this is now only a precious memory. If your memory bank includes the following vivid memories, then you have definitely "walked around the square." All schools from grammar to SHS were on Church Street. The Dixie Theatre was open and showing two movies a day. Saturdays showed westerns continually and a different show at midnight. Brownies and jelly doughnuts were introduced by Bazemore Bakery. Lucile Lewis served the world's best hamburgers. *These have never been surpassed by*

my taste buds. Coleman's Lake seemed like Disney World and gave us swimming, skating, and a Saturday night square dance. The first Pine Tree Festival was held and continues today. Bonus question...who was the first Queen and King? In the fall, Tiger, Frank Wimberly's passes, were snatched by the steady hands of Elwyn Coleman who crossed the goal line as we ate boiled peanuts and hot dogs with slaw and cheered. Gone but never forgotten are my walks around the square. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com.



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Seedling Garden Club holds January meeting

by KAY PEACOCK

The Seedling Garden met on Monday, January 8, at the Swainsboro Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. In the absence of president Nancy Lisenby, Vice President Susan Stephenson welcomed everyone and presided over the meeting.

Ann Peebles gave an inspiration titled "God Gave Me a Garden." We plant the seed; God supplies the rain and sun etc. and we will soon have a beautiful garden to enjoy with His help. Secretary Imogene Buckley read the minutes from the October and November meetings. These were approved as read. Treasurer Kay Peacock presented the treasurer's report. This was approved as presented. Treasurer reported that the club had received a \$250.00 grant from The Garden Club of Georgia for the plantings at the Swainsboro Nursing Home. Treasurer also reported that the auction held in November was a success. Yonna Bailey and Mary Pate Gay, Yard of the Month chairmen, reported the Yard of the Month for December was given to Dess Smith. Due to winter months and no pretty yards, the next Yard of the Month will be presented in



LINDA DEKLE, CHERYL GOODMAN, MARGARET ANN ALLMOND AND DOT KIRBY

April 2024.

Under new business, the club will observe Arbor Day on February 16. We will be planting a tree in memory of deceased member Ginny Smith. Type of tree and location will be decided by Arbor Day chairperson's Jane Durden and Jill Briarcheck. Kay Peacock, flower show chairperson, turned program over to Dianna Malone to discuss the flower show schedule. The schedule written by Martha Cobb was approved and all committees were assigned. Paula Karrh, Horticultural chairperson, presented the horticultural tips for January. "He who plants a tree, plants a hope." Very informative tips were given, and handouts were given to club

members.

The program for the evening, "How to update your Home", was presented by Margaret Ann Allmond from Custom's Furniture. Allmond gave some very helpful tips on how to refresh your home using books, vases with greenery and changing lamp shades. She suggested using color and height of floral things to help refresh your home. The changing out of these things at different times will help your home shine. She donated a gift to be given with Susan Stephenson winning this. It was a beautiful vase with greenery.

The twenty-one (21) members present enjoyed refreshments of pound cake, nuts and soda prepared by host-

esses, Linda Dekle, Dot Kirby and Cheryl Goodman.

The meeting ended with Wonda Ellis winning the raffle item, a beautiful basket of potted plants donated by the hostesses. Susan ended the meeting with a "Happy New Year" to all. The next meeting will be February 12. We would welcome any one to join us. We are an active club helping to keep Emanuel County and City beautiful and to inform and educate our members in the horticulture field and floral designing. Come join us.

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

Real Tree Wild Game Supper to be held

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Miss Stevens, Mr. Kea announce engagement

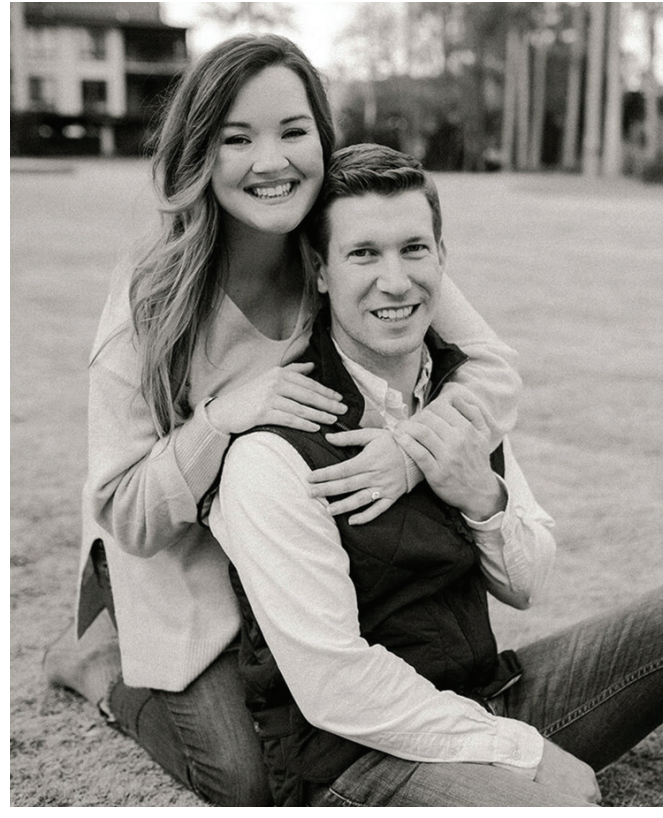


MISS STEVENS AND MR. KEA

Georgia Southern of Millen and Barney University. Cameron and Patricia Kea of Swainsboro.

The wedding is set for May 4, 2024 at The Venue on Main. A reception will follow at the same location. Invitations will be sent.

Miss Screws, Mr. Sheridan announce wedding plans



MISS SCREWS AND MR. SHERIDAN

Karin Screws of Kite, and the late Keith Screws, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Buckley Screws, to Kevin Sheridan of Albany, NY. Mr. Sheridan is the son of Julie Mathy Sheridan of Saratoga, NY and David Sheridan of Delmar, NY.

The bride-elect is the 2011 Valedictorian of Swainsboro High School and a 2015 graduate of a University of Georgia with a B.S. in Management Information Systems. Miss Screws is the granddaughter of Betty Screws and the late Dr. Robert Screws of Swainsboro and Rev. Douglas and Faye Patterson of Savannah.

The future groom graduated with a B.S. in Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering from RPI in 2015. He worked for Gulfstream Aerospace in Savannah before moving to Atlanta

with Buckley to pursue an M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, graduating in 2019. He is currently working for Lockheed Martin in Marietta. Mr. Sheridan is the grandson of Mary Susan and Charles J. Mathy, Jr. of

LaCrosse, WI and the late Robert and Denise Sheridan of Marcellus, NY. Buckley and Kevin met while working together as interns at Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation. They currently live in Atlanta with their rescue cat, Pretty Kitty "PK".

Miss Hall, Mr. Williams to wed



MISS HALL AND MR. WILLIAMS

Swainsboro High School. Shipping Clerk. Mr. Kyle attended East Georgia State College with a basis in Business before receiving his degree in Accounting at Southeastern Technical College in the Fall of 2013.

He is also the owner of Better Dollar Remodel and is employed with Battle Lumber Company as a Bookkeeper and

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David Emanuel basketball in full swing

Over the last month, the David Emanuel Academy Eagles have been in full swing with basketball playing all of their games on the road. On December 12, 2023, the Eagles traveled to Pinehurst to face the Fullington Academy Trojans. In the middle school games, the girls won 21-12 with Emily McRae leading the team with 8 points followed by Lyla Martin 5 points, Aubrey Scott 4 points, Kaley Flowers and Rayleigh Faircloth both with 2 points. In the middle school boys' game, the Eagles came out on top with a score of 25-21 over the Trojans. Lake Woods was the high scorer with 14 points, followed by Karson Kettles 5 points, and Jace Farmer and Dalton Flowers both with 3 points. During the varsity games, the Lady Eagles fell to the Trojans with a loss of 59-37 and the varsity boys with a loss of 58-43. In the varsity girl's game, Kylie Bell had 13 points, Aubrey Williams 11 points, Emma Proctor 9 points, Addalyn Terwilliger 3 points, and Maddi Perkins 1 point. In the varsity boys' game, Randon Williams was the lead scorer with 14 points followed by Billy Martin and Peyton Lee both with 9 points, Ethan Fields 5 points, and Richard Braddy and Tony Sutton both with 3 points.

