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Chief Deputy Robertson presented prestigious ‘Bobby Powell Award’

The Swainsboro Exchange Club annually honors Emanuel County’s First Responders with an appreciation lunch. This event was held at East Georgia State College on Tuesday, April 16. The highlight of the program is the presentation of the Bobby Powell Award, former Chief of Police for Swainsboro. Chief Powell responded to a domestic dispute where he was shot by one of the parties and died of his wounds on June 12, 1980.

Chief Deputy Nick Robertson started his law enforcement career in 2009 and has worked in the Uniform Patrol, Traffic and Investigation Divisions. He has been with the Emanuel County Sheriff’s Office since 2013 and was appointed as Chief Deputy, second in command, on January 1, 2021. Congratulations Chief Deputy Robertson!



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LEFT TO RIGHT- COACH CLINT INMAN, COACH DANIEL FLOWERS, BILLY MARTIN, ALLISON MARTIN (MOTHER), WILL MARTIN (FATHER)

Senior Eagle Billy Martin signs with the Mercer University Bears

On Thursday, April 18, David Emanuel Academy held a ceremony as Senior Eagle Billy Martin signed his Letter of Intent to play football for the Mercer University Bears. Mercer University is a NCAA Di-

vision 1 institution and competes in the Southern Conference. Joining in the celebration were Martin’s classmates, coaches, friends and family. The ceremony included speeches by Head of School Haylee

Free, current Athletic Director and football coach Clint Inman and incoming Athletic Director and current basketball coach Daniel Flowers. Each one that spoke focused on Bil-



WEBB AND CURRY WITH COACH ROBERTS AND FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

Curry and Webb sign letters of intent

SHS Seniors TJ Curry and LaMarqus Webb signed letters of intent to play college football on Friday, April 19. Curry will head west to MidAmerica Nazarene University in Kansas, and Webb will play for LaGrange College in

West Georgia.

These two young men are part of a record-setting class for Swainsboro athletics. As members of the football team, their class won 11 playoff games throughout their four years, which is the most for any class in SHS

history. This includes making it to the semi-finals and two back-to-back state championship games.

Head coach Scott Roberts says both have truly left their mark at SHS. Webb stated, “I



FRYE WITH WIFE, MELANIE AND SONS ZAC AND PEYTON

Frye named Pine Tree Festival Green Jacket recipient

Born and raised in Herndon, this year’s Green Jacket recipient is no stranger to Swainsboro and Emanuel County. He is also no stranger to the education field. A graduate of Jenkins County High, Young Harris, The University of Georgia and later from Georgia Southern

University and Valdosta State, he and his wife made their first home in Fitzgerald, GA.

He began his career as an administrator when he was named Middle School Principal at 29 years old and a High School Principal at the age of 33. His career rise was mirrored by

growth in his community involvement. In 1998, this gentleman was able to move his family “back home” when he became the superintendent of Emanuel County Schools. After serving a decade in Emanuel County, he retired in 2009 and spent approximate-

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Axe of Valor bringing axe throwing to Pine Tree Festival

Back by popular demand, Axe of Valor will once again bring axe throwing excitement to the Pine Tree Festival with its mobile axe throwing unit. Originating from lumberjack competitions, axe throwing continues to grow in popularity as a stand-alone sport that combines precision, strength, and focus as participants hurl axes at wooden targets, aiming for the bullseye.

Axe of Valor’s professional, certified coaches will be on hand to



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ensure a safe environment and guide participants in their axe throw-

ing endeavors.

Founded in Vidalia, (Continued on page 9A)

Emanuel BOE holds monthly meeting

The Emanuel County Board of Education met on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Swainsboro High School with the following members in attendance: Brandon Jones, Cherie Hooks, Del Brown, Tanya Lane, Johnny Parker, Sandra Swinney, and John Allen Bailey. Chairman Del Brown welcomed everyone calling the meeting to order. Sandra Swinney delivered the invocation followed by Tanya Lane leading the Pledge of Allegiance. John Allen Bailey made a motion to approve the agenda. Johnny Parker seconded the motion. Johnny Parker, Del Brown, Cherie Hooks, Brandon Jones, Tanya Lane, Sandra Swinney, and John Allen Bailey voted “yes”. CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

1. March Awards for F.A.M.I.L.Y., P.A.U.S.E. and S.A.S. – Mrs. Tammy Gray recognized the following recipients:
F.A.M.I.L.Y. Alexandra Flowers - ESOL Teacher at Twin City Elementary
P.A.U.S.E. Kaleb Shipman - Second Grader

at Swainsboro Primary School

S.A.S. Ashley Williford - School Nutrition at Swainsboro Middle School

2. Recognition of ECI -Middle School District 10 Honor Band-Tammy Gray Sponsor / Teacher: Ashley Akridge
Student/Staff Name: (Continued on page 7A)

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DAR Youth Citizenship winners

Each year the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) present the Youth Citizenship Award to a student in the 8th grade. The 8th grade teachers and students select someone that exemplifies the following attributes: honesty, high principles, loyalty, unselfishness, leadership, good sportsmanship, and responsibility to God, Home, and Country. The Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter, NSDAR, presented the annual awards to these deserving 8th graders at each school in the county. The 8th grade student from David Emanuel Academy – Gracie Scruggs; Emanuel County Institute – Tylaun Baker; Swainsboro Middle School – Gracee Brown. The DAR program aims to promote a greater appreciation of the qualities of citizenship among students.



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by MAYOR MATT DONALDSON

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Our Public Works Department will be working that Saturday



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to pick up any large, household items that needs disposing of. If you have any large items and cannot make it to a dump location, please put them beside the road on that Satur-

day. Our Public Works Department will come by and pick them up. Please remember this is a one day only event. Questions? Please call City Hall at 478-763-2695.

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East Georgia State College’s Spring Commencement scheduled for May 3

East Georgia State College (EGSC) will hold its Spring Commencement Ceremony Friday, May 3, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. The ceremony will be held in the gymnasium on the EGSC Swainsboro campus. Family and friends of the graduates and community members are all invited to attend the event. The speaker for the ceremony will be EGSC Professor Johnna Eaton.

Professor Johnna Eaton is a Swainsboro native and an honor graduate of Swainsboro High School. She attended Georgia Southern University, majoring in Kinesiology with an emphasis in exercise science. Johnna earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Georgia Southern University making her a “Double Eagle.”

Johnna is currently serving as professor of wellness at East Georgia State College. She began her career at the college as an intern while finishing graduate school at Georgia Southern University. She was hired in 2003 as the Physical Education Complex Coordinator and Fitness Director. Johnna developed the Community Fitness Program through EGSC’s Continuing Education Department and has been involved in many aspects of campus development including the challenge course, the original disc golf course,



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and the cross-country courses.

In 2007, she began teaching part-time to meet the need of the institution, and within a year, she had converted to full time faculty. Johnna has progressed through the faculty ranks and taught health, aerobics, outdoor recreation, weight training, student success, wellness, first aid, fitness walking, and health promotion within the recreation and kinesiology pathways.

Johnna has served on Faculty Senate and is now a member of the Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee. She has been involved in the college’s Student Learning Communities Quality Enhancement Plan and has piloted new Student Learning Community concepts through the evolution

of the plan. She is the current faculty advisor for the Lady Bobcat Basketball Team who made EGSC history this year claiming the title of state champions.

The job title Johnna is most proud of is Mom. She and husband Justin Eaton are the parents of three amazing children, Khloe, Elin, and Ellis. In her time away from work, Johnna enjoys DIY projects, yardwork, cooking, and spending time with her family whether that is at the baseball field, by a backyard bonfire, or tailgating at a Georgia Southern football game.

East Georgia State College invites the community and family and friends of the graduates to celebrate Friday, May 3. For more information visit, www.ega.edu or the college’s social media pages.

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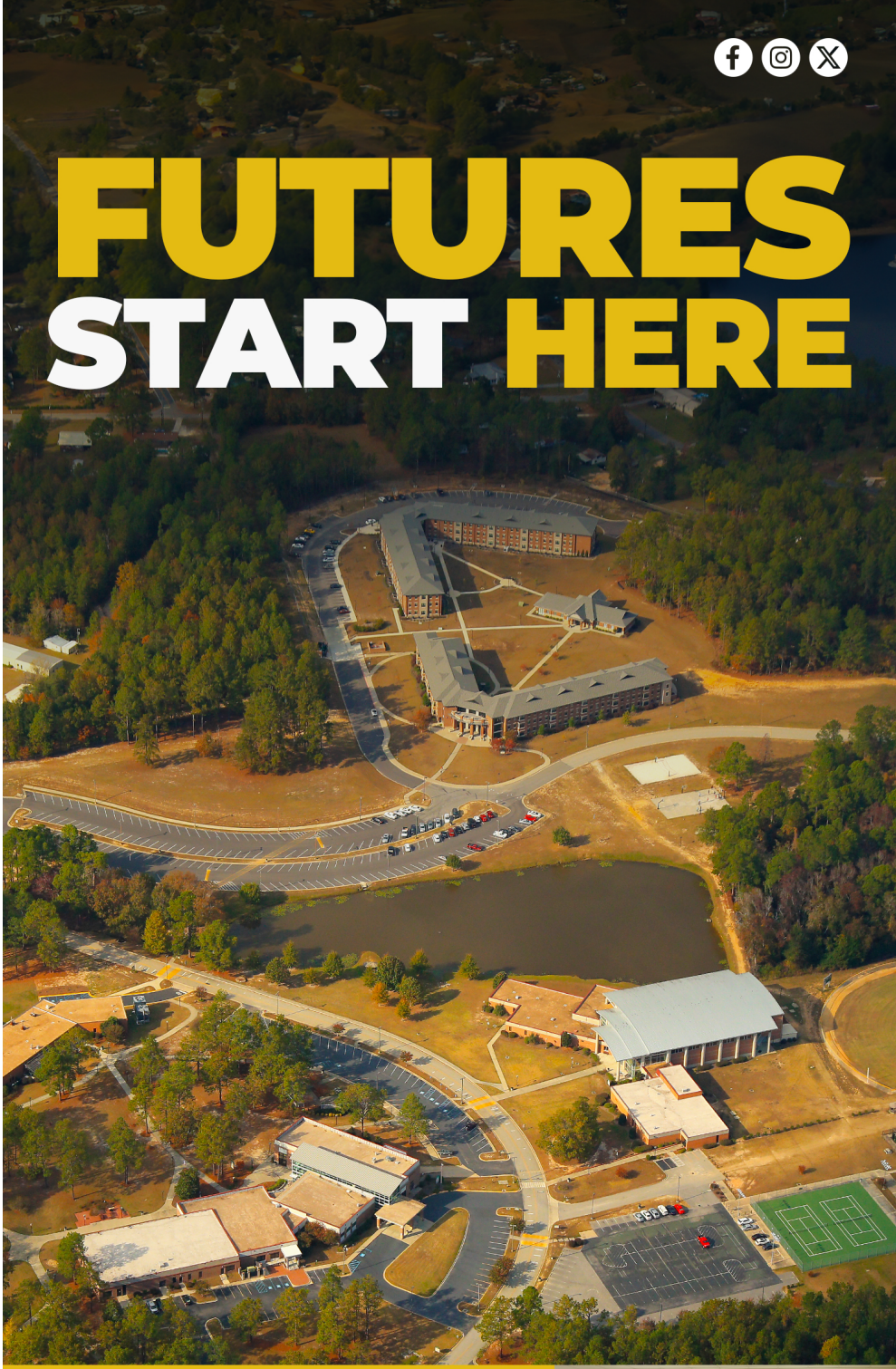
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• Line Up Time: 9:30 am • Step Off: 10:30 am • Entry Fee - \$25 per group including non-profit groups (cash, check, money order only)

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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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Return application to: Pine Tree Festival Parade Questions: Call – (478) 237-6426
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Rev. Ray Edward Jenkins, 92

On April 20, 2024, seven days after his 92nd birthday, we lost a pillar of the community, and the world became a lesser place with the passing of Reverend Ray Edward Jenkins. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 23, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church with Reverend Louis Pearce and Reverend Tommy Henry officiating. Interment followed in Eastbrook Cemetery with Reverend Billy Brinson officiating. The Family received friends at Tomlinson Funeral Home Monday evening from 6 to 8 pm.

