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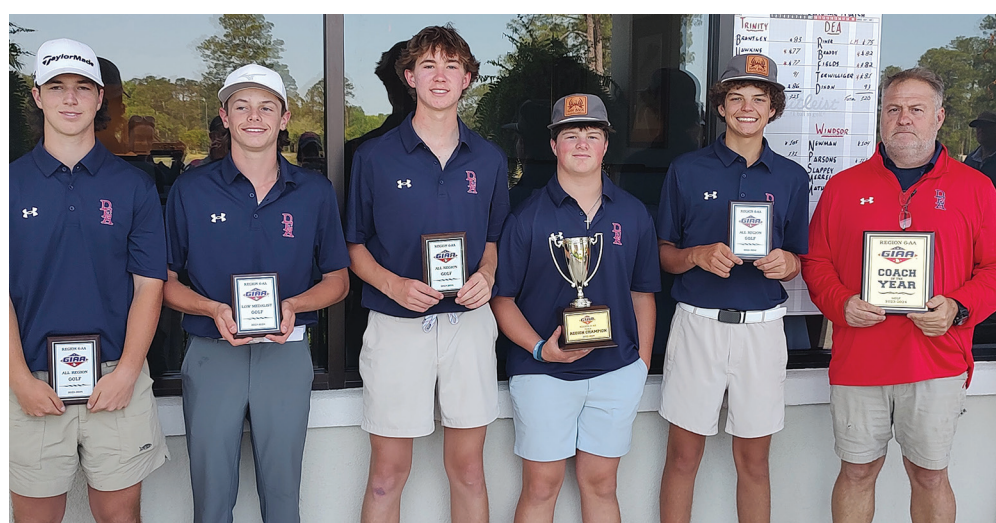
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FUTURE EMANUEL COUNTY TAX AND ELECTIONS OFFICES

New home by year's end

Things are taking shape with the new home for the Emanuel County tax and election offices. Construction of the new building next to the Post Office is rapidly progressing and is forecast for significant completion by the end of the year. When the project is ready for occupancy, the operations of the County Tax Commissioner, Tax Collections and Tax Assessors as well as the office of Superintendent of Elections will all move into their new home. The building will also serve as the voting location for the Swainsboro precinct election day voting and early voting. Increased customer convenience, easier access, greatly needed additional office space, and faster, more efficient service should be the rule by early 2025.



BRADDY, RINER, FIELDS, DIXON, TERWILLIGER, AND COACH INMAN

David Emanuel Region Champs

Eagles Golf team played Monday, April 8, in the 6AA Region Golf Tournament at Dublin Country Club. With a team score of 320, the Eagles defeated Trinity Christian of Dublin, Robert Toombs, Windsor Academy, and Covenant Academy to win the 6AA

region title. Members of the David Emanuel golf team participating at the State Tournament are Richard Braddy, Cooper Riner, Ethan Fields, Paxton Dixon, and Layton Terwilliger. Individual awardsearned at the region tournament: Cooper Riner - Low

Medalist & All Region; Layton Terwilliger - All Region; Ethan Fields - All Region; Richard Braddy - All Region. The Eagles will compete in the 2024 GIAA State Golf Tournament on Monday, April 22, at the Harbor Club in Greensboro.

Coleman wins Commissioner post runoff

Another election has been decided in the crowded 2024 political sweepstakes of Emanuel County. The official numbers for the runoff between Kwame Coleman and Chris Jukes for County Commissioner, District 1 is as follows: Coleman received a total of 340 votes. Jukes tallied 253. The breakdown of the vote for Coleman included 238 votes on election day, 93 votes in advance, and 9 absentees for a total of 57.14 percent. Jukes received 151 votes on election day, 97 in advance, and 5 by absentee for a total of 42.52 percent of the total votes cast. The next round of elections on the calendar will take place a little over a month from now when a slate of local and state races are decided on May 21.



EMC EMPLOYEES WITH PRESIDENT GRAY

Citizens Bank of Swainsboro supports Emanuel Medical Center with \$200,000 donation

Citizens Bank of Swainsboro recently presented Emanuel Medical Center with a donation totaling \$200,000. The contribution, made through the Georgia HEART Rural Hospital Tax Credit Program, will bolster essential hospital services and aid in the expansion of EMC's

Emergency Department. "We extend our sincere appreciation to Citizens Bank of Swainsboro for their remarkable contribution," said EMC's Director of Development, Lynn Brinson. "Their continued support of Emanuel Medical Center is a true testament to their unwavering com-

mitment to our community." Georgia HEART (Helping Enhance Access to Rural Treatment) offers a unique opportunity for individuals and businesses to redirect their Georgia income tax dollars to qualifying hospitals. Emanuel Medical (Continued on page 7A)

County Commission back to full strength

The regular meeting of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 15, 2024, at the John C. Coleman County Office Building. Commissioners present were Chairman Hugh Foskey, Kawame Coleman, Timmy Oliver, Jim Sherrod and Ricky Thompson. Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Foskey welcomed all present and expressed a special welcome to newly installed Commissioner

Kawame Coleman who now represents District 1. In the first agenda item for the meeting, an update was provided by District Attorney Tripp Fitzner on the move of his department from the John C. Coleman County Building into temporary offices on Jefferson Street. Fitzner reported that the major portion of office operations has already been relocated to the temporary building. On financial matters, he commented on the challenge posed by

reduced funding from the state which has resulted from a decrease in fine monies collected statewide. He advised commissioners that traditional grant money from the federal government was down as well this year. Fitzner commented that this was the first time he, as D.A., has ever asked for an increase in funding from the county, but suggested that such action be considered. A motion was made and passed for (Continued on page 7A)

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Chain Saw
Carver

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Tim Davis, Chainsaw Carver

Some people draw. Some people paint. Tim Davis cuts! A second-generation carver, Davis began hand carving wood in his grandfather's workshop at an early age. "I kind of stayed out there in the workshop with my grandfather and that's how I found my love of woodworking." His dreams were on a much larger scale though and soon he decided to bring the big guns out and became a first-generation chainsaw carver. Since those humble beginnings in his grandfather's workshop, Davis has homed in on his craft of choice and has become one of South Georgia's leading chainsaw carvers.

Davis has carved a wide variety of art with his trusty chainsaw. His completed project list includes benches, signage, log trucks, animals, lighthouses, logos, mascots, etc. Perhaps his most detailed piece to date happened just this year. Wanting to showcase what he can do; he admits he could have gone into even more detail than he did on the project but adds that he did more than he initially planned. Tim says, "this is the first time I have used the same chunk of wood to cut out pieces and build something out of it. It may not be the most detail I am capable of, but I sure am happy with the final project!"

Davis' jeep piece was carved in detail right down to the shocks. After getting most of the parts carved by chainsaw and by hand, he started to fit everything together. Once it all fit, it was time to treat and paint. Davis thought the project was almost



JEEP CARVED FROM WOOD



LOG TRUCK CARVED FROM WOOD

complete but realized he needed a driver for the rock-climbing blue jeep. This is where the knowledge that his grandfather instilled in him came in handy. Davis carved a driver and made a steering wheel to fit him and the jeep.

After sharing his masterpiece with a friend, Davis realized he was not done. Turns out Tim's friend insisted on adding a cooler for the back of the jeep and some canned drinks. This is

when Davis admits he may have gotten a bit out of hand. Davis ended up adding an igloo cooler, canned drinks (some of which were crushed), a grill, bag of charcoal, fire extinguisher, a high lift jack, winch for the front of the jeep and a shovel. You know, the normal things you would find in a jeep when you are taking it off-road.

For more information on Tim Davis, the Chainsaw Carver, visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/sawcarverTD.



MILTON WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEYS

Milton sentenced for death of 31-year-old Swainsboro resident

Peggy Ann Milton, 34-year-old Twin City resident, appeared before the Honorable Judge Robert S. Reeves in Emanuel County Superior Court for a first appearance hearing on Monday, July 11, 2022, in the fatal shooting of Nicholas Jovantay Hall, 31, of Swainsboro.

The shooting took place on Saturday, July 9, 2022, on Stokes Avenue in Twin

City. Milton was arrested at the scene and transported to the Emanuel County Jail for murder and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. She was indicted in January 2023 for malice murder, felony murder, aggravated assault, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

On Wednesday, April 10, 2024, with Honorable

Judge Robert S. Reeves presiding, jurors found Milton not guilty on one count malice murder; guilty on one count felony murder and received life with parole; guilty on one count aggravated assault merged with felony murder; and guilty on one count possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony and received five years probation.

Officers get more drugs off the streets

Ricky Thomas, age 38, of Swainsboro was arrested twice in two months on drug related

charges.

The first arrest was made February 9, 2024. Following crack co-

caine purchases made by undercover agents, a search warrant was issued. Thomas was arrested on New Street and charged with trafficking crack cocaine, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, theft by receiving stolen property, and possession of drug related objects. He was released on bond.

On April 9, Thomas was once again arrested. Swainsboro Police Department made a traffic stop and found crack cocaine in the vehicle. Narcotics Investigator Dakota Lamb with the Emanuel County Sheriff's Department was called in to help with the investigation. The driver of the vehicle told officers he had purchased the drugs from Thomas. A search warrant was issued on a Harris Street address, where Thomas resides. Investigators recovered 108 grams of crack cocaine and a firearm. Thomas was charged with trafficking crack cocaine, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of Schedule 2 controlled substance with intent to distribute, 2 counts possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime, 3 counts possession of dangerous drugs and possession of drug related objects.

"We can't get all the drugs off the street but we are making every effort. It's not easy – the drug dealers try to stay one step ahead but we capitalize on their mistakes," stated Investigator Lamb.



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PruittHealth Hospice Partner Spotlight



JESSICA JONES
MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER

Hello! My name is Jessica Jones and I have been in the field of Social Work for the past 16 years with experience in Child Welfare as well as in the Georgia Department of Corrections setting. I obtained both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree In Social Work from Albany State University. For the past two and half years, I have served as a Medical Social Worker with Pruitt Health Hospice Swainsboro.

Working with hospice in the capacity of a Social Worker, allows for a sense of purpose and mission while servicing individuals at the end of life as well as an added support for the families. I'm honored to work alongside a wonderful group of Committed to Caring and Compassionate individuals here at Pruitt Health Hospice Swainsboro.

Growing up in Claxton, Ga, I currently reside in Statesboro, Ga and I am blessed to be a mother to a wonderful eight year old son, Jesiah.



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Twin City to celebrate Georgia Cities Week

Twin City officials announced the city will be celebrating “Georgia Cities Week” April 21-27. The theme of this year’s Georgia Cities Week is “Soaring to New Heights”.

“We’re very proud of our city and the services we provide that make it attractive to residents and visitors,” said Mayor Matt Donaldson. “Cities provide the services and infrastructure to help businesses grow and set the stage for events where families and individuals can gather as a community.”

Twin City is planning to hold its annual City Clean Up on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The city will have dump locations open for household garbage only. Twin



GEORGIA CITIES WEEK LOGO

City Public Works will be working for the day to pick up any large, household items that needs disposing of. If citizens have any large items and cannot make it to a dump location, citizens should put them beside the road on that Saturday and city workers will pick them up. This is a one day only event. If there are questions, please call City Hall at 478-763-2695.

