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ECI STAR TEACHER DORENE HOLMES WITH STAR STUDENT WILL SASSER

Wincore named Business of the Year; Frye named Person of the Year; STAR Students and STAR teachers recognized

The Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce hosted its 69th Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet on Thursday, January 25, at the Nordson Center at the SEC Conference Complex.

Cason DeVane, Chairman of the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors called

Board member, Wade Johnson, gave the invocaing was served.

building dedication was held for the SEC Chamber of Commerce Conference Complex. Chamber CEO Ken Warnock related the origin of an idea and the developments that fol-

the meeting to order. lowed. During a Chamber strategic planning session in 2006, a meeting or contion and a dinner catered ference facility was idenby Heather Belle's Cater- tified as a need for our materialized 18 years later. Built in1938 this building was first, the home to Scott's Groceteria. It has been three different grocery stores, a gym and aerobics studio, a country

buffet, Movies-To-Go and almost became a Mexican restaurant 2019. The approached, then, Mayor Charles erty into a conference and meeting facility. The City transferred the property to the Chamber in August of 2021. Demolition began in January of 2022. The project survived two

tornados, COVID pricing and COVID's delays in materials and several other challenges along the two-year renovation and community. From that Schwabe with a plan to construction process. A Following the meal, a inception, reality has now convert the vacant prop- 6,000 sq. ft. banquet room, which will now be known as the Nordson Center in recognition of the Nordson Foundation's generous \$150,000 donation, allowed the completion of the project to be expedited significantly. A more intimate meeting room, which will now be known as the Mill Creek Meeting Room for their generous donation of \$75,000, a catering kitchen, storage space and new restrooms is also housed in the building. Video capabilities will soon be added as funding becomes avail-

> The complex is owned, managed, and operated by the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce. The following entities contributed financially or with in-kind

contributions to the project: Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce, Nordson Foundation, Emanuel County Development Authority, The Luck Flanders Gambrell Family, Pine Tree Festival Foundation, Mill Creek Foundation, Emanuel County Commissioners, Former Mayor Charles Schwabe and the City of Swainsboro for the property transfer, Pineland Telephone Coop Foundation, RayRob Concrete and Emanuel County

Schools. Following the dedication of the building Chairman DeVane recognized Special guests: Swainsboro City Councilman Julian Sconyers, Swainsboro City Councilman Johnny Ray Stafford, Swainsboro City Councilman Gregory Quarterman, Emanuel County Commissioner Jim Sherrod, Emanuel County Commissioner Timmy Oliver, Emanuel (Continued on page 6A)

Our Town Healthcare holds ribbon cutting

In conjunction with their one-year business anniversary, Our Town Healthcare, located at 355 S. Coleman Street, Swainsboro, held a ribbon cutting on Thursday, January 18, at 4 p.m. Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce members, members of the community, family, and friends were on hand to welcome owner Arlie Stevens to our community. The ribbon cutting was followed by a Patient Appreciation Celebration at the Venue on Main.

Our Town Healthcare brings cutting-edge therapies to Swainsboro by offering customized weight management programs and IV vitamin hydration and boosters that maximize



STEVENS CUTS THE RIBBON AS GUESTS LOOK ON

health and can assist in the prevention of illness. Arlie Stevens, origi-

nally from Swainsboro, is a Family Nurse Practitioner. She graduated from Swainsboro High School in 2000 and began her nursing career in 2005. Stevens became a Family Nurse Practitioner after grad-

uating from Simmons University in 2020 became board certified through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Before becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner, she was Oncology nurse, where she gained extensive experience in

infusions. Stevens is married to Andy Stevens. And have spent the last 20 years moving around the Country due to his commitment to the United States Army. In 2022, Arlie and Andy returned to Swainsboro to pursue her dream of opening a clinic.



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Keep Emanuel Beautiful plans to expand anti-litter efforts in 2024

Keep Beautiful (KEB) mission is to promote litter prevention, beautification, waste reduction, recycling and composting. All persons in the County are invited to join with KEB to help reduce

and streets. Chairman month and the public Tony Hutcheson stated that "It is important that everyone participates so that we can live in a cleaner, more beautiful place." All of our monthly meetings are held on the

litter on our roads 3rd Tuesday of each is welcomed to attend.

During 2024 we will expand promotional efforts to encourage people to stop littering. We will expand advertising and promotional efforts through local media, presentations to target groups and selective Operation Clean Sweep litter pickup projects. A measure of success will be to conduct litter surveys around the County. If we could document a 50% reduction in litter, everyone in Emanuel County would directly benefit and be very proud of such an achievement! The County spends over \$120,000 of our taxpayer money each year to pick up litter on County & State paved However, many heavily littered sites are on or along unpaved roads that

need to be addressed. We will soon install billboards to display the message as well as placement of campaign type signs along major roads in the County. Each sign will contain the following "PLEASE message STOP LITTERING, **EMANUEL** BEAUTIFUL." Uncle

Birdie, our mascot will help reinforce the anti-litter message.

Many service groups have a mission complementary to that of KEB, such as civic groups, garden clubs and school clubs. Any group that wants to help create a more beautiful area is welcomed to co-sponsor projects. An example would be to Adopt a section of street or roadway to pick up litter on a regular basis and promote anti-litter messages in that area. We will continue to call on local organizations to implement site specific anti-litter programs. Although the Code Enforcement Dept. of Emanuel County is not a part of KEB, the uniformed officers of that department work closely with Keep Emanuel Beautiful. Litter enforcement is part of the Emanuel County Code and is aggressively handled by Code Enforcement Officers and other Enforcement. Code enforcement is extremely important in support of KEB's mission, and we greatly appreciate their work and support. Citizens encouraged

OR LITTERING. Even though most people will respond favorably to encouragement and a positive message, unfortunately, some will only respond to prosecu-

KEB is a 501(c)3nonprofit organization in cooperation with the Emanuel Board County Commissioners. There are no dues to be paid! Contributions are tax deductible. Donations are accepted with the opportunity to designate where the money is to be spent. All you need to do to show your support is "TAKE THE PLEDGE" to participate in various programs and projects. Pledge cards are your

proof of membership. KEB is managed by a citizen board consisting of 10 to 12 people. Officers are as follows: Chairman Hutcheson, Tony George Elder Vice Chair, Deanna Ryan Secretary, Zack Proctor Treasurer. Directors include Jerome Bynes, Richard Claxton, Cathi Fredrickson, George Frix, Steve Graham, Tamera Gromala, Justin Morris, Stacey Scarboro, Charles Schwabe, Jim Sherrod, Elease Turner, Shari

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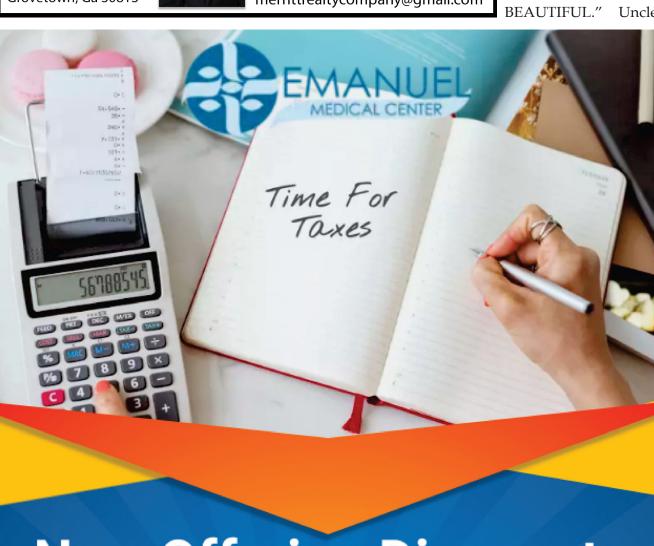
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Letter to the Editor

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ILLEGAL DUMPING

Generosity throughout Swainsboro contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child. Across the U.S., the project collected 10 million shoebox gifts in 2023. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2023, the ministry is now sending over 11.3 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide, including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster.

Through shoeboxes—packed with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items—Swainsboro area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Across GA, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ or by calling 770-777-9342.

Although local dropoff locations for shoebox gifts are closed until Nov. 18 - 25, 2024, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanspurse.org/ buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Sincerely,

Jasmin Sutton

WE APPRECIATE OUR MILITARY AND ALL YOU DO FOR OUR COUNTRY!

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SMS FBLA competes at region conference

The Middle School Future Business Leaders of competed America at the Region FBLA Leadership Conference on January 23. Students competed in various testing categories as well as public speaking competitions. Students could enter up to two different events and competed in 23 events for Region. The students had 17 top 5 winners out of the 23 events and some students had two top-five wins. The Swainsboro Middle School FBLA consists of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students with Mrs. Kristy Wimberly is the FBLA adviser. Students awarded: Jocelyn Williams - 1st Place, Business Concepts and 2nd Place, Public Speaking; Rose Polke - 3rd Place, Business Etiquette and 4th Place, Marketing Concepts; Dayna Foster - 1st Place, Business Etiquette and 3rd Place, Marketing Concepts; Karlie Bettencourtt -2nd Place, Business Etiquette; Trevor Bragg 3rd Place, Career

Exploration; Stella Marsh - 1st Place, Career Exploration and 3rd Place, Intro to Business Communication; Sakiyna Sanders - 5th Place, Digital Citizenship; Stetson Sheppard Place, Digital Citizenship and 2nd Place, Intro to Business Communication; Sara Taliedo - 3rd Place, Elevator Speech and 5th Place, Intro to Business Communication; Zaylee Braddy - 3rd Place, Social Media Concepts; and Maritza Martinez - 5th Place, FBLA Concepts.



ECI FBLA COMPETITORS

ECI FBLA attends Region 4

Conference

ECI FBLA from the middle and high school attended the Georgia FBLA Region 4 Conference on Tuesday, January 23. Over 300 members from Region 4 attended the conference. Participants from ECI include Wallee Kersey, Will Sasser, Brycen Purvis, Blake Labrizzi, Emma Lai Tyam, Parker Frederick, Ansley Moxley, Aniston O'Dell, Lauren Bedgood, Erin Stanford, Madison Bell, Brailey Radford, Jonah Morton, Shepard Purcell, Clay Smith, Camden Hall, Lawson Frye, Ansley Frye, Jenna Best, Maci Walden, Blaire Johnson and Isabella Steptoe. During the evening, members participated in various performance competitions and leadership workshops.

Workshops included Deal and Develop with Monopoly Deal, Dancing into Leadership, Speak Now-Olivia's Version, Communication and

Skills. Members were very successful in bringing home awards during the Program. included Middle School Bell and level chapter Business Concepts: Isabella Steptoe-5th, Business Math; Lawson Frye-3rd, Morton-2nd, Exploring Economics; Sheppard Purcell-1st, Intro to Business Communication; Jenna Best-4th, Mission and Pledge; Clay Smith-1st and Blaire Johnson-2nd, Elevator Speech. The middle school chapter was recognized for being the many of these have advanced to Georgia FBLA Middle School State Leadership Conference in Columbus at the end of

the month.

The High School level chapter in Economics: Sasser-7th, Introduction to Business Communication; Madison Bell-6th, Awards of Excellence Introduction to Business Winners Presentation; Madison Anniston O'Dell-3rd, Job Interview; Moxley-1st, Ansley Sales Presentation; Erin Stanford-2nd. Emma Career Exploration; Jonah Lai Tyam competed in Impromptu Speaking at the Fall Leadership Conference in November. Many of these have advanced to the Georgia FBLA High School State Leadership Conference in Atlanta in March.