Pallbearers were Tim Garrett, Kevin McDaniel, Terry Reynolds, Corbin Wiggins, Johnny Sikes and Riner Wiggins. Honorary pallbearers were Pastors, Gideons, and Oak Chapel Deacons.

Ray was born in Emanuel County to the late Eddie James "Shine" Jenkins and Georgia Agnes Kirkland Jenkins. After losing their 14-month-old daughter to diphtheria, Ray's parents taught him to love big and hug often. With Ray's talent of never meeting a stranger, becoming a salesman was a natural career choice. Always goal oriented he was quickly promoted to sales manager. At 26 years of age, he had the distinction of becoming the youngest manager in company history. For 11 years, he worked as a certified election official for Emanuel County. Life really began for him at age 40 when he gave his life to Jesus. He became a lay worker in the church and was invited to speak at many area churches. Ray served as a Gideon prior to being ordained in the ministry in 1992 while attending First Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. He served as pastor at Oak Grove in Portal for 10 years prior to 'retiring'. However, God had different plans and Ray was called to pastor Oak Chapel in Swainsboro for 20 years. After stepping down from the Senior Pastor position, he continued to serve as Associate Pastor until his death. When Ray got saved, he never got over it and shared his faith with everyone he met. He impacted many lives throughout his



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community. He walked his faith out through acts of service and was there day or night when people needed him. If you were fortunate enough to know him, you were truly blessed indeed. Steady as a beating heart, faithful as the sun rises, more loving than a mother to a newborn, he loved and lived fiercely. He had a long love story with his wife, Ruth, that lasted for 74 years. His love and adoration for his "bride" set an example for everyone to emulate. You didn't see one without the other because when their hearts were tied, they merged into one. Their love story began with their first date on Valentine's Day and by the second date he asked her to marry him. She thought he was crazy, but just like everything in his life, he set a goal and won her over, and they were married seven months later. They belonged together like peanut butter and jelly. Rev. Jenkins is preceded in death by his son, Donny Ray Jenkins.

Rev. Jenkins is survived by his wife, Mary Ruth Spence Jenkins of Swainsboro; children, Judy Jenkins of Swainsboro, Ann Jenkins Keene (Nick) of Peoria, AZ and bonus daughter, Melani Brewer Akins (Jay) of Lexington, SC; grandchildren, Jamey Jenkins (Clarissa) of Statesboro, Trey Cowart (Amy) of Waynesboro, Jeffrey Brewer (Rachael) of Chandler, AZ, Wes Jenkins (Lacey) of North Augusta, SC, Seth Brewer (Tabatha) of Swainsboro and Marley Mobley (Daniel) of Waynesboro; great-grandchildren; 21 plus 2 on the way; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Oak Chapel Church, 461 Blundale Church Rd, Swainsboro, GA 30401 or Gideons International, PO Box 365, Swainsboro, GA 30401.

Danny Duane Davis, 68

Mr. Danny Duane Davis, 68, of Statesboro, passed away Sunday, April 14, 2024, at his home. Funeral service was held Friday, April 19, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home with Noot Irvin and Tommy Kirby officiating. Interment followed in Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church cemetery in Statesboro. Visitation was Thursday, April 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home in Statesboro.

Pallbearers were Anthony Davis, Dustin Davis, Dylan Barber, Jim Akins, Jamey Jenkins and Wesley Snellgrove. Honorary pallbearers were Carlisle Military School alumni.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 210 Jonathan Road, Statesboro, GA 30458.

Danny was born May 6, 1955, in Macon, to the late Jack Dempsey Davis and Elizabeth Roberts Davis. In 1973, he graduated from Carlisle Military School in Bamberg, South Carolina. Danny was raised in the logging business, then worked as a long-distance truck driver before going back into logging until 2014 when his health started declining. He and his wife, Linda, enjoyed bowling and bowled in local leagues and in tournaments that allowed them to travel across the country for over 25



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years. Danny was also a big fan of the Atlanta Falcons, Atlanta Braves, University of Georgia and Georgia Southern, but loved spending time with his grandchildren more than anything. In addition to his parents, Mr. Davis is preceded in death by his brother, Donald Davis.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Linda Smith Davis of Statesboro; son, Derrick (Jamie) Davis of Winchester, California; daughter, Amy (Jason) Kallio of Menifee, California; stepson, Josh (Maria) Barber of Statesboro; grandchildren, Emma and Mina Davis, Sadie and Averie Kallio, and Dylan, Hailey, and Nicholas Barber; brother, Dennis (Theresa) Davis of Stillmore; sister-in-law, Joan Davis of Swainsboro; brother-in-law, Joey (Kathy) Smith of Bloomingdale; mother-in-law, Evelyn Smith of Bloomingdale; and several nieces and nephews.

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

George 'Randall' Holder, 65

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. George R. Holder, "Randall", age 65, of Swainsboro, on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 18, at 11 a.m. in the Peebles-Curry Memorial Chapel with Corbin Wiggins speaking. Interment followed in the Eastbrook Cemetery and Mausoleum in Swainsboro. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors.

Pallbearers were Terry Bell, Graham Lawson, Jeff Newsome, Al Johnson, Dana Farthing and Derek Hartmeyer. Honorary Pallbearers were Wayne Braswell, Jimmy Hiers and Rosby McKenzie.

An Emanuel County native, Randall was born to William Richard and JoAnn "JoJo" Armstrong Holder. He attended and graduated from Emanuel County Schools and was the owner of H&H Specialties. Randall adored his family, and he loved his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed going to the river or the beach and enjoyed fishing, "grillin' out" and gathering



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around the fire pit with family and friends. Randall was also an avid Georgia Bulldog fan. Mr. Holder is preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Barbara Curl Holder.

Survivors include his daughters, Chasity Newsome (Alan) and Monica Neesmith (Trey), all of Swainsboro; sisters, Deborah Farthing of Newnan and Donna Barwick of Adrian; brothers, Richard Holder (Holly) of Chicago, IL and Chris Holder (Ronda) of Greenville, SC; grandchildren, Gannon Randall Wiley (Catherine), Malia Newsome Bennett (Cody), Allie Slater, Madison Slater, Gatlin Neesmith and Harley Neesmith; great-grandchildren, Johnny Bennett and Ellie Jo Bennett.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

George Lee, Jr., 84

George Lee, Jr., age 84, passed away Wednesday, April 10, 2024. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, April 20, at 11 a.m. at St. Philip Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Kenneth Cody officiating and Elder Delmus Mosley presiding. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery.

George was born October 9, 1939, in Burke County, to the late George Lee, Sr. and Bertha Lee Griffin. After graduation, he attended and completed college courses at Broward Community College in Hollywood, FL. George was a firm and compassionate leader, counselor, supervisor and spiritual mentor to hundreds of employees and patients for over 20 years at South Florida State Hospital. Bishop Lee is preceded in death by his parents; children, George Lee III, Cassandra Blackshear, Sandra Bell and Fred Bell; grandchildren, Melissa, Kenneth



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and Charnele; and sisters, Jeanether, Mary and Betsy.

Bishop Lee is survived by his loving wife, Rosy Lee; daughters, Regina Lee, Tracy Youngblood (Marion), Debra King (Dwight), Donna Allen (David), Shirley Tisdale (Amos), Andra Hilbert, Lisa Hilbert and Phyllis Wells; sons, Ernest Bell (Renae), Michael Bell and John Holloway (Emma); 25 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

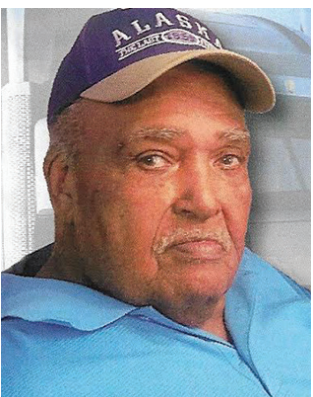
Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bobby Joe Edmond, 76

Bobby Joe Edmond, age 76, passed away Monday, April 15, 2024. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, April 20, at 3 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church with Pastor Jeanette Harden officiating and Pastor Malachi Lockett presiding.

Bobby was born October 4, 1947, to the late John Edmond and Fannie Mae Clark Edmond. He retired from Webb Brothers Trucking Company after many years of service as a truck driver. Mr. Edmond is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Helen Edmond; brother, Charlie Edmond; and sister, Mary Murphy.

Mr. Edmond leaves to cherish his memories with his sons, Christopher Williams (Shana) of Atlanta, Lee Edmond (Alicia) of Swainsboro and David Edmond (Shonda)



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of Twin City; daughters, Suzetta Mack and Shenika Edmond, both of Twin City; devoted niece, Brenda Faye Freeman (Ken) of Savannah; devoted friend, Susie Mae Cobb of Swainsboro; sister, Susie Williams of St. Petersburg, FL; 19 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Marlene Jones Jenkins, 70

Marlene Jones Jenkins, age 70, peacefully departed this life on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, entering into eternal rest. A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, April 21, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church with Pastor Johnnie Branch officiating.

Marlene was born June 7, 1953, in Emanuel County, to the late Bailey Jones and Mary Lee Jones. She attended Emanuel County Schools and later graduated from a correspondence school. Marlene enjoyed fishing, shopping, socializing, and quilting, but most of all, she enjoyed cooking for her family and always looked forward to spending time with them. Mrs. Jenkins is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leroy Jenkins; daughter, Catina Lafayette Jones; sister, Joann Jones Bright; brothers, Eddie Jones and Jerry Jones; and nephew, Tavarise Jones.