Cities across Georgia will be celebrating Georgia Cities Week, sponsored by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), to showcase and celebrate cities and the many services they provide. Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and consulting services to its 536 member cities.

ECHS to hold annual meeting

by MISSY ELDER

Do you know what this picture is of? Many would say a moonshine still, and yes, that would be a good guess; however, it is actually a turpentine still. It works on the same principle of gas evaporating, cooling, and becoming a liquid. The Emanuel County Historic Society has one at the museum along with many more items used in the Naval Stores industry that was prevalent in this County until the middle 1960s. Naval Stores is the name applied to the entire industry surrounding the longleaf and slash pines that are native to our county. The Pine Tree Festival was founded because of this.

Our Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, April 25th at 7 p.m. at the



TURPENTINE STILL

museum at 161 Museum Rd, across from the Jaycee Fairgrounds. Please bring a dish to share in our potluck dinner. There will be a short business meeting

to elect officers and directors before the program on Naval Stores.

For any information, call 478-763-3631. “May The Forest Be With You”.

Pine Tree Festival Parade Application

• Date of Parade: May 4, 2024 • Sign Up Deadline: May 1, 2024 • Line Up Location: Behind Sonic at the Exchange Club tent

• Line Up Time: 9:30 am • Step Off: 10:30 am • Entry Fee - \$25 per group including non-profit groups (cash, check, money order only)

Check the one that applies: Profit: _____ Non-Profit: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Organization: _____

Float: _____ Car/Truck: _____ Walking Unit: _____ Golf Cart: _____ Tractor: _____

Cruiser/Tour Bike: _____ Other: _____

Please provide brief description of entry: _____

• Official Rules •

1) The Pine Tree Festival Committee will not provide floats.

2) You must provide your own sign for your vehicle, float, etc. *Please initial here:* _____

3) You must be 16 years of age and have a driver’s license to drive in the parade.

Trucks, cars, tractors, tour bikes, cruiser bikes and golf carts are allowed. All wheels must remain on the ground at all times. No wheelies. No spinning wheels, etc.

No tricks of any kind. *Please initial here:* _____

4) Any other entry including a motorized vehicle not listed above, must be part of a nationally recognized & sanctioned organization and provide proof of a minimum \$1 million liability coverage insurance policy that is in good standing for May 4, 2024. This copy must be included with parade application and will not be returned. Applications received without proof of coverage will not be accepted. *Please initial here:* _____

5) If you are participating in the float competition, your float must have a pine tree or timber theme in order to be included in the competition. *Please initial here:* _____

6) Awards will be given to the overall first, second, and third place float winners.

7) NO candy or other objects will be allowed to be thrown from vehicles or floats in the parade. If you are caught throwing items, you will be disqualified from the competition! If your entry has candy or promotional items to hand out, this must be done by individuals walking next to the sidewalks. This is to keep all children from running into the street resulting in possible accidents. *Please initial here:* _____

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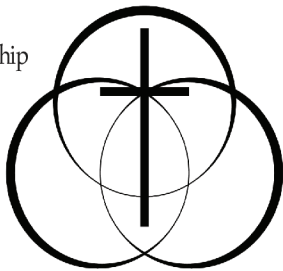
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Marvin Wyatt Youngblood, 84

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory announces the death of Mr. Marvin Wyatt Youngblood, age 84, of Swainsboro, on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at his residence. Graveside services will be held Wednesday, April 17, at 11 a.m. in the Hawhammock Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery with Military Honors rendered with Rev. Louis Pearce and Rev. Casey Shaw officiating.

Mr. Youngblood was born on May 11, 1939, in Emanuel County, to the late Elmo and Nellie Brown Youngblood. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Swainsboro. Wyatt was ordained a deacon at Hillcrest Baptist Church in 1971 and was blessed to be a lay speaker for many years and made many lifelong friends. He was an Army Veteran with the 82nd Airborne Division. Wyatt retired from True Value.

Mr. Youngblood is survived by his wife of 60 years, Wanda Youngblood of Swainsboro; son, Kendall Youngblood (Karen) of Gig Harbor, WA; daughter, Sharon Patrick (Kevin) of Brooklet; granddaughter,



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Ashley Rushing (Brett) of Brooklet; grandson, Tommy Patrick (Emily) of Brooklet; sister, Myra Underwood of Greenville, SC; brothers, George Youngblood of Graniteville, SC and Dean Youngblood (Gayle) of Union Mills, NC; several nieces, nephews, and extended family.

The family would like to offer special thanks to the Pruitt Hospice and all of Mr. Youngblood's caregivers.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Georgia Baptist Children's Home, 9420 Blackshear Hwy, Baxley, GA 31513; First Baptist Church of Swainsboro; Pruitt Hospice, 667 S. Main St., Swainsboro, GA 30401 if so desired.

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Union Primitive Baptist Church to celebrate 100 years

Union Primitive Baptist Church located at 11 Trout Trail in Swainsboro will hold a special service on Saturday, April 27, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the church. Service will begin at 11 a.m. with guest preacher Elder John Scott. A covered dish lunch will be served immediately following.

Please direct any questions to Elder Sam Bown at 912.865.2795.

Williams Chapel Holiness Church will celebrate 86 years

Williams Chapel Holiness Church will celebrate its 86th Church Anniversary April 20-21, 2024. Saturday, April 20, the service will begin at 6 p.m. with Elder Willie Harden as the guest minister. Sunday, April 21, the service will begin at 12 p.m. with Bishop Clyde Fowler Jr. delivering the anniversary sermon. The pastor, Bishop Clyde Fowler, Jr. extends an invitation.



CHURCH MEMBERS PLANNING VBS

Calvary Methodist gearing up for VBS

Calvary Methodist members are busily preparing for VBS 2024. Scheduled for June 8th, the theme of Bible School will be "Jesus is my Strength". Using a circus setting, students will study the story of Daniel. According to Rev. Tom Tidwell, Calvary pastor, children attend-

ing will be immersed in learning how God's strength saved Daniel from the lions and how God can "rescue" them from life situations that they might encounter. Linda Carmichael, VBS director, said, "Children from those getting ready to enter Pre-K to those completing 5th grade are

invited to attend. We are going to have an exciting day filled with games and prizes, arts and crafts, music, snacks, and lunch. Most importantly, we are going to teach the children the importance of the power and strength of God in our lives". Mrs. Carmichael added, "VBS is a

gift from Calvary to the children of our community. All are welcome and invited to attend. The event will run from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. "Call the church at 478-237-2191 to pre-register your child for a time of fun and spiritual growth," Mrs. Carmichael concluded.

Mary Denise Fuller, 64

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Mary Denise Fuller, age 64, of Metter, on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at East Georgia Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, April 20, at 11 a.m. at the Peebles-Curry Memorial Chapel with Willie Wood officiating and Scott Weigl assisting. Interment will follow in the Elam Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday, April 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Mario Martin, Blaine Martin, Paul Muller, Garon Muller, Wesley Martin, Kalen Martin and Mason Martin. Honorary pallbearers are Wesley Wilder, Clyde Ellis, Gene Ellis, Gage Akins, Ethan Foster and Heath Foster.

Mrs. Fuller was born July 1, 1959, in Swainsboro, to Jot Wes Martin and Florence Elaine Foster. She was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Denise graduated from Emanuel County Institute in 1978 and graduated from Swainsboro Technical College, earning a degree in Cosmetology. She loved to decorate and enjoyed spending time with her children and granddaughter. Denise was an avid shopper and a very caring person. She dedicated her life to her heavenly Father Jehovah God on July 18, 1975, as one of Jehovah's



FULLER

Witnesses. Throughout the years, it was important to share her beliefs about Jehovah to any one who would listen including those nurses and doctors who took good care of her. Because of Denise's strong faith in the resurrection hope, she was looking forward to spending everlasting life on a paradise earth when pain and suffering would be a thing of the past. Mrs. Fuller is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Charlotte Martin-Muller; sister-in-law, Jolly Martin; grandparents, William Lewis and Lela Vi-Lonea Harden Foster and Carey C. and Mamie Lou Rushton-Martin.

Survivors include her sons, Logan Fuller (Alexandria) of Twin City and Hunter Fuller (Faith) of Statesboro; granddaughter, Paisley Mae Mary Fuller; father of her children, Darren Fuller; brothers, Karon Martin of Warner Robins, Garrette Martin (Tomi), Owen Martin (Lois) of Bonaire, and Allen Martin of Swainsboro.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

New Testament Missionary Outreach to hold youth rally

New Testament Missionary Outreach, 1033 Durden Road in Twin City, will hold their 2024 youth rally April 26 – 28. Friday's rally will be at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact Sis. Angela at 478.494.0893 or Sis. Cheryl at 478.494.1232.

Voices United Community Choir to hold membership drive

Voices United Community Choir will hold a membership drive Sunday, April 21, at 4 p.m. at New Hope World Outreach, 211 Lee Street in Swainsboro. For more information, call Matt Howard at 478.268.2406.

Editorials Columns

More than a golf game

This past week, thousands of people from all around the world, spent millions and millions of dollars to make the pilgrimage to Augusta to kneel at the holy grail of golf, eighteen holes of heaven, the mecca of greens, fairways and tee boxes otherwise known as “The Masters”. I know I’m getting close to being in trouble by making all these religious references, but to a lot of folks, golf is almost a religious experience, and I guess that’s why the golf course is where you might find some of them on Sunday, and that’s o.k.

with me, cause sometimes you just might find some other folks at the farm on Sunday. O.K., I think I might have just heard a little thunder so let’s move on from that. It’s fascinating to watch the patrons who come through the turnstiles at Augusta National. Some come from halfway around the world, some from all the way around the world and some from as close as Swainsboro. This was the 88th year of the tournament, and it gets bigger and bigger every year. Estimates are the four days of the Masters create an economic impact

of over \$150,000,000. The “look” of the Masters tournament and of Augusta National has changed through the years, but the culture of the event and of the place itself remains true to its storied beginnings in the early 1930s and its history since then. The Masters is one sporting venue where respect for the rules, the tradition, the people around you and the love of the sport is still honored, expected, required, and maintained, and if you don’t believe that, just ask one of the gallery guards. He will let you know if your behavior

is lacking.

Late on a Sunday afternoon with thousands of reverent fans around a green, you will swear you can hear everyone holding their breath waiting on the putt. It’s so quiet you can hear birds chirping way off in the distance. Then, like a scene from a movie, a 25-footer starts its roll across the grass, heading home and drops into the cup, and the roar of the crowd is so loud the ground vibrates. It’s just like that at the Masters. The intensity of the game makes you proud just to be there and to be a part of a

Charles Schwabe



moment. Whether you’re a spectator (excuse me, a patron) or a player, all you have to do is just enjoy the contest and play by the rules. Just bring your best game. And when the match is over, you walk out thinking what a shame it is that those same rules don’t apply everywhere. I guess it’s only natural for some to see a golf tour-

namment as just a game, but it sure would be great if this world we live in that is so troubled and confused about so many things could just take a tip from the simple respect for tradition, unchanging values, and time-honored principles that still lives inside the gates of that golf course and within the heritage of The Masters.