> Chapters were also recognized for their membership size in Region 4. Our middle school chapter is the 2nd largest, and the high school is the 3rd largest in the region.



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Williams scores in FBLA competition

senior at Swainsboro High School participated in the Region 4 FBLA conference this past November in Athens. Williams competed at the Fall Leadership Conference in the category of client service. At this year's conference, Williams also competed in graphic design, and received two hondistinctions. Williams now goes to FBLA state competition. He was named the Region 4 Graphic Design Champion and the



WILLIAMS Region 4 Client Service Champion.

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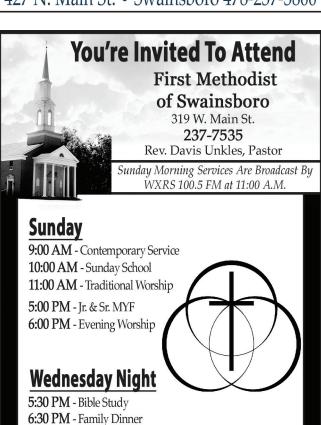
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Lewis Edward Kersey, 77

Mr. Lewis Edward Kersey, 77, of Adrian, passed away Saturday, January 27, 2024, following an extended illness. Graveside Memorial Service will be Saturday, February 3, 2 p.m. at Sardis Cemetery with Reverend Don Carroll officiating.

Mr. Kersey was born May 1, 1946, to the late Elgin Kersey and Hattie Horton Kersey. He loved woodworking. Lewis had a sweet tooth and a great sense of humor. He was of the Primitive Baptist Faith. Mr. Kersey is preceded in death by his parents; and five siblings.



Survivors include his daughter, Teresa Newman (Charles Knight) of Bartow; and two grandchildren.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrange-

Lue Virsey Webb Peebles, 93

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Lue Virsey Webb Peebles, age 93, of Adrian, on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 30, at 11 a.m. in the Peebles-Curry Memorial Chapel with Rev. David Oliver officiating. The family received friends one hour before service on Tuesday, January 30, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial followed in the Eastbrook Cemetery and Mausoleum.

Pallbearers were Andy Webb, Joseph Webb, Tim Schaaf, Dustin Simmons, T.J. Schaaf and Jack Webb. Mrs. Lue Virsey was born in Johnson County to Joseph and Sydney Odum Webb. As an Adrian resident, she worked at Argo Mills for 37 years and was a supervisor. She also worked at Delores and Woody's for several years and was an amazing seamstress. People would come from near and far to have her alter their clothes. She had a wonderful sense of humor and did an excellent impersonation of Minnie Pearl. Lue loved to travel with her grandchildren and was a terrific cook. Mrs. Lue attended and was a member of Adrian Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents,



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her husband, Dorsey Peebles; a son, Dorsey Steve Peebles; two sisters, Onnie Lee Giles and Essie Mae Brantley; three brothers, Ernie, Ellie and Ellis Webb.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Gail Hutcheson Swainsboro; grandchildren, Kristen R. Watkins (Robert) of Rincon, Lane Braddy, 74, of Swains-Underwood (Jody) of Twin City and Brian Peebles (Mary) Augusta; great-grand-Gabby children, Watkins, Gavin Watkins, Raven Watkins, Judson Underwood and Ava Underwood; several nieces, nephews and extended family; sisterin-law, Joanne James of ment followed in Hines Augusta.

like to express a spe- friends from 6 to 8 p.m. cial thank you to the Sunday, January 28, staff at Emanuel County at Chapman Funer-Nursing Home and to al Home. Pallbearers Pruitt Health Hospice were Dylan Hall, Cody for all of the loving care Hall, Corey Wilkerson, given to Mrs. Lue Virsey. Sammy

Funeral Directors was in Kyle Jones. Mrs. Braddy charge of arrangements.

Ricky Williams, 60

Ricky Williams, age 60, entered into eternal peace on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at his home. A Celebration of Life and Legacy was held Sunday, January 28, at 2 p.m. at St. Philip Baptist Church with Rev. James E. Love officiating. Interment followed in the Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Ricky was born October 27, 1963, in Metter, to James Carlyle and the late Geraldine Williams. He was a 1982 graduate of Emanuel County Institute. Ricky retired from Silva Cleaning Service Floor and More. He loved music, watching westerns and his tomato plants. Mr. Williams is preceded in death by his mother; sister, Michelle Carlyle; and brothers, Denver Ray Byrd and Tom Pierce.

Mr. Williams leaves to cherish his memories with his father; companion of 35 years, Melrose Coney Swainsboro; daughters, Stacy Steele of Duluth, Williams, Kenosha

Williams,

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Fahneshia Coney and Cenondrea Coney, all of Swainsboro; sons, Santonio Cuyler, Mick Coney and Schuyler, of Swainsboro and Brien Coney of Sparta, Wisconsin; sis-NJ, Stephanie Braddy of Lawrenceville and Felicia West of Norfolk, VA; brothers, Kelvin Carlyle of Stanford, CA, Steve Williams and Walt Braddy, both of Plainfield, NJ; spiritual brother, Kenneth Parrish of Prince George's County, MD; 14 grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and friends.

arrangements.



JUNE AND WALLY GALLIAN

Wally and June Gallian

and Walter "Wally" Filkens Gallian have passed away. Wally passed on Nov 4, 2022, and June followed on Jan 18, 2024. Lifelong travelers, June and have many Wally places across America once called home. They had stints in Mississippi, West Virginia, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Missouri and South Carolina to name a few. June also lived in Alaska and Hawaii. Wally worked in the newspaper industry and was Publisher/ Editor at various newspapers across the south. Wally had a life-

June Diane Gallian long obsession with all things aviation and was a long-time sports fan. June worked in hospitality working at multiple hotels/restaurants and owned a bed and breakfast/cater business for many years. In June's retired life, she had a passion working with children, volunteering for her church's youth groups, boy scouts and numerous other youth organizations. Wally and June kept a strong faith in God and were married for over 40 years. June and Wally are survived by their son, all of their siblings, their sibling's children, many friends and their cat.

Myrtle Joyce Braddy, 74

Mrs. Myrtle Joyce boro, passed away, Friday, January 26, 2024, at Emanuel Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, January 29, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Roy Jarriel officiating. Inter-Baptist Church Ceme-The family would tery. The family received Braddy Durden-Hudson Camron Braddy and was born February 11, 1949, in Statesboro, to the late M.C. Davis and Lucille Smith Davis. She was a hard-working woman. Mrs. Myrtle loves her family and taking care of her children. She was CNA and physical therapist. Mrs. Myrtle enjoyed collecting baby dolls and loved visiting with her family. Mrs. Braddy is preceded in death by her parents; husband,

Sammy Braddy, Sr.;



BRADDY

brothers, Anthony Martin, Charles Davis and Roger Davis; grandson, Caleb Wilkerson.

She is survived by her daughter, Tracy Hall (Jerry) of Kite; sons, Dale Wilkerson (Karen), Travis Wilkerson (Angie), Sammy Braddy, Jr. (Angel), all of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Cody Hall, Dylan Hall, Mandy Wilkerson (Kyle Jones), Corey Wilkerson, Caley Wilkerson, Rani Wilkerson, Kimberly Braddy, Sammy Braddy III, Camron Braddy and Anslee Braddy; sister, Doris Martin; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Midville Baptist Church to begin weekly study

Midville FBC will begin a weekly study of ters, Sonya Mincey of Revelation on Feb 4, from 6 to 7 p.m. They will be using a new book entitled "A brief study guide for the Book of Revelation", written by 95-year-old Midville resident, Leonard Quick. The study will be led by Pastor Daryl Cox, Mr. Quick's son-in-law, but the author will be present and involved.

> Copies of the book can be purchased on Amazon or Barnes and Noble. A limited supply will be available at the church. Everyone is welcome!

Greater Davis Chapel to hold revival

Greater Davis Chapel "The Living Way Ministry aunts, uncles, cousins Inc." presents a healing and deliverance revival January 31, February 1 and 2, at 7 p.m. Preacher Funeral of the hour will be Prophetess Mary Canady. Host Home was in charge of pastor is Overseer Elizabeth C. Howard. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Editorials Columns ___

Honoring achievement, teamwork and positivity

Last Thursday evening, January 25, a crowd of nearly 200 Emanuel County business folks and visitors from surrounding areas turned out for the 69th annual banquet of the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce. The annual banquet is actually the "official" meeting of the full Chamber membership. Chamber President Cason DeVane called the meeting to order following a welcome by CEOKen Warnock. Customarily, the highlights of the banquet are the honoring of a business of the year, a person of the year, and the Star students and Star teachers from around the county schools. This year's honoree for Person of the Year was former school superintendent Butch Frye. Frye served

as head of the Emanuel County schools for ten years and has thereafter continued to play a major role in the life of the community in various capacities including many years of service on the Joint Development Authority. The Star student and teacher of 2024 were Ricardo Jose-Lara and Selena Reynolds. The 2024 Business of the Year was Wincore Corporation. This company relocated from West Virginia and came to Swainsboro in 2020. They quickly developed a winning strategy in their field, and expansion soon followed with a growing number of jobs. The company has been a great addition to our manufacturing community in Emanuel County.

The presentation of these well-deserved

awards made for an impressive program, but this year's event was special not only for the achievements that were honored but also for where it took place. The site of this year's banquet was the latest addition to downtown Swainsboro. It is a building that has undergone a complete revival and repurposing to become an updated, upscaled, and restyled meeting facility that can accommodate groups of up to four hundred. This year's Chamber Banquet was the "christening" of the new Swainsboro/ Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce Community Conference Center Complex, and from all the comments received, it was also voted to be a winner. The building has long occupied a

spot on the "Boneyard" and has been home to a variety of businesses over many decades. Several years ago, it was acquired by the City of Swainsboro as part of a downtown revitalization plan. In 2019, the Chamber of Commerce approached the City with the idea of creating a partnership with the County and the Chamber to renovate the building and put it back into service. On Thursday night, it was unveiled in its new role. The contemporary downtown building will house the "Nordson Center" Banquet Hall as well as the "Mill Creek Meeting Room" and is the result of a good idea that developed into a cooperative effort to make a positive contribution

to the business district

Charles Schwabe



of Swainsboro. Going forward, the facility will be managed by the Chamber of Commerce who took the lead in the project's creation and provided the major portion of funding. Along with the public partners, (City, County and Chamber) the Nordson Corporation and Mill Creek Foundation were two private concerns that played instrumental roles in the completion of this project. Both of these entities deserve the thanks of this entire county for their support of not only this outstand-

ing effort but of so many other good works, as well. Once again, these two community-minded organizations serve as sparkling examples of what is possible through good old-fashioned teamwork and a little positive thinking. Public and private partnership is a great tool for growth in small communities. That's a good thought to nurture as we head into February of the new year. Maybe we can keep that trend going and growing! Congratulations to the Chamber and the community!