Mrs. Jenkins leaves to



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cherish her memories with her son, Jarvis Jones of Swainsboro; stepson, Dewayne Jenkins of Columbus; grandson, Octavious Jones of Statesboro; great-grandsons, Karter Ripley and Loyal Jones, both of Statesboro; brother, Murry (Lavonia) Jones of Nashville, TN; sister, Lillie Jones of Swainsboro; sister/niece, Jennifer (Jermaine) Harrison of Midville; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family, friends and caretakers.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Claxton Reunion planned for May 5

Plans are being made for the 2024 Claxton Reunion on May 5, at Gumlog Baptist in Kite. Save the date and plan to attend. For more information, contact Johnny Claxton, President, at 478.455.0465.

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church to hold Family & Friends Day

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 269 Oak Grove Church Road, Modoc, will hold Family & Friends Day Sunday, April 28. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Rev. Dr. Alfred Cason is pastor.

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.

Union Primitive Baptist Church celebrates 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 Bowen at 912.865.2795.

Editorials Columns

The essential asset

What would your answer be if someone asked you to name the greatest resource we have here in Emanuel County? Would you say it's the thousands of acres of beautiful, green, marketable forests, or maybe the clean, bountiful water flowing beneath us supplied by the Floridian Aquifer, or is it the moderate seasons we enjoy and the sustaining rainfall? All of that is important to be sure and must not be taken for granted, but beyond those assets, there is one that far exceeds the rest. The most vital resource of

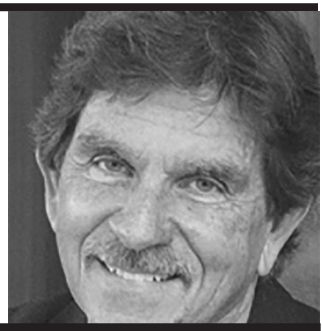
this place is, of course, *"its people"*. That is the unique element that gives value and purpose to all the other assets, but surprisingly, that is the one resource we do not utilize or manage as well as we should. I used to enjoy meeting with mayors and other elected officials from across the state to listen as they talked about their towns and counties and the struggles of progress made and progress lost. The stories they told described different objectives, different strategies, different obstacles, and different points of pride,

but the one thing they had in common was the firm belief that the more people you were able to involve, whether on your side or not, the better chance you had of accomplishing whatever goal or objective you were after. Participation is absolutely crucial to healthy growth, and very often the spirit that is generated when people get involved is of more lasting benefit than the original goal itself.

Every community in this state has its own special quality, but the unique elements that cause one city or county

to move forward consistently and vigorously while others do not, are the energy, the ideas, and the involvement of all its people. Emanuel County has an army of young, middle aged, and older "potential participants" that needs to be mobilized and encouraged to take an active role in the life of their county. That involvement can begin in the simple but powerful act of just showing up and supporting the efforts of civic organizations, churches, schools, government agencies, volunteer committees, and every other public event there is. These

Charles Schwabe



organizations, activities, and events should open their doors, invite participation, and once again make public service and community involvement a way of life. That is how you energize a place. A good first step in the "participation campaign" would be supporting the annual county-wide celebration of the Pine Tree Festival on May 3 and 4. We need to emphasize the

importance of utilizing our "people resource" to create a better Emanuel County. Think of all the great folks that you know, young and old, who could be making an amazing contribution in the life of this county by just participating. It's an incredible resource that is right here, right now among us, and it is too valuable and too essential to be taken for granted.

Some advice for a newly-arrived great-grandson

Dear Samuel Knox Wansley:

Welcome! You are my seventh great-grandchild and the fourth male in my growing family tree. However, I suspect that is of little importance to you at this point. I have the notion that having arrived only a couple of weeks ago, you are more interested in sleep and sustenance than in your ranking. Besides, as you will soon learn, all seven of you are ranked Number One.

I am sorry to start this correspondence off on a negative note, but the world into which you have come is in pretty poor shape these days. Those of us who preceded you here haven't done a very good job

taking care of it. In fact, we have probably made things worse. And that is my reason for writing you.

There is an ancient Chinese proverb that states, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step," meaning that the longest and most difficult of undertakings must begin with a first step. Making this a better world will require you to take that step and many more. I hope — no, I pray — that you and your generation will make that journey. It won't be easy.

Human beings don't come into the world innately knowing how to hate or with a predetermined prejudice against other human

beings because of how they look or worship or choose to live their lives. You have to learn to be mean, to be hurtful, to be judgmental. These are traits that are taught by those of us who didn't learn those lessons ourselves.

Fortunately, you will be raised in a home, along with your two brothers, where those kinds of attitudes are not acceptable. You chose your parents wisely. They are kind and considerate and of strong character. They will teach you well. That means you will experience a lot of love. That is very important. If you love, you can't hate. Sounds simple, doesn't it? But it's not. Love is also a learned behavior.

Before I get off the subject of love, it is a strength, not a weakness. And it is hard to love others if you don't feel good about yourself. I am not talking about self-conceit or arrogance. I'm talking about an inner peace that comes from knowing yourself and accepting who you are for what you are. Don't let others define you. You are a unique individual.

That leads to your value system: What will be important to you and what will not? There is a term known as 4F used to identify those that do not qualify for military service. I have a different definition of 4F I would ask that you make a cornerstone of your life: Faith. Family. Friends. Forgiveness.

Faith is belief in a higher power, a Supreme Being. This universe and this planet in which it exists are not a random thing. There is a God. I believe that with all my heart and I hope you will, too. But faith is different from orga-

Dick Yarbrough



nized religion, which is man-made and too often shows its man-made biases. Don't let anyone tell you their way of worshipping is the right way or the only way. Keep your faith between you and God.

Family is the glue that holds it all together. Thank goodness, you find yourself in a stable and loving family. Not every newborn is that lucky. The traditional family structure has changed dramatically over the years and not necessarily for the better. Many of society's problems today can be traced back to poor parenting. Consider yourself very fortunate.

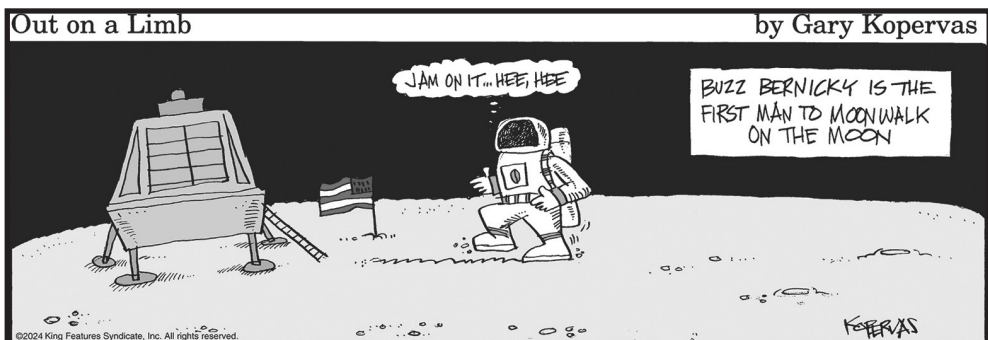
You will make many friends in the years to come. Choose them wisely and make sure you don't let them influence you to behavior that you know in your

heart is wrong. Never sully your good name. That is your reputation. Lose it and it will be difficult to ever get it back.

Finally, learn to forgive. It took me a long time to understand that lesson. I could hold a grudge with the best of them but now that I am in the twilight of my life, I ask myself, why? What purpose does it serve? Life is too short, no matter how long you live, to carry around personal grievances. So, what do you do? You love and forgive. Not only does it make you a bigger person, it is bound to confound your enemies. In short, love everybody as we love you. And we do. Welcome to our world. PA

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Editorial Cartoons



Graduation memories

At this time of year, my thoughts often drift back to my mixed emotions about the end of my school days at SHS. This was a difficult time for me because I had also lost my father. Was I ready for my delightful childhood to end? Well, there was no choice. I had to look towards the future. As our class marched down to the music of *Pomp and Circumstances*, tears came with realization that I would never again be surrounded by my classmates, Mr. Glenn and the caring teachers I had known. The class sat down in the front rows, listened to speeches, awards presentations, and as I had always done in chapel, I looked at the

Shirley Proctor Twiss



wording above the stage. *The soul of education is the education of the soul.* Would I ever understand those words? For the last time, we stood together, held hands and sang the alma mater. *Hail to thee dear Swainsboro High School with your Black and Gold. We will always treasure memories you enfold. Oft and fancy we will travel back to high school days to live in dreamland. Wake to sing your praise.* I never dreamed where oft and fancy would take me. After SHS, I followed my desire and lived in Atlanta until I met a 'rambling wreck' from Arkansas and oft

and fancy began. After marriage, we traveled to his USAF assignments and later his career path. Never expected to live on the Mexican border, Philippine Island, Natchez Mississippi, Louisiana Bayou, three times in Texas, Virginia mountains, not enough time in Panama City, FL, before settling in the delightful city of Greenville, SC. (Also, along this route I picked up two education degrees, taught a lot of children, even three of my own.) Whenever I am asked, "Where are you from?", my answer is Swainsboro, Georgia.



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We welcome Letters to the Editor from our readers. However, due to increasing production costs, we must request that letters be kept to approximately 350 words. All letters must be signed by at least one person. Address and telephone number of the writer should also be given.

The Blade reserves the right to edit letters and limit the number of letters on any one subject from any one person.

Remember when?

Pictured are two Pine Tree Festival parade entries in the early 1950's. Recognize any unidentified people in the photos?



Pete and Mae Ellen Leonard in buggy. Midnight has the American Flag.

Swainsboro Sports Alumni meeting to be held

by CAROLYN PARRISH PITTMAN, SWAINSBORO SPORTS ALUMNI MEMBER

Swainsboro Sports Alumni has scheduled a meeting on May 11, 2024 at the Vann community House. The meeting will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Swainsboro Sports Alumni are encouraged to attend.

Trash for Trophies: Sites set for KEB Southern Trash Bash

This year volunteers with Keep Emanuel Beautiful (KEB) invite all Emanuel County citizens and civic groups to join in the county-wide clean-up on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet up sites for each community are the City Park for Oak Park and Adrian, city hall for Summertown and Garfield, the Smith Canoochee Store for Canoochee, and the Boneyard for Swainsboro. (Twin City has its city-wide cleanup this week.)

Prizes will be awarded to the groups with the most volunteers making the largest impact and the craziest find. Everyone who participates will receive pizza and drinks at noon at the Boneyard.

From each starting point, volunteers will collect maps, bags and vests then drive to their designated areas. A list of roads and sites in need of cleaning will be provided to those who will not be cleaning their own neighborhoods or stretches.

When bags have been



KEB LOGO

filled, participants are asked to send a photo of their cleanup to the Keep Emanuel Beautiful Facebook or Instagram pages with the hashtag #EmanuelTrashBash, or if they want to give their city or street a shoutout, they can list their city in the hashtag #AdrianTrashBash.