On December 11, the Eagles traveled to Waynesboro to compete against the Edmund

Burke Academy Spartans. The middle school girls' team was victorious over the Spartans with a final score of 30-22. Emily McRae was high scorer with 10 points, Kaley Flowers with 8 points, Lyla Martin and Aubrey Scott both with 4 points, and Scott Hall and Rayleigh Faircloth both with 2 points. In the middle school boys' game, DEA lost to Edmund Burke 31-11. Ben Griner led with 5 points followed by Jace Farmer, Eli Way, and Jack Evans Fields contributing 2 points each. In the varsity girls' game, the Eagles fell to the Spartans 66-33. Aubrey Williams led with 13 points followed by Bailey McNure with 7 points, Kyli Bell 6 points, Emma Proctor 5 points, and Addalyn Terwilliger 2 points. The Eagle varsity boys secured a victory with a final score of 54-41. Randon Williams led the team with 17 points followed by Billy Martin with 15 points, Peyton Lee 11 points, Ethan Fields 6 points, Tony Sutton and Brody Fleming each with 2 points, and Richard Braddy 1 point.

On December 12, the Eagles traveled to Savannah to play the Habersham School Patriots. In the JV boys' game, the Eagles beat the Patriots 38-37. Peyton Templeton was lead scorer with 10 points, followed by Ethan Fields 7 points, Sailor Powell 6 points, Nolan Powell and Revan Fortner both

with 4 points, Brody Fleming 3 points, and John-Nathan Martin and Richard Braddy both with 2 points. In the varsity girls' game, the Lady Eagles fell to the Lady Patriots 44-35. Emma Proctor and Addalyn Terwilliger both led the team with 11 points each followed by Aubrey Williams with 8 points, Kylie Bell 3 points, and Maddie Perkins 2 points. The Varsity boys lost to Habersham with a final score of 71-44. Peyton Lee led the team with 19 points, followed by Billy Martin with 8 points, Richard Braddy and Randon Williams each with 6 points, Ethan Fields with 4 points, and AJ Edenfield with 1 point.

On January 5, 2024, the Varsity Eagles traveled to Athens to face off with the Monsignor Donovan Rams. The Lady Eagles were victorious over the Rams with a final score of 51-30, and the varsity boys to the Rams 74-36. In the girls' game, Emma Proctor and Addalyn Terwilliger both led the team with 11 points each followed by Kylie Bell and Emma Proctor both contributing 10 points each, Maddie Perkins 7 points, and Bailey McNure 2 points. In the varsity boys' game, Randon Williams and Ethan Fields both led the team with 8 points each followed by Billy Martin and Peyton Lee each with 6 points, Richard Braddy 5 points, and Brody Fleming 3 points.

SPS announces Honor Roll and Star Honor Roll

Honor Roll First Grade

Michael Adams, Kayson Allen, Skyler Allen, Aazyah Barron, Carlie Beasley, Ameia Bostic, Eddie Braswell, Elijah Brewer, Brinley Brinson, Braylen Brown, London Buford, Mackenzie Burkett, Harmoni Byrd, India Cooper, Raiden Cummings, Carli Davis, Isabelle Dixon, Wyeilah Ealey, HESSIE Gardner, Lyndsey Gibbons, Berkley Glisson, Crystal Gomez-Jimenez, Lucus Hall, Ella Hambrick, Kallex Hart, Elizabeth Hernandez, Grayson Hill, A'aryan Hodges, Hudson Hooks, Kayden James, Manuel Javier Vazquez, Chandler Jimenez, Aubrey Johnson, Phillip Jones, Lauren Kirkland, Isidro Lopez, Thalia Lopez, Steven Martin, Akio Mason, Chansley McCoy, Mosley, Delmus Mosley, Dani Parker, Axel Perez-Briones, Cameron Phillips, Aden Poole, Brailyn Ramirez, Zaydia Reese, Riley Richardson, Ella Roberson, Ranneshia Roberson, Layla Roundtree, Lai'lyn Royal, Natalia Ruiz-Gijon, Baylor Tanner, Autumn Tuttle, Christian Williams, Luke Williams

Second Grade

Nathan Aguilar, Finley Alfonso, Makhari Benjamin, Emma Bird, Randy Bird, DeKolby Booker, Kendall Braswell, James Brooks, Ariana Byrd, Princeton Carlyle, Kiel Avedrein Catalan, Ryheem Cross, Landon

Davis, Tiran East, Elizabeth Fountain, Tamia Gibbons, Bailey Goddard, Kiara Gonzalez Cifuentes, Grace Hadaway, James Hall, Mahalia Hall, Sophia Hood, Hunter Johnson, Shelby Jones, Haylee Kersey, Karlie Knight, Nixon Marchman, Cayden Mercer, Wesley Moore, Raimy Moxley, Zariya Parrish, Arjun Patel, Caleb Pullen, Leanna Scarboro, Bella Smith, Zyana Swans, Ja'marion Taylor, Kemari Walcott, Jack Way, Karsyn Wicker, Ciara Wilkinson, Octavius Williams, Aliza Young

Star Honor Roll

First Grade

Ashtyn Averett, Gatlin Bedgood, Jaxon Bedgood, Madelyn Brantley, Rhyleigh Braswell, Breelyn Brown, Olivia Burke, Reed Chalker, River Clements, Khalani Davis, Katherine DeVane, Stormie Dunaway, Jahzara Durden, Mirycal Ford, Mi'Khaza Foster, Kelton Gay, Vincent Gomez, Masyng Hales, Izaiah Harris, Charleigh Henry, Gabriel Holmes, Madilyn Hooks, Olen Hutcherson, Nathan Johnson, William Jones, Kenric Jordan, Kayson Kapp, Samiyah King, Finn Lamb, Lilah Landress, Emmanuel Lopez, Riley Meadows, Alexander Morales-Cabrera, Mollie Morris, Robert Moxley, Aubri Murry, Oliver Nash, Lawson Neely, Loralye NeeSmith, Jay Patel, Ashtin Powell, Charleigh Price, Alan

Ramos, Jahlajah Robinson, Angelina Rodrigues, Liam Roundtree, Gentry Sheppard, Kaleb Sheppard, William Sigmon, Hadley Stapleton, Hayden Stevens, Ayden Stockholm, Chanceton Tapley, Halo Tarver, Amelia Turner, Willow Wasmund, Brinley Wheeler, Arynn Wilkes, Alaina Woods

Second Grade

Ya'Melia Ball, Leo Barron-Ayala, Ethan Bedgood, Justin Bell, Brady Bishop, Rhett Boatright, Sidney Boulineau, Billy Brantley, Grayson Brinson, Chrystopher Bruce, K'Amore Burke, Danna Carbajal Anzueto, Dawson Clements, Adalyn Coleman, Jamie Conrad, Lorenzo Elbert, Tasia Farrow, Alan Fraser, Keagan Freeman, Colton Green, Kyson Hostilo, Cody Howard, Addison Hutcherson, Thorne Jersey, Bailey Jones, Chyna Jones, Kayden Kapp, Lauren Kersey, Stormy Kirby, Lennox Lindsey, Samuel Manjarres-Ibanez, Gatlyn Marsh, Grayson Marsh, Johnathan Marsh, Cade Martin, Olivia McCastle, Annalynn Miller, Tyrell Myres, Kesslyn Nelson, Caiden Newell, Cali Outler, Ashton Phillips, Za'kaylin Ricks, Abel Rogers, Johanna Shepard, Chanton Sheppard, Callie Smith, Natalie Smith, Ridge Smith, Katelyn Thompson, Millie Watkins, Shyla Williams