Georgians seem satisfied with language we already have

I saw a poll recently that says Georgians aren't very interested in learning other languages. I don't know what your excuse is but I'm still trying to master the language I already have. When I get who vs. whom figured out, you will be the first to know. Test Prep Insight, an organization that works with students to get them ready for college, enrolling in a GRE prep course or learning a second language, commissioned a survey which says the Great State of Georgia is among the least bilingual states in America. Less than a quarter of us can converse in another

language. That places us in lower half of the 50 states in 35th position. As usual, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas rank behind us. What's new? But I was surprised to find that the least multilingual states in the country according to Test Prep Insights are Iowa, Idaho, Maine and Delaware. While the survey doesn't explain why, I can only assume that in the case of Iowa, Idaho and Maine, it is because it snows there all the time and knowing how to speak Portuguese isn't going to change that fact. As for Delaware, that's the home of noted linguist Joe

Biden, who told a crowd at the White House that he was the nation's first senator from that state. He meant president. He introduced Vice President Kamala Harris as president and said there are 54 states in the U.S., which I assume would include Delaware. There are also 7,151 languages on Planet Earth. He wouldn't make sense in one of them. So, you are asking, who are the most multilingual states? I am glad you asked. (Frankly, I'm glad you have read this far.) They are Rhode Island, New Mexico, New Jersey, New Hampshire and California. What good

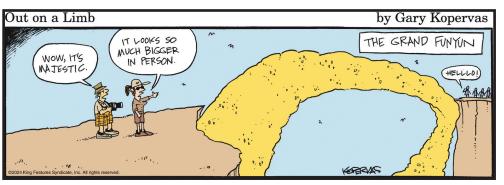
that does them, I have no idea. I guess if you are from Rhode Island, you can say, "Sure, we are the teeniest state in the nation but I'll bet you don't know Swahili. Kula Moyo Wako Nje!" The survey indicates that many of us don't see the need to learn a second language even if we travel overseas. I wouldn't classify myself a world traveler but between my corporate life and my time as a managing director of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, I visited a bunch of countries and don't remember a one where the locals didn't speak fluent English although some tried to hide the fact. I remember a small gathering with the Chinese minister of sport prior to the 1996 Games. The minister of sport is a big deal in China and China is a big deal in the Olympics. We asked him questions which his interpreter passed along in Chinese. The minister replied in Chinese and the interpreter translated his comments in English. All went well until the end of the dinner when the interpreter provided us

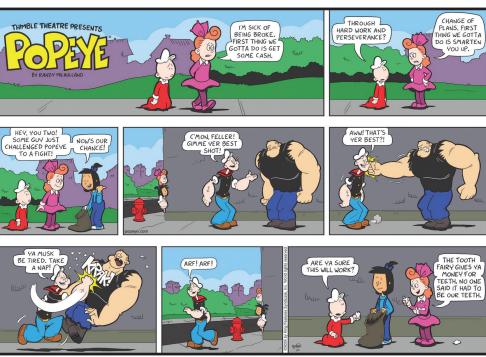
Dick Yarbrough

an answer to one of our questions. The minister quickly responded in perfect English, "That's not what I said." He had been aware of everything we had said all evening and it made me wonder if in the conversations between them, they were talking about us in Chinese. ("Boss, I've decided that Yarbrough fellow is dumber than a rock." "I agree, minion. He ate his rice with a spoon and stirred his tea with chopsticks. What a dork.") If folks living in other countries have mastered English, why can't those coming to live in our country learn to speak our language as well? Why all the "Aqui se Habla Espanol" signs? Why not, "English-only spoken here. Deal with it." Even the English language can multilingual. It depends on where you reside. North of the Mason-You-know-Who line, fixing means

you intend to fix something, like repair a leaky faucet. Around here if you say fixing, it means you are about to, as in, "Hon, I'm fixing to call Pete the Plumber about this dang leaky faucet while you fix dinner." I will admit that I am among the majority of Georgians that the survey says does not see the need to be multilingual. However, I might want to rethink that idea. I had a reader last week suggest that as far as writing columns go, I give it up along with my "incessant drivel." I am wondering if he would like my column if I incessantly driveled it in another language. But I'm not fixing to ask him. He just might tell me. In English. Sacre Bleu! You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com or at P.O.

Editorial Cartoons







Resolutions

This is about the time when we decided to improve our lifestyle and make some resolution. I am sure you gave the need for change as much thought as I did. So, how far are you along on the path of betterment? I had no problem choosing. My days will be more productive if I arise earlier. In order to do this and get enough sleep, I also must go to sleep earlier. The pattern is early to bed---early to rise makes you heathy, wealthy, and wise. That sounds like a bargain. I

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always keep a book by my bedside and read until I am ready for night-night. I set my bedtime at 8:30 which gave me time to read a few chapters and be asleep by 9 p.m. and wake at 6 a.m. after a good night of sleep. This did sound easy, but I did not include one flaw. Thirty minutes does not allow me to read one more chapter in a good book which leads to one more and even more. I do love to read! When I finally close the book and turn out the light, I have a

new adversary. At a much later hour than planned, my eyes are wide open. I cannot shut out thoughts of the day. "I should have been more tactful". A friend gave me a way to clear my mind. Rx: light off, soft pillow, comfy covers, peacefully recite: It is night after a long day: What has been done has been done. What has not been done has not been done. Let it Be. Cannot promise success, but seldom is better than none. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com.

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Wincore named Business...

(From front page) Commissioner County Ricky Thompson, Emanuel County Board of Education Member Del Brown, **Emanuel County Board of** Education Member Tanya Lane, Clerk of Court - Superior Kristin Hall, Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer, Mayor of Twin City Matt Donaldson, Twin City Councilman Jessie Brown and Twin City City Councilman Buck Brown.

also recognized - Cason DeVane, Chairman; Lisa Bertoch, Chair-Elect; Vicki Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer; Larry Calhoun, Past-Chair; Wade Johnson; Damien Scott; Neil Shah; Milton Gray; Kristin Hall; Anson Walden; Russ Yeomans; Jessica Peebles; Richard McNeely

Board members were

Members of the Development Authority were recognized. They include Will Donaldson, Butch Frye, Wade Johnson, Jim Mercer, Cason DeVane, Tim Garrett and Kenny Griffin.

Star Student and teacher

Scotty Hattaway.

awards were sponsored by Jerry Cadle and the Cadle Law Firm and were presented by Chamber CEO Ken Warnock. The PAGE Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Program is in its 66th year and is administered, sponsored, and promoted by the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE). To obtain the 2024 STAR nomination, high school seniors must have the highest score on a single test date on the SAT and be in the top 10 per cent or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average.

The recognition of the Star Students and Teachers from around our county has been a highlight of the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet for many years and honors the vital role of our entire education community and the effort and dedication of the Star Students and Teachers from our area schools. From this exceptional group, the award for the 2024 Star Student and Teacher went to Ricardo Jose-Lara and Mrs. Salena Reynolds of Swainsboro High School. A complete review of the

Star Student and Teacher representatives from the Emanuel County Schools can be found at the conclusion of this article. Business of the Year

went to Wincore Win-

dows and Doors. Wincore was founded in 2006 by a group of 12 investors with decades of experience in the design, manufacture, and sale of vinyl window products. These investors believed they would "win" in the marketplace with this "core" group of people, thus the name Wincore was born. The Company established its headquarters in Parkersburg, West Virginia and produced its first window in July 2007. Over the next several years, and despite the worst economic recession in several decades, Wincore continued to expand and grow its operation, shipping vinyl windows and patio doors to customers east of the Rocky Mountains. In 2010, Wincore expand-

As part of this decision the Company leased additional manufacturing space at its

door systems.

ed its product offering to include fiberglass entry

headquarters, bringing its total facility size to approximately 167,000 square feet. In 2017, Win-

core began to ship prod-

ucts to the west coast,

and an inability to expand its headquarters in West Virginia, Wincore made the decision in 2018 to open a second manufacturing location in Swainsboro, Georgia. Wincore worked with the Emanuel County Development Authority to find a building suitable for its needs and settled on the old Husqvarna facility. The Company leased a 75,000 square foot building and began producing windows in

expanding its footprint to

include the entire conti-

nental United States. Due

to significant and contin-

ued growth, particularly

in the southeast region,

May 2019. In 2021, due to continued growth, the Company leased an additional 100,000 square feet of space adjacent and connected to its existing Georgia facility bringing its total local investment more than \$10 million dollars. Two additional vinyl lines and a second glass line were added. All core vinyl window products are capable of being manufactured in the Swainsboro facility. The Swainsboro location currently employees 216 people. Wincore continues to grow and is expecting to surpass \$200 million in gross sales in 2024. Of its 12 original founders, 6 remain actively employed with the company helping it continue to grow and succeed. Wincore manufactures vinyl windows for both new construction and repair/remodel projects, though the vast majority of its sales are for repair/remodel projects. Windows can be ordered in a variety of styles, including single hung, double hung, picture window, slider, and casement. Customers can also order vinyl patio doors that are purchased from an out-

tures fiberglass entry door systems that can be made in a number of styles and with a variety of options. These include single doors and double doors with side lites, transoms, decorative glass options, and several different color options for both the interior and the exterior of the door. Wincore's products are sold to a variety of customers, including distributors, dealers, specialty installers, and contractors. The Company believes that the service it provides is what sets Wincore apart

side vendor and assem-

bled in-house, as well as

garden windows, bay/

bow windows and geo-

metrics. In addition, cus-

tomers can order a variety

of color options for both

the interior and exterior of

their windows and doors.

Wincore also manufac-

from its competitors. The Person of the Year award was presented to Butch Frye. Some 25 years ago, Butch Frye moved his wife, Melonie and their two sons to Swainsboro to assume the role of Emanuel County School Superintendent. According to his sons, who spoke in

honor of their father and presented him with the award, the recipient had a knack of putting the right people together to get the job done and had the ability to always bring out the best in everyone whether at work, at church, or busy in community activities. During the presentation, along with some good-natured ribbing, Zac, Peyton, and their father all had an opportunity to display their love for this area, for their wide circle of family and friends and especially for each other. Mr. Frye's many contributions and achievements are known both locally and through-

out the State and have had immeasurable impact in the field of education as a teacher, administrator, advisor, and later as consultant to many, many school systems. In accepting the honor, Frye made it clear his highest honor was that of husband and father. He concluded by expressing his humility and gratitude for being named recipient of the award, but more so for the people, experiences, associations and opportunities that have been part of his life in this community for the past 25 On that note, the cel-

ebration of 69 years of Chamber of Commerce involvement, activity, dedication and guidance for Emanuel County and her citizens came to an end. The commitment and the work, however, never stops and we look forward to the leadership and service that this organization and its members will continue to provide. STAR Students

STAR Teachers Black, Campbell

named STAR student and teacher at DEA by METTER ADVITIS-

David Emanuel Acad-

emy senior Josie Grace Black has been named STAR Student and has selected Donna Campbell as her STAR Teacher. Josie is the daughter of Joshua and Jessica Black

of Swainsboro and has

been attending DEA for

five years. She is active in

varsity cheerleading, Beta Club and WINGS and is a dual enrollment student. During her time at DEA, Josie has received a number of accolades. She was named Most Spirited in varsity cheerleading for 2021-22 and 2023 and received the AAA Award in cheerleading in 2021-22. She had the Highest Academic Average in 10th Grade and is a member of the SAT 1100 Point Club. She was named Most Improved in cheer in 2020-21 and has received the American Citizenship Award, the President's and Kindness Award. An Honor Roll

Josie is also busy outside of school. She attends and is an active member in the youth group of Hillcrest Baptist Church, "where I get to worship my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," she said. She is also on the Citizens Bank Student Advisory Board. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, reading, painting and playing the piano. After graduation, she plans to attend Southeast-

student, she is also a class

secretary.

ern Technical College for a career in nursing and then further her education at Georgia Southern Univer-Josie selected Donna

Campbell as her STAR Teacher for a number of reasons. "I have learned so much

in the five years she has taught me," Josie said. "She teaches math in a way that is very effective while giving the classroom a lighthearted atmosphere. She truly cares about her students and will do everything she can to help them succeed. "Mrs. Campbell always

is willing to go out of her way to offer extra help before and after school to anyone who needs it. She doesn't only teach us math but also life lessons that I'll always value. I've enjoyed my time as a student under her so much and will always greatly appreciate having her in

my life."