At noon, all participants can bring non discarded bags to the Swainsboro Boneyard for a community picture where there will be pizza, prizes and more. The largest group that cleans their area the most will receive the KEB honorary award and bragging rights for a year.

The Emanuel County Southern Trash Bash is open to the public. This event was developed through a partnership between Emanuel County Board of Commissioners, the City of Swainsboro, Twin City, Garfield, Adrian, Summertown, Georgia, Oak Park, Canoochee, Emanuel County Public Works and Keep Emanuel Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful dedicated to ending litter and beautifying communities in the Emanuel County area. Other community partners include Swainsboro Moose Lodge, Tractor Supply.

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Graduation 2024 Edition!

Emanuel BOE holds...

(From front page)

Leta Kellum - 3rd Chair
Flute, Emily Scarboro -
1st Chair Tuba, Elizabeth
Swygert - 2nd Chair
Trumpet, Elizabeth
Swygert - All-State Honor
Band (2nd Round Finalist)

3. Recognition of ECI
FBLA-FBLA Middle
Level State Leadership
Conference - Tammy Gray
Sponsor/Teacher:
Jessica Smith

Student/Staff Name:
Ansley Frye - 7th Place
Video Public Service
Announcement (Team
Event), Lawson Frye - 7th
Place Video Public Service
Announcement (Team
Event), Lawson Frye -
8th Place Multimedia &
Website Design, Blaire
Johnson - 8th Place
Elevator Speech, Clay
Smith - 8th Place FBLA
Mission & Pledge

4. Recognition of
ECI FBLA-FBLA State
Leadership Conference -
Tammy Gray

Sponsor/Teacher:
Jessica Smith

Student/Staff Name:
Chapter Award Blake
Librizzi-President, Brailey
Radford-Vice President,

Ansley Moxley-Jr
Advisor - Superior Gold
Chapter (top 25 in the
state), Chapter Award
5th Place overall Chapter
Division 2, Chapter Award
4th Place March of Dimes,
and Chapter Award
5th Place Market Share
Award, Raelyn Frederick
- Business Achievement
Award Level 4 and
300+Community Service
Hours, James Wallace
Kersey - Business
Achievement Award
Level 4

5. Recognition of ECI

FCCLA State Star event
winners/State Student
Chef Competition -
Tammy Gray

Sponsor/Teacher: Anna
Johnson

Student/Staff Name:
Clorinda Carrillo - 3rd
Place state student chef
competition, Matti
Cochran - 3rd Place
FCCLA Creed, Raylin
Hudson - 1st Place
GOLD Fashion Project
(Advanced to Nationals)

**Designed and made her
own prom gown*, Halli
Kate Johnson - 1st Place
GOLD Chapter Service
Project (Advanced to
Nationals) **A doggy
difference* helping a
local animal shelter**,
Dhahami Salgado - Silver
Repurpose and Redesign
**Created their own
learning book for chil-
dren**, Samadhi Salgado
- Silver Repurpose and
Redesign **Created their
own learning book for
children**, Carly Salinas
- 3rd Place state student
chef competition, JaMyra
Shivers - Bronze Event
Management **Planned
red ribbon week events**,
Erin Stanford - GOLD
Professional Presentation
on Leadership, Grace
Swygert - 1st Place GOLD
Chapter Service Project
(Advanced to Nationals)
**A doggy difference*
helping a local animal
shelter**, Lola Walden -
1st Place GOLD Fashion
Design (Advanced to
Nationals) **Designed
and made her own prom
gown*

6. Recognition of SHS
-State Beta Convention-
Tammy Gray

Sponsor/Teacher:
Cindy Riner

Student/Staff Name:
Yi'Zhariah Bell - 5th
Place Performing Arts-
Solo, Duo, Trio Dancer,
Yi'Zhariah Bell - Premier
Performer Dancer,
Terralynn Brinson -
2nd Place 10th Grade
Biomedical, Emily Chen
- 3rd Place Scrapbook,
Dei'Vion Davis - 3rd
Place Division I Speech,
Dei'Vion Davis - 2nd Place
9th Grade Biomedical,
Malyiah Jones - 3rd Place
Division I Drawing, Caleb
Long - 3rd Place Division
I Speech, Thomas
McCullough - 5th Place
9th Grade Science,
Abigail Phillips - 1st Place
Division II Sculpture,
Cari Phillips - 4th Place
Division II Woodworking,
Tisey Powell - 2nd Place
Division II Jewelry,
Tisey Powell - 3rd Place
Scrapbook, Emma
Sconyers - 1st Place-3
Dimensional Design,
Laynie Scott - 3rd Place
9th Grade Agriscience,
Quintus Williams - 4th
Place Accessorized
Design and 1st Place
Officer Service Award
Essay

7. Recognition of SHS
FBLA State Leadership
Conference-Tammy Gray

Sponsor/Teacher: Mrs.
Linda Kelly/Mrs. Shayla
Coleman

Student/Staff Name:
Swainsboro High Chapter
- Received Gold Chapter
and 6th Place Largest Local
Chapter Membership,
Dei'Vion Davis - Top
12 All-State-Intro to
Public Speaking, Nevaeh
Hendrix - Business
Achievement Award
Level 3 Contributor,
Business Achievement
Award Level 2 Leader and

Business Achievement
Award Level 1 Advocate,
Caleb Long - 8th Place
Future Business Educator,
Business Achievement
Award Level 3
Contributor, Business
Achievement Award
Level 2 Leader and
Business Achievement
Award Level 1 Advocate,
Tisey Powell - Business
Achievement Award
Level 3 Contributor,
Business Achievement
Award Level 1 Advocate,
Quintus Williams -
Business Achievement
Award Level 4 Achiever
Capstone, Business
Achievement Award
Level 3 Contributor,
Business Achievement
Award Level 2 Leader,
Business Achievement
Award Level 1 Advocate,
100 Hours Community
Service Recognition,
200 Hours Community
Service Recognition and
3rd Place Client Service
(Advanced to Nationals)

8. Recognition of SHS
FCCLA Star Events-State
Leadership Conference -
Tammy Gray

Sponsor/Teacher: Kelli
Mendieta

Student/Staff Name:
Jakayla Coleman - 6th
Place-Silver Public
Policy Advocate-Level
3, Gabriella Hayes - 5th
Place-Silver Teach or
Train-Level 2, Tykerria
Phillips - 6th Place-Silver
Public Policy Advocate-
Level 3, Lashunta Shanks
- 6th Place-Gold Food
Innovations, Ansley
Turner - 6th Place-Gold
Food Innovations

9. Nomination for GSBA
Summer Conference

Delegate and Alternate
10. FY25 Tentative
Budget-Mollie Smith

11. Reserve Fund
and ESPLOST Capital
Outlay Projects Proposal
Transfer Funds - Mollie
Smith **NEW BUSINESS
TABLED**

1. Recommendation
to Rescind Policy EFDC:
Data Dissemination to
Public

a. [https://law.georgia.gov/
key-issues/open-govern-
ment/law](https://law.georgia.gov/key-issues/open-govern-ment/law)

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uel.k12.ga.us/quicklinks/
open-records-request](https://www.emanuel.k12.ga.us/quicklinks/open-records-request)

**DISCUSSION OF
CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda
was presented and
approved as follows:

1. Approval of the
March 7, 2024, Called
Meeting and March 12,
2024, Regular Meeting.

2. Approval of Financial
Reports – Mollie Smith

3. Approve Awarding-
Interior Construction
for Technology and
Food Service Building to
Caraway Construction
Property Maintenance
LLC - Jansen Ware

4. Approve Twin City
Renovations-Jansen Ware

**P U B L I C
PARTICIPATION** - None
**EXECUTIVE SESSION
EMPLOYMENTS:**

The Board approved
the Renewal, employ-
ment, retired, retirement
and resignations of the
following certified and
classified employees:
**RECOMMENDATIONS,
CERTIFIED**

Anderson, Zachary
- Band Director - ECI
- 7/25/2024 - NCIC
Incomplete
Boyette, Brooke -

Teacher - ECI - 7/25/2024
- NCIC Incomplete
Cartaya, Melissa -
Teacher-SMS - 7/25/2024
- NCIC Incomplete
Frye, Brooke - Principal
- ECI - 7/1/2024 - NCIC
Complete
Joyce, Shelley - Teacher
- SHS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC
Incomplete
Patton, Nelson - Teacher
- SHS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC
Incomplete
**RESIGNATIONS,
CERTIFIED**
O'Neal, Joseph - Teacher
- SHS - 5/29/2024
**COMMENDATIONS,
CLASSIFIED**
Lovett, Sariah
- Custodian - SPS -
4/15/2024 - NCIC
Incomplete
Youmans, Sandra -
Paraprofessional - SMS
- 7/25/2024 - NCIC
Incomplete
**RETIREMENTS,
CLASSIFIED**
Henry, Evelyn - SFS
Manager-SHS - 6/1/2024
2024-2025 TRANSFERS
Mingledorff, Mistie -
SES to TCE
Roberts, Danielle - SES
to TCE
Faircloth, Lisa - SPS to
TCE
Brown, Laurel - SPS
para to TCE para
Chalker, Corey - SES to
SMS
Braswell, Hunter - SHS
to SMS
Logan, Kelly - SES to
SPS-Pre-K
Johnson, Schuyler -
SMS to ECI
Curry, Cassidy - TCE
to ECI
Scott, Michelle - SES
(Project Search) to SHS
Dolph, Teresa - SES
(Project Search) to SHS



NEW SUPERINTENDENT DR. DENISE
WARNOCK, KEN WARNOCK
AND JUDGE DON WILKES



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ALEXANDRA FLOWERS AND
TCE PRINCIPAL JESSICA COLLINS



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JODI SINGLETARY



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DIRECTOR ASHLEY AKRIDGE



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COCHRAN, SAMADHI SALGADO AND BOARD
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ANETRIA EDENFIELD, FCCLA ADVISER ANNA
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SALINAS, CLORINDA CARRILLO
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AND BOARD MEMBER CHERIE HOOKS



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BAILEY, BETA CLUB ADVISER CINDY RINER,
AWARD RECIPIENTS EMMA SCONYERS, CARI
PHILLIPS, ABIGAIL PHILLIPS, DEI'VION DAVIS,
TERRALYNN BRINSON, TISEY POWELL, CALEB
LONG, YI'ZHARIAH BELL, QUINTUS WILLIAMS,
THOMAS MCCULLOUGH AND SHS PRINCIPAL
BRANDON ANDREWS



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State of Georgia commends East Georgia Healthcare Center for its commitment to Colorectal Cancer Screening

EGHC joins Georgia CORE and partners in urging Southeast Georgians to "Stay ahead of Colon Cancer"

On Tuesday, April 16, the East Georgia Healthcare Center received a Governor's Commendation for its successful colorectal cancer screening program that is saving lives in rural Georgia. Rep. Butch Parrish (R-Swainsboro) presented the commendation to EGHC officials on behalf of the State of Georgia.