DEA announces Honor Roll and Headmaster's List

Honor Roll - All averages 90 or above

1st Grade: Marah Beasley, Eli Moore, Oliver Reddick, Harper Sherman, Sara Sherman, River Simmons and Ambrose Vines

2nd Grade: Amastin Beggs, Jaxson Bishop; Berkley Brown, Cannon Dixon, Wren Drake, Jeffrey Register, Sumner Register, Lyndi Simmons and Caleb Vautier

3rd Grade: Emma Camps and Hudson Moore

4th Grade: Easton Hall, Blakely Holland, Blakely Johnson, Ellis Register, Carolyn Vautier and Adah Way

5th Grade: Beau Andrews, Layla Clark, Mary Bess Fields, Dalton Flowers, Greyson Gowen, Evie Moore, Bryton Rowland and Weston Wilkes

6th Grade: Bentley Brinson, Samuel Durden, Kevin Jaquish and Heer Rajput

7th Grade: Marlee Johnson, Lara McNure, Amelia Wilkes, Kate Yeomans and Sophie Young

8th Grade: Emily McRae and Madison Slater

9th Grade: Raleigh Andrews, Ethan Fields, Bailey McNure, Payton Peebles and Cason Sapp

10th Grade: Mattie Grace Lane and Addalyn Terwilliger

11th Grade: Addie Brown and Brogen Hall

12th Grade: Jay Carter, Ben Flanders, Hope Goodman, Billy Martin, Maddie Perkins, Tony Sutton and Randon Williams

Headmaster - All averages 95 or above

1st Grade: Weston Claxton, Jackson Flanders, Jenna Jukes, Nichols Martin, Chandler Roberts, Nathan Vautier and Sadie Williamson

2nd Grade: Walter Clark, Callie Mae Davis, Trott Everett and Wilson Howell

3rd Grade: MJ Boatright, Calyn Bowen, Harlee Claxton, Weslee Fields, Payton Mills, Finley Proctor and Blayne Webb;

4th Grade: Walker Arp, Sarah Beth Beecher, Case Black, Blakely Brinson, Ellis Claxton, Phoebe Daniel, Bailey Duckworth, Judson Flanders, Addison Griner, Isabella Smith and McKenleigh Tankersley;

5th Grade: Lauree Douglas, Milly James Farmer, Joel Vautier and Ava Williams

6th Grade: Charles McRae and Callen Sapp

7th Grade: Kaley Flowers and Morgan Williams

8th Grade: Weston Lee and Aubrey Scott

9th Grade: A.J. Edenfield and Mason Williams

11th Grade: Clayton Hood and Peyton Lee

12th Grade: Benjamin Bennett, Josie Grace Black, Ella Claire Claxton, Sara Cate Fennell, Haley Hagan and Emma Proctor

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Boys will be boys

by LA'ROSE TAPLEY
 "I was lucky to have great friends in my hometown. Growing up in small towns in the 50's was so different from today. Friendships were bonds that will never grow old. Though many have passed on, my memories from those years will never leave.

A group of us kind of stuck together all throughout our school years. Partners in crime, you might say. We'd gather either before school or after school and plot our plans. Sometimes our plans went haywire, and we'd wind up in the office of our high school principal, Mr. Glenn. John, Jack and I had Scooters. They were the 50's version of a "hog." Mine was red. In the 50's, having a bomb shelter was some-

thing many people did. The threat was real. Mr. D, Jack's daddy decided to build a bomb shelter. It was basically a hole in the ground, with a 55-gallon drum for the entry way and had a lid for the top. There was a ladder going down into the hole, which was stocked with some rations, water, a couple of cots and blankets. It even had electricity. Survival kind of stuff. It was like a small room but with a dirt floor, dirt walls, and a ceiling reinforced with railroad ties, then tin roof and dirt. It became our "hide-out." Or so we thought.

One day, after we checked in at homeroom, we slipped out a side door and headed for our hide out on our scooters. We scooted down the "hole" ladder and began making our plans for our

next venture. All of a sudden, a horn is blasting up top. Somebody said "shhhh" and we all fell quiet. Jack eased up the ladder, raised the lid, and right there stood Mr. Glenn. Apparently, he had followed us from school. "Alright boys, I know you're down there, come on out." He followed us back to school. This earned us a few days of washing windows, taking out trash, and cleaning blackboards after school. We got off lightly that time.

Another day, the three of us decided it was warm enough to slip out to Coleman's Lake. Once again, about the time we cross the bridge, kicking up dirt, we looked around and there he was again. "Alright boys, where y'all think you're going?"

He followed us back to school. This earned us more window washing, blackboard washing along with a few days' detention. Mr. Glenn was a fine man. He just wanted to keep his herd together and there were no lengths to what he would do to make sure we stayed in the herd. I've often wondered if he didn't have a good laugh at the end of the day about our little adventures.

I also recall, however, that Mr. Gambrell showed us what the business end of a paddle was used for and so did Coach Schwabe, but for the life of me, I can't remember the offense. I'm sure it was a similar circumstance a few of us thought might work out for us but failed."

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Invisible hearing aid now available

by GABE PITT
 With untreated hearing loss approaching what many medical experts consider epidemic proportions, a new invisible hearing device has come along at a perfect time. "The device has no batteries to change, is concealed from view when worn and can improve hearing and reduce tinnitus" said Dr. Pitt, an audiologist with offices in Swainsboro and East Georgia.

"The single best thing about this revolutionary device is the fact that you are independent, you're not tied to having batteries in your pocket. You do not have to worry where you are going to have a conversation, you are not restricted in terms of your activities. You're back to where you were when you did not have a hearing deficit," said Stu, a hearing aid user from California.

The Silk C&G is the first of its kind. Similar devices have been available in for over three years and finally Dr. Pitt has brought this helpful device to citizens of Georgia. "Even a mild degree of hearing loss, if it is not appropriately treated, can negatively impact family and social interactions," said Dr. Gabriel Pitt, a Doctor of Audiology with American Hearing Associates. Untreated hearing loss is associated with depression, loneliness, reduced alertness, and stress and puts personal safety and overall health at risk. It

is also costing the U.S. billions of dollars in lost revenue.

While hearing aids can help 95% of people with hearing loss, only one in four people who could benefit use hearing aids. Vanity, cosmetics, and the negative stigma associated with hearing aids are common reasons why people do not want to try hearing aids. "Eight of ten people I see are concerned about visibility," continues Dr. Pitt, "But now there is a 100% invisible solution when worn, no more excuses to not improve your hearing."

The device is made of biocompatible materials which are engineered to contour to the ear canal. It is safe to wear during most waking hours. It utilizes proprietary mechanical and coating technology developed to protect the device from moisture and ear wax. The device has a programmable sound processing system designed to work millimeters from the ear drum and allow both the microphone and receiver (speaker) to be placed deep in the ear canal. The device is programmed to an individual's hearing loss, so a hearing test has to be performed to properly fit the device. When the patient leaves with the device they are provided with a magnetic adjustment tool which allows them to turn the device on and off and adjust the volume. They are able to be adjusted through your cell phone controls. You

can improve clarity, reduce background noise and make other adjustments through some simple adjustments on your phone. "The sound quality with has shown to have improved directionality and localization, less feedback, more high frequency gain and a reduction of wind noise because it fits so deeply in the ear," said Dr. Pitt. "Some people do not qualify for the device based on their degree of hearing impairment and other anatomical and lifestyle factors," said Dr. Pitt. "The only way we can determine candidacy for the device is to perform a comprehensive hearing consultation and look in the ear canal". While this device is not for everyone, there are many other hearing devices on the market that have been proven to help the hard of hearing even in background noise and on the phone. Hearing aids with directional microphones have shown to help people understand speech in the presence of noise better than any other hearing aid technology. The advent of nanotechnology, or science on the molecular level, has allowed hearing aids to become compatible with telephones. "95% of our patients who do not qualify for the Lyric have been successfully fitted with a traditional device" Pitt said. "We have a very high success rate because we have the most advanced digital nano-technolo-



PITT

gy devices to treat even the most severe hearing loss."