A math teacher at DEA Literature and Advanced for six years, Campbell has been in education since 1986, teaching in Tattnall County one year and Emanuel County for 29 years. She also taught parttime at East Georgia State College for 10 years. She teaches 8th-grade pre-algebra, Honors Algebra I, Honors Geometry, geometry and pre-calculus. This is her second year being selected as STAR Teacher. She has lived in Georgia for the past 50 years.

Hebron Primitive Baptist Church and is a member and past president of the Beta Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Honor Society for Women Educators and a member of the Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with family, quilting, cross stitching, baking, reading, crocheting and traveling. "Teaching chose me at an early age," she said "I remember playing school

at home as a young child;

I always helped any class-

mate 'figure out' problems

or whatever topic they

needed extra help in. I

guess that is why I encour-

age my students to 'help'

each other, which could

She and her husband have

two married sons and four

grandchildren. She attends

be re-explaining a topic in his or her own words or supervising the other student to work out a prob-Campbell said her favorite part of teaching is, "Watching my students understand the concepts that I have taught them and then returning to tell me where they finally used some concept in their life because, as students, they could not understand why they needed to learn so many 'things' -- all those bright-eyed smiling

faces when the concept finally clicked!" Of her selection as STAR Teacher, Campbell said it feels "incredible! Josie Grace is the kind of student who makes teaching easy! She asks questions when she needs clarification. Josie Grace practiced her skills until she was satisfied with her results, which always ended in an 'A.' She would ask for problems to work as practice for quizzes or tests.

"Josie Grace is a highly-motivated young lady. She accepted my challenge of always do your best. I am so proud of her efforts in learning mathematics. Josie Grace has a facial expression that allows me to know that what I stated or asked needed clarification. She is the type of student that will ask questions in class when needed. She has become an independent learner, which is what a teacher wants for all his/ her students to become." Jose-Lara, Reynolds

named STAR student and teacher at SHS Ricardo Jose-Lara is

a 17-year-old senior at Swainsboro High School. He is the only child of Anbertha Lara-Ortiz and Ricardo Jose-Monjaraz. Ricardo plans to attend college and after college graduation, hopes to be able to support his parents. In August, Richard plans to attend Georgia cal engineering.

Southern University to pursue a degree in electri-Ricardo has achieved Honor Roll every semester since 9th grade. He has also received multiple Highest Average awards for multiple subjects, each year of high school. Of those, he is most proud of attaining the highest aver-

age in Honors American

Chairman for Future Busi-US History he was able to achieve college credit ness Leaders of America. by passing AP exam with Will has participated in many FBLA region and a 4.0. Last year, Ricardo was recognized as a UGA state competitions earn-Certificate of Merit reciping awards for Business ient. "I have chosen Sele-Achievement Capstone Completion and na Reynolds as my STAR teacher as she helped me Sales Presentation. in my application to col-He is a member of Selege which I would have nior Beta Club, One-Act otherwise been clueless Play, 21st Century Leadabout. She is also the

Placement US History.

Additionally, in his AP

teacher I feel the most

comfortable talking with."

secondary social science

education from Geor-

gia Southern University.

Throughout her career, she

has been named a Nation-

al Board Certified Teacher,

earned gifted endorse-

ment, and received certi-

Gamma, an international

society for women educa-

Being a classroom teach-

er allowed Mrs. Reynolds

to have the opportunity

to interact directly with

important relationships

while sharing her pas-

sion for history. Having

the opportunity to teach

develop

students and

stated Jose-Lara.

Selena Reynolds is a social studies teacher at has also received the Uni-Swainsboro High School. versity of Georgia's Certif-A graduate of Metter High icate of Merit. School, Mrs. Reynolds attended Brewton-Parker in dual enrollment since College and earned her his sophomore year in bachelor's degree in hishigh school. While at East Georgia State College, he tory education in 1996. After teaching her first year received an invitation to at Portal High School, join the Phi Theta Kappa Mrs. Reynolds came to chapter of the National Swainsboro High School in 1997. She later earned Bobcat L.E.A.D. Society. her master's and educational specialist degrees in

fication to teach AP U.S. History. She was named Swainsboro High School's and Emanuel County's Teacher of the Year for the 2006-2007 school term, cemented his choice in a and she was selected as future career. STAR Teacher for Swainsboro High School and Emanuel County in 2021. STAR She currently serves as the instructional coach for Dorene, Swainsboro High School. Mrs. Reynolds is also a member of Delta Kappa

Ricardo Jose-Lara and be selected as his STAR Teacher is certainly one of the highlights of Mrs. Reynolds' career. She was not surprised to learn that Ricardo was named STAR Student, but that did not diminish her enthusiasm for his great accomplishment. He has such intellectual promise, and Mrs. Reynolds is confident that he will go on to achieve great things at Georgia Southern University. Although Ricardo can appear to be quite reserved at first, he has much creative talent, and his quick wit make him a joy to have in the classroom. He is just as talented in reading and comprehending complex texts and writing powerful essays as he is at solving complex math problems. Ricardo thrives on challenge and puts forth his best effort with

Sasser, Holmes named STAR student and teacher at ECI Will Sasser, son of Ron

each and every task. He

always remains humble;

yet he consistently strives

to do better. He is certain-

ly a "STAR" for Swains-

boro High School.

Sasser and Jessica Sumner, is a senior at Emanuel County Institute. Will has many outstand-

ing academic accomplishments during his high school career. He was awarded highest average honors in Honors Chemistry. Will is president of ECI's Technology Student Association where he, along with his teammates,

was awarded State Cham-

pion in the On-Demand

ers, Citizens Bank Student Advisory Board, and ECI's Student Council. He was voted Most Intelligent by his senior classmates. Will Will has been enrolled

Video competition. He

has served as vice presi-

dent and Public Relations

Awards

Honor Society and the Will plans to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology to pursue a degree in Architecture. He was afforded the opportunity of an internship with James W. Buckley & Associates. This hands-on opportunity granted Will the ability to work directly on the current updates that are now underway at ECI. He has learned many valuable skills that have benefited him greatly and

Will has chosen Mrs. Dorene Holmes as his teacher. When thinking about Miss Will says, "I couldn't have done it without her." Whether it's to help with a misunderstood math concept or lending an ear for a teenage problem, Miss Dorene is always there. Will went on to say that, "Not only is she an excellent teacher, but she has that amazing ability to turn a student's bad day into a good one." He will never forget the impact that she has had on

his high school career. Mrs. Dorene Farnum-Holmes is a mathematics teacher at Emanuel County Institute. Mrs. Holmes is a 1990 graduate of Pennsylvania State University earning a degree in Health Policies and Administration. She is married to Mr. William Holmes and has three children, Hally, PJ, and LJ Far-

Mrs. Holmes began her teaching career as a substitute for Emanuel County Schools. She was then hired as a paraprofessional and served in this capacity for several years. An opening presented itself and she was offered a job as a part-time math teacher. With this opportunity, Mrs. Holmes completed the Georgia TAPP program to earn her teaching credentials. Since then she has gone on to teach Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, SAT Prep, College Readiness, and Pre-Calcu-

Mrs. Holmes was selected as ECI's Teacher of the Year for the 2016-2017 school year. She was also previously chosen as STAR teacher in 2018 by Tiernan Johnson. Mrs. Holmes cannot

think of any other student who has personified the role of STAR student as Will Sasser has. In her opinion, Will Sasser is a motivated and determined student. He is one who sets a goal and will not stop working until it is accomplished. Mrs. Holmes says, "Will is an exceptional student who will thrive with any given opportunity."

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Exposing hidden hearing loss: Why getting your hearing checked matters

Beyond What Meets the Ear - The Stealthy Struggle of Hidden Hearing Loss

In the symphony of sounds that surround us, there's a silent struggle that often goes unnoticed - hidden hearing loss (HHL). Unlike traditional hearing loss, HHL doesn't always show up on standard hearing tests, making it a challenging condition that can impact our ability to understand speech, especially in noisy environments.

The Stealthy Culprit: What is Hidden Hearing Loss?

Hidden hearing loss is like a ninja among hearing issues. It doesn't affect our ability to hear soft sounds, the way we typically measure hearing with a hearing test. Instead, it targets the nerve connections in our ears that help us hear when there's a lot of background noise. So, in a bustling room or a lively gathering, those with hidden hearing loss might find it challenging to catch every word.

A recent study sheds light on how hidden hearing loss works. It's not about the volume of sounds; it's about the quality. The tiny hair cells in our ears, which play a crucial role in transmitting sound signals to our brain, can be damaged without us even realizing it. This damage makes it harder for our brains to pick out the important sounds from the background noise.

The Importance



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of Testing: Why
Audiologists Hold the
Key

Now, you might be wondering, how can we catch this sneaky ninja of a problem? This is where the audiologists come in. Audiologists are like hearing detectives - they have the tools and expertise to uncover hidden hearing loss.

Unlike a regular hearing test, which measures the softest sounds we can hear, audiologists have advanced tests that focus on how well our ears pick up speech in noisy situations. These tests can reveal the hidden hearing loss that standard tests might miss.

Why Does It Matter? The Impact on Everyday Life

Imagine sitting in a restaurant, trying to chat with a friend, but it feels like their words are getting lost in the noise. That's the daily struggle for those with hidden hearing loss. It can lead to misunderstandings, frustration, and even social isolation.

Addressing hidden hearing deficit is crucial not just for hearing the world around us but for supporting strong and meaningful connections with others. When we miss parts of conversations, it's like reading a book with some pages torn out - the story loses its richness. Sure, you might be able to fill in the blanks with some effort, but what if your efforts fill in with the incorrect term? Embarrassment, frustration, misunderstanding and missing out could certainly follow.

Seeking Solutions: The Audiologist's Role in Treatment

Audiologists not only diagnose hidden hearing loss but also play a crucial role in finding solutions. From recommending hearing aids that amplify important sounds to supplying strategies for better communication, they help individuals navigate the challenges of hidden hearing loss.

In a world filled with constant noise, it's essential to be aware of the stealthy foe of hidden hearing loss and the importance of seeking help from audiologists. If you or someone you know is experiencing difficulties in understanding speech, especially in noisy environments, don't brush it off. A visit to an audiologist could be the key to unmasking hidden hearing loss and restoring the joy of clear and vibrant communication. After all, in the world of hearing, knowledge is the first step to reclaiming the sounds of



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Person of the Year Butch Frye with Family



Business of The Year - Wincore Pictured: Ken Warnock , Wincore Staff & Cason De Vane



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ECI Star Teacher Dorene Holmes Star Student Will Sasser, Jr.