"The average screening rate for eligible patients in Georgia is 70%, but when we started the program in 2021, the average screening rate for eligible patients in Southeast Georgia was only 33%," said Jennie Wren Denmark, CEO of EGHC. "Thanks to this program, we've increased that rate to 45%."

EGHC joined the CDC-funded Georgia

Colorectal Cancer Control Program in partnership with the Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education (CORE), the Medical College of Georgia and the Institute of Public and Preventive Health at Augusta University, the Albany Area Primary Health Clinic, and Horizons Community Solutions. Promoted as *Stay Ahead of Colon Cancer*, it is a five-year program and part of CDC's national *ScreenOutCancer* initiative.

By the numbers, 6,700 patients were screened for colorectal cancer at EGHC clinics from 2021-2023; 77 precancerous colonic growths were removed; with nine participating clinics with two onboarding soon.

"Colorectal cancer is

the third most diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in our state. Over 4,000 new cases are diagnosed each year in Georgia," said Koosh Desai, MD, the GCRCCP Medical Director for Southeast Georgia. "But it is also the most preventable. In fact, screening can prevent 60% of colorectal cancers, and 90% can be cured if detected early."

Currently, residents in 13 counties are served by EGHC and this program: Emanuel, Bulloch, Treutlen, Toombs, Tattnall, Candler, Appling, Wayne, Montgomery, Jenkins, Jefferson, Screven and Evans Counties. GCRCCP is also in five counties in Southwest Georgia. More information is available



MARTIN SHELDON, MD, EGHC'S CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER; KOOSH DESAI, MD, GCRCCP MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR SOUTHEAST GEORGIA; LYNN DURHAM, EDD, GEORGIA CORE PRESIDENT & CEO, JENNIE WREN DENMARK, CEO OF EGHC; REPRESENTATIVE BUTCH PARRISH

at GeorgiaCancerInfo.org/stay-ahead-colon-cancer.aspx.

"We're thankful to CDC, Georgia CORE, and our other partners who have joined us in our commitment to prevent

colorectal cancer in our community," added Denmark.

About Georgia CORE
The Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education bridges the gap between groundbreaking research, educational outreach, and effective advocacy to transform the landscape of cancer care and support in Georgia. A statewide

nonprofit, Georgia CORE fosters partnerships to extend research and treatment opportunities; empowers healthcare partners and all Georgians impacted by cancer with the latest cancer care information; and engages and educates government entities on cancer's impact to help secure critical public resources. Learn more at GeorgiaCancerInfo.org.

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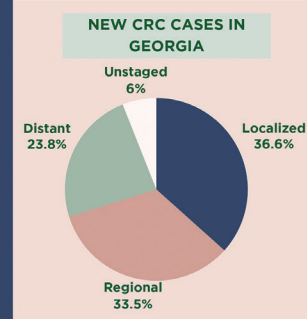
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3RD LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH IN GEORGIA

4336
colorectal cancer cases reported in Georgia in 2020

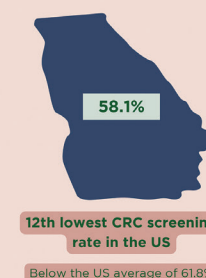
27%
of Georgians aged 50-75 did not receive a colorectal screening in 2022.



More than half of new colorectal cancer cases (57.3%) were diagnosed after spreading to other parts of the body.

Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screenings

- COST
- LIMITED RESOURCES TO FOLLOW UP ON ABNORMAL RESULTS
- PATIENT FEAR
- LACK OF TRANSPORTATION



SCREENINGS ARE COST-EFFECTIVE

CRC screenings have a **lower cost** and detect cancer **earlier**.

All screening strategies **reduce mortality** compared to no screening.

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Frye named Pine...

(From front page)
ly 30 quick days resting before taking on a new challenge working with Buckley & Associates as the Business Development Director, where he has worked for the past 14 years. Through this time, he used his knowledge and care for education to help schools throughout the state make the most of every dollar and build facilities that promote efficient and effective learning.

A list of past accomplishments and community involvement would take hours to list but at one point just a few years ago, he was an active member of 14 local boards and committees. Currently, he serves on the following boards: Emanuel County Development Authority, Durden Banking Company Board of Directors, Swainsboro Methodist Church where he has been a Sunday School teacher for many years. He is also a member of the Hospital Foundation Board and a founding member of the Wiregrass SAR.

As recipient of the 2024 Green Jacket award, we are honored to recognize

Axe of Valor...

(From front page)
Axe of Valor pays homage to four courageous firefighters who risked their lives in a harrowing 2021 rescue. Captain Larry Monroe, one of the heroes who rescued two people from the fully involved structure fire, initiated Axe of Valor to honor his comrades.

Axe of Valor will be open during Rhythm & Pines on Friday night and for the Pine Tree Festival on Saturday. They will be located near the Square in the area of Roger Shaw Street, where attendees will have the opportunity to select from a variety of axe throwing experiences available for purchase. The 77th Annual Pine Tree Festival will be held May 3-4 in downtown Swainsboro. For more information, including a full schedule of events, visit pinetreefestival.org.

Pine Tree Festival is produced by the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Festival Foundation, Inc. Come and enjoy the Rhythm & Pines Music Festival on May 3, beginning at 5 p.m. in downtown Swainsboro. On Saturday May 4, be sure to be on hand for the Grand Parade beginning at 10:30 a.m.

May the Forest Be With You



FRYE WITH CHAMBER DIRECTOR
KEN WARNOCK

his many accomplishments and the impact this gentleman made on his community. His care and passion for everyone and the love that keeps his family a priority comes only second to his faith.

The past couple of years have brought new challenges to this family but it hasn't changed this man's commitment

to his community and family.

We salute you, Butch Frye and are proud to add you to the list of Green Jacket recipients. Your dedication to our community will never go unnoticed.

Frye is married to Melanie Frye, and they have 2 sons, Zac (Leah) and Peyton (Brooke) and 5 grandchildren.

ees will have the chance to meet and take photos with their favorite Star Wars characters from both the Jedi Alliance and the Dark Side including Chewbacca, Princess Leia, R2D2, Darth Vader, and a Storm Trooper. The meet and greet is free of charge and will take place on the Square, in front of the Chamber of Commerce, beginning after the parade on Saturday.



MARTIN WITH HIS FELLOW FOOTBALL TEAMMATES



MARTIN WITH HIS SIBLINGS AND GRANDPARENTS

Senior Eagle Billy...

(From front page)
ly's work ethic, passion and drive which has made this opportunity available for him. Billy says, "I am thankful

to God for blessing me throughout my life and to everyone who has supported me along the way." Billy is excited to be joining the Mercer

Bears in Macon this summer. While at Mercer, he plans to major in Civil Engineering. Billy is the son of Will and Allison Martin of Kite, Georgia.

Curry and Webb sign letters of intent

(From front page)
overcame a lot of adversity dealing with injuries but really stepped up the last two years." Roberts adds, "Curry is an outstanding kid on and off the field, and we are super excited about this opportunity."

A signing ceremony was held in the auditorium. Joining Webb

were his maternal grandmother, Flora Waters, his aunt, Samantha Samples, and his stepmother, Kajuanna Snell. Curry was joined by his mother, Lashonda Gardner, and his father, Larry Sherrod. SHS Administrators Brandon Andrews, Lindsey Sconyers, Gray Mendieta, and many extended fam-

ily members, teachers, teammates, classmates, former classmates, and Tiger athletic supporters were in attendance. Assistant coaches Chase Giddens, Michael Singletary, Dwight Smith, Pippin Davis, Morgan Jersey, Ashley Hooks, and David Ray were also present to support their former players.

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Local Pretreatment Program Approval

In accordance with chapter 391-3-6-.09, Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, notice is hereby given of approval by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division of changes to a local pretreatment program for the City of Swainsboro covering the Yam Grandy Creek WPCP (GA0039225). The pretreatment program provides for the administration and enforcement of pretreatment standards for industrial users of the publicly owned treatment works.

Miss Hall honored with ‘Something blue before I do’ bridal shower

Miss Brittany Hall, bride-elect of Mr. Stephen Kyle Williams, was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Letha Hall on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. As guests entered the home, they were greeted by a welcome sign that read, “Welcome to Brittany’s Bridal Shower.” The theme of the party was ‘Something Blue before I do.’ Befittingly so, the Hall residence was decorated throughout with French country blue toile patterns and vases. Additionally, each table had a floral arrangement of white and blue hydrangeas

that were individually created and designed by the bride’s grandmother, Letha Hall. Napkins were adorned with a “W”, the bride-elect’s last initial. A blue balloon arch, created by Dena Walden, hung above the gift table that was covered by a toile and burlap tablecloth. Miss Hall chose a white, strapless romper with a ruffled top and nude heels as her attire.

Guests enjoyed chicken salad croissants, barbeque chicken sliders, pepperoni sliders, ham and cheese sliders, fruit dip, lady fingers, cheese biscuits, sausage balls, pecan squares, pasta

salad, bread bowl fondue, coffee punch, and a two-tier cake made by Melanie Anderson.

Hostesses were the bride’s grandmother, Letha Hall; bride’s aunt, Hannah Peterson; and bride’s stepmom, Katie Hall.

Special guests were the mother of the bride, Penny Porcel and mother of the groom, Dawn Cannady Williams. Many close family members and friends were also in attendance.

The wedding is set for May 4, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Quinney Oaks Plantation in Millen. A reception will follow at the same location.



L. HALL, PETERSON, B. HALL AND K. HALL



KERSEY SPEAKS TO EREA MEMBERS

Retired teachers get a lesson on Drones

The Emanuel Retired Educators Association held its April meeting at Twin City Elementary School Media Center on April 17. Principal Jessica Collins provided a warm welcome to members of the group and expressed her gratitude for their many years of service in education. The tables in the media center were beautifully decorated using a spring theme, and a delicious lunch was provided by the school and served by Beta Club members of Twin City Elementary.

Following the meal, Officer Adam Kersey of the Swainsboro Police Department provided a most fascinating presentation regarding the use of drones by local law enforcement. Kersey told

the veteran educators that the department has two drones that have provided valuable assistance on many occasions in helping law enforcement locate criminals, particularly in situations involving heavily wooded areas or poor visibility. Kersey demonstrated the drone in action, and members were very impressed, not only with his skill at operating the drone, but also with the many capabilities of the high-tech surveillance craft. Kersey is one of two Emanuel County law enforcement officers who are certified drone operators.

Past-president Jean Schwabe announced the slate of 2024-25 EREA officers, and members unanimously approved the roster. The new officers

include Verdell Brinson, President; Toney Golden, President-elect; Wanda Ellis, Secretary; Lena Nwakudu, Treasurer; and Judy Hendrix, Past-president. The group will be installed at the May meeting. President Hendrix reminded members of the final meeting of the year on May 15 at the Fulford Center at East Georgia State College. Members were encouraged to notify Jean Schwabe by May 8 if they plan to attend, in order to provide an accurate meal count to the college. Not only will new officers be installed at the May meeting, but the EREA Scholarship will also be awarded at that time to an East Georgia State College student studying to become a teacher.