Twin Pines mining indifferent to Okefenokee backlash

As of this writing, the opportunity to express your opinion to Georgia’s Environmental Protection Division about their decision to issue draft permits for Alabama-based Twin Pines Minerals to strip-mine 582 acres of wetlands it owns adjacent to the Okefenokee Swamp, is over. That ended April 9. And our intrepid public servants under the Gold Dome along with their bureaucratic minions appear not to care one whit about what you think. It seems nobody wants the permits to be granted – except Twin Pines and their money-showering lobbyists – yet our politicians are telling us to go eat toothpaste whitener, one of the basic essentials to life as we know it, which will result from the company’s mining for titanium dioxide. The Okefenokee refuge covers nearly 630 square miles, is home to more than 400 animal species,

draws roughly 600,000 visitors annually and is being considered as a UNESCO World Heritage site like the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone Park. Big whooping deal says Twin Pines. Fire up the bulldozers. The Environmental Protection Division, which is fast becoming an oxymoron of epic proportions, has gotten thousands of negative comments about Twin Pines’ stated intentions. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opposes approving the permits. The Georgia Conservancy opposes it. The Georgia Municipal Association opposes it. Both of Georgia’s U.S. Sens. Ralph Warnock and Jon Ossoff oppose it. U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland opposes it. Former Republican Speaker of the U.S. House Newt Gingrich opposes it. And, as you can probably tell, I’m not crazy about it, either. A bill to prohibit mining

on portions of Trail Ridge, which is exactly where Twin Pines is aiming their scoops, was sponsored by more than half of the members of the state House of Representatives. It went nowhere. Rep. Lynn Smith, R-Newnan, chair of the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee, didn’t allow the bill to see the light of day. If you don’t have anything else on your agenda, why don’t you ask her why and see what kind of answer you get, if you get one at all. Her address: lynn.smith@house.ga.gov. Good luck. What disappoints me most is the nonresponse of Gov. Brian Kemp. The governor wields enormous power and influence in our state and could have made the Twin Pines effort dead in the water at any point. Strangely, the governor has been deafeningly silent. Why? This is an Alabama-based company, after all. Let them

go back home and dig in Clayhatchee or Boligee. I would remind Gov. Kemp that in 1999, Gov. Zell Miller was instrumental in successfully stopping a similar effort by Dupont Corporation to mine the same Trail Ridge. A quarter of a century later and it is déjà vu all over again. And then there was this condescending comment by Sen. Majority Leader Steve Gooch, R-Dahlonega, who said of the Twin Pines push to strip-mine the area, “Those are decisions that shouldn’t be made by political entities. We have to let our regulatory agencies do their jobs.” Say what? This guy must believe we are dumber than a box of rocks. Protecting one of our state’s most treasured resources from a company that was recently fined \$20,000 for drilling exploratory boreholes at the site in violation of state law is the job of our elected officials who, the

Dick Yarbrough



last time I looked, oversee the regulatory agencies. As I have said many times before, all political decisions – all – are made in only one of two ways: With the application of pressure or the absence thereof. You would think there has been enough public outcry that our politicians would be feeling the pressure and listening to us. Evidently, that is not the case with the Twin Pines heavy-handed insistence on getting their toothpaste whitener wherever the hell they want. No doubt, there is some kind of political hocus-pocus going on behind closed doors we aren’t privy to. I endow a program in the Grady College of Journalism and Mass

Communications at the University of Georgia. The subject is crisis communications. One of the things I stress is that being legally correct, as Twin Pines insists it is, does not mean you will win in the court of public opinion, where the ultimate decision lies. Twin Pines management and their tone-deaf lawyers may win the hearts and minds of the bureaucrats and obfuscated-talking politicians but not the rest of us. They have already lost badly in the court of public opinion. As if they give a damn. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

Strangers on Gospel Hill

We came as total strangers. Local folks had no idea of our background, education, or financial status. They went out of their way to welcome us to town. The “money pit” we had purchased at auction

was not on “Silk Stocking Avenue.” It was in the older neighborhood, “Gospel Hill,” but to us, it was a mansion where we could live out our dreams. Our immediate neighbors were friendly and polite to us.

People don’t always judge a person by the color of their skin, financial or social status in life, (which we already knew) but sometimes small towns have a way of scrutinizing a person’s background before

they form a valid opinion of their worth.

Our first encounter with love and acceptance came from our previous landlords, Danny and Gloria, who invited us to the beautiful old Crenshaw UMC and afterward to the local restaurant, Slaws, for the best home cooked food around. They made sure we were introduced to everyone in both places on our first visit, where we were warmly welcomed.

Later after we moved into our home, one of the local oil dealers, Mr. Robertson, made a special trip to see my husband at his office. He welcomed him to town, invited him to go to the Rotary Club with him the next week, and said he sure would like to have our business. (Our steam heat was fired by fuel oil). How many merchants do you know that make a visit to ask for their business? In a few days, his wife, brought over a baker’s dozen of homemade rolls. We thought we had died and gone to Heaven! Some of the best rolls anywhere, ever!

I mentioned to someone at church that I needed some mulch for my garden and asked where I might purchase some, and wouldn’t you know it, a few days later, I discovered a big pile of mulch in my yard that had been delivered and shoveled by this dear

La’Rose Tapley



man, Richard Lee. Richard was a jam up “stew master” for the Men’s Bible Class at Crenshaw UMC who was forever doing good for somebody.

At Christmas, a whole box or navel oranges and some red apples were brought by a local retired Dentist, Dr. Bradshaw. One of the kindest men on earth who had been paralyzed by a freak accident, but with his caregiver John, he always was spreading good cheer to anyone in any way he could. I had met him and his wife while I was walking one day. They invited me in, and I immediately fell in love with them. We could count on the oranges and apples every year he lived after that.

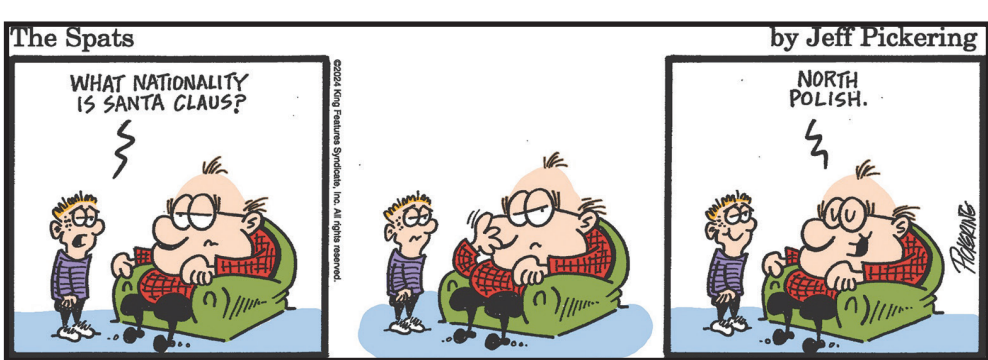
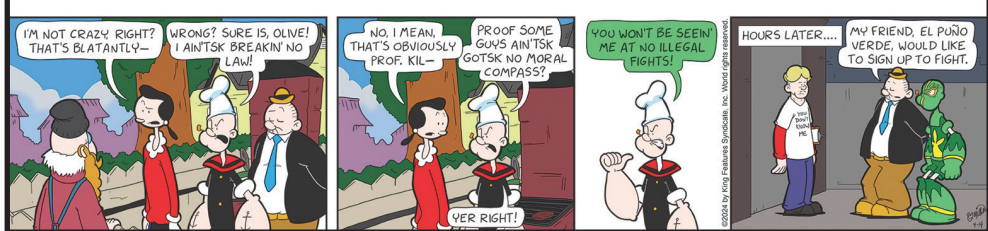
We received a plate of warm homemade cinnamon rolls from the dedicated “communion bread” maker for Crenshaw, who was a wonderful baker! At Christmas, The Yancey’s owners of a local pharmacy delivered one of her famous Coconut Pound Cakes, greeting us and welcoming us to town.

The big old house did not have central air condition-

ing. There were some small units in a couple of rooms, and one barely cooled the room. The weather that first summer was steamy and hot. We sweated like pigs, while we worked in the house sanding and painting, working our way up the stairs. One day, a former AG at Fort Pickett we had met said he had a huge window unit just sitting outside in his barn, and he wanted us to use it if we could. Would we? You bet! It cooled our entire downstairs until we finished refurbishing it and purchased our own.

It is impossible for me mention the names of every thoughtful gesture to us during our first few months in Blackstone, Virginia. What I can mention is, that we immediately knew we wanted to live right there in Blackstone and be part of this little piece of Heaven where pride in the community, love of neighbors, and business owners appreciated our business. What’s not to like about a community of loving and friendly people who make you feel like you belong?

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Flower Show schedule review

The Seedling Garden Club Flower Show chairman, Kay Peacock and Flower Show Schedule chairman, Martha Cobb met to go over the schedule for the upcoming flower show. The title of the flower show is, "Our World As a Canvas." The event will be held Saturday, April 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Sudie Fulford Center located on the grounds of East Georgia State College. It is open and free to the public and the Seedling Garden Club hopes to have a lot of visitors on these days.

A lot of effort and hard work has been put into making this a beautiful, educational show. Featured will be a Horticulture Division that is open to anyone wishing to enter horticulture, a Design Division which is open to Garden Club members only and a Youth Division which will open your eyes to, "Young Eyes on Our Canvas." Out of town certified flower show judges will be judging the show.

You may ask, "What is a Flower Show?" A flower show is not only a beautiful collection of specimens and designs, but a prime opportunity to capture the wonder and minds of the viewing public and club members. Flower shows stimulate interest in growing and showing horticulture, creating floral designs and expressing creativity. It can be an invaluable way to educate and share knowledge of National Garden Clubs from local clubs to national goals and objectives. A flower show brings community members together to learn, grow and display.



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You sure don't want to miss this beautiful "Canvas" on display. The flower show is a NGC Standard Flower Show and a Pine Tree Festival event sponsored by the Seedling Garden Club of Swainsboro in cooperation with the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club.

See you at the show as you view and see "Our World as a Canvas." Close your eyes and vision the beauty of this world in flowers.



LISENBY, ELDER AND STEPHENSON

Seedling Garden Club springs into Spring

With the excitement of watching the Eclipse and seeing the Totality of the Eclipse on Monday, April 8, the Seedling Garden Club was ready to have their monthly meeting at the First Methodist Church social hall at 5:30 p.m. Nancy Lisenby called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She introduced their visitor, JoAnn Trammell, president of the Glad Garden Club. Ann Peebles, chaplain, opened the meeting with an inspiration titled, "God Hears Us and Calls Us by Name." God is King of the universe overseeing all nature and knows us by name and is always there hearing our every cry.

President Lisenby introduced George Elder with the 'Keep Emanuel Beautiful' board. He was the program for the meeting and began by telling how he got tired of picking up so much trash on the sides of Emanuel County roads and city streets. After meeting with different groups, a Citizens Board was formed, and signs were made and put-up encouraging people not to litter. Elder displayed the first sign used, then showed the new sign that reads, "Thank You for Not Littering." Since signs have been put up, the littering has been reduced by

50%. Everyone is invited to attend the 'Keep Emanuel Beautiful' meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the County Community Room. Seedling Garden Club made a donation towards signs and signed a pledge that, "we will support programs and project of KEB by reducing litter, recycling, reduce waste, reuse, conservation and beautification."