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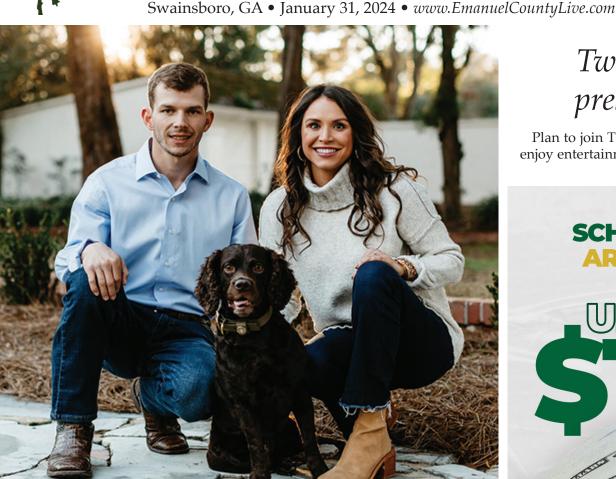
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Miss Pittman, Mr. Thompson to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Joey Pittman of Metter are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Roslyn Carol Pittman, to Matthew Keith Thompson, son Amanda Braddy and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, all of Swainsboro.

The bride-elect is 2013 honor graduate of Metter High School and a 2020 graduate of Georgia Southern University where she

received her Education Specialist Degree in School Psychology. Roslyn is employed with Candler County Board of Education as a school psychologist. Miss Pittman is the granddaughter of John and Brenda Sheldon of Metter and the late Wayne Grimes of Twin City and Donna Pittman and the late Joe W. Pittman of Metter.

The future groom attended Swainsboro High School and is a

2016 graduate of Penn Foster. Matthew is employed with UPS. Mr. Thompson is the grandson of Sharon Manning and the late Milton and Gail Thompson and the late Billy Thompson, all of

The couple exchange vows in a private ceremony on May 11, 2024. A celebration honoring the couple will be held at The Brice House. Formal invitations will be sent.

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by PASTOR JOE BEDGOOD

The Real Tree Wild Game Supper was a huge success. Many churches in Emanuel County came together to put this outreach event together. The name of the event was selected because of Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus was crucified on an old rugged cross. Jesus was crucified on a tree that He created. According to the Bible God spoke this world into existence. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Genesis 1:1

In the following verses of the same chapter the Bible records that God spoke and it was done. John 3:3 says All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made. Luke 23:33 speaks of Jesus' crucifixion. Hence the name Real Tree.

A group of leaders formed a team last year with a vision to reach men with the gospel. We would not leave anyone out and women were welcome to come, but the target for this outreach was men. When you reach men with the gospel, the percentages show that you will reach the family. This group worked together to plan the event with that in mind.

This team formed other teams to put the plan in motion. There were many prayers prayed about the event. Local businesses got involved by donating prizes. This exceeded our expectations. The churches involved also gave to support the outreach.

The goal was to share the gospel with 800-1000 men. Many thought that was a lofty goal and it was, but with God all things

The goal was to share the gospel with 800-1000 men. Many thought that was a lofty goal and it was, but with God all things are possible. The men involved in planning this event went to work. The night before the event took place churches began to set up. On the day of the event all the churches that participated showed up to cook together some arriving at 9 Am to get the grills rolling.

The unity was evident from the opening prayer in the cool morning air. Throughout the day more and more churches arrived to that great smell of smoke on the grill. Each cook area asking others to eat some of their specially cooked food to help them through this day. More and more men came as the warmth of the day came on. Each church serving together with a desire for people to come to know Christ.

The line going into the building at the fairgrounds was long, but definitely worth the wait. There was a lot of wild game food that was grilled, fried, boiled, made into bisque, and of course a few side dishes too. The fairgrounds were packed and it was evident the lofty goal didn't seem lofty anymore. Jesus said "the fields are white and ready for harvest" and there was definitely a potential harvest in the making.

Professional Bass fisherman, Randy Howell would be the guest speaker. He had testimonies online that we could listen to. The former Bassmaster Classic Champion also exceeded expectations as you could hear a pin drop once he got into the heart of his message. God used his message to touch those in attendance.

The Planning team had set goals and now were seeing the goals become a reality. There was and still is a sense of thankfulness to God who had shown favor on this outreach. It was for His glory! The gospel was shared and people prayed to receive Christ. Again, to the glory of God! No one else could make nor allow this to happen. Only God the Father, through His Holy Spirit, because of His One and only Son Jesus Christ!

Thank you to all who attended, to all who served, to all who gave and to all who prayed. Until next time, always remember "The Real Tree" and most of all remember JESUS who willingly gave His life on that tree so that all who Believe in Him would be saved.



















David Emanuel Academy Varsity Eagles host Monsignor Donovan Rams

On Friday, January 26, the David Emanuel Academy Eagles hosted the Monsignor Donovan Rams at home in Stillmore in a nail biting game. Despite a strong effort from Billy Martin with 24 points, the Eagles fell short in the end with a final score of 75-54. Tony Sutton knocked down three shots from beyond the arc for DEA and ended with an 11-point contribution. Also scoring for the Eagles were Randon Williams with 9 points, Ethan Fields with 4 points, and Richard Braddy and Brody Fleming with 3 points each.



MARTIN GOING FOR TWO



WILLIAMS BLOCKING THE SHOT



SUTTON ON DEFENSE



FIELDS GETTING THE REBOUND

DEA Eagles host the Habersham School Patriots

On Thursday, January 25th, the David Emanuel Academy Eagles hosted the Habersham School Patriots at home in Stillmore. Starting the evening was the JV boys' game where the Eagles fell short with a final score of 35-29. Leading the team in score was Ethan Fields with 13 points followed by Revan Fortner and Richard Braddy each with 5 points, John-Nathan Martin with 4 points, and Ben Griner and Brody Fleming with 1 point each. In the varsity girls' game, the Eagles battled hard with a come-

back win of 45-44. Kylie Bell was lead scorer for the Eagles with 18 points. Emma Proctor contributed 12 points followed by Aubrey Williams with 10 points, Christen McCoy with 3 points and Maddie Perkins with 2 points. The varsity boys ended with a tough loss with a final score of 63-56. Billy Martin led the team scoring 16 points. Randon Williams and Peyton Lee contributed 11 points each followed by Richard Braddy with 10 points, Tony Sutton with 5 points and Ethan Fields with 3 points.

DEA Middle School and Varsity Eagles travel to Briarwood Academy

On Tuesday, January 23rd, the David Emanuel Academy middle school and varsity teams traveled to Briarwood Academy for a night of basketball. The Eagles middle school girls' team started the evening off battling the Buccaneers. Emily McRae led the team with 7 points. Also contributing for DEA were Lyla Martin with 4

points, Mary Bess Fields and Scout Hall each with 2 points, and Aubry Scott with 1 point. The Eagles fell short with a final score of 34-16. In the middle school boys' game, the Eagles lost to Briarwood with a final score of 56-32. High scorer for the Eagles was Karson Kettles with 9 points followed by Dalton Flowers with 7 points,

Jack Evan Fields 6 points, Lake Woods 4 points, and Charlie McRae, Samuel Martin, and Eli Way each with 2 points. In the varsity girls' game, the Eagles suffered a tough loss ending with a score of 61-19. Scoring for the Eagles was Emma Proctor with 11 points, Kyli Bell with 6 points and Bailey McNure with 2 points. In an intense Varsity boys game, the Eagles battled hard against the Buccaneers but unfortunately ended with a loss of 60-57. Randon Williams led the team with 22 points. Also contributing for the Eagles was Billy Martin and Peyton Lee with 16 points each and Richard Braddy with 3





JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

TCE January Students of the Month

Congratulations to the January Students of the Month! They were chosen for exemplifying the character trait of integrity. They enjoyed a donut breakfast with their parents/guardians in the lunchroom on Friday, January 26. They also received a token for the book vending machine and a treat bag. The January Students of the Month are Ayden Clemons, Austyn Wilkerson, Taylen Johnson, Allie Braddock, Aubrey Frye, Matthew Blackburn, Baxlie Akridge, Avery Crews, Cutler Canty, Brantley Dawkins, Grace Sanchez, Paisley Johnson, Ciara Matthews, Avery Mincey, Cole Cowart, Isabella Pitts, Collin Johnson, Sarah Powell, Evie Jarriel, Jayceon Williamson, Nora Johnson, Harper Hill, Brayden Smith, Addy Brown, Tanner Mitchell, Matti Moyer, Joshua Hampton and Beckett Pressey.







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Swainsboro Police Reports that offender not being

Officers with the Swainsboro Police Department (SPD) reported... January 17

Officer met with complainant in reference to a report of fraud. C/p advised she sent \$375 and \$437.13 to find out it was a scam.

January 18

Officer met with complainant in reference to a damaged vehicle. C/p advised her vehicle broke down and upon returning to retrieve it, the windshield was broken, and the driver's side and passenger side rear windows were damaged.

Officer was dispatched to S. Racetrack St. in reference to damage to a Complainant vehicle. stated someone took a piece of metal rod and pried the back extended cab window open and broke the passenger door handle.

January 19 Officer was assisting with a traffic stop on King Circle Dr. when K-9 Maya began a free air sniff around the vehicle. During the search, two dogs began running towards the vehicle and began chasing Maya around the vehicle, at which time Sgt. Young removed Maya from the arear of the vehicle and the dogs remained around officers and occupants of the vehicle for a few moments then ran to a residence on King Circle Dr. when a female came out of the residence and picked up the smaller dog and secured the other dog on a chain runner in the yard. Officer then made contact with the female in reference to the dogs running at large and she advised the dogs were just loose to use the bathroom and had nothing to do with what they had going on in front of her house. The female subject was issued two citations for dogs at large and she refused to sign them, at which point officer attempted to handcuff her and she began resisting and pulling away. A city councilman approached officer wanting an explanation about the incident and wanting to know what happened and asking officer's name which was provided but could have waited until after the arrest and not interfering with the arrest. Offender's sister arrived

to EmCo Jail. Officer met with complainant in reference to a fight that occurred at work. C/p stated offender cussed at him and when he cussed back, offender punched him. C/p stated he said something to him again and they started fighting.

and advised officers that

they were only in the

neighborhood messing

with folks. Offender was

arrested and transported

Officer responded to Calhoun St. for an unwanted person. Complainant stated she wanted offender to leave her house and was told by officer he would have to leave if he didn't live there. Offender was very unsteady and officer could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Officer observed

able to walk down the steps without falling and advised offender to have someone pick him up. Offender started calling a 1-800 number and was told to call someone or he would be arrested for failure to comply and disorderly conduct. Offender kept saying it was all c/p's fault that he had to leave. Officer told him again to call someone to pick him up and he could not use his phone because he was so intoxicated, at which point he was arrested and transported to EmCo Jail. January 20

Officer observed a vehicle with no taillights on, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer advised the driver for the reason of the stop and she switched her lights on. Upon running the tag, it was determined that there was no valid insurance. Vehicle was towed and the driver was transported to Enmarket to wait for someone to pick her up.

Officer ran the tag on a vehicle to find the registered owner has suspended license, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer approached the vehicle and could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Offender gave his name and presented his license which matched the registered owner of the vehicle. Officer asked the passenger his name and he stated he was not the driver. Officer asked him again for his name and he gave a false name. As officer turned to walk to his patrol unit he looked back and the passenger opened the door and was advised not to exit the vehicle, at which time officer called for additional units. The passenger was asked if he wanted to give his correct name and he did. A clear baggie partially hanging out of his pocket was observed that contained marijuana. He was placed in the rear of the patrol unit and upon running his info, it was found that he is wanted in Bulloch County for aggravated assault. The driver was found to have suspended license. Both suspects were transport-

ed to EmCo Jail. January 21 Officer was advised by another officer that the registered owner of a vehicle had suspended license. The vehicle was observed and a traffic stop was initiated. Officer asked for his license and asked him to step out of the vehicle. Officer asked the driver how much he had to drink and he stated nothing but there was a mixed drink in the vehicle. Offender was placed under arrest and transported to EmCo

Officer met with complainant so stated her child's father was supposed to return their child the night before and didn't and would not return her calls or messages and her attorney advised her to make a report of offender not returning the child on time. Officer tried to contact offender but did not

get an answer.