Not only have hearing aids like this device and others proven to help people hear and understand speech better, but they have also proven to help reduce tinnitus – that annoying sound in the ears and head that can be bothersome. Approximately 10% of the population suffers from tinnitus and for many people it can be extremely bothersome. Whether an individual is bothered by the tinnitus or not, the perception of the sound can be reduced with the use of amplification. "Approximately 80% of our patients who suffer from tinnitus have either a complete elimination or a significant reduction in the tinnitus with the use of hearing aids," said Dr. Pitt. "The only way to find out whether an individual will receive benefit is to try the device, which is why we offer a 30 day trial with all of the products we provide." Our patients love the "try before you buy" to ensure satisfaction before a commitment.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA EMANUEL COUNTY

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Denny R. Orr Jr. and Christine M. Orr to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns and recorded in Deed Book 445, Page 45, Emanuel County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$71,666.00 with interest on the unpaid balance until paid, as last assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by virtue of the assignment recorded in Deed Book 533, Page 357, Emanuel County, Georgia records, the following described property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of EMANUEL COUNTY, Georgia, or such other location within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2024, to wit: February 06, 2024, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate, and being in the 49th G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 0.93 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown on Parcel 2 on that plat of survey prepared by George William Donaldson, Surveyor, dated January 21, 2016, which is recorded in Plat Book 22, page 685, Emanuel County Clerk's Records. Said plat by reference hereto is incorporated herein for a more full, complete, and accurate description of said property. Said tract of land is bounded according to said plat, now or formerly, as follows: North by Parcel 1, as shown on said plat; East by the right of way of Mt. Olivet Church Road a/k/a County Road #460; South by the right of way of Clark Road a/k/a County Road #29; and West by lands of Angela C. Kettles and Amanda C. Stroy.

Being real property commonly known as 1827 Mt Olivet Church Rd, Midville, GA 30441.

The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows:

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The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Freedom Mortgage Corporation to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.

Freedom Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Denny R. Orr Jr. and Christine M. Orr
Attorney Contact:
Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC
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Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Phone: 404-793-1447
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
M. L. SEX: F
DOB: 01/028/2023
CASE# 23JV143
Minor Child Under the Age of 18.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Any Unknown Biological/Legal/Putative Father of the above named child born to the mother, Rebecca Marie Shannon, at the Memorial Health Meadows Hospital in Vidalia, Georgia.

A petition to terminate your parental rights has been filed in this court concerning the above child. A copy of that petition is attached to this summons.

This is a summons requiring you to be in court. If you fail to come to court as required you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced children; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that you may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.

Now therefore, you, the party named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated below, and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued,

and until discharged by the court, and You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the 28th day of March, 2024, at the EMANUEL COUNTY Courthouse in SWAINSBORO, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., for a FINAL HEARING and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. Prior to the Final Hearing a Provisional Hearing on the petition will be held before the Court on March 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Juvenile Courtroom at the EMANUEL County Courthouse, SWAINSBORO, Georgia.

You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the child unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file an Answer to the petition.

You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the children and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the children unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file:

0. A petition to legitimize the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and
0. Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimize with the Emanuel County Juvenile Court.

The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Provisional Hearing will become final at the Final Hearing unless the party served appears at the Final Hearing. If the party served fails to appear at the Final Hearing on the petition, the Findings of Fact and Interlocutory Orders made will become final without further evidence and will be governed by the Juvenile Court Code as if made at the Final Hearing. If the party served appears at the Final Hearing, the Interlocutory findings and Orders shall be vacated and disregarded, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion.

The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel.

WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court.

This _____ day of _____, 2024.

(Deputy) Clerk, Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia
READ CAREFULLY

This Summons requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court.

The child or children and other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings.

If you want a lawyer, you may choose and hire your own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, please contact your lawyer immediately.

If you want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent you.

If you want a lawyer appointed to represent you, you must let the Court or the officer of this Court handling this case know that you want a lawyer immediately.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court
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GA 30401, in Emanuel County, and the statement relating thereto required by O.C.G.A. § 10-1-490, has been filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia.

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
C.K. SEX: M
DOB: 12/02/2023 CASE # 23JV172
CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.
SUMMONS AND PROCESS
TO: CHRISTOPHER KING II

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking custody of the above named child pursuant to its Petition for Dependency; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated January 17, 2024, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.

You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the 22nd day of February, 2024 at the EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., for a FINAL HEARING on this issue, and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted.

The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel.

The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Hearing will become final at the Final Hearing unless the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication fails to appear at the Final Hearing on the petition, the Findings of Fact and Interlocutory Orders made will become final without further evidence and will be governed by the Juvenile Court Code as if made at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing, the Interlocutory findings and Orders shall be vacated and disregarded, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion.

A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court.

This _____ day of _____, 2024.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court
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Jail Report

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

Gene Anderson, 62, entered 1/11/24; Burglary; ECSCO
 Christopher Johnathan Anthony, 27, entered 1/14/24; ECSCO
 Tyshanana Dysheka Brown, 31, entered 1/14/24; Public drunk/Failure to comply/Bench warrant-felony; SPD
 John Edward Burris, 41, entered 1/14/24; Possession of marijuana/Driving while license suspended/revoked/Possession

and use of drug related objects; SPD
 Leon Timothy Bush, 39, entered 1/13/24; Probation violation/Obstruction of law enforcement officers-felony/Possession of meth/Endangering child under 14 yoa while DUI/Endangering child under 14 yoa while DUI/DUI less safe; ECSCO
 Justin Jerrell Cannady, 38, entered 1/9/24; Public drunk/Aggravated assault/Cruelty to children 3rd degree/Probation/Child support; ECSCO
 Tristan Enrique Castro, 28, entered 1/1/24; DUI refusal/Failure to maintain lane/Open container/Driving while license suspended/revoked; ECSCO
 Janiesha Nicole Clark, 23, entered 1/11/24; Disorderly conduct; ECSCO
 Efrain Cruz, 21, entered 1/10/24; Sexual battery/Sexual battery/Criminal attempt to commit felony/Theft by taking/Sexual battery; ECSCO
 Ansley Lynn Dasher, 29, entered 1/3/24; Probation violation; ECSCO
 Gilbert Daughtry, 49, entered 1/11/24; Crossing state/county guard lines with contraband/Probation violation; ECSCO

Elizabeth Lenor Davis, 20, entered 1/5/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked; SPD
 Elizabeth Lenor Davis, 20, entered 1/7/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/DUI less safe/Failure to maintain lane/Failure to comply/Improper stopping on roadway; SPD
 Louis Edward Davis, 52, entered 1/3/24; Sentenced to State; ECSCO
 Justin Mark Driggers, 33, entered 1/2/24; Probation violation/Probation violation; ECSCO
 Jeremy Ray Fields, 51, entered 1/8/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/Probation violation/Possession of meth/Probation violation/Probation violation; ECSCO
 Nina Davis Fields, 52, entered 1/4/24; Possession of meth; ECSCO
 Pamela Martha Findlay, 78, entered 1/6/24; DUI refusal; ECSCO
 Paul Gilmore, 45, entered 1/4/24; Criminal trespass; EGSC
 Kelvin Remon Greene, 27, entered 1/15/24; Battery; ECSCO
 Tyson Lynn Hackett, 52, entered 1/5/24; DUI less safe/Open container; GSP