Photo credit: Tarralynn Jenkins

WYNN, WILLIAMS, MISS SMS THOMPSON, BROWN AND SMITH



J. THOMPSON, BELL, MISS SHS SNELLING, A. THOMPSON AND TAYLOR

Thompson, Snelling crowned Miss SMS and Miss SHS

The Miss SMS/SHS Annual Pageant was held Thursday, March 28, at the Swainsboro City Auditorium. Crowds came in great attendance to cheer these beautiful young ladies on and to support the sponsor, Mr. Lindy Sikes and the SHS Band of Gold, the proceeds of which go to help support the SHS Marching Band Program.

The pageant was emceed by Chyann Hoyle, Miss Empire of the South. Hoyle is a prominent advocate for those living with disabilities and an active member of the Cystic Fibrosis

Foundation. The judging panel consisted of Lisa Foskey, Maurice Bernie and Allie Griffis. The 2023 reigning queens assisting with presentations consisted of Miss SMS Savannah Thompson and Miss SHS Kali Screws.

Lauren Thompson was crowned Miss SMS 2024, with Jocelyn Williams, first runner-up; Gracee Brown, second runner-up; Jurnee Wynn, third runner-up and Miss Photogenic; and Sarah Smith, fourth runner-up. Summer Peebles was awarded People’s Choice and Emma Grace

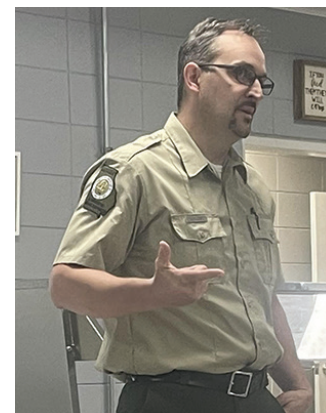
Bedgood received the Miss Congeniality title.

Di’Mya Snelling was crowned Miss SHS 2024, with Ayla Thompson, first runner-up and Miss Photogenic; Yi’zhariah Bell, second runner-up; Jada Thompson, third runner-up; and Allie Taylor, fourth runner-up. Zaylin Lee received the Miss Congeniality award.

Princess Middleton, the pageant coordinator, expresses her gratitude to all the volunteers, including the band parents and students, for their valuable contribution to making the event a grand success.

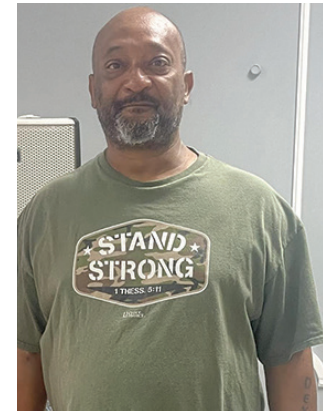
Veterans meet at First Baptist Church

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the First Baptist Church Monday morning, April 22, 2024, at 9:15. With Chair John Tapley presiding, there were 45 in attendance including one new veteran. Terry Walker served in the U.S. Marine Corps from June 13, 1983, to August 25, 1989. He obtained the rank of E-4. Walker moved here from the Tampa, FL area seven years ago and is



ATTAWAY

proud to part of Emanuel County. The speaker for the meeting was Morgan Attaway. Attaway is a George Leon Smith II Georgia State Park Ranger and has been at the park for 17 years. He gave a very good overview of the park, the additions and what’s to come in the future for the park. Attaway stated that last year, they



WALKER

had over 87,000 visitors. Chair Johnny discussed the upcoming Herrington Homestead Fishing Derby and the Veterans Cup Golf Tournament. Veterans were fed grits, sausage biscuits with jelly and orange juice, grape juice, cranberry juice and coffee. Thanks to the First Baptist for a great breakfast.



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JESUS SAVES TODAY

DEA scores new athletic staffing

David Emanuel Academy has announced the appointment of Daniel Flowers as the school's new Athletic Director. Known by many as "Coach D", Flowers has been serving as a teacher and coach at DEA for the last three years. He has assisted Clint Inman (the current AD) in football and baseball, and has also led the boys' basketball programming. In the upcoming school year, Coach D will continue with the boys' basketball program and will assist with the football and softball programs as well. Coach Flowers brings 20 years of experience to his new post. Through the years he has coached in Metter, Swainsboro, and in the local recreation department. He began his coaching career at David Emanuel, where he first met his wife, Coach Kristi Garrett Flowers. Officials at DEA affirmed their confidence in Flowers saying the school has been blessed to have him back for the last three years. Coach Flowers has been an assistant coach for two DEA State Championship teams - 2007 basketball team and 2022 football team. He has also been a part of two baseball region championships (both teams undefeated in region play). Commenting on the incoming AD, administrative sources at DEA added, "Coach D is a Christ follower and a family man. We couldn't be more pleased to have someone of his caliber head up our athletic program". In his free time, Flowers enjoys his membership at Eastwood Church of God, watching Kaley and Dalton (2 of his 3 children) play ball, relaxing with

family, and watching college football. "First of all, I want to thank God for bringing me back to David Emanuel Academy. Secondly, I want to thank Mrs. Haylee, the Board, and the committee for believing in me and giving me this opportunity to serve as Athletic Director. Third, I want to thank Coach Inman for all his hard work for our athletic program here at DEA. I am so excited for this opportunity to serve as AD at such a great school with great athletes and families. I am excited about our future and the way we will continue to give our student athletes the best opportunities to be successful on and off the field. My goal is for all our sports to be the best they can possibly be every time we step on the playing surface. Go Eagles," said Coach D.

DEA is also announcing the selection of a new football coach, TC Guyer "We are pleased and excited to welcome Coach Guyer and his wife Laiken and their daughter Raelyn to our DEA, Eagle family", school officials said in making the announcement. The incoming head coach is a native of Canton, North Carolina where he was a letterman at Pisgah High School. He attended Mars Hill University where he served as Student-Assistant and was a member of the 2011 SAC Championship Team. Upon Graduation in 2015, TC served as Head Coach at Douglas Byrd Middle School, leading the team to a 6-2 record. In 2016, he moved to Avery County High School in Newland, NC where he served as the Assistant Head Coach/

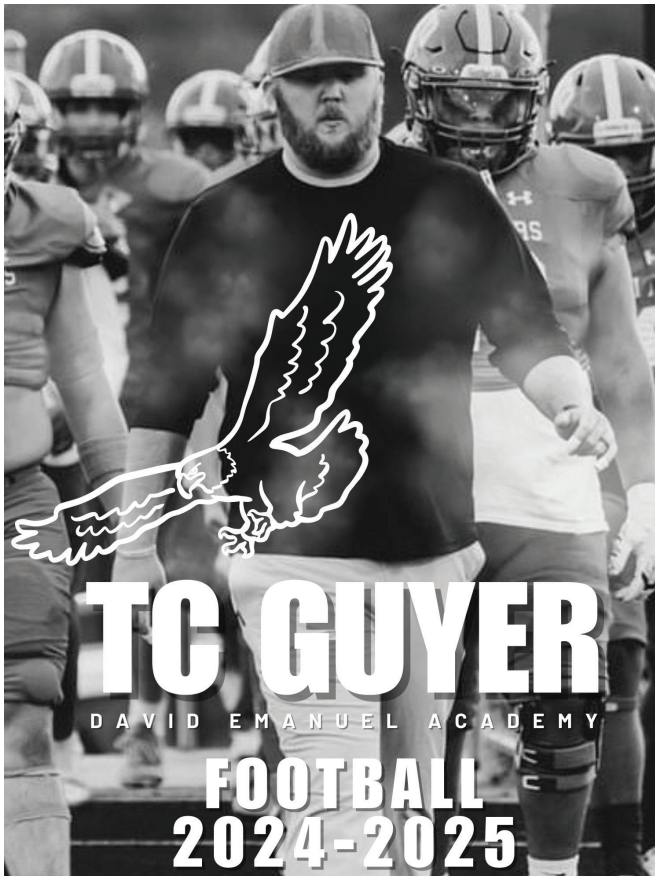
Defensive Line Coach and was instrumental in helping Avery reach the playoffs in 2019. In 2021, Coach Guyer took the Defensive Backs/Passing Game Coordinator position at Coffee County Central High School in Manchester, TN where he helped the Raiders reach the 6A playoffs and led the region in interceptions. Most recently, Guyer's coaching career moved him to Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe High School in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. During his career Coach Guyer has coached 7 All-State Players, 44 All-Region Players, 2 Conference Players of the Year, 3 Division 1 athletes, and 15 other collegiate athletes. He is the oldest of 4 boys and the son of a collegiate swim coach. In his free time, TC enjoys spending time with family, traveling, and grilling. "I first want to thank God for allowing me to make a living by doing what I love and that is coaching football. I am extremely grateful to Mrs. Free, the committee, and DEA for entrusting me with this wonderful opportunity. Coach Inman has done a great job of leading this program to great successes and I am honored to be able to follow in his footsteps and continue to build on the tradition of excellence that DEA football is accustomed to. I would not be here without the good Lord and the support of my family. We are excited to get to Stillmore and to become a part of the wonderful family community that DEA is. GO EAGLES and Iron Sharpens Iron!" -TC Guyer

As a third announcement DEA welcomed Natavus Robertson to their

athletic staff. Natavus is an Emanuel County local, and the son of Nathan and Latoya Robertson. He attended Emanuel County Institute, where he starred in football, baseball and track. While attending ECI, he was named 1st Team All-Region for 4 years and was Honorable Mention All-State his Senior year. After high school, he attended Brevard College as a member of the football team for one year, then returned home. Currently, Natavus is enrolled at East Georgia State College and after his graduation in the Spring of 2024, will transfer to Georgia Southern University to receive his Bachelor's degree. Natavus is active in the Emanuel County community, raises registered and commercial Savanna goats and is a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church. In his free time, Natavus enjoys lifting weights, fishing and spending time with his family. "What an opportunity! I would first like to take the time to thank God for gifting me with a special opportunity to be able to coach the game I love! I am beyond blessed to have been offered this chance by Mrs. Haylee Free, Coach D, the committee, and the entire DEA Family! I am extremely excited to come in and get to work in hopes of continuing the traditions and standards here at DEA! I pray God will lead me in a way to ensure our boys are in the best position to compete and play at a high level every Friday night! Thank you once again for this opportunity and I'm super amped up to be an Eagle!"