Officer met with complainant in reference to a theft. C/p stated someone stole two of her center caps off her vehicle.

Officer was dispatched

January 22

to Lewis St. in reference to complainant stating items were missing from the back of his truck. Items are valued at \$825. Officer was dispatched to Lucky St. in reference to complainant stating when he got home, his door was open and a safe with \$500 cash was inside

it, PS5 and an iphone were missing. A window had been busted out and c/p advised the front door was locked. Officer met with comwho stated plainant offender sent her threats via text message. C/p

advised offender has

showed up at her residence before trying to fight her. Officer met with complainant who stated she received a Facebook message from offender stating he was going to pull up on her at her residence. C/p stated this is because offender thinks c/p set someone up

over the weekend to get

January 23

arrested.

Officer was dispatched to E. MLK Blvd. in reference to complainant stating he recently had to evict people and sent someone to change the locks and the front door was open. It was discovered that two screens on the back side of the apartment had been taken out and damaged. Officer met with com-

plainant who stated she

is renting a house from offender on Dawson St. and she paid \$300 for rent and almost \$300 for a light bill. C/p state offender always gives her a receipt for rent but not the light bill and offender has turned her power off. Detectives received information that a male subject was on Kite Rd. selling illegal drugs. K-9 Maya did not show any change in behavior on the free air sniff. During a field interview with the male subject, it was determined that the caller is his ex-girlfriend and it's believed she is trying to cause problems. Later,

a female subject went to SPD to report the caller followed her and the male subject when she picked him up. She also stated that a note was left on her vehicle on 1/12 asking her to call a phone number. Officer called the number and the person that answered identified herself, which was not the ex's name, but when asking pointed questions, she shut down, but officer believes he was talking to the ex and she was told to stop contacting the male

subject. Officers responded to Lewis St. in reference to an unwanted person in the yard. The homeowner stated the subject had warrants and officer observed the male subject run into a house on N. Green St. Offender was taken into custody and transported to EmCo

Officer responded to Mary Ann St. in reference to an unwanted person. Complainant stated two people go in her yard every night and go under her house. Officers observed tracks going towards the back of the house but there were no signs of someone going under the house.

January 24

Officer responded to W. Church St. in reference to a dispute. Complainant advised the refrigerator was leaking and offender accused him of purposely damaging the refrigera-Officers were dis-

patched to EMC ER in reference to a 10-13 patient being irate and pulling all his IVs out. While enroute, officer was advised that offender walked out of the hospital. When officer arrived, offender was walking towards Kite Rd. with a security officer asking him not to leave. Officer spoke with offender and told him he had to go back to the hospital due to him being 10-13 and he stated he wasn't a 10-13 patient. Officer could smell a very strong odor of alcoholic beverage on his breath so he was handcuffed and escorted back to the ER. While in the ER, offender became argumentative. Offender was transported to EmCo

Officer met with complainant in reference to cc/p stating while she was checking out at WalMart, she requested cash back and left it in the register and forgot it and when she went back to get it, it was gone. Officer got photos and observed a male subject take the cash and was advised a name could be retrieved in the next few days due to him using a debit card.

Officer observed a vehicle with a headlight out, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle came back with no insurance and suspended registration. While officer was walking to the vehicle, he observed a child to be around 1-year-old in the back seat with no car seat or seat belt. Officer asked the driver for her license and she stated she did not have them on her but she does have a license. Officer then asked why the child was not in a car seat and she advised that she does not

have one. Officer passed a vehicle and the tag reader alerted that it had suspended registration, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Upon running the tag, it was determined that the registered owner has suspended license. Officer asked for the driver's license, which was the registered owner. Officer then advised her that her license are suspended for serious violations. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer responded to N. Racetrack St. in reference to stalking. Complainant stated offender hacked his cashapp and sent herself money and he didn't know how offender obtained his email info. Offender stated c/p added her email to his account and when she noticed the money was deposited into her cashapp, she sent it back

Officer was contacted

to c/p's girlfriend.

by a concerned citizen who stated offender has set up a spot where she is selling molly and using the location to avoid traffic at her residence. Officers setup watching the location on and offender's vehicle was parked in the front yard. Another vehicle left several times for short periods before returning. Offender left the location and returned to her residence. The other vehicle retuned to the set up spot and left again. The investigation is still open.

January 25

Officer met with complainant in reference to c/p advising she went to AT&T and traded in her phone for another phone and AT&TG is now attempting to collect a debt for over \$500 due to the store advising they do not have the one she traded in. C/p advised it was turned into a named employee. Officer received a video

text from complainant

showing a shoplifter.

Officer went to D&I and

c/p showed a full video

of offender entering the store and went to the counter, grabbed a bag of candy and concealed it in his pocket. Offender then stood around for a few minutes and stepped over to a rack and grabbed a 4 pack of Red Bull. Shortly after, he exited the store without paying for any merchandise. C/p gave offender's first name but does not know his last name. An employee stated who offender's mother is and where she lives. Officer went to the location to find a male subject on the front porch. Before officer could explaine why he was there and the male subject asked what he was doing there. Officer explained why he was there and the male subject stated the given name did not live there. As officer was walking away, the male subject stated "you something else" and officer asked what he meant by that and he wouldn't say anything else. He then wanted to know who gave the address and was advised that info could not be given but he could get a copy of the report in 3-5 days. He stated he wanted a copy right then and was advised it would be

3-5 business days. Officer responded to EMC ER in reference to a female who had been beaten. Victim was highly intoxicated and stated offender pushed her into a door where she hit her face and lip then picked her up and was throwing her around the room. Victim stated her neck, back and ribs were hurt from another time offender

put his hands on her. Officer was dispatched to D&I in reference to shoplifter. Offender was the same shoplifter as earlier. Offender had already left and complainant advised he grabbed beer and exited the store. Video footage was watched by officer and offender was observed grabbing beer and leaving the store

without paying.

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A Roman soldier once asked his superior for the privilege of speaking to Julius Caesar. His request was granted and when he approached Caesar, he pled for permission to end his life. Looking at the man who stood before him the general saw a man who led a wretched and worthless life. After a moment's thought Caesar said to him in disgust, "Man, were you ever alive?"

God intended for each of us to enjoy a life that has meaning and is fulfilling, and satisfying. Man, created in the image of God, is to do the things of God and bring honor to his creator. Without God at the core of our life we will be, as the soldier was, living a wretched, worthless life.

The last verse of Psalm 91 presents a picture of a person who has God at the core of his or her life. It tells us that the goal of this God-centered person is to satisfy God - to live a life that can be blessed by, empowered by and honored by God Himself. Recently I asked a student to

share with the class what Romans 6:23 meant to him. Standing before us he said, "Let me tell you about this verse. For me it reads, 'The wages of sin is an empty life.' I know because ve been there, worked hard and

felt like my needle was on empty. It did not matter how successful my life appeared to be to those around me, it did not matter how much land I owned or how many houses I had or how much money I earned. My life was on 'empty' because I could never fill it with enough things for the needle to move to 'satisfied.'"

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

Yolanda Artis negotiated a guilty plea on one count cruelty to children in the 2nd degree. She was fined \$50 with 10 years probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 10 years to be served on probation.

One sentenced in Superior Court

Jail Report

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

William Dalton Archer, 22, arrested 1/24/24; Public drunkenness

Brett James Beneteau, 35, arrested 1/24/24; Child support lockup

Sherry Denise Brooks, 50, arrested 1/28/24; Aggravated assault

Scott Anthony Burdick, 37, arrested 1/27/24; Probation violation

Charlanda Chonta Burns, 48, arrested 1/27/24; Driving while license suspended/ revoked

Eugene Robertson 48, Cash, arrested 1/25/24; Bench warrant Sandy Patrice Derriso, 46, arrested 1/24/24; DUI less safe/Failure to maintain lane/Open container

Billy Foster, 65, arrested 1/24/24; Probation violation

Janaya Delasia Frazier, 21, arrested 1/24/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked

Jadis Trevon Gant, 20, arrested 1/24/24; Sexual exploitation of children/ Probation violation

Jose Angel Garcia, 39, arrested 1/22/24; Possession of firearm by convicted felon/Driving while license suspended/revoked/Speeding

Joshua Daryal Garnto, 36, arrested 1/25/24; Probation violation

Brandon Junal Hamiel, 42, arrested 1/27/24; Operating unregistered vehicle/No insurance/ Driving while license suspended/revoked/ Move over law for emergency vehicles

Virginia Amanda Harden, 44, arrested 1/29/24; Driving

while license suspended/revoked/Failure to maintain lane/Open container / Driving unsafe/improperly equipped vehicle

Brianna Jasmine Hogg, 27, arrested 1/27/24; Disorderly conduct

Zachary O'Neil Jones, 20, arrested 1/23/24; Theft by receiving stolen property/Fleeing or attempting to elude/ Juvenile probation/ Driving while unlicensed/Leaving scene of accident Veronica An Kelly,

54, arrested 1/26/24; Aggravated assault/ Battery/Cruelty to children 3rd degree James Joseph Kemp, 42, arrested 1/26/24;

Possession of meth/ Possession and use of drug related objects William Parker

Miller, 53, arrested 1/24/24; Seatbelt violation-0child/Driving while license suspended/revoked/Hold for Bulloch Co. Todd Marshall

Pearson, 26, arrested Disorderly 1/27/24; conduct Harold Hood Ricks, 45, arrested 1/24/24; Trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana or meth/ Trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana or meth/ Possession of schedule I controlled substance/ Possession of meth with intent to distribute/ Purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution or sale of marijuana-felony/Possession of cocaine with intent to

by convicted felon/ Possession of firearm or knife during commission of or attempt to commit certain felonies

Jeffrey Jerome Washington, 63, arrested 1/24/24; Probation vio-

lation Matthew Allen Williams, 40, arrested 1/24/24; Disorderly conduct/Public drunkenness

Ariana Yvete Willis, 28, arrested 1/23/24; Brought in for court

Keshon Terell Woods, 19, arrested 1/27/24; Reckless driving/ Possession of marijuana less than oz/Obstruction of law enforcement/ Fleeing or attempting to elude/Driving while suspended/ license revoked/Possession of firearm by convicted

Sheriff's Reports.

According theEmanuel County Sheriff's Office...

January 21

Complainant went to ECSO to report hitting a deer on Hwy 1 North, causing moderate damage to her vehicle.

January 22

Deputy received a call to go to Old Kenfield Rd. in referenced to damage to a vehicle. Victim stated both back tires were flattened while in her yard. Victim had a tire service go to her house and they found the tires had multiple holes that appeared to be stabbed in both tires.

Deputy responded to Wheeler Rd. in reference to a property exchange.

Deputy was dispatched to EMC for a dog bite. Victim stated while dropping off items to a relative on Stingray Rd., a small dog bit her ankle, leaving puncture marks. Deputy contacted AC1 and met them on Stingray Rd. where the described dog was observed and appeared aggressive. Several attempts were made to apprehend the dog but were unsuccessful. AC1 advised traps would be set in attempt to capture the dog.

Victim stated tow unknown people have been threatening him online. Victim has communicated with them for a short time but wanted to report suspects threatening to post a nude picture supposedly of victim online and to ruin his life. Suspects are requesting \$300 to not post the picture.