In the business session, Vice President Susan Stephenson read the minutes of the March meeting. Secretary was not present to read minutes and they were approved as read. Kay Peacock, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. This was also approved as presented. Yonna Bailey and Mary Pate Gay, 'Yard of the Month' chairmen, reported that the Yard of the Month for April was presented to Melonie and Eddie Jordan. Paula Karrh gave the horticulture report stating that now is the time to prune shrubs, plant seedlings of all kinds and fertilize with 5-10-15. She stated, "April is known as the Gardening Month." Our little "bird lady", Wanda Scarboro, reported the hummingbirds are back, so get your feeders out.

As part of the program for the meeting, the Flower Show planning committee

went over plans for the flower show. Members signed up to do designs and other preparations were discussed. Everything seems ready for a good show. Martha Cobb, Flower Show Schedule chairman, wrote a beautiful, educational schedule titled, "Our World As a Canvas." The show is to be held on Saturday, April 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Sudie Fulford Center located on East Georgia State College campus and is free to the public. Certified, out-of-town Flower Show judges will judge the show. This is a Pine Tree Festival event and is sponsored in cooperation with Swainsboro Kiwanis Club.

Hostesses for the meeting were Lucille Braswell and Nancy Lisenby. Using a Spring theme, refreshments were served from a table covered with a white cloth centered with a beautiful potted fern. The 16 members and two guests enjoyed chicken salad sandwiches, chips, bottled water and decorated cupcakes. The meeting adjourned with Cheryl Goodman winning the raffle item.

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

Crider Foods achieves safety milestone with more than 2 million safe work hours

Automation, new equipment, and a focus on a culture of safety contribute to this latest accomplishment and come at a time of incredible growth for the company. Crider Foods, a leader in the food

packing industry, proudly announces the significant achievement of surpassing two million hours of operation without a lost-time accident (LTA). This milestone reflects the company's unwavering

commitment to safety, made possible through integrating advanced automation, new equipment, enhanced training methodologies, and a dedicated recommitment to a culture prioritizing safety at all levels. Crider Foods' accomplishments indicate its unparalleled commitment to safety and excellence in performance. "Ensuring the safety of our workforce and the community is a core principle of how we operate," stated Doug Sikes, Safety Director at Crider Foods. Mark Howell, President, further elaborated, "This significant achievement transcends mere statistics; it mirrors our collective dedication to safeguarding the health and safety of our team." Crider Foods is hosting celebratory employee reward events to commemorate this outstanding achievement and express gratitude to its team members for upholding the highest safety standards. Scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on April 11, 18, and 25, 2024, these gatherings will award 16 winners with various cash prizes totaling \$15,600. Eligibility for the drawings is exclusive to active hourly employees hired before January 23, 2024. All employees will receive a catered meal at the April 25, 2024, event.

About Crider Foods

Crider Foods (Stillmore, GA) is the leading food packing partner for fully cooked chicken, pork, beef, and other proteins. The company processes more than 150 million pounds of protein annually for delivery in canned, pouch, and fully cooked frozen packing formats throughout the global commercial and nonprofit/governmental sectors. For more information about Crider Foods, please visit criderfoods.com, email media@criderfoods.com, or follow us @criderfoods on Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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Swainsboro High School Class of 2024 Honor Graduates

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HALL



HUTCHESON

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

During the week of April 21-27, Twin City will join other cities across Georgia in celebrating Georgia Cities Week. This week has been set aside to recognize the many services city governments provide and their contribution to a better quality of life in Georgia. Our theme, "Soaring to New Heights" reflects the role cities play in the state's history, economy and culture.

City government is truly government of,

by and for the people - the people who are making the decisions about our community are your neighbors, business owners and community leaders. We are in this together, and we want our city to thrive.

We recognize that throughout our lifetimes, the average person will have more direct contact with local governments than with state or federal governments. Because of this, we feel a responsibility to ensure that the public knows

how the city operates and feels connected to their city government.

During this week, we want to recognize the role city government plays in our lives: from trash collection to public safety to promoting the area's culture and recreation. We hope you will join us in this celebration and learn more about your city and how it operates for you.

Sincerely,
Mayor Matt W. Donaldson
City of Twin City, Georgia



VETERANS AND GUESTS



OFFICER KERSEY WITH HIS POLICE DRONE

Veterans hosted by Emanuel County Historical Preservation Society

The Veterans at the Library traveled to the Emanuel County Historical Preservation Society Museum for visitation, lunch and a special program on Monday, April 15, at 10 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, there were over 70 veterans and guests in attendance. From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., everyone was invited to tour the museum. At 12 p.m., the veterans were fed hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks sponsored

by the veterans themselves. Desserts were provided by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the museum tour was hosted by the Emanuel County Historical Preservation Society, Missy and George Elder, and William Riner grilled all the hamburgers and hotdogs. Also, thank you to Shari Watt and her library staff for all of their preparation work for the lunch. After a great meal, Officer Adam Kersey presented his program

on the use and advantages of drones in law enforcement. He then demonstrated the capabilities of the drone by flying it inside the museum and outside reaching higher altitude and faster speed. The drone's technology makes it possible to pinpoint fugitives and also locate suspects in wooded areas using its heat-seeking cameras. Many of our attendees had never been to the museum before, and they were very impressed.



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Center stands among 54 rural Georgia hospitals eligible to benefit from this program.

"As a business that is deeply rooted in our community, we are honored to support the invaluable services provided by Emanuel Medical Center. This contribution reflects our commitment to the health and prosperity of our neighbors and underscores the importance of working together to support access to quality health-care in rural Georgia," said Milton Gray, President of Citizens Bank of Swainsboro.

Citizens Bank has been a longstanding supporter of Emanuel Medical Center and a contributor through

Georgia HEART since the program's inception in 2017. Funds received through Georgia HEART make a lasting impact and have been used locally to update essential medical and surgical equipment, add colonoscopy and infusion services, purchase a state-of-the-art 3D mammography unit, and make much-needed updates to the Emanuel County Nursing Home.

"We are grateful for community partners such as Citizens Bank, whose generous support enables Emanuel Medical Center to uphold the highest standards of care for our patients, both now and in the future," said Damien Scott, CEO of Emanuel Medical Center.

EMC is one of only

nine Georgia hospitals to currently hold the Five Star Quality Rating, the highest accolade awarded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In addition, the facility was recently named the #2 Small Hospital in the state by *Georgia Trend Magazine*.

Georgia HEART empowers any business or individual with Georgia income tax liability to keep their tax dollars local through a contribution to Emanuel Medical Center. Applications are now available for the 2024 tax filing year. To participate or learn more about Georgia HEART, contact Lynn Brinson at 478-289-1274 or lynn.brinson@emanuel-medical.org, or visit georgiaheart.org.

County Commission back...

(From front page)

the recent federal grant money to be accepted by the county on behalf of the District Attorney's Office. Commissioners had several questions for the D.A., concerning staffing and general operations of the office. Fitzner replied he was very satisfied with the level of performance and especially proud of the high percentage of cleared cases by the department in the past year. Sheriff Jeff Brewer was next to address commissioners with a report of a grant opportunity that had been recently accessed by his department and resulted in the county receiving equipment, supplies, and other support material for the jail facility. Brewer told commissioners the grant saved the county over \$120,000 in material that would not have to be purchased with county funds. Following these department updates, the minutes of the April 2, 2024, workshop meeting and the March 18, 2024, regular meeting were approved. There was no old business on the meeting agenda, and the next issue for consideration was the upcoming regular two-year replacement cycle of one ambulance for EMS operations. Commissioners heard from County Administrator Singletary about the long lead time required for ordering and receiving these vehicles. Considering the 18-to-24-month delivery time, the commissioners voted to move ahead with authorizing purchase of a new ambulance. The last item on the agenda dealt with the revised policy for operations and billing at the County Transfer

and Waste Management Facility. Administrator Singletary informed commissioners several changes in policy were needed as far as the amount and the type of material accepted. The county provides a one-ton exclusion policy per household, once a month. The new policy will restrict the type of material accepted under this policy to household waste only. Construction debris, commercial material or other non-household material will not qualify for the one ton/no charge policy. Additionally, credit card payment is encouraged in paying the \$55 per ton charge for amounts over one ton. The revised policy was passed unanimously by commissioners. Administrator

Singletary took the opportunity to also address some confusion that exists regarding prices charged by the county for disposal of waste material. He clarified the details of that policy in saying that charges for disposal of waste brought to the County Transfer Station are determined solely by the amount charged to the county by the designated contractors who remove this material and transport it to regional landfills. There is no markup, administrative fee, or handling fee charged to the citizens of Emanuel County for this service. This concluded the April meeting agenda. Chairman Foskey called for a motion to adjourn which was offered and passed.

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Middle School Bulldogs are Region runners-up

by
WEATHERFORD

The ECI Middle School traveled to Metter Saturday to play for the Area Middle School Championship. Coming out of the four seed in the region, the Bulldogs upset the number one seed and 2023 champion Toombs Co. in Lyons in the first round of the playoffs. The Bulldogs shocked the number one seed Toombs Bulldogs, winning the game 12-5 to advance to the second round against Screven Co. The Bulldogs lost to Toombs in the championship game in 2023.

RON The Gamecocks won both games against ECI in the regular season. The Bulldogs put those two games in their back pocket and pulled another upset in Sylvania, defeating Screven 9-8 to advance to the Championship game against Metter.

The road warriors traveled to Metter Saturday to take on the Tigers in a winner take all championship game. The Bulldogs took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning. The Tigers got on the board with a run in the third and led the Bulldogs 5-3 after four

innings. The Tigers took what looked like a commanding 7-3 lead entering the seventh and final inning. The Bulldogs jumped on the Tigers for seven runs in the top of the seventh to take a 10-7 lead. Metter tied the game 10-10 in the seventh. With two outs in the inning, the Tigers scored the winning run on a passed ball to take the game 11-10.

Congratulations to Coach Kennedy, Coach Simmons and their scrappy bunch of Bulldogs on their play-off run and earning the region runner-up trophy.



2024 MIDDLE SCHOOL BULLDOGS

SENIORS HENRY, MCQUAIG, CHALKLEY AND REHBERG

Bulldogs sweep region

by
WEATHERFORD

The ECI baseball team completed their region schedule last week, winning all three games to complete their sweep of region opponents for the second consecutive year. ECI breezed through the region outscoring their opponents 154-7 with a perfect 12-0 record. The Bulldogs completed the region schedule defeating Montgomery Co. on Monday and taking both games in the double header in Mt. Vernon on Wednesday. The Bulldogs outscored the Eagles 45-2 in the series. ECI teed off on Montgomery pitching with 40 hits, including seven doubles and one homerun. The Bulldog pitching staff also picked up two no hitters in the series.

The Bulldogs hosted Montgomery on Monday, April 8, taking the game in four innings 15-0. Before the Monday game, the Bulldogs recognized their four

seniors. Honored for their four-year career as a Bulldog were seniors Andrew Chalkley, Aden McQuaig, Charlie Rehberg and Hudson Henry. Getting multiple hits in the game were Hudson Henry with three hits, and Charlie Rehberg and Aden McQuaig with two. Andrew Chalkley went the distance with another no hitter, allowing just one walk with five strikeouts.