FLOWERS WITH HIS FAMILY



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Eagles attend track meet

DEA Eagles track meet was held at Stratford Academy in Macon on Wednesday, April 17. In the girls high jump, Maddie Perkins placed fourth and Kyli Bell placed sixth; boys discus, Jay Carter placed fifth and Ben Flanders placed seventh; girls discus, Ella Claire Claxton placed seventh and Emma Proctor placed tenth; boys shot put, Cason Sapp placed seventh and Jonah Boatright 9th placed ninth; girls long jump, Maddie Perkins placed third and Kyli Bell placed seventh; boys triple jump, Billy Martin placed third; girls shot put, Emma Proctor placed fifth and Ella Claire Claxton placed eighth; boys 4x100 relay, Team A, Billy Martin, Revan Fortner, Clayton Hood and Tony Sutton received third place and Team B, Jonah Boatright, Jay Carter, Ben Flanders and John-Nathan Martin received seventh place; boys 400m, Mason Williams placed ninth; girls 100m, Maddie Perkins placed fifth; boys 800m, John-Nathan Martin placed fifth and Bryan Beasley placed eighth; boys 100m, Tony Sutton placed fifth; boys 200m, Tony Sutton placed fifth and Revan Fortner placed sixth.



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Bulldogs end regular season with a 22-6 record

by RON WEATHERFORD

The ECI baseball team ended their regular season last week, hosting Savannah Christian on Wednesday and closing out the week with a double header in Jefferson Co. against the Warriors.

The Bulldogs are hosting Atkinson Co. in the first round of the state playoffs this week at Joe Harvey Field in a best of three series. Double-header was played yesterday and the if needed game is being played this afternoon. Atkinson is not your typical four seed playing out of the competitive region one. Region one currently has two teams in the top 10 with Charlton Co. (25-1) holding the number one spot and region runner-up Lanier Co. (15-5) coming in at number four in state rankings. Atkinson enters the playoffs ranked at number 16. The 22-6 Bulldogs are holding down the number eight spot. The Bulldogs lost a contentious game against the Red Raiders 6-3 and took both games of the double header against Jefferson Co. 8-0 in the first game and closed the night with an 11-1 win in games played last week. The hits were even against the visiting Raiders on Wednesday with both teams ending the game with seven hits each. But the Bulldogs gave Savannah Christian too many chances to put runs on the board on Wednesday. The pitching staff yielded 11 free passes to Red Raider batters. The Bulldogs had runners in scoring position on several occasions but could not get the timely hit to push those runs across. ECI scored single runs in the first two innings to lead 2-1. The Raiders pecked away to add five more runs through the sixth inning to lead 6-2. ECI



BODDIFORD LACES A DOUBLE AGAINST THE RAIDERS

added their last run of the game in the seventh and took the loss 6-3. Hudson Henry and Tuff Boddiford led the offense with two hits each.

The Bulldogs blanked the Warriors in the opening game of the double header on Thursday 8-0.

Senior Andrew Chalkley held the Warrior batters to just one hit with 11 strikeouts for the shutout.

The Bulldogs had four players with multiple hits during the game. Gabe Lee, Charlie Rehberg, Jackson Kennedy and Ab Marsh ended the game with two hits each accounting for eight of the Bulldogs' 11 hits. James Parker started the second game Thursday,



LEE TAGS RAIDER OUT AT THE PLATE

holding Jefferson to just three hits, one walk with six strikeouts in his four innings of work. Gabe Lee closed out the game in the fifth giving up one hit, striking out two Warriors. Rehberg continued his hot bat in Jefferson Co. with three more hits. Ab Marsh matched his first game total with two more hits. Five other Bulldogs had one hit each.

Four Lady Tigers to play college basketball

Hannah Howard, De'Zaria Jordan, Tanyia Williams, and Jayden Wynn made the commitment to play college basketball for Central Georgia Technical College on Friday, April 19. A special ceremony was held in the auditorium where the girls were joined by their parents, extended family members, teachers, classmates, teammates, coaches, and many Tiger athletic supporters.



WILLIAMS, WYNN, COACH WALDEN, HOWARD AND JORDAN

These girls have been outstanding players on the court for the last four years. Howard (Region 2A Defensive Player of the Year) played defensive guard, Jordan (Region 2A 1st Team ALL Region) and Williams (back-to-back Region 2A Player of the Year) played power forward and center, and Wynn (Region 2A 1st

Team All Region) was a point guard and shooting guard. They have been playing together since they were in middle school, and during their four years at SHS they have been region champions for the last three years and made four state play-off appearances, two of those in the elite eight.

According to Head Coach Alex Walden, these girls were recruited for more than their basketball skills. She says, "They are being given the unique opportunity to play at the next level because they have the skills, the GPA, the work ethic, and the character CGTC is looking for."

Howard is the daughter of Lashon McCoy and Dave Howard. Jordan's mother and stepfather, Jamekia Stewart and Eric Hughes, were on hand to support their daughter. Tanyia's parents are Ronald and Charlotte Williams, and Jayden is the daughter of Nikki Robinson and Marques Wynn.

TCE April Students of the Month

Congratulations to the April Students of the Month! They were chosen for exemplifying the character trait of dependability. They enjoyed a donut breakfast with their parents/guardians in the lunchroom on Friday, March 29. They also received a token for the book vending machine and a treat bag. The April Students of the Month include Kaiden Trapnell, Braelynn Greenway,



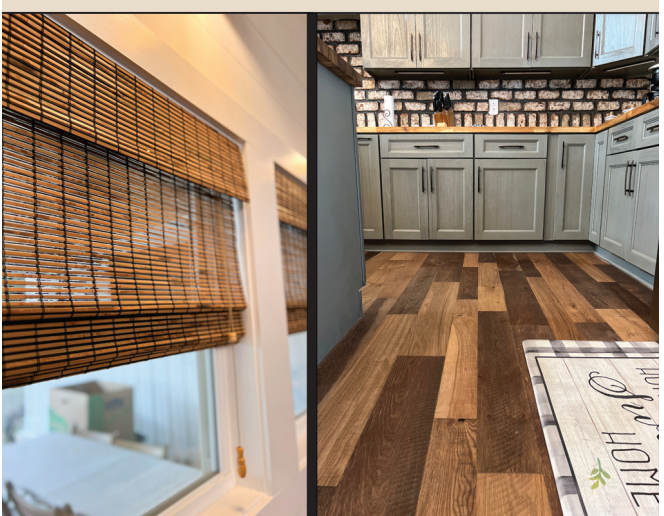
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Princeton Rice, Tucker Edenfield, Abe Watson, Demi Williamson, Harvier Washington, Noah Hadden, Annalee Smith, Angela Kerlegrand,

Anthony Gay, Chandler Hughes, Gracie Johnson, Carlie McKenzie, Averie Kraus, Cam Hughes, Mariah Fann, Karaleigh Mills, Makaila Daughtry,

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of James Willie Webb, Jr., decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 27th day of March, 2024. Jamesha D'Ashae Webb, Executrix of the Estate of James Willie Webb, Jr., decedent
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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 paralleled 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 Marrion 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 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. S07-018The 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 present holder of the Note, Guaranty and Security Deed. 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.
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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of David Joseph Mark Bernard, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 9th day of April, 2023. Cutler Scott Bernard, Executor of the Estate of David Joseph Mark Bernard, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
All Creditors of the estate of **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**. **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
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
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**
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of W. DENNY KEY, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 17th day of April, 2024. Peggy E. Key, Executrix of the Estate of W. Denny Key, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of HERBERT MOORMAN, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 17th day of April, 2024. Tonya K. Moorman, Executrix of the Estate of Herbert Moorman, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF STEVEN NEIL MUNS, DECEASED.
All creditors of the estate of Steven Neil Muns, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Patricia Muns, Administrator of the Steven Neil Muns 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 16th day of April, 2024. **RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Patricia Muns, Administrator of the Steven Neil Muns Estate**
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
P. O. Box 767
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(478) 237-4225

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF BARBARA ROWLAND, DECEASED.
All creditors of the estate of Barbara Rowland, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Helen Bell, Executor of the Barbara Rowland 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 16th day of April, 2024. **RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Helen Bell, Executor of the Barbara Rowland Estate**
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
P. O. Box 767
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(478) 237-4225



Pursuant to OCGA 40-6-391 notice is hereby given that Carl L. Wheeler of 32 Waller Woods Circle Swainsboro Georgia, 30401 was convicted of the offense of DUI 2nd, on the 23rd day of September, 2021, in the Swainsboro Municipal Court.

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Sheriff's Reports

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

April 15
Deputy responded to Lannigan Rd. in reference to an abandoned camper in the middle of the dirt road. Camper appeared to have been there for a while and was confirmed to have been there for about two weeks. Camper was towed.

April 16
Deputies were dispatched to SW Railroad Ave. in reference to someone in the woods trespassing. Property owner advised offender was not supposed to be on the property and she did not want him there and wanted a trespass warning to be issued. Offender was contacted in the woods with is property and advised he had just been kicked out of the residence at the end of the street and was informed the property owner did not wish for him to be on the property and he had to leave. Offender was issued a trespass warning and was informed not to return to the property. He gathered his belongings and exited the property.

April 17
Deputy observed a female walking along the highway pulling a suitcase, at which time he stopped to check on her. Deputy offered her a ride and upon running her through NCIC, it was determined that she had an active warrant for her arrest through Toombs County. Offender stated she had to use the

restroom and was permitted to walk inside the wood line and attempted to continue further into the woods, at which time deputy apprehended her and escorted her back to his patrol unit. The female then stated she gave him her sister's name and gave her real name. Deputy then ran her info to find she also had active warrants through Toombs County. Upon being searched, offender had a clear glass pipe and small bag of meth on her person. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

April 18
A report was made in reference to a fraud incident concerning victim. Complainant stated offender forged victim's name to separate unauthorized personal checks totaling \$11,033.78.

Deputy took a report in reference to theft of money from a residence. Victim stated she believes her brother took \$400 cash from her wallet that was in her dresser. C/p stated her brother would have known the location of the money and was the only one who had access.

April 19
Deputies responded to Veal St. in reference to complainant stating she had eaten a THC gummy and had a few drinks and was very paranoid that everyone was out to get her and her children's father was there trying to take the children for his weekend visitation but he had been drinking. Offender stated c/p called him

freaking out and he could hear the children in the background crying and he was worried for their safety so he went to c/p's house to make sure everything was fine. Offender stated he had drank earlier that day but was in a hurry to check on the children but did have someone enroute to drive him and the children home.

Deputy met with complainant who stated she and offender were in a relationship until offender moved out a couple of days ago and he took a riding mower with him and she is still making payments on it. C/p stated she still owes appx. \$2,000 on the mower and wants it back. C/p also sated she had been unable to get in touch with offender who moved to TX.

April 20
Deputy was dispatched to Old Dellwood Rd. in reference to harassing communication. Complainant stated she met offender online and sent him intimate pictures and offender is texting her threatening to post the pictures on the internet if she doesn't send him \$5,000.

Complainant stated he got into a verbal argument with offender threatened him. C/p wanted to press charges on offender.

April 21
Deputies responded to Hwy 46 East in reference to a verbal dispute. Complainant stated his mother/offender got into an altercation

with his girlfriend and he wanted offender to leave the residence. C/p's girlfriend gave similar statements and said that offender had only been on the property for about a week. Deputy then spoke with offender who stated she had been on the property living in a small car trailer for appx. three weeks and her son let her stay there and they got into an argument due to them not letting her use the truck. Offender was informed she needed to vacate the property and advised not to return.