Deputy responded to McKenzie Dr. in reference to an unwanted person.

January 23 Deputy was requested by SPD on a traffic stop on E. Main St. Officer explained there was a complainant about an employee going to work intoxicated and asked if he could perform a PBT and he was advised he could. C/p advised officer that if the employee was intoxicated, he would have someone pick her up and take her home. During the conversation with c/p, offender walked out and got in her vehicle. Officer observed employee leave in the vehicle and advised another officer of the situation and the officer got behind offender to find the vehicle did not have any working tag lights and observed offender fail to maintain lane, crossing the center line, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer asked the driver to step out of the vehicle and officer observed offender using the truck to balance. Officer asked offender if she anything to drink and she stated around midnight. While speaking with offender, officer could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from her person. Officer then asked if she would perform a field sobri-

ety and she stated yes. After several attempts, offender tested positive for alcohol. Officer advised offender she was under arrest for DUI. Offender's vehicle was searched to find six bottles of liquor in the rear seat and three were open. Offender was transported to EmCo

Deputy responded to S. 2nd St. in reference to a stolen vehicle. While enroute, deputy was advised the vehicle had been reported as a repossession earlier that night. Deputy spoke with the repo driver who advised he had an active repo order before towing it. Deputy then made contact with complainant who stated she bought the car from a man in Atlanta and it was paid off and she has the title. C/p advised the man she bought the vehicle from acquired it from an auction and believed it had been repossessed before being auctioned. C/p was advised to obtain the documents and contact the repo company and company who put the repo order out.

Deputies responded to Sunset Dr. for someone being followed. Complainant and victim advised they were being followed by two females and there is a stay-away order on one of them, but a stay-away order could not be found.

January 24

Complainant called ECSO to report that for the last two months, he has noticed where someone has been going on his property and taking gas out of vehicles. Deputy asked about cameras and c/p stated he did not have any but has plans to put some up.

January 25

Deputies responded to Pine St. in reference to a third-party call of domestic dispute. Deputy observed complainant standing on the steps holding a pair of boots in one hand and what appeared to be a dagger in the other hand so he gave verbal commands to drop the dagger and move away from it. C/p complied and was detained. Deputy then advised c/p to stand with another officer while contact was made with the other party involved. Deputy made contact with the other party/offender who stated she was supposed to take c/p to the bus station in Savannah so he could go to Florida. Offender stated c/p asked her to go with him to FL, at which point she advised that she could not go due to prior engagements. Offender stated c/p began accusing her of seeing other people and became irate and grabbed her by her arm. No marks were observed. Offender stated she grabbed a dagger and pointed it at c/p and he took it away from her and was holding it when deputies arrived. Offender stated she declined to pursue criminal action and did not wish to file a report. Deputy then removed the handcuffs from c/p and explained why he was detained. C/p advised that this is not the first time something like this has happened and that he was stabbed several weeks ago by offender but did

not call law enforcement. C/p did not want to pursue any criminal action against offender and did not wish to file a report.

distribute/Possession

Possession of firearm

amphetamine/

Complainant went to ECSO and stated his tag was mailed on 12/15/23and he has not received

January 26

Deputy received a call from Johnson County SO stating he may have came in contact with a sex offender living in GA without being registered.

Deputy met with complainant who stated an unknown offender gained access to victim's food stamp information and used the card in NY totaling \$147.

January 27 dis-Deputy was patched to Fairground Rd. in reference to complainant stating someone took mail from his mailbox. C/p stated his next door neighbor took a passport and two international driver license from his mailbox. While speaking with c/p, offender walked over and returned the passport and one license. When asked about the other license, he advised it was given to a male subject that cuts grass but he would get it and return it to c/p. Offender stated he took the items because he believed c/p to have been causing issues at residences in the location. C/p stated they do not know offender but have had several issues with him. C/p later met with deputy to report offender did not return the documents.

Deputy was dispatched to Lambs Bridge Rd. in reference to a hit and run. Complainant stated a truck backed into her vehicle then fled the scene. Deputy observed damage to the vehicle consistent with a trailer hitch striking it.

Deputies were dispatched to Old Nunez Rd. in reference to the

caller stating her ex-boyfriend stated he was on the way to take the kid and a cell phone. Contact was made with offender who stated he was tracking a stolen phone and explained when they broke up, he asked for it back and c/p refuses to give it back. C/p stated the phone was given to her by offender as a gift and they split up and now he wants it back. C/p advised she wanted offender trespassed so he was advised that he was being trespassed from the property and if he returned, he would be arrested. Offender was explained the process of gaining rights to his child and to go through Magistrate Court to obtain the phone back. This made offender and his father upset and they began fussing in front of the children on the side of the road. Both were advised they could be arrested for disorderly conduct then advised them to return to the

vehicle.

January 28 Deputy met with complainant at Gethsemane Missionary **Baptist** Church in reference to a report of criminal trespass. C/p advised he found where offenders did donuts in the grass at the entrance of the church. Video footage showed two trucks pulling in the church parking lot and one cutting

donuts before leaving. Deputy spoke with complainant who stated she has river property on Heron Rd. and someone stole her kayaks from a lock and chain. C/p stated they are worth about \$200 each.

Deputy was dispatched to Lake Luck Dr. in reference to someone following the caller and having an active TPO. Deputy met with c/p who stated offender followed her from Huddle House to her residence. No active TPO could be found through GCIC.



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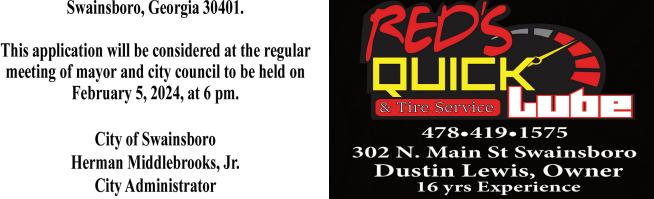
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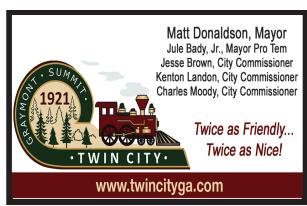
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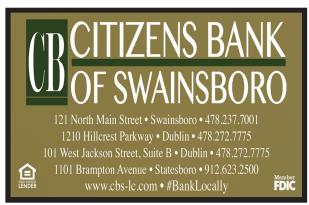
























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LOCATION:

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Licensure: Hold an unencumbered licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the State of Georgia.
- *Education:* Possess a Master's Degree in Nursing.
- *Experience*: Have a minimum of three (3) years of recent clinical experience as an RN, with at least one year of nursing experience providing direct patient care in a medical-surgical staff nurse role. Prior teaching experience or a strong desire to pursue a career in nursing education is highly desirable.
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POSITION:

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LOCATION:

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Minimum Qualifications:

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF **GEORGIA** IN THE INTEREST OF:

SEX: DOB: 01/028/2023 CASE# 23JV143 Minor Child Under the Age of 18. NOTICE OF SUMMONS

Any 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, 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 this notice, you file

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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

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

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF **EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE INTEREST OF:

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 Emanue 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 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 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

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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

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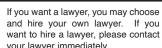
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF **GEORGIA** IN THE INTEREST OF:

SEX:

DOB: 12/21/2022 CASE# Minor Child Under the Age of 18. **NOTICE OF SUMMONS**

Briana Bell, Stanley Boatright, and Any Unknown Biological/Legal/Putative Father of the above-named child born to the mother, Briana Bell, at a home birth in Adrian, Emanuel County, 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

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 __11th_ day of April, 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 vour 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 28, 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 permaent order of this Court in t 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.

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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.

(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 par-

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Mattie Mae Archie, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 18th day of January, 2024. Charles Burnette, Executor of the Estate of Mattie Mae Archie, decedent

Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. Swainsboro, GA 30401

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This 18th day of January, 2024. Melissa W. Boone, Executor of the

Luther L. Williamson, decedent Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GREENE COUNTY STATE OF

GEORGIA IN THE INTEREST OF: SEX: M AGE: 14 CASE#: 066-DOB: 02/06/2009.

2024-006 DOB: 05/07/2013. CASE#: 066-2024-007

Children Under 18 years of age. **NOTICE OF SUMMONS & EFFECT OF TERMINATION JUDGMENT**

WHOM IT MAY CONCERN TO and Travis Tarver and any and all unknown biological fathers of E.H. and E.H., minor children born to Shar-Dae Hills

Georgia law provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A petition to terminate parental rights has been filed requesting the court to terminate your parental rights to your child. A court hearing for your case has been scheduled for the 1st day of May, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., at the Greene County Courthouse, Greensboro, Georgia. A copy of the petition may be obtained by the parents from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court at Greene County Courthouse, Greensboro, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 o'clock am until 5:00 o'clock p.m. exclusive of holidays. A free copy shall be available to the parent. Upon request, the copy will be mailed to the requester - parents

nature of the allegations are abandonment and failure to comply with vour reunification case plan.

If you fail to appear, the court can ter-

minate your rights in your absence. If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition to terminate parental rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interest of your child, the court can enter a judgment ending the rights to your child. If the judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings of property. Your child will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else. Even if your parental rights are terminated: (1) You will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and (2) Your child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted.

This is a very serious matter. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire and attorney, the court will appoint an attorney if the court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing in your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought

To any and all unknown biological fathers of E. H. and E. H.: Greene County DFCS has filed a petition to terminate your parental rights. Therefore, set out below is an exact copy of O.C.G.A § 15-11-283, which has important information to a biological father concerning his illegitimate child when there is a petition for termination of parental rights. The Code Section is as follows:

When notice is given pursuant to this Code section, it shall advise such biological father who is not the legal father that he loses all rights to the child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights to the

of such notice, he files

A petition to legitimate the child pursuant to Code Section 19-7-22; and

Notice of the filing of the (2)petition to legitimate with the court

in which the action under this Code section is pending. If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone of the clerk's office which is

. (706) 453-3340. WITNESS THE HONORABLE KELL C. RUTHERFORD, Judge of said Juvenile Court.

This 18th day of January, 2024. /s/ Sharon Willis DEPUTY CLERK, JUVENILE

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City Council Post 3 \$15.00 City Council Post 4 \$15.00 City Council psot 5 \$15.00

A Special Election to fill the unexpired term of AJ McLeod will be held in conjunction with the General Election.

City Council Post 2 \$15.00

Qualifying for said offices will begin August 19, 2024 and end August 21, 2024 during the hours of 9:00am and 4:30pm. Such qualifying will take place at the **Emanuel County Elections Office located** at 105 South Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401. The last day to register to vote in this election is October 7, 2024.