Elizabeth Lenor Davis, 20, entered 1/5/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked; SPD
 Candace Lilia Harris, 56, entered 1/11/24; Bench warrant-felony; ECSCO
 Ben Mark Henry, 69*, entered 1/5/24; DUI less safe; GSP
 Larry Davonte Huff, 29, entered 1/3/24; DUI less safe/Failure to maintain lane; ECSCO
 Shown Lekeith Johnson, 29, entered 1/6/24; Bench warrant/Driving while license suspended/revoked/Speeding/Hold for probation; ECSCO
 Michael Charlie Jones, 18, entered 1/13/24; Simple assault-family violence/Criminal trespass/Disorderly conduct; ECSCO
 Lysis Angel Juarez Gomez, 26, entered 1/1/24; DUI less safe/Driving while unlicensed/Speeding; ECSCO
 Craig Anthony Kilpatrick, 38, entered 1/12/24; Probation violation; ECSCO
 Kenyale Arkeem Lacue, 29, entered 1/1/24; DUI less safe/Speeding; GSP
 Caden Troy Nation, 18, entered 1/12/24; Possession of alcohol under 21 yoa/Interference with or resisting arrest; ECSCO
 Norman Bernard Parrish, 56, entered 1/5/24; Sentence to State; ECSCO
 Rodney Leon Parrish,

50, entered 1/13/24; Reckless driving; ECSCO
 Richard Anthony Poole, 36, entered 1/5/24; Possession of firearm by convicted felon; ECSCO
 Aprille Montrice Reese, 44, entered 1/10/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked; SPD
 Michael Carl Reid, 43, entered 1/5/24; Obstruction of law enforcement officers; GSP
 Yajaira Rodriguez Reyes, 43, entered 1/1/24; Bench warrant State court; ECSCO
 Billy Ricks, 65, entered 1/4/24; Theft by shoplifting; SPD
 George Luis Rodriguez, 32, entered 1/4/24; Criminal damage to property/Criminal damage to property/Entering automobile with intent to commit theft or felony/Entering automobile with intent to commit theft or felony/Entering automobile with intent to commit theft or felony/Burglary/Battery; SPD
 Denny Albert Scott, 51, entered 1/3/24; Probation violation; ECSCO
 Michael Anthony Scott, 1/85/24; Failure to stop at stop sign/DUI less safe/Failure to maintain lane/Passing in no passing zone/

Driving while license suspended/revoked/Fleeing or attempting to elude police officer/Possession of schedule I controlled substance/Bench warrant-felony/Probation violation/Possession of schedule I controlled substance; GSP
 Justen Allen Smith, 38, entered 1/8/24; Hold for Jones Co.; ECSCO
 Keyundre Markevious Smith, 26, entered 1/5/24; Parole violation; ECSCO
 Nikki Lynn Stevens, 39, entered 1/8/24; Probation violation/Hold for Candler Co.; ECSCO
 Nicholas Ivey Tanner, 38, entered 1/7/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/Seatbelt violation; GSP
 Brandon Marquise Tippins, 37, entered 1/3/24; Bench warrant/Probation violation/Probation violation; ECSCO
 Joel Isaac Walker, 24, entered 1/3/24; Court from another agency; ECSCO
 Johnny Webb, 23, entered 1/12/24; Probation violation; ECSCO
 Justin Tyler White, 24, entered 1/7/24; Battery; ECSCO
 Cally Denise Williams, 33, entered 1/10/24; Probation violation; ECSCO

from her pants then left the room again. Offender then went back in the room and lifted the back of victim's pants up again and placed his face onto her buttocks area, touching skin to skin. After a short period of this fondling, offender left the room as it appeared as though victim was moving and attempting to wake up. Victim was notified of the incident the following day from the manager and sent the video to her. Warrant will be issued on offender for sexual battery.
 Officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign, at which time he conducted a traffic stop. Officer asked the driver for her license and she could not provide them due to them being suspended she has not been able to clear the suspension. Offender then provided her information and officer learned her license were suspended on 12/30/2002. Offender then explained to offender of his findings and

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

January 4

Complainant went to SPD to report that he took his truck to have some transmission work done back in September and paid offender \$3,500. C/p stated offender brought his truck back to him and told him it was fixed except for one thing and he was waiting on the part and once it came in he would put it on. C/p stated he drove the truck down the road several days later and he noticed the truck was still doing the same thing it was when he took it to offender so he looked at it and noticed nothing had been replaced. C/p stated he and offender had several conversations about it and offender was supposed to make it right but has failed to do so. C/p also stated offender was supposed to pay him his money back by this date and failed to do so.

January 5

Officer took a report in reference to a lost tag.
 Officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign, at which time he conducted a traffic stop. Officer asked the driver for her license and registration to find the registration was suspended and the vehicle did not have valid insurance. Offender's vehicle was impounded and she was given three citations.
 Officer responded to WalMart in reference to a shoplifter. Complainant stated offender was arrested on 1/4/24 for shoplifting. C/p stated he did not know everything was stolen on 1/4 but he had video of offender putting items in a bag and walking out the store. Officer went to EmCo Jail and gave offender two citations for shoplifting.
 Officer observed a vehicle with a brake light out, at which time he conduct-

ed a traffic stop. Officer asked the driver for her license and advised her of the reason for the stop and she stated she was unaware of the issue. Officer ran her license and registration to find her license were suspended on 7/4/22. Offender was made aware of the findings and she stated she paid the citation. Officer advised the driver she would be locked up and asked if she had someone to pick up the vehicle and passenger/child and she stated no. Officer then advised he would have to call DFCS and she stated she would call her mother. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

January 6

Officer responded to Advance St. in reference to a resident being irate and throwing items. Complainant stated offender got out of control and was being belligerent with other residents. Officer spoke with offender and got him calmed down and he stated he would go back inside and behave.

January 7

Officer responded to Gumlog Rd. in reference to a theft. Complainant/victim stated she had company for a get together and was missing \$200 from her purse and stated a guest told her they saw c/p's baby daddy going through her purse. Officer then spoke with offender and he stated he was laying on the bed and felt something under his back so he pulled it out and the purse dumped onto the bed. Offender stated he fanned the money out and put it back in the purse. Officer then asked offender if he had any cash on him and said he did and turned his pockets out and showed \$31 he had on his person. The cash did not match the amount of cash c/p said was missing. Officer then advised c/p he spoke

with offender and what was said but he had no proof offender took the money.

Officer observed a vehicle stopped in the roadway and as he approached it, it pulled off. Officer began to follow it and noticed the driver was failing to maintain their lane, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer recognized the driver as being arrested the night prior for driving with suspended license and could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle. Officer asked for her license and she advised she could not provide them because they are suspended. Officer asked offender how much she had to drink and she would not reply and got upset and argumentative. Officer then asked for her name and she confirmed. She was then asked to do a field sobriety and she agreed. Officer attempted to get a sample of her breath and she refused. Offender was placed under arrest and transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer was dispatched to E. Pine St. in reference to a call about damage to a mailbox. Complainant stated someone took her mailbox out of the ground. She also advised she heard noises and taps at her window the night prior.

Officer met with complainant who stated he needed a report in reference to an unknown person damaging his vehicle. It appeared someone took a hard object and went down the passenger side, scraping the paint off of it.

January 9

Officers were dispatched to S. Main St. in reference to complainant stating she picked her friend up and transported him to Enmarket where he then stole her car while she was in the store and his nephew was in the vehicle as well. Contact

was made with the registered owner who provided the VIN. C/p referred to offender as her best friend and stated she thought he was hiding from warrants. 911 was advised to put a BOLO out on the vehicle and enter it as stolen.