Deputies were dispatched to Marlynn Dr. in reference to an intoxicated and irate male. Complainant stated offender made threats of physical harm to her and to break items in the home because offender thought someone took his remaining alcohol from him. Offender was observed to be highly intoxicated, almost falling off the porch while speaking with deputy. He also had slurred speech and questions had to be repeated multiple times before they were answered and was verbally aggressive towards c/p while deputies were present. Offender was placed under arrest and transported to EmCo Jail.

Victim stated he and offender got into a verbal dispute and offender struck him in the face. Offender stated they did get in a verbal dispute and she hit victim because he came at her with a pot and she was defending herself.

Zaxby's in reference to a person causing a disturbance.

Officer responded to W. Main ST. in reference to a vehicle that crashed into a power pole.

April 17
Officer took a report in reference to complainant never receiving his tag.

Officer was dispatched to S. Main St. in reference to caller receiving threats.

April 18
Officer responded to MLK Blvd. in reference to a dog killing complainant's dog.

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

April 12
Officer spoke with complainant in reference to a lost or stolen tag.

Officer responded to Washington St. in reference to harassment.

Officer spoke with complainant in reference to a scam.

Officer was dispatched to S. Main St. in reference to complainant stating the owner of the house threatened her and left

her a vulgar voicemail.

April 13
Officer was dispatched to Warren Ave. in reference to a stolen cell phone.

Complainant stated a female started cussing and yelling at him about a car she took to him to fix.

Officer responded to Calhoun St. in reference to a person trying to get into a house.

April 14
Officer was dispatched to S. Main St. in reference to an argument. Officers have been to the

location multiple times in reference to disputes between the two.

Officers were dispatched to Shepard Dr. in reference to a report of damage to a vehicle.

April 15
Officer was dispatched to Easy Stop in reference to a male subject waving his gun around.

April 16
Officer took a report where complainant stated offender tried to get in her residence and started banging on the doors and windows.

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Officer responded to

Public Notice

The Emanuel County Board of Education will hold its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Emanuel County Board of Education Office located at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. During this meeting, there will be an opportunity for public input on the Emanuel County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to city regulations regarding the issuance of a game room license, notice is given to the public that an application has been filed by Loan Bui, dba 111 Game Room LLC, for a license to operate coin operated machines located at 111 South Central Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401.

A Public Hearing will be head for public comment on April 29, 2024, at 3:00pm in Swainsboro City Hall. This application will be considered at a meeting of Mayor and city council on May 6, 2024, 6pm, at Swainsboro Fire Department Headquarters.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to city regulations' regarding the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license, notice is hereby given to the public that an appliction 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.

Invitation to Quote

Emanuel County Board of Education is accepting quotes for the 2024-2025 school year for:

Transportation

Ultra-Low Sulphur Diesel/Unleaded Gas (Form provided upon request)

Maintenance/Facilities

Propane Gas

Athletic Fields

Chemical and Fertilizer Application (Details provided upon request)

Quotes will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. May 8, 2024, at the Board of Education Central Office, Mail: 201 N. Main Street, Swainsboro, Ga 30401 Fax: (478) 419-1102 Email: jware@emmanuel.k12.ga.us For further information and specifications, contact; (478) 237-6674 Jansen W. Ware, Director of Operations

Services are for FY25 school term with one-year rollover contingent upon acceptable services evaluated by Director of Operations.

The Emanuel County Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all quotes.

The Emanuel County Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, and religion, national origin, sex, age or handicap/disability in its educational programs, activities or employment practices.

Grand jury returns 5 true bills, 0 no bills

The April 2024 term of the Emanuel County Grand Jury reconvened on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, with the Honorable Robert S. Reeves presiding. The grand jurors elected Robert Sturm to serve as foreperson, David Hill to serve as assistant foreperson, and Katrina Farley to serve as clerk. The grand jurors and the bailiff,

Patrick Sweet, were sworn by Judge Reeves as to their duties.

The District Attorney's Office presented 5 bills of indictment to the Grand Jury, and the Grand Jury returned 5 true bills and 0 no bill.

True bills included:
Gerrie Jarod Brown: Possession of schedule I controlled substance (bath salts/aminopro-

pan); Possession of marijuana, less than ounce; Obstruction of an officer; Driving under the influence (less safe) (alcohol); Reckless stunt driving; Operation of unregistered vehicle; Operating vehicle without insurance; Failure to wear seat safety belt

Justin Allen Williams: Theft by tak-

ing

Aaron Hall: Aggravated battery-family violence

Jamil Lekeith Jenkins: Possession of cocaine; Obstruction of an officer

Daniel Lee Rogers: Rape; Rape; Aggravated child molestation; Aggravated child molestation; Child molestation; Incest

Public Notice

The City of Twin City intends to apply for a Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service Program for a comprehensive sewerage system study for the City of Twin City. The study will include preparation of a preliminary engineering report and environmental report suitable for the purpose of obtaining USDA Rural Development funding for improvements determined to be necessary and cost-effective. This Notice is published as part of the requirements of the "Application Package for Direct Loan/Grant Water and Waste Disposal, Rural Development Community Programs."

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Jail Report

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

Amare Jamir Alexander, 19, arrested 4/21/24; Possess of marijuana less than oz/ Possession and use of drug related objects
Ashtan Lewis Allison, 19, arrested 4/21/24; Possess of marijuana less than oz/ Possession and use of drug related objects
Bobby Jurad Anderson, 31, arrested 4/20/24; DUI less safe/ Headlight requirements
Frederick Phil Anthony, 33, arrested 4/19/24; Bench warrant – felony
Bobby Gene Atkinson, 59, arrested 4/21/24; Disorderly conduct
Emanuel Xavier Bell, 36, arrested 4/15/24; Aggravated assault/ Criminal damage to property – 2nd degree/ Criminal trespass
Edward Lee Brown, 46, arrested 4/19/24;

DUI less safe/Seatbelt violation/Obstruction of law enforcement officer/Possession of schedule I controlled substance/Possess of marijuana less than oz
Frederick Tirre Carswell, 33, arrested 4/15/24; Probation violation – felony
Jose Refugio Cruz Espino, 24, arrested 4/15/24; State court probation
Rosemary Hulett Dixon, 46, arrested 4/14/24; Possession of meth/Possession and use of drug related objects
Kyle Matthew Edenfield, 36, arrested 4/17/24; Bench warrant/Bench warrant
Kelly Maria Fraley, 54, arrested 4/18/24; City probation violation
Brandon Luke Gardner, 40, arrested 4/18/24; Probation

revocation
Shonciera Marquisha Greene, 26, arrested 4/19/24; Probation violation
Breta Shanta Hampton, 32, arrested 4/19/24; Possession of schedule I controlled substance/Possess of marijuana less than oz
Jose Luis Hernandez, 37, arrested 4/21/24; Move over law/Too fast for conditions/DUI less safe/Driving while unlicensed
Chavez Deshan Holloway, 50, arrested 4/18/24; Probation revocation
Clifton Earl Howard, 49, arrested 4/18/24; City probation violation
Charles Lee Jones, 38, arrested 4/20/24; Theft by shoplifting/Public drunk
Roberto Larsca, 40, arrested 4/19/24; Driving while license

suspended/revoked
Xochicale Martinez Lazaro, 46, arrested 4/19/24; DUI less safe/ Driving without license
Chrishina Neoma Mack, 38, arrested 4/20/24; Theft by receiving stolen property – felony/Theft by taking – felony
Deshawn Savalas Mack, 22, arrested 4/20/24; Theft by receiving stolen property – felony/Probation violation
Darius Keonate McCullough, 27, arrested 4/15/24; Disorderly conduct
Dwight Dietangion Nixon, 39, arrested 4/20/24; Theft by receiving stolen property – felony
Fredrick Lee Sherrod, 42, arrested 4/18/24; Cruelty to children/ Possession of firearm by convicted felon/

Aggravated assault/ Aggravated assault/ Pointing or aiming gun or pistol at another/ Discharge of firearms on property of another/ Discharge of firearms on or near public highway or street
Ricardo Leshawn Smiley, 33, arrested 4/16/24; Bench warrant/Bench warrant/ Probation violation – felony
Leola Steele, 70, arrested 4/22/24; No insurance/Driving while license suspended/ revoked
Tabatha Iesha Tarver-Walden, 28, arrested 4/18/24; City court bench warrant
Sharounda Lanora Taylor, 41, arrested 4/18/24; City court bench warrant
Larry Young, 26, arrested 4/21/24; Hold for US Marshall

Two sentenced in Superior Court

The following occurred during the Emanuel County Superior Court April 2024 term:

Phillip Emanuel Carswell negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count fleeing felony or attempt to elude and was fined \$5,000; one count DUI and was fined \$300 with 12 months probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 12 months to be served on probation. The above sentence may be served on probation provided defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of his sentence.

Jared Fields, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count theft by taking and was fined \$50 with 5 years, 3

years to serve, bal. prob. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 5 years, with the first 3 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of his sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

Jared Fields, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of meth and was fined \$50 with 15 years, 3 years to serve,

bal. prob; one count possession of firearm by convicted felon with 10 years, 3 years to serve, bal. prob. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 15 years, with the first 3 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of his sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

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STC students attend GSGA Conference

Two students from Southeastern Technical College attended the Georgia State Leadership Level Up Conference and competed in Student Government Association competitions in Atlanta April 12-14, 2024. In keeping with the conference theme, the students participated in competitions aimed at improving communication and leadership skills.

Sabrina McLeod, Early Childhood Care and Education student, competed in Job Interview and Prepared Speech and was nominated for Outstanding Student of the Year. McLeod said, "Attending this remarkable conference has inspired me with the belief that with perseverance, anyone can overcome obstacles encountered on the path to success. The power of teamwork, exemplified by exceptional leaders, propels individuals toward their fullest potential and personal growth. I send heartfelt gratitude to the SGA advisors for instilling confidence in me and fostering self-belief. With remarkable appreciation."

Whitney Williams, Cosmetology student, competed in Prepared Speech. "A true leader is about multiplying yourself and making others better," said Williams. The students gained valuable strategies to enhance and improve communication skills and were provided tools for becoming effective leaders in today's society. Through workshops, students had opportunities to collaborate and network with other students from multiple colleges. Professional keynote speakers from businesses and industries emphasized the importance of the skills highlighted during this conference.

Admissions Coordinator Daphne Scott, Student Affairs Specialist Emily Jarrell, Special Services Advisor Jeannie Morris, and Special Needs Specialist Helen Thomas represented STC as SGA advisors and conference organizers. Scott and Jarrell also serve as state GSGA advisors.

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speaker for the evening, Compatriot John Derden, a Wiregrass Chapter member from

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Family Connection participates in Pre-K Fun Day

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