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Veterans at the Library have another new member; Sherrod is guest speaker

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting Monday, January 29, at the Franklin Memorial Library at 9:15 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, there were 62 in attendance, a new record, with one new veteran, Keith Douglas Wilcox. Keith served in the U.S. Army from January 28, 1975, to May 4, 1984. He was also sta-

Georgia Society Sons

ing Thursday night,

January 18, at Chatters

Restaurant in Lyons at

7 p.m. With President-

elect Steve DeWeil pre-

siding, there were 14

in attendance. After a

great meal, GASSAR

President-elect Ed Rigel,

Jr. installed the Four

Rivers Patriots Officer

Staff: Vice President

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Al Johnson, Treasurer;

Mills,

Brown, Sgt-at-Arms;

Chaplain Emory Fennel;

Registrar Dean Mills;

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tioned at Fort Knox, Ky, Fort Lee, VA, Scholfield Barracks, HI, and Fort Carson, CO. Wilcox's highest rank received was Staff Sgt. Items that were discussed were the upcoming Veterans Golf Tournament at the Swainsboro Country Club on Saturday, May 18, the upcoming visit to EGSC by the U.S. Air Force Band (director Lt. Jay Sconyers) on Sunday,

and Genealogist Dess

Smith III. President-

elect Ed then installed the Four Rivers Patriots

Chapter President Steve

DeWeil. President Steve

then presented Past

President George King

with a beautiful plaque

honoring George's two-

year service, 2022 and

2023, as President of the Four Rivers Chapter

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his terms. Compatriot

Dess Smith III then pre-

sented Sgt-at-Arms Dan

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the November 18, 2023,

event at Midway.

March 24, at 3 p.m. and Veterans Tail Gating on Saturday, March 23, at EGSC. Flags were placed at the Veterans & 1st Responders Park for the two Navy Seals lost in the Red Sea this month. Also, they discussed putting U.S. Flags at the Veterans & 1st Responders Park for the three Georgia U.S. Army soldiers killed in the drone attack in

Jordan this past weekend. During the meeting, Emanuel County Commissioner Jim Sherrod gave an update on the county and what was coming in the near future concerning the John C. Coleman Hotel, the Mitchell Building, the Emanuel County Recreation Department and the new building beside the U.S. Post





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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-132(a)(3) and O.C.G.A. 21-2-131(a)(1)(A), notice is hereby given that the General Election will be held November 5th, 2024 for the City of Adrian. Qualifying fees and available office are as follows:

Office	Fee
City Council Post 2	\$54.00
City Council Post 4	\$54.00
City Council Post 5	\$54.00

A Special Election to fill the unexpired term of Jesse Yawn will be held in conjunction with the General Election.

City Council Post 3 \$54.00

Such fees shall be paid to the City of Adrian by any candidate seeking nomination in the November 5th, 2024 election. Qualifying for said offices shall be August 19, 2024 through August 21, 2024 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Qualifying shall take place at the Adrian City Hall located at 304 West Main Street, Adrian, Georgia 31002.

Registration deadline to be eligible to cast a ballot for the General election is October 7th, 2024.

> Jennifer Roberts **Election Superintendent** Adrian, Georgia



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Senator Hickman wraps up busy week

by SENATOR BILLY **HICKMAN**

We wrapped up a busy week at the Capitol working on numerous issues including tax cuts, public safety, and election integrity. I am looking forward to catching up on some work locally before another busy week in Atlanta. Thank you for your support. I appreciate your confidence in my representation of you in the Senate. I can assure you that I do not take the responsibility lightly.

If you have any questions, feedback, or just want to stop in to say hello, contact me at billy. hickman@senate.ga.gov or 404-463-1371.

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News from Under the Gold Dome: Week 3

by REPRESENTA-TIVE BUTCH PARRISH STATE HOUSE DIS-TRICT 158

The Georgia House Representatives returned to the Gold Dome for the third week of the 2024 legislative session on Monday, January 22. It was an actionpacked week as the House Rules Committee held its first meeting, we voted on our first set of bills of the session, and several House committees held meetings. As we are now in the second session of the 157th Georgia General Assembly, or the second year of the biennial, any bills that did not receive passage during the 2023 legislative session are still eligible for consideration.

Here are a few of the Bills we passed last

House Bill 502, or the "Georgia Cosmetic Laser Services Act." HB 502 would update the definition of "cosmetic laser services" in state law as a result of the development of new dermatological procedures that were not encompassed in the previous definition.

House Bill 804, would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue two distinct license plates to ambulance and hearse owners: one for ambulances that indicates "Ambulance" and one for funeral vehicles that indicates "Hearse." Currently, the license plates issued for both vehicles reads "Hearse/ Ambulance." Many years ago, hearses were used to transport people to both hospitals and funeral homes. Today, ambulances and hearses serve separate purposes, so this legislation would confirm their distinctive transport roles. For each motor driven hearse and each motor driven ambulance, the cost for the license plates would remain at \$20 annually. If passed and signed into law, this bill would become effective on January 1, 2025.

House Bill 434 would create the licensure of radiologist assistants in our state. Under this bill, the Georgia Composite Medical Board would establish criteria for licensure and licensure renewal for radiologist assistants, as well as establishing rules and regulations related to the qualifications, scope of practice, and supervision of these healthcare workers. Radiologist assistants work alongside radiologists, and their work assists in improving efficiency and productivity for radiologists. By creating this licensure, this legislation would help to recruit and retain the healthcare workforce in Georgia, while also improving healthcare delivery and shortening patient wait times.

House Bill 30 addresses antisemitism in our state and would add antisemitism as a category covered by our hate crimes law. Under HB 30, the internationally recognized definition of "antisemitism," as adopted by the Inter-Holocaust national Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), would become part of state law. Additionally, this bill would require all state agencies that enforce criminal or noncriminal law or regulation that prohibits discrimination heroic acts and selfless to consider the definition of antisemitism during that enforcement. The final passage

of this bill is a victory for our friends in the Jewish community and was especially timely given the rise in antisemitic acts in our state and across the country. I was proud to vote in favor of this legislation and proud of the House for leading on this vital effort. HB 30 now heads to Governor Kemp's desk to be signed into Aside from our work

in committees and on

the House floor, it was

a busy week under the Gold Dome with many events, activities, and recognition of special guests. The Japanese Consulate in Atlanta held a 50-year celebration at the Capitol and received a special recognition while the House was in session. My colleagues and I also welcomed guests for Korean American Day. Events were also held at the Capitol for Addiction Recovery Awareness Day and Mental Health Day to raise awareness for these important initiatives. Finally, we honored National Guard Day in the House with a special invitation resolution recognizing January 25 as National Guard Day at the State Capitol. Members of Georgia's National Guard joined us on the floor of the House Chamber and were honored for their service to our state and nation.

We will return to the State Capitol on Mon-

day, January 29 for our fourth week of session. My colleagues and I will continue to consider legislation that best serves Georgians, and I will be sure to update you about our legislative work. As we continue through the session, I hope that you will reach out with your questions or concerns regarding legislation and the issues that are significant to you and your family.

I remain dedicated to serving your interests as your state representative, and I hope that you will contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the legislative session or with any proposals or recommendations for future legislation.

You can also stay in touch by visiting our website at www.house. ga.gov to watch a live stream of the House in action, as well as archived committee meetings, and review legislation that we are considering.

Follow me on faceupdates for book throughout the year.

Thank you for allowing me to be your representative.

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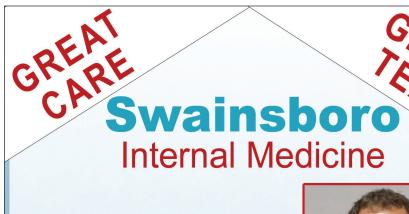
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Franklin Memorial Library weekly events

by ROSIE LOVETT Franklin Memorial Library is set to bring an array of activities to you this February. A series of events, includ-

Challenge, session, Children's Craft, our Annual Black History

ing a month-long Winter Program, Couple's Night, and Dr. Seuss Birthday Toddler Time, Veterans Celebration are lined up Breakfast, a Teen Craft for patrons of all ages. Starting on February 1, young readers ages 5-7

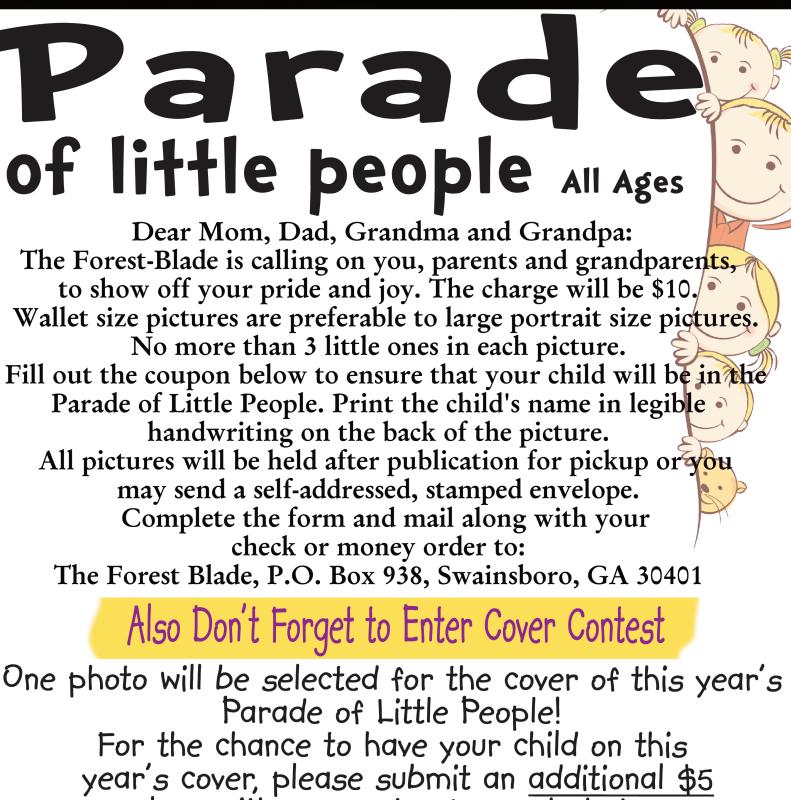
and 8-11 are invited to participate in our Winter Reading Challenge. This event aims to foster a love for reading among the young ones during the

chilly season. We encourage everyone within this age bracket to join and dive into the exciting world of books. Following Winter Reading

Challenge, Toddler Time is scheduled on February 2 and February 9, both at 10:30 a.m. This regular program is designed to captivate the interest of our youngest patrons with age-appropriate stories and activities. Toddler Time is a staple at Franklin Memorial Library, held every Friday at 10:30 a.m. On February 5, we pay tribute to our local heroes with a Veterans Breakfast at 9:15 a.m. This event provides an opportunity for our community to express gratitude for the service and sacrifices of our veterans. Franklin Memorial Library holds this breakfast gathering every Monday at 9:15 a.m. Our teenagers are not left out of the fun. On February 6, we have a Teen Craft session lined up at 4:30 p.m. where participants will create No Sew Heart Pillows. This event provides a perfect platform for teens to explore their creativity and make new friends. Please note that on February 7, the library will open at 10 a.m. due to a staff meeting. We appreciate your understanding and apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Our Children's Craft will be held on February 9, at 4 p.m. This is a great opportunity for children to explore their creativity and maybe check out a book while here. Our Annual Black History Program will be held on February 17, at 10 a.m. Our Couple's Night will be held on February 22, at 6:30 p.m. with limited spots available. Finally, our Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration will be held on February 26, at 4 p.m. We will provide more information for these later in the month events, as time gets closer. If you would like more information on any of our upcoming events, please call or visit us at, (478) 237-7791 or 331 West Main Street, Swainsboro. Stay updated with all these activities by checking out on our Facebook page as well. Also on our Facebook page, we offer live cooking shows every month hosted by Ms. Deana, where you can learn easy and delicious recipes. Additionally, every Friday, we share a quick news report to recap our week and highlight upcoming events. Facebook is your onestop platform to keep up with all of our events and updates. We have many more things happening in the month of February, stay tuned and we hope to see you soon! Encourage your family, friends, and

neighbors to participate in these enriching activities. Let's make February a month of learning, creativity, and community at the Franklin Memorial

Library.



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