Wednesday the Bulldogs were in Mt. Vernon for the double header against the Eagles. The first game was over in the bottom of the first inning. The Bulldogs sent 17 batters to the plate in the inning, scoring 13 runs, and won the game in three innings, 18-0. Combining for the Bulldogs' second consecutive no hit game were Charlie Rehberg and Gabe Lee who yielded just one walk each to the Eagles. Lee, Henry, Ab Marsh and McQuaig were the multiple hit-

ters for the Bulldogs with two hits each. The Bulldogs completed the sweep, defeating the Eagles 12-2 in the second game of the double header. Tuff Boddiford led the offense with three hits including a homerun. Rehberg, Jackson Kennedy and Ab Marsh ended the game with two hits each. James Parker toed the rubber for three innings allowing just three hits while striking out six. Boddiford threw for two innings, with no hits, striking out five Eagle batters. Jackson Kennedy closed the game the last two innings giving up three hits with three strikeouts.

The Bulldogs have three games on tap this week to close out the regular season. Today they are hosting Savannah Christian and will travel to Jefferson Co. on Thursday to close out the regular season with a doubleheader against the Warriors.

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KYLI AND EMMA

Eagles play in 6AA Region Tennis tournament

DEA girls and boys played in the 6AA Region Tennis Tournament Tuesday, April 9, at Randy Stephens Tennis Center in Macon. Kyli Bell and Emma Proctor defeated Lily Carroll and Lana Baxter of Windsor Academy 6-0 and 6-0 to win the 6AA Girls Doubles region championship. Peyton Lee and Paxton Dixon defeated Drew Vaughn and Hayden Kight of Robert Toombs 6-0 and 6-0 to win the 6AA Boys Doubles region championship.

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Reynoldsspeaks to Twin City Lions Club

The Twin City Lions Club recently held their monthly lunch meeting at Simply Southern in Twin City. Lion Nick Kraus invited Terry Reynolds with Wounded Warriors Retreat to speak to the group. Mr. Reynolds is a Vietnam Vet and has been working with WWR for 14 years and is currently the President. It was shared with the club that 22 military veterans per day commit suicide mostly due to the depression they deal with from their combat missions they served on for our country. WWR builds relationships with veterans and the volunteers take time to get to know them and let them know that people appreciate them, care about them and are thankful for what they've done for our country. WWR prioritizes getting the vets outdoors to enjoy hunting and fishing time between the vets and local volunteers. They even build deer stands that are accessible to disabled vets. They have served over 800 veterans in the last 14 years. The program is Christian based and 100% volunteer.

If you'd like to learn more about Wounded War-



REYNOLDS AND KRAUS

riors Retreat or donate to the cause you can contact Terry Reynolds at 4784943758 or email at reynoldsca-bleoffice@gmail.com.

Kiwanis Club holds their weekly meeting

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting on Tuesday night, April 2, at 7 p.m. at the Rustic Grill. With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, there were 21 in attendance including three guests, Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz, Courtney Patterson and Casey Fountain. The chocolate-on-chocolate cake donated by Bobby Seamans and baked by Petite Garrett, was won by Dess Smith. The program was hosted by David Gribbin who introduced Courtney Patterson, EGSC Chief of Staff and Legal Counsel and Casey Fountain, EGSC Director of Institutional Advancement. Patterson and Fountain outlined some of the policies and procedures that are in place to protect children while they are taking part in events at EGSC. The policies and procedures have four parts: planning, pre-screening of staff and volunteers, training, and keeping records when children take part in activities on campus. Youth programs include day camps, residential camps, sports camps, K-12 visits, and K-12 test administrations. The policies and procedures were required in 2016 by the University System of Georgia (USG) in response to the Sandusky scandal and applies to programs/activities serving minors. They can be hosted by units of EGSC, registered EGSC student organizations, or third parties using EGSC facilities. It does



DAVID GRIBBIN, COURTNEY PATTERSON, CASEY FOUNTAIN, PRESIDENT CHERYL GOODMAN



TIM GOODMAN, CHRISTY ELLINGTON, MARIA DANIELS, PRESIDENT CHERYL GOODMAN, JENNIFER SIMMONS, COURTNEY DOWD AND WENDI RICKS



PRESIDENT CHERYL GOODMAN, PAUL CERPOVICZ, BREANNA WILDER, ASHLIE LACUE, BRIAN PRIESTER AND TIM GOODMAN

not include events open to the public in which minors attend at the discretion of the parents, private events, events where parents provide supervision, student recruitment

events, or national testing events such as the SAT. Paul Cerpovicz reported on the EGSC Circle K members who filled Easter eggs with candy on March 25, for the Franklin Memorial

Library's Easter Egg Hunt on March 29. They also helped by hiding eggs for the hunt and read to the students at Twin City Elementary that morning.

Veterans at the Library

Veterans at the Library met Monday, April 8. They had one new veteran attend, Veteran Alfred Gregory Perry. Perry served in the U.S. Army from June 20, 1977, to June 21, 1980. He served with Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Signal Battalion at Fort Jackson, SC, Fort Lee, VA, Fort Dix, NJ and Kaiserslautern, Germany. Perry's highest rank was SP/4. Chair Johnny reminded them about the Fishing Derby to be held at The Herrington Homestead, 8109 Hwy 297, Nunez, on April 27, from 7:30 until 11:30 a.m. and is open to kids age six to sixteen. Lunch will be served at the pond. Registration



PERRY

starts at 7:30 a.m., weigh-in begins at 11:30 a.m. and cash prize awarded for the heaviest, longest, and most fish. For more information or assistance, please reach out to 478-307-0590. Johnny then discussed the Veterans Golf Tournament to be held on May 18. ONLY

18 teams of four golfers each will be able to enter. As of Monday, April 8, 11 teams have already registered, and it's first come, first enter. For more information, call Jane Durden at 478-494-4113 or Shari Watt at 478-494-6276. Hole sponsorships are still available.

Breedloves recognized as Bulldog 100 business

Swainsboro native Richard Breedlove and wife, Jereme Thompson Breedlove's firm, Dovetail Civil Designs, was recently recognized as a Bulldog 100 business. The company was founded in 2008 by the couple who wanted to combine resources of a large corporation with the customer service of a small local business.

The Breedloves live in Watkinsville with their two children, Hadley and Ansley. Richard is the son of Buddy and Alicia Breedlove of Swainsboro.



THE BREEDLOVES

Emanuel County children represented by pinwheels

174 children in Emanuel County are represented by pinwheels due to abuse or neglect detected from April 2023 to March 2024. Local DFCS officials and board members work together in the ongoing challenge of protecting any child from mistreatment of any kind.



SVETTA YOUNG, BROOK DRAWDY, KRISTY KENNEDY, TYRONE WATSON, CATHRINE SMART, AND MARQUELL GARRETT

Emanuel benefits from bridge construction

SCENES ON LAMBS BRIDGE ROAD

Record rainfall in the past 30 days may have some folks thinking about trading in their cars and trucks for boats. At least the Georgia Department of Transportation and our local County Commissioners have planned, and are continuing to plan for needed bridge replacement projects over creeks and rivers in Emanuel County.

Under construction now are three projects that are almost entirely paid for with state and federal funding. Two of the most recent sites are on Lambs Bridge Road at points drained by the Canoochee and Little Canoochee. The construction cost of these two projects is over 3.2 million dollars. The third site is the State Route 26 bridge at the Ohoopie

River 1.1 mile east of Adrian. The replacement cost of this bridge was over five million dollars. County officials are optimistic about funding being available for future bridge projects in Emanuel County. An inventory of state and national bridges report that 48 percent of bridges on secondary roads today are more than 50 years old.

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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTHA T. WILSON, DECEASED.
All creditors of the estate of Martha T. Wilson, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for James Robert Wilson and Elizabeth E. Wilson, Executors of the Martha T. Wilson Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.
This 6th day of March, 2024.
RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for James Robert Wilson and Elizabeth E. Wilson, Executors of the Martha T. Wilson Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
P. O. Box 767
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(478) 237-4225
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF TOM PARRISH, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0038
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
MARTHA S. PARRISH has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of TOM PARRISH deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 22, 2024.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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ESTATE NO. 24E0043
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
JERRY N. CADLE, P.C., has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of JERRY N. CADLE, P.C., deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 22, 2024.
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the appointment of the Petitioners as temporary guardians, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees.
NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA EMANUEL COUNTY
By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Sheila Renee Boatright to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture and recorded in Deed Book 31, Page 42, Emanuel County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$20,000.00 with interest on the unpaid balance until paid, the following described property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of EMANUEL COUNTY, Georgia, or such other location within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2024, to wit: May 07, 2024, the following described property: All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G. M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting Ninety (90) feet on the East side of U. S. Highway No. 1 and extending back in a general Easterly direction between parallel lines a distance of Three Hundred (300) feet, and bounded as follows: North by Pine Lakes, Ltd; East by Margie L. Boatright and Pine Lakes, Ltd.; South by Billy and Marjorie Screws; and West by the right-of-way of U. S. No. 1. Said property is more particularly described by plat made by C. L. Gillis, Sr., Surveyor, on May 8, 1961, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Plat Book 1, Page 389, to which reference is made as a more full and complete part of this description. Tax Parcel ID: S13 040 Being real property commonly known as 643 N. Main St., Swainsboro, GA 30401. The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Dawson's Management c/o USDA 3775 Venture Drive Duluth, GA 30096 770-962-4981 The foregoing

notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture as Attorney in Fact for Sheila Renee Boatright Attorney Contact: Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 24GA414-0036 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Order Number 101380, Pub Dates: 4/10/2024, 4/17/2024, 4/24/2024, 5/1/2024, THE FOREST BLADE
NOTICE OF Sale Under Power State of Georgia, County of Emanuel.
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by R&F Georgia Properties LLC ("Grantor") to Newtek Small Business Finance LLC ("Grantee"), dated November 22, 2019, and recorded December 10, 2019 in Deed Book 489, Page 452, Emanuel County, Georgia records (the "Security Deed"), conveying the after-described property to secure a Guaranty dated November 22, 2019 (the "Guaranty") relating to a certain Note dated November 22, 2019 in the original principal amount of \$1,738,800.00 from Place Vendome Holding Co., Inc. and 308 Glenwood Associates LLC to Grantee (the "Note"), with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Emanuel County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2024, the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate, and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting a distance of Three Hundred Eight and Seventy-two One-Hundredths (308.72) feet on the Southern side of East Main Street and containing Six and Thirty-Five One-Hundredths (6.35) acres as shown on plat of survey made by Aubrey E. Scott, Jr., Surveyor, dated June 8, 1982, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Plat Book 12, Page 176, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said property is bounded on the North by East Main Street, lands now or formerly belonging to Mrs. J.A. Garret and lands now or formerly belonging to Cuba Rowland; on the south by Eastwood Estates Subdivision; and on the West by lands now or formerly belonging to D.F. Gilpin. Being the same property conveyed to R & F Georgia Properties LLC from Place Vendome Holding Co., Inc., a Nevada corporation, d/b/a R & F Marketing by Quitclaim Deed dated May 9, 2008 and recorded on June 6, 2008 in Book 311, Page 437. A.P.N. S07-018 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note, Guaranty and Security Deed. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorneys' fees (notice of intent to collect attorneys' fees having been given). Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC may be contacted at: Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC, 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 130, Lake Success, NY 11042. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **610 East Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401** is/are: R&F Georgia Properties LLC or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above,