Officer took a report in reference to a stolen Apple watch. Complainant stated her watch was on a table in her bedroom and offender was the only person to enter her bedroom to retrieve his property when he left. Officer contacted offender and he stated he threw the watch in the yard of the residence after he retrieved his property. C/p stated offender sent texts of the watch to her child after leaving the residence. Offender was asked multiple times to return the watch and he denies having it. C/p tracked it and it shows it's moving around with offender and not in the yard. Warrant will be issued on offender.

January 10

Officer met with complainant at SPD in reference to victim advising she was sexually assaulted. Victim showed video footage from the camera showing she was asleep on a couch in a back room after closing to the public for a Christmas party. Victim advised she passed out after consuming too much alcohol and offender kept going in the room. Video showed offender shaking victim and leaving then going back in there and flicking the lights and leaving again. This occurred several times before offender went back in the room, shut the door and it appeared as though he may have locked it. Offender then pulled the back of victim's pants up and slip his hand into her pants onto her buttocks area, then moved his hand around for a short amount of time before removing is

advised she would be transported to EmCo Jail.
 Officer responded to Gumlog Rd. in reference to complainant stating she and offender got into an argument and offender stated he would hit c/p in the mouth and shoot her house up. Offender then left walking. And returned while officer was still on scene and he stated he was trying to get c/p inside because the kids wanted something to eat and c/p called him a name he did not like and all he said was "that kind of stuff will get you hit around here". Officer asked offender if he said anything about a gun and he stated he said nothing at all about a gun or shooting anything. C/p advised officer that if offender comes at her like that again she would do something about it next time. Officer advised her not to do that and to call 911 and they would respond. C/p advised she would not be calling 911 next time it happens.

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Sheriff's Reports

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

January 6

Deputy spoke with complainant in reference to an animal collision on Hwy 23 South.

January 8

Investigator and deputy witnessed a vehicle traveling on Hwy 1 North with known offender driving, known to have suspended/revoked license, at which time they initiated a traffic stop. During the stop and search of the vehicle, offender was found to be in possession of meth. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputy made a traffic stop for suspended tag and no valid insurance on N. Main St. to find four offenders with possession of drug related objects.

January 9

Deputy was informed of a vehicle stolen from Enmarket and advised the suspect was possibly in Oak Park. Deputy traveled to Oak Park and was advised the vehicle was found damaged in the woods off of Long Bay Rd. Offender was seen on Long Bay Dr. but SPD advised not to arrest him at the moment.

January 10

Deputies were dispatched to Long Bay Dr. in reference to complainant stating her neighbor walked into the woods and shot her dog. Deputy made contact with the neighbor who stated there has been a group of dogs that keep going in her home killing her chickens and cats. She stated the dogs went in her yard on this date and began trying to jump on her dog that is on a chain and that's when

she went inside and got her gun and shot at the dogs. The neighbor explained she has called 911 several times and has even went over to c/p's house and asked them to keep their dogs put up and they refuse to do so. She also explained that every time she has called the police, c/p goes over to her house and damages it and they have even been shooting at her house.

Deputies were dispatched to SPD in reference to a walk-in report. Complainant explained that he and his wife are going through a divorce but they still live together and he has had cameras placed in the home and his wife had another man in the house while he was gone. C/p also stated his wife tells the guy his every move and where he is at all times.

He also explained that his wife has been going around telling people that he has been beating her and wanted a paper trail because he feels like his wife and the guy are planning something as if they are going to hurt or kill him.

January 11

Deputy responded to Peyton Rd. in reference to an altercation involving sisters. The incident ensued when offender entered victim's room after being told not to go in and a heated argument escalated into a physical altercation. Victim sustained a deep laceration on her arm and was transported by EMS. Offender was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Deputies responded to EMC ER in reference to a dog bite. Victim stated he was walking on Lee St. when a dog

went into the road and bit him on the leg and he had to punch him to make him let go. Deputies made contact with the owner of the dog and they advised the dog broke out of its pen and would be more than happy to pay the medical bill.

January 13

Deputies responded to Hwy 80 East in reference to a burglary. Complainant stated his landlord went to his shop to retrieve some items and some were missing. Complainant stated the spare key was hanging in the lock.

Deputies were dispatched to Maple St. in reference to the caller's house being broken into and her things being damaged by her ex-boyfriend. Complainant stated the cords to her lamps were cut and the couch-

es were covered in grease seasonings. He heater cords were cut and her bed was covered in grease and liquid that seemed to be bleach. The front door was kicked in and deputy observed that the door jam was broken. C/p stated she called offender and he denied doing this, then drove to her residence and punched her in the mouth with a closed fist. C/p did have a busted and swollen lip. C/p advised she wanted to press charges.

Deputy was contacted by complainant regarding offender being at her residence. Deputy was aware that offender had active warrants through Oak Park. Contact was made with offender at his residence and he was placed under arrest and transported to EmCo Jail.

Ten sentenced in Superior Court

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

Phillip Emanuel Carswell, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count aggravated assault. He was fined \$50 with 20 years to serve on probation, 90 days in county jail; nol pros on one count possession of a firearm during the commission of felony. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 20 years, with the first 90 days to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody from 12/7/23. Upon service of 90 days, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

Phillip Emanuel Carswell, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of prohibited item by inmate. He was fined \$50 with 5 years probation, 90 days in county jail. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 5 years, with the first 90 days to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody from 12/7/23. Upon service of 90 days, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

Roy Edward Hadden negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of meth. He was fined \$50 with 3 years probation RSAT susp. upon completion inpatient rehab; one count possession of drug related objects with 12 months probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 3 years to be served on probation.

Jarod Sawyer negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of controlled substance (marijuana). He was fined \$50 with 5 years probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 5 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian.

Ronald Kirby negotiated a guilty plea on one count mutiny in a penal institute. He was fined \$50 with 5 years probation, 170-180 PDC. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 5 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian.

Tyrese Lanier negotiated a guilty plea on one count driving with license suspended. He received 5

years probation and completion of inpatient rehab; one count obstruction with 12 months probation; one count giving false name with 12 months probation; one count defective taillight with \$150 fine. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 5 years to be served on probation.

Leilani Beneteau negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of schedule I substance. Fined \$50 with 3 years probation; one count possession of marijuana less than ounce with 12 months probation; one count possession of drug related objects with 12 months probation; one count speeding with \$100 fine and 12 months probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 3 years to be served on probation.

Leilani Beneteau negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of marijuana with intent. Fined \$50 with 3 years probation; one count possession of schedule IV with 3 years probation; nol pros for possession of schedule IV; nol pros for possession of schedule IV. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 3 years to be served on probation.

Leilani Beneteau negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of meth. Fined \$50 with 3 years probation; one count possession of marijuana less than ounce with 12 months probation; one count battery with 12 months probation; one count battery with 12 months probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 3 years to be served on probation.

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

John Marshall, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count enticing a child for indecent purposes. He was fined \$50 with 30 years, 5 years to serve, bal. probated; one count theft by taking with 12 months to serve. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 30 years, with the first 5 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. Upon service of 5 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

Christopher Gay, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of a firearm by convicted felon. He was fined \$50 with 10 years probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 10 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by

the custodian. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Louis Edward Davis, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of cocaine. He was fined \$500 with 3 years, serve 2 years, balance probated; one count possession of drug related objects with 12 months to serve; one count giving false information to law enforcement with 12 months to serve; one count driving with suspended license with 12 months to serve; one count operation of an unregistered vehicle with 12 months to serve. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 3 years, with the first 2 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. Upon service of 2 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

Louis Edward Davis, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of meth. He was fined \$500 with 3 years, serve 2 years, balance probated; one count possession of drug related objects with 12 months to serve. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 3 years, with the first 2 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. Upon service of 2 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

Norman Bernard Parrish, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count aggravated assault. He was fined \$50 with 20 years, serve 3 years, balance probated; one count possession of firearm by convicted felon with 10 years, serve 3 years, balance probated. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 20 years, with the first 3 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. Upon service of 3 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

SES announces Star Honor and Honor Roll students for 2nd nine weeks

According to Swainsboro Elementary School Principal Lara Norton, the following students have made honorary statuses during the second nine weeks of this school year:

3rd Grade Star Honor Roll

Aubrey Akins, Grace-lyn Benjamin, De'kiya Booker, Hunter Braddock, Carson Breedlove, Nicholas Brewer, Bream Buxton, Johnna Canady, Marley Carswell, Joseph Castrejon Villalta, Conner Clements, Raelyn Collins, Reginald Cuyler, Elic Fitzner, Natalie Fox, Lauren Grubbs, Elyce Gunn, Levi Hel-

ton, Jaxson Hudson, Braylen Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Kayleigh Kea, Ana Sofia Matias, Emmanuel Moran-Esparza, Jade Mulrooney, Mason Murry, McKenzie Oglesby, Ashton Portalatin, Colton VanHorn, Nevaeh Vazquez, Annie Williams

3rd Grade Honor Roll

Justus Adams, David Ayala-Valencia, Ciara Brown, Logan Carlton, Azlynn Coleman, Az-zaria Cuyler, Princeton Devouil, Asher Edmonfield, Lyric Edmond, Aubrey Eubanks, Whitley Griswold, Bryson Hall, Jasmine Hall, Abbigail Hernandez,

Kaitlynn Holliman, Jodi Hopkins, Elijah Maestre, Angel Magana-Garcia, Andrew Matias, Ashlynn McCoy, Karla Perez, Nazir Pinkston, Aiden Sherrod, Dessie Singletary, Karter Smith, Tyrone Spann, Lena Stoneking, Jarriyah Wells, Stacie Wilkes, Audreyunna Williams, Kelsey Williams, Caroline Williford, Beau Zamenski

4th Grade Star Honor Roll

Trinity Armstrong, Emmie Averett, Konnor Bettencourt, Benton Claxton, Emma Claxton, Hadley Claxton, Preston Claxton,

Parker Collins, Jase English, Banks Harvey, Julian Hodges, Cadyn Howard, Sony Huynh, Jackson Kulpa, Luna Manjarres-Ibanez, Ashley Martinez-Perez, Hannah Powell, A'reice Robison, Lyndon Singletary, Kingston Smith, Tayden Stapleton, Liam Stapleton, August Street, Mylee Weber, Brandt Wheeler

4th Grade Honor Roll

Felicia Baldwin, Joshua Brinson, Jalayna Brinson, Zachariah Brown, Kennedy Clark, Reed Conley, Jacorey Davis, Piper Davis, Zion Dickerson, Roxanna

Farley, Alistair Goble, Kanin Love, Drake Mason, Raineer Meadows, Easton Milbee, Tucker Morris, Zakayia Parrish, Kennedy Phillips, Jazalyn Rountree, Yuridia Soliz Cruz, Terry, Leyyanna Wills

5th Grade Star Honor Roll

Benton Bishop, Haley Brantley, Ryan (RJ) Brown, Josie Canady, Kynlie Claxton, Drake Clements, Jenna Farmer, Isabel Gonzalez Demillon, Savannah Graves, Joseph (Abram) Grimm, Tracey Hernandez Puon, Blane Hutcheson, Cadence Jones, Nathan Kersey,

Charlotte Lanier, Layton Lindsey, Leilany Lopez Acosta, Jenavieve McRee, Victor Middleton, Adamarie Moran-Esparza, Trey Powell, Jack Salinas, Marley Stewart, Cayleigh Taylor, Eli Vaughn

5th Grade Honor Roll

Ju'Siyah Bell, Edwin Cruz Simon, Raul Diaz Santiz, Kalli Foxworth, Trent Futch, Blanca Gomez Jimenez, Joslyn Henderson, Blake Johnson, Abigail Joseph, Lauren Kirkland, Chance Langford, Isabella Mulrooner, Sebastian Salinas, Kenley Smith, Kinsley Watson

Farm Bureau seeks entries for 2024 Middle School & High School Art Contests

Are you a middle school or high school student who likes to draw? If so, then enter the 2024 Georgia Farm Bureau Middle School Bookmark or High School Art Contests for the chance to win some great cash prizes! The Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB) Middle School Bookmark Contest is open to all public, private and home-schooled 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students statewide. The 10 GFB district winners of the bookmark contest will receive \$100 each and compete for the state prize of \$150. The first three place winners of the Emanuel County Farm Bureau Middle School Bookmark Contest will receive cash prizes. The GFB High School Art Contest is open to all public, private and home-schooled students in 9th through 12th grades. The 10 GFB district art contest winners will receive a cash prize of \$100. The

10 GFB district art contest winners will compete for the state prize of \$250 cash. The first three place winners of the Emanuel County Farm Bureau High School Art Contest will receive cash prizes. Middle school students will be given a blank bookmark and asked to draw a picture that depicts some aspect of Georgia agriculture. Students may use crayons, markers or colored pencils to create their bookmark that illustrates agriculture. High schoolers entering the art contest should draw a scene depicting Georgia agriculture. Artwork submitted in the high school art contest must be on 8.5 x 11-inch white paper and should be created in the colors black, white and gray. Contestants may use a variety of media to create their artwork including graphite, charcoal, pastel, chalk, colored pencil, pen-and-ink,

ballpoint pen or mixed media appropriate for printing. Artwork entered in both contests will be judged on 1) how well the artwork represents modern agriculture found in the artist's county or Georgia and 2) artistic merit. Students may enter either contest in the county in which they live or attend school but not both counties. To enter either contest, students should contact their county Farm Bureau for an official entry form and complete contest rules. Multiple entries will be disqualified. Previous state winners are not eligible for either contest. Interested students or teachers should contact the Emanuel County Farm Bureau for an official entry form and contest rules at 320 Lambs Bridge Rd. **All entries must be received at the county office by Friday, February 23,**

2024. All entries must be officially submitted by the County Farm Bureau to the Georgia Farm Bureau contest. All artwork submitted in both contests must be original and becomes the property of Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB) once submitted. GFB may use artwork from both contests on various products distributed or sold by the organization to promote agriculture. Between the crops Georgia farmers grow and the jobs agriculture creates to harvest, process and transport these crops, agriculture contributed \$73.2 billion to Georgia's economy in 2021, according to the UGA College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences. For more information about the contests contact your county Farm Bureau office at 478-237-8848 or visit www.gfb.org/contests. Students and teachers may


visit <https://gfb.org/video> to view a video about Georgia agriculture and gfb.org/UGA23agsnapshots to access info about Georgia agriculture. The purpose of the Farm Bureau Middle School Bookmark and High School Art Contests is to encourage students to creatively explore Georgia agriculture and increase their knowledge of giving contributions it makes to our lives. By asking the students to participate in these contests, we are giving them a chance to learn about the wide variety of crops and livestock produced in Georgia such as, poultry, beef cattle, dairy, cotton, peanuts, timber, pecans, blueberries and many other fruits and vegetables. Founded in 1937, Georgia Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization. Its volunteer members participate in local, state and

national activities to promote agriculture to their non-farming neighbors. GFB also advocates for Georgia farmers and rural communities on legislative issues. GFB offers its members a wide variety of benefits, including insurance, but enrollment in any of the member benefits is optional and not a requirement for membership.

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The need to know that we are safe and secure is important to each of us. Stripes divide streets and signs give important instructions to drivers. A checklist must be completed before an aircraft can take flight. Warnings about possible problems surround us wherever we go or whatever we do. Sometimes they seem to get in the way of life. But warnings are important to warn us of impending dangers.

Psalm 91 reminds us of the unpredictability, yet the certainty, of dangers that await us. But it does not do so to frighten us, but to give the assurance that we are safe at all times and in all situations because of the faithfulness of our God. Listen as the Psalmist assures of the safety and security we have in God: "You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that strikes at midday...if you make the Most High your dwelling!"

How gracious of our God to assure us that we do not need to ask Him to "check on us" - He does it constantly.

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ECI Honor Roll and Star Honor Roll

- Honor Roll**
6th Grade: Joselyn Brantley, Natilie Chauncey, Semariya Clemons, Bentley Collins, Kayce Davis, Lah-Ellah Griffin, Jason Mendez, Yerik Perez-Perez, Bryson Rogers, Lane Sherrod, Carter Steele
7th Grade: Lisa Akridge, Dylan Alford, Zo'Riah Burke, Alex CruzGomez, Andriyanna Culbreth, Taylor Hannah, Paiyzli Kellum, William Kennedy, Ja'Miya Mack, Jake Marsh, Ava Matthews, Coblle Radford, Mikayla Rushton, Gabrella Santos Avalos, Brayden Weyhrauch
8th Grade: Alyssa Barnes, Mason Collins, Dawson Goodman, Hadleigh Henry, Isaac Hodges, Amelia Meadows, Charley Mitchell, Brylee Rountree, Tatiana Smith, Avery Snellgrove, Terrance Weaver
9th Grade: Wesley Akridge, Diana Blanco, Hagan Brown, Brooklyn Crosby, Mary Katherine Durden, Jaliya Gordon, Soraya Jackson, Gunner Johnson, Sawyer Johnson, Patron Mack, Aaron Matthews, Eric Murray, Aniston O'Dell, Jayla Rhodes, Zoey Robertson, Aaron Spears
10th Grade: Addison Canady, Robert Dekle, Brooklyn Dorsey, Raelynn Felkel, Pedro Garcia, Braeden Hooks, Jacob McBride, Raymond Parillo, Erin Stanford, Grayson Thompson, Hailey Way, Kenneth Willoughby, Evan Wilson
11th Grade: Selena Allen, Natalee Brown, Riley Cannady, Marquise Edmond, Cailey Fann, Mario Harrison, Maggie Hattaway, Madalyn Jones, Emma Lawrence, Alana Lovett, Ja Myra Shivers, Grace Swygert, Jacorra Turner, Anna Willoughby
12th Grade: Cola Akridge, Jasper Baker, Andrew Chalkley, Ethan Cowart, Charles Creamer, Malayshia Daughtry, Angel Guest, Salena Hamrick, Anna Hayslip, Jada Hooks, Conner Merier, Jarei Oglesby, Gunnar Oliver, Kirkland Reese, Charles

- Rehberg, Zachary Rowe, Miya Wooten
Star Honor Roll
6th Grade: Jenna Best, Hendley Blackburn, Braylie Brown, Arrington Caraway, Brayden Coleman, Briston Dorsey, Ansley Frye, Chelsie Grimes, Caprice Handsom, Addyson Harrison, Blaire Johnson, Dicey Lane, Lydia Meadows, Landon Nasworthy, Lashaun Parrish, Bentley Peebles, Maggie Rowland, William Simmons, Clay Smith, Isabella Steptoe, Preston Sumner, Harper Ware;
7th Grade: Camden Hall, Hane Henry, Brodee Johnson, Kevin Juarez-Aragon, Vaiden Kirkland, Jack Lee, Tatum Matthews, Kyson Trapnell, Samuel Ware
8th Grade: Tylaun Baker, Jackson Cavannah, Lawson Frye, Cesar Salinas, Mary-Ella Walden, Jonna Woodward
9th Grade: JoAnna Arms, Madison Bell, Rebekah Lane, Lily DeLeon, Davis Johnson, Steven Johnson, Slayden Lanigan, Clayborn Lawrence, Jayden Purvis, Kimauri Reid
10th Grade: Melvin Akridge, Jayden Brown, Angel Cisne, Lillian Hammond, Makaileigh Handsom, Raylin Hudson, Samadhi Salgado, Carly Salinas, Lola Walden, Brayleigh Xochicale-Albor
11th Grade: Michaela Barquet, Nataleigh Belcher, Margie Bennett, Raelyn Frederick, Ethan Goodman, Kinley Grimes, Gavin Henry, Destine Hirschy, Jesse Hirschy, Halli Kate Johnson, Billy Jones, Jayna Kearson, Emma Lai Tyam, Robert Lane, Gabriel Lee, Abbey Marsh, Oisin Matthews, Jacob McBride, Allie Rigdon, Janna Scott, Sean Wilkerson
12th Grade: Elizabeth Allen, Nathaen Culbreth, Shaquila Evans-Ray, Jaida Harrell, Alynna Hughes, Dhahami Salgado, William Sasser, William Walden



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If you read Judges chapter 5-7, you will see how God always delivers his children. After a season of rest, they would go back to doing evil in his sight. But doing evil will cause you to run while no one is chasing you. In Judges chapter six, the children of Israel did evil in the sight

of God. He turned them over to the Medianites for seven years. God's people hid themselves in caves and strongholds. The dug in the mountains to hide themselves. When they planted crops, the enemy destroyed their food. After the Medianites and Amorites surrounded them, they began to cry out to God. God sent Gideon to deliver them.

Yes, God is always waiting to hear from you. It doesn't matter if you are right or wrong, God is your Father and he wants you to know that he will deliver you from whatever situation you find yourself in. He is just waiting for you to cry out to him.

In the book of II Kings chapter 20, King Hezekiah was given a death sen-

tence by God. But when he turned his face to the wall and began to pray, and cry out to God, God changed his mind and gave him fifteen more years to live. Hezekiah lived right but he cried out to God.

In Luke chapter twenty-three, the thief on the cross cried out to Jesus while he was dying. He acknowledged being wrong, then he asked Jesus to remember him when he came into his kingdom. Jesus immediately saved him by saying, "Today you shall be with me in paradise."

So no matter where you find yourself, cry out to God. Good or bad, God wants to hear from you. That's what you do when you have done wrong. Isaiah 55:6-8.



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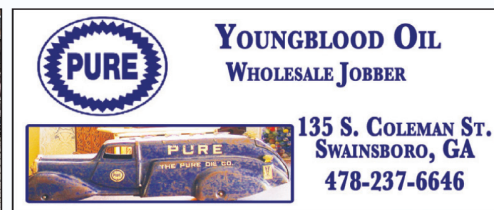
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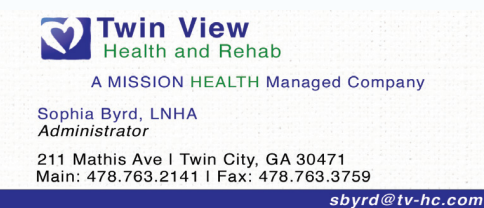
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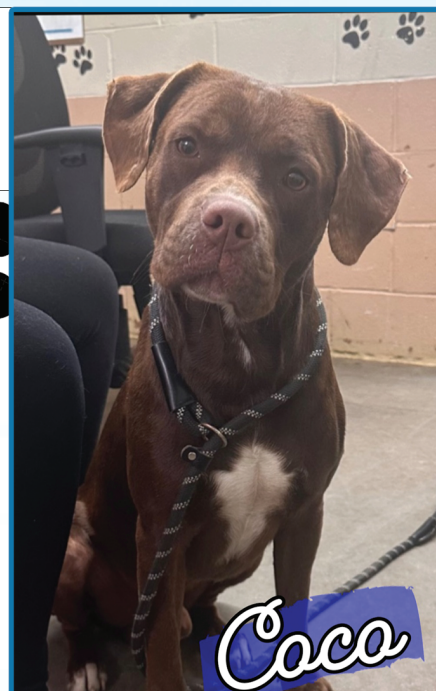
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