including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC as Attorney in Fact for R&F Georgia Properties LLC. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ROBINSON FRANZMAN LLP, 191 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 2600, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Telephone: (404) 255-2503.
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DONNIE ELMER PRICE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0040
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
LYNN GAIL PRICE has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of DONNIE ELMER PRICE deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before MAY 6, 2024.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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STATE BOARD MEMBER TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING
April 22, 2024
Mayor Matt Donaldson to Host State Board of Education Twelfth District Public Hearing
The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing for citizens in the Twelfth Congressional District on Monday, April 22, 2024. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Jefferson County High School, 1157 Warrior Trail, Louisville, GA 30434.
The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments from interested citizens and educators within the congressional district regarding the performance and problems of public education. Persons wishing to speak should sign in upon arrival.
The Georgia Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals who need assistance or auxiliary aids for participation in this public forum are invited to make their needs known to Geraldine Price at gprice@doe.k12.ga.us no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF JERRY N. CADLE, P.C., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0043
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
JERRY N. CADLE, P.C., has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of JERRY N. CADLE, P.C., deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before MAY 13, 2024.
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This 9th day of April, 2023.
Cutler Scott Bernard, Executor of the Estate of David Joseph Mark Bernard, deceased
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF SIDNEY B. SHEPHERD, SR., late of Emanuel County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 10th day of April, 2024.
Kelly S. Lanier
Personal Representative
C/O Shepherd, Gary & McWhorter
P.O. Drawer 99
Swainsboro, GA 30401
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MATTIE MAE MCCLOUD PHILLIPS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0046
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
KAREN K. PHILLIPS has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of MATTIE MAE MCCLOUD PHILLIPS deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before MAY 13, 2024.
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IN RE: ESTATE OF H. S. PHILLIPS JR., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0047
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
KAREN K. PHILLIPS has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of MATTIE MAE MCCLOUD PHILLIPS deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before MAY 13, 2024.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
DON E. WILKES
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Jeanie Hooks
Clerk of the Probate Court
P. O. Box 70 / 125 S. Main Street
Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
Address
(478) 237-7091
Telephone Number



There is a big difference between power and influence. Power comes from a position we have in a group or organization. We gain influence by what we know or are able to do. In our relationship with God, He has all of the power and He uses it to shape us into the plan He has for us. But we can go to Him in prayer and ask Him to grant us His power to overcome some sin in our life and bring hope, healing and wholeness to us or our loved ones when we are sick or broken.


Our Psalmist reminds us of this important fact. When we feel alone or abandoned, depressed or have a doubt about God's care or concern for us, he reminds us to look to God for help: "Unless the Lord had given me help, I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death."

Unfortunately, we do not know what was going on in the life of the writer. He may have been facing a life-threatening illness, grieving over the loss of a loved one or perhaps facing financial disaster. He reminds us that "it" made no difference. Whatever problem he was facing or whatever disaster may have been on the horizon or whatever sickness may have stricken him no one could have made a difference in his life but God.

"Unless the Lord....," he wrote. Not "unless I find" or "a friend helps me find" the right physician or the right attorney or the right banker. No. He realized the limitations of man. His situation was beyond them. But he knew first hand that only his Lord could rescue him.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

All units listed will be sold on or after **April 24, 2024** if balances on said units are not paid in full.

Robert Burke Unit# 208
Gail Heggs Unit# 486
Kameyaka Clark Unit# 528

Brier Creek Artillery travels to Living History event

Members of the Brier Creek Artillery traveled to Aiken, SC on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, to participate in the Living History event at the South Aiken High School. This event was sponsored by Ted Walker, the State President of the South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Compatriot members of the Skunk Brigade of the Brier Creek Artillery were Steve Burke, Lee Herron, Dess Smith III, and Alton McCloud. Compatriot Burke set up his four tables of Revolutionary War Artifacts and Compatriot Alton McCloud set up his tent with his Revolutionary War Artifacts. Both of these were their "Travelin Trunks". The event included 20 different stations of craftsmen, historians, native American Tipi, revolution era re-enactors, and militia set up at the High School. National SAR Compatriot Brooks Lyles, Historian General, and his wife Dianne had a display also. The event lasted from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Aiken County School district invited area schools within the district to attend and support the event and there were over 3,000 students in attendance. Beginning at 9 a.m. the Brier Creek Artillery, consisting of three six-pounder cannons, fired on the hour and a couple of times in between. A total of 19 cannon shots, plus the militia firing their flintlocks put on a show for the students.



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Sheriff's Reports

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

April 9
Deputies assisted SPD with a traffic stop on N. Coleman St. Offenders were arrested for trafficking illegal drugs and possession of illegal drugs.

Deputies responded to 5th Ave. in Twin City for family violence. Deputies observed a tire on fire and were advised to extinguish it and spoke with the subjects and learned that a verbal domestic occurred prior to their arrival. Complainant advised her son/offender started cleaning up the yard and began to throw several of her flowerpots in the burn pile without her consent, starring an argument.

April 10
Deputy responded in reference to a vehicle fire and located the driver at the back of the trailer being pulled by the vehicle. Driver stated he did not need EMS and was ok and advised he smelled smoke and started to pull off the road and the cab filled with smoke and he got out and noticed fire under the hood.

Deputies assisted Oak Park Police with a theft investigation. Deputies knocked on the door of a small building and heard someone answer. Appx. five minutes later, offender answered the door and advised deputies he was the only person in the building. Deputies noticed a clear homemade smoking device in clear sight and detained offender for further investigation. Deputies found a crystal-like substance which field tested positive for meth, a bag of marijuana and two glass smoking devices wrapped in a hamburger wrapper. Offenders' vehicle was towed.

April 11
Deputies responded in reference to an unwanted person. Deputies learned that a wanted suspect was at the location and made contact with offenders and placed them under arrest.

Deputy received a call that a vehicle looked wrecked. Deputy found the vehicle failed to negotiate the curve at Coleman Lake and left the roadway and was across the ditch. Driver was not at the location.

April 12
Deputy assisted with a traffic stop where the driver was suspected to be under the influence. Deputy performed a field sobriety and determined the driver was DUI. Offender was placed under arrest.

Victim made a report stating someone called him saying they were with ECSO and that he missed his review about his PPE loan and he had a warrant for his arrests. Victim was told he could clear it up by paying \$23,000. Victim put \$5,750 and \$7,500 in the Bit coin machine and was going to send \$4,000 but was told by the store clerk not to because it was probably a scam.

Complainant stated three weeks prior, offender agreed to pay \$100 for the kayak and still has not paid for it.

Deputy responded in reference to a domestic dispute.

Deputy made a traffic stop and offender was arrested for DUI.

April 13
Deputy responded to EMC ER in reference to an assault. Nurses advised victim went in due to a head injury that occurred the night prior. Deputy made contact with victim who advised she was at her ex-boyfriend's and the two started arguing and he punched her in the back of the head with a closed fist. Victim stated she left and later had a headache so she went to the ER to get evaluated.

Deputies responded to Waller Cir. in reference to a domestic between father and son. Complainant stated he and his stepson got into an argument about some items in his car and c/p wanted them out. C/p stated offender refused to take the items out so c/p started taking them out and offender struck him in the arm with a metal folding chair and got a knife and stabbed the rear door of the vehicle that belongs to c/p. Offender stated he was taking things out of the vehicle and c/p attacked him. Both parties wanted to press charges.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to city regulations' regarding the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license, notice is hereby given to the public that an application has been filed by Aadhya 0827 LLC (Krishnaben Patel) DBA Naksh Food Mart, for a license to retail beer, wine packaged only, located at 202 East Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401.

This application will be considered at the regular meeting of mayor and city council to be held on May 6, 2024, at 6 pm.

City of Swainsboro
Herman Middlebrooks, Jr.

Three deputies complete LIDAR course

Emanuel County Sheriff's Officers Corporal Cody Usry, Lieutenant Curtis Armstrong and Deputy Mason Russell recently completed a LIDAR Speed Measurement course taught by the Georgia Police Academy Division of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.

Speed consistently ranks are one of the top five contributing factors resulting in serious injury and fatality incidents. The number of speed-related fatalities increased by 46% from 260 in 2019 to 380 in 2020. The pro-



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portion of speed-related fatalities increased from 17% in 2019 to 23% in 2020.

This course will improve the effectiveness of speed enforcement initiatives through



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the proper and efficient use of police traffic LIDAR speed measurement instruments. Training and proactive enforcement will enable law enforcement to have an impact on reducing



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these speed related incidents and ultimately save lives.

Funding for this program has been provided by the State of Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

March Food Service Establishment Inspection Reports

Listed below are Georgia Department of Public Health Food Service Establishment Inspection Reports for the month of March 2024, along with the violations:

Brown Bag Cafe – 98 A (3/5/24)

Observed cups not in plastic sleeves

Observed ice build up in freezer

Observed dusty fan in kitchen

Simply Southern – Score 92 A (3/5/24)

Observed expired Servsafe certificate

Observed out of date milk in refrigerator

Observed countertop no longer smooth and easily cleanable

Observed grime buildup on shelves

Observed peeling floor in bathrooms, back storage area

All the Fixin's – Twin City – Score 96 A (3/5/24)

Observed boxes of salad dressing packets on floor

Observed torn seal on black refrigerator

Waffle King - Score 99 A (3/7/24)

Observed grime accumulation under shelves in pantry

Observed food items behind shelves in WIF

Koiya - Score 100 A (3/7/24)

PruittHealth– Score 97 A (3/7/24)

Observed wet cloth on prep table

Maryland's – Score 91 A (3/7/24)

Observed uncovered breaded chicken on rack in WIC and uncovered containers of livers and

gizzards in WIC

Observed black mold build up in ice machine

Observed wet cloths on serving counter

Observed peeling paint on shelves

Observed serving countertop broken, no longer smooth and easily cleanable

Observed breader/chicken juice encrustation on WIC handle

Observed grease accumulation on walls, power cords, fan, hood, etc.

Dairy Queen – Score

99 A (3/7/24)

Observed single use cups not protected from contamination

KFC - Score 97 A (3/7/24)

Observed single use cups not protected from contamination

Observed food/debris on floor in WIC

Observed personal drink on food prep table

Coleman Lake Restaurant - Score 100 A (3/8/24)

Swainsboro High School - Score 100 A (3/19/24)

Swainsboro Primary School – Score 100 A (3/19/24)

Swainsboro Middle School - Score 100 A (3/19/24)

Swainsboro Elementary School - Score 100 A (3/19/24)

Heather Belle's Clothing – Score 100 A (3/22/24)

Twin City Elementary – Score 100 A (3/27/24)

CSRA, EOA Headstart – Score 100 A (3/27/24)

Emanuel County Institute – Score 100 A (3/27/24)

Public Notice for Logic and Accuracy Testing

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-379.6 (c), preparation and testing of voting equipment will begin Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 9:00 am. Testing will take place in the Elections Office at 105 South Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia. Testing shall continue daily until such preparations are complete.

Preparations and testing of equipment is for the May 21, 2024 General Primary.

Kerry K. Curry
Director of Elections
Emanuel County, Georgia

Jail Report

The following persons have been booked into Emanuel County Jail, according to Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer, on warrants obtained by one of several local law enforcement agencies, designated by each name: Drug Task Force (DTF); Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); Georgia Department of Pardons and Parole (GAPP); Georgia State Patrol (GSP); Emanuel County Sheriff's Office (EC SO); 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).
Jamal LaQuan Allen, 29, arrested 4/13/24; Giving false information to law enforcement officer/Driving while license suspended/revoked/Seatbelt violation/Headlight requirements/Failure to obey traffic control device (x3)/Failure to maintain lane/Reckless driving/Speeding/Obstruction of law enforcement officers/Leaving scene of accident/Possession of firearm by convicted felon/Fleeing or attempt to elude police officer for a felony offense/Probation violation – felony (x2)
Tiffany Vontresse Boatwright, 35, arrested 4/11/24; Possession of cocaine/Probation violation
Momodou Bojang, 21, arrested 4/13/24;

Speeding/Driving while license suspended/revoked/Reckless driving
Marcus Dwayne Brown, 35, arrested 4/10/24; Disorderly conduct
Fredrick Tirre Carswell, 33, arrested 4/15/24; Probation violation – felony
Bryan Allen Cobb, 34, arrested 4/11/24; Possession of cocaine/Failure to maintain lane
Albert Lee Davis, 69, arrested 4/13/24; Criminal trespass/Public drunk
Jonathan Gage Dobek, 23, arrested 4/10/24; Windshield/window/wiper requirements
Dustin Ray Finger, 28, arrested 4/13/24; Public drunk/Theft of lost/mislaid property/Giving false information to law enforcement offi-

cer
A'Niyah J'Sha Fulton, 20, arrested 4/14/24; Speeding/Open container/DUI less safe
Shonciera Marquisha Greene, 26, arrested 4/12/24; Court order to serve weekend
Tykierianna Kenara Jackson, 22, arrested 4/14/24; Aggravated assault/Cruelty to children (x2)
James Craig Jenkins, 68, arrested 4/9/24; Possession of cocaine/Possession and use of drug related objects
Tyler Colbert Lockett, 29, arrested 4/14/24; Fleeing or attempt to elude police officer for a felony offense/Possession of firearm by convicted felon
John William Love, 46, arrested 4/11/24; Theft by taking – felony/Burglary

Donald Irwin Marsh, 41, arrested 4/11/24; Possession of cocaine/Possession of schedule I controlled substance/Obstruction of law enforcement officers/Seatbelt violation
Victor Morales Sacarias, 48, arrested 4/13/24; DUI less safe/Failure to maintain lane/Driving while unlicensed
Kevin Douglas Schaller, 27, arrested 4/10/24; Possession of marijuana/Possession of meth/Possession of drug related objects/Probation violation – felony
Tiffany Ann Segui, 42, arrested 4/11/24; Bench warrant/Theft by taking – felony/Burglary
Ricky Lee Thomas, 38, arrested 4/9/24; Trafficking in cocaine,

illegal drugs, marijuana or meth/Possession of schedule I and II controlled substance w/intent/Possession of marijuana w/intent to distribute/Possession and use of drug related objects/Possession of dangerous drug
Dontay Rayshon Washington, 20, arrested 4/9/24; Statutory rape – felony
Derrick Lee Woods, 48, arrested 4/12/24; DUI less safe/Windshield/Window/wiper requirements/Failure to maintain lane
Derrick Lee Woods, 48, arrested 4/13/24; Hold for Jefferson Co.
Artavius JaQuan Worthen, 26, arrested 4/14/24; Cruelty to children 3rd degree/Battery/Cruelty to children

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

April 1
Officer took a walk-in report in reference to stolen identity.

April 3
Officer was dispatched to S. Main St. in regard to vehicle damage.

Complainant went to SPD to make a report in reference to offender stalking him. Offender stated he has not messed with c/p.

Officer was dispatched to WalMart in reference to a male subject harassing people. Complainant stated the male subject had been harassing people since Sunday, March 31, and returns to the store every day harassing people. Officer made contact with offender and advised him that he was being criminally trespassed from WalMart.

April 4
Officer met with complainant in reference to c/p stating she feels like offender is harassing her by constantly showing up where she is and starting drama.

Officer met with complainant who advised her firearm was stolen.

Officer was flagged down by a concerned citizen who stated a vehicle hit a pole in the SES parking lot. Witness stated it appeared that there was a verbal argument going on inside the vehicle and one the kids got out, the driver put the vehicle in drive instead of reverse and struck the light pole. A traffic stop was conducted based on the description of the vehicle given by the witness. The driver stated her kids were fussing over their snacks and she was upset and put the vehicle in reverse instead of drive.



April 5
Officers were dispatched to W. Meadowlake Pkwy to meet with complainant about an individual harassing one of her employees. Complainant stated she received several calls about one of her employees driving a dump truck attempting to run the caller off the road and driving recklessly. C/p then contacted her employee and learned that he was at home when the incident supposedly happened and informed c/p that the number calling belongs to offender who has been harassing him and his wife due to letting someone stay at their house. C/p advised the caller made several threats concerning the victim.

Officer was dispatched to E. Main St. in reference to a two-vehicle accident. Offender advised she opened her door and it hit complainant's door.

Officer observed a vehicle with suspended registration, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer observed the passenger pull his hood up on his jacket and the vehicle doors opened and both occupants exited the vehicle. Both were given loud verbal commands to stop, and the passenger attempted to keep going but looked back and offi-

cer recognized him and called him by name and he walked back to the car and asked if he was going to jail. The driver was identified and stated she didn't have a driver's license. The passenger was wanted on a probation warrant.

April 6
Officer was dispatched to S. Racetrack St. in reference to a burglary. Complainant stated her PS and Xbox were missing, as well as three controllers, HDMI cord and power cord, and there was no forced entry but the front window curtain was moved. Officer inspected the window and discovered it to open easily and was a possible entry for the unknown offender.

Officers were dispatched to N. Main St. regarding a domestic dispute. Complainant advised his girlfriend has been overseeing the flea market and he asked for money to get his motorcycle out of the impound and offender refuses to give him his money. C/p stated a verbal argument started and he tried to grab his phone out of offender's hand and she started hitting and scratching him. Officers located offender and she stated c/p threw her to the ground and began to hold her down and scratched him trying to get away. Both were placed under arrest for disorderly conduct.

Officers were dispatched to Lee St. in reference to a fight. Contact was made with several people on the porch who stated there had been a fight inside the house and one was still inside. Officer made entry and saw a male subject with a big area of white powder substance in his nose and officer was advised the male subject was one of the ones fighting. Offender stated "I do use cocaine and I'm going to do my drugs". Officer began a terry frisk and a razor knife, straw with residue and clear cellophane bag with cocaine was found on his person. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

April 7
Officer ran a tag and discovered it did not have valid insurance and suspended registration, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. The driver did not have a valid license.

Officer responded to

Deer Creek Dr. in reference to a dog going in complainant's yard attacking their dogs. Officer spoke with c/p then went to offender's residence and the dog was tied to a table in the carport, but no one was home. Contact was made with the owner who advised she would have her son go to SPD.

April 8
Officer observed a vehicle traveling 61 MPH in a 45 MPH zone, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer discovered the driver's license are suspended.

Officer responded to Kite Rd. for a report of a person getting hit by a car. Complainant stated he was working at WalMart gathering shopping carts when a vehicle backed up and hit him. C/p stated the driver got out and asked if he was ok and got back in her vehicle and left. C/p stated he advised his supervisor of what happened, but the police was not called that day.

Officer took a walk-in report in reference to complainant stating she purchased a vehicle and the tag was delivered to an unknown address and was told to file a report in order to get a new tag.

Officer was dispatched to EmCo Jail and spoke with complainant who stated a male subject was making threats against him. C/p stated offender went up to him and was waving a handgun around while stating he would handle him.

April 9
Officer was dispatched to N. Racetrack St. in reference to an entering auto report. Complainant stated multiple vehicles in his yard got broken into and a gun was taken. C/p stated he believes offender is his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend.

April 10
Complainant went to SPD and stated he was tired of being chased by the drone and wanted them to stop chasing him and following him. C/p was advised that it was not SPD and he stated he wanted them to go to Mike's Food Mart and pull the camera footage. Officers went with c/p to Mike's and pulled the footage and it showed c/p being chased and harassed by a drone. Officers are working to find out who the private drone belongs to and

why they are harassing c/p.

Complainant went to SPD to file a report on offender for harassment. Officers went to Gumlog Rd. to follow up with offender who was sitting under the carport. As officers exited their unit, offender made her way inside the home. The odor of marijuana was present and strong as officers approached the residence. When offender opened the door, the odor was strong and present coming from inside. Officer advised offender of the report made and she stated she had net seen c/p but she is claiming her boyfriend on her taxes and it's wrong.

Officer responded to Mary Ann St. in reference to a suspicious person on her back porch. The male subject made contact with officers and stated he was cutting across the property to get to a house at the corner and a dog ran out and he started kicking at the dog and c/p came out and informed him it was private property. Witnesses stated offender was on the back of c/p's porch and she went outside and told him it was private property and offender started cussing and yelling at c/p and told her she could call the police. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer responded to W. Church St. in reference to multiple shots fired in the area. Complainant stated he and his grandchildren were in the back yard when multiple shots were heard and he rushed the children inside. When the gun shots stopped, c/p went outside and noticed his tire on his truck was flat and believes it was hit by a bullet. C/p advised the shots seemed to have come from Central St. and there were 15-20 shots. Officer spoke with neighbors who advised a bullet went through her window in the kitchen. Officer observed broken windows and a hole in the wall. Officer also found a projectile lodged in the exterior wall. Several caliber shell casings were found by officers.

Officers were dispatched to Waffle King in reference to an unwanted person. Complainant stated offender has been asked not to return and officer made contact with offender and advised him that he would be criminally trespassed for

one year.

April 11
Officer observed two subjects using cellphone flashlights looking under the hood of a vehicle and made contact with them. The two males stated they were trying to remove the battery from one vehicle so they could take it home and charge it so they could move the car out of the parking lot. Neither one had ID on them but identified themselves and one was on the phone with the registered owner who verified they were working on her car. Officer returned to his unit and ran the male's info to find one was wanted out of Toombs Co. When officer returned to the vehicle, the wanted male was gone so the officer asked where he went and was told he walked to the store. 911 advised Toombs Co. wanted a hold placed on offender but they were unable to locate him.

Officer responded to S. Racetrack St. in reference to a property dispute. Complainant stated his ex was putting his property out of the house and he called officers on Sunday to stand by while he collected his clothes and truck. C/p stated the furniture in the residence belongs to him and he still pays rent on the residence and he and the landlord are in the process of evicting his ex. Officer spoke with offender who stated c/p already got his property and he had been gone for weeks. Officer advised offender she could not put c/p's belongings outside or damage it or she would be held liable.

Officer was dispatched to Lucky St. in reference to a child custody dispute. Complainant stated a temporary custody form was filled out on 4/1/24 and a dispute took place on 4/11/24 and offender stated shew as going to pick the child up but c/p did not want an altercation, so she called law enforcement. After speaking with offender, it was discovered that the TCF was never processed with a judge or DFCS but it was in the child's best interest to be left with c/p for the night. Offender and c/p were advised to go to SPD the following day in reference to the child's placement. Offender agreed to leave the child with c/p for the night.



GEORGIA SENATOR MAX BURNS WITH MEMBERS OF THE SKUNK BRIGADE



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TEN MEMBERS OF THE SKUNK BRIGADE, GEORGIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Skunk Brigade rides in Annual Livestock Parade

On Saturday, March 30, 2024, members of the East Fall Line Region Skunk Brigade traveled to Sylvania to participate in the Annual Livestock Parade. The Skunk Brigade has been participating in the annual event for several years and look forward to showing off our flintlocks and militia uniforms. This year, they again rode the trailer of the Little River President Alton McCloud. The Fall Line Region Vice President Bill Tankersley pulled the trailer while nine flintlock firers rode the trailer which consisted of Steve Burke, Lee Herron, Don Bazemore, Dess Smith III, Bernard Martin, Bernard Martin II, Benjamin Martin, Alton McCloud and Ted Walker, President of the South Carolina Society SAR. This year, they stopped the trailer every 50 yards and fired their flintlocks for a total of 96 shots. After the parade, they were joined by the Past President of the Brier Creek Chapter and a member of the Skunk Brigade Emory Lee Smith and had a great meal at "Pops Kitchen" in Sylvania. The brigade was joined by Georgia State Senator Max Burns during the festivities.

PETS/ANIMALS FOR FREE/MISSING

Animal shelter — We have lots of great family dogs as well as great guard dogs. The shelter is always in need of donations of canned and bagged dog food. We appreciate any and every donation. If you are missing a dog or have found a dog, please call the shelter at 478-237-4040 to report it. Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EmanuelCountyShelter or visit our visitor website, www.petestablished.com/organization/1760/, to view our adoptable dogs. Adoption fee is \$35. This goes to pay for part of the spaying/neutering cost. The other \$30 must be paid to the vet, by the owner after it has been spayed or neutered. Please call the shelter for details. Come visit our adoptable dogs at 343 Market St. in Swainsboro. We are open Monday through Friday, 8-4, and Saturday, 8-12.

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NOTICE Police Officer (Police Department)

The City of Twin City is seeking qualified candidates to fill the position of Police Officer. This is a full-time position with benefits after the ninety (90) day probation period. The responsibilities of this position are to provide protection of life and property, enforcement of federal, state, and local laws, response to emergency situations, and investigation of criminal activity. The starting salary is negotiable based upon training and experience. The City is offering a one-time signing bonus of \$1,000 for a one-year employment contract and \$2,000 for a two-year employment contract.

Minimum Requirements:

- Must possess and maintain Georgia Peace Officer Certification; Must possess and maintain a valid Georgia driver's license; Must be a U. S. Citizen; Must be 21 years of age (birth certificate required); Must possess a high school diploma or GED; Supplemented by five months previous experience and/or training involving law enforcement or security work or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for this job; Must pass an extensive background investigation including a pre-employment drug screen; Previous drug use may be a disqualifying factor; Must be able to work a 12-hour shift including on-call status, nights, weekends, holidays, court dates and possible overtime.

All interested applicants should complete an employment application at City Hall or may print one online at www.twincityga.com. For more information, interested applicants may contact City Clerk Eugenia Ducker at (478) 763-2695.

Classifieds

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Homes for sale or rent • Apartments for rent • Land for sale
• Yard and estate sales • Miscellaneous for sale • Pets/animals
• Help wanted • Services offered

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Individual seeking a live-in female caregiver/companion due to recuperating from the hospital. Must have caregiver or nursing experience. Responsibilities include assisting with daily care tasks, plus cooking, cleaning and running errands. In exchange, you can live rent free, have a weekly salary and a car to drive. Must have a valid driver's license. Please text (904) 834-9450 for more information.

ESTATE TAG SALE

THURS. - SUN., APRIL 18 - 20, FROM 9AM TO 5PM DAILY at 401 WEST BROAD STREET IN LOUISVILLE, former home of Ward/Schickling Family. Total contents of large family home will be offered for sale in four-day period. Sale includes the entire contents of family home to include all furniture, including dining room furniture, wine cabinet, china cabinet, server, side board, upholstered dining chairs, dinette, large work table, appliances, bedroom furniture, wardrobes, armoires, adjustable beds, four-poster beds, mattresses, entry pieces, hall tree, secretaries, display cabinets, toys, lamps, rugs, china, crystal, gas heaters, many small appliances, parlor set, Tiffany style lamps, desks, books, upholstered sofas, wicker, pots and pans, dishes, glassware, porch swing, and so much more. Nothing held back! We look forward to seeing all our customers. Sale conducted by Edna Purvis, Meg Leonard, and Ann Cobb. No early sales.

HELP WANTED

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What's funny is, we pray, and say we give it to God. Each morning we take it back from God and struggle with it some more. We become comfortable with it because for some reason we think we have to worry about something.

Well, here is good news. Jesus said for us

not to let our hearts be troubled. (John 14:1). He told us not to worry before he told us about the mansions in his Father's house.

I'm reminded of Luke chapter five. Peter and his partners had been night fishing. They were washing their nets because they had not caught anything. Jesus sat in the boat to teach the people. After which, he told Peter to go into the deep and let his net down for a catch.

Now Peter being a fisherman by trade was a professional. On the other hand, Jesus was a carpenter by trade. Peter replied, "Master we

have been toiling all the night and have caught nothing. Nevertheless at your word I will let the net down."

When he obeyed Jesus, he caught so many big fish that the net began to break. He called for the other boat to help. Both boats were so full of fish that they began to sink. Through Obedience the miracle happened.

It doesn't matter how skillful or knowledgeable you are, just remember who is the Master of everything. Stop struggling, toiling, and worrying. Take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there. Obey him and receive your miracle.

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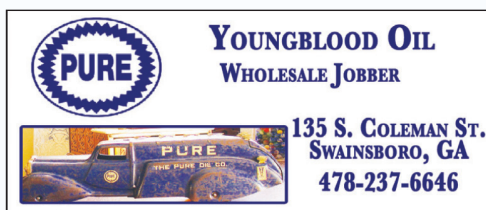
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Book signing to be held

Franklin Memorial Library is pleased to announce an author book signing of Mrs. Helen Leonard on Monday, April 29, at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Leonard married Swainsboro native Pete Leonard some fifty years ago and has one son, Trey Leonard. Recently she published a biography of her "larger-than-life" brother-in-law, Tyson Leonard. The riveting biography, *The Ultimate High Roller*, will walk you through Tyson's life and how he grew a multi-million-dollar company from the ground up.

Tyson Leonard grew up in Swainsboro in the late 1940's and 50's. Leonard and all of his brothers were very well known in the town due to their successes in sports. According to the locals, Tyson was definitely the star of the football team with 22 touchdowns and 1,723 yards rushing his senior year. Leonard was honored to play on the South team for the Georgia All-Star game in Atlanta. He received a full grant and aid scholarship to play football for the Clemson Tigers. When his many shenanigans clouded his way, he was kicked off the team but later played football at Wofford.

Not only was he known for his football career in Swainsboro but also for his many pranks and unorthodox general outlook on life. Leonard was always referred to as one-of-a-kind and for those that knew him, were thankful that there wasn't another.

In 1963, Leonard and his brother Mike started "Leonard Aluminum Buildings", buying sheds from Eb Garrett and later Henry Chappell. Over the years the business grew into a multi-million dollar company and was finally sold in 2015.


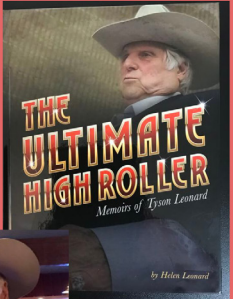

Leonard was always willing to bet on most anything. In the mid-1970's the Leonard brothers opened a nightclub in Myrtle Beach, SC called Tramps which was later changed to Cowboys. This opened the door for Tyson to become actively involved in large gambling events on the golf course as well as other places. Combined with his willingness to gamble for high stakes and his unexpected behavior toward his opponents, he became known as one of the highest rollers in the United States along with Evel Knievel, Doyle (Texas Dolly) Brunson, and Billy Baxter. Leonard played golf matches all over the United States, especially in Las Vegas and Palm Spring as well as Island of the Caribbean.

In his later years,

Author Book Signing


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The Ultimate High Roller

By: Helen Leonard



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BOOK SIGNING INVITATION

Leonard built one of the largest longhorn ranches in the southeast on the New River near Independence, VA. He spent his senior years traveling to cattle sales all over the United States and because of his demeanor was well known by everyone.

Helen Leonard, the books author is a Bulloch County native where she attended Southeast Bulloch High School in Brooklet. She graduated from Georgia Southern College with a BS in Education and a major in mathematics. After retiring from a 30-year teaching career (mostly in Mount Airy, NC) she has been involved in various business ventures as well as volunteer positions. Helen married into the Leonard Family in 1968 and witnessed the adventurous approach to life that was characteristic of her brother-in-law. Over the years many tales were shared and it was often said, "Someone should write a book about Tyson." The only problem was, we didn't know whether to label it as fiction or nonfiction since many events were unbelievable to normal people. After the passing of her husband, Pete, Helen approached Leonard with the possibility of writing a book. He was ecstatic about the idea and wanted everything told; no matter how damning the telling. However, his untimely death eight months later as well as the shutting down of the country because of COVID, put the brakes on the progress of the book. Several years later she picked up the project again and with the help of over 30 interviews with relatives, childhood friends, classmates, business associates and gambling buddies, she was finally able to finish the book.

Mount Airy, NC continues to be Helen

Leonard's home but her visits to her hometown near Leefield are mandatory at Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as several pop-in visits throughout the year. "The Ultimate High Roller (Memoirs of Tyson Leonard)" can be purchased directly from the publisher on the website store.bookbaby.com. It is also listed on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) but purchasers have shared that it takes several weeks to receive.

About the back cover

A biography of an American icon who entertained the world with his antics and became one of the biggest gamblers of all time.

Tyson Leonard was definitely one of a kind. As a child, he was the leader of the pack. In little league, high school and college he was the star of the football team. Challenging the business world, he grew a multi-million-dollar company and served as its president for over fifty years. His creative abilities allowed him to entertain the world on the golf course or in any everyday situation.

In his gambling heyday from 1974 to 1985, Tyson took North Myrtle Beach and Bay Tree Golf Plantation by storm. He was well known by all the top gamblers including, Doyle Brunson, Evel Knievel, Billy Baxter, "Jimmy the Greek," Joe Sylvan, Billy Walters and Dewey Tomko and it wasn't unusual to bet a \$1,000,000 on a super bowl game.

Later in life, he built one of the largest longhorn ranches in the southeast. At one time he had over 750 longhorns and around 100 horses in residence.

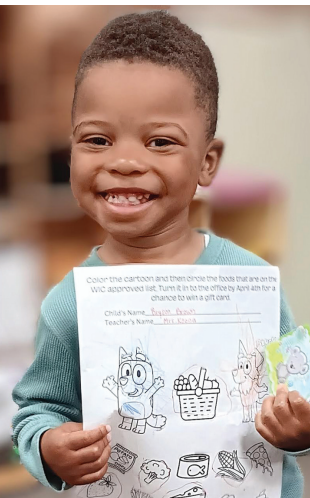
The adventures of «Texaco Tex» will keep you spellbound with his captivating journey through life and he definitely did it "His Way!"

Family Connection holds Spring coloring contest

Family Connection offered a Spring coloring contest to the Early Head Start families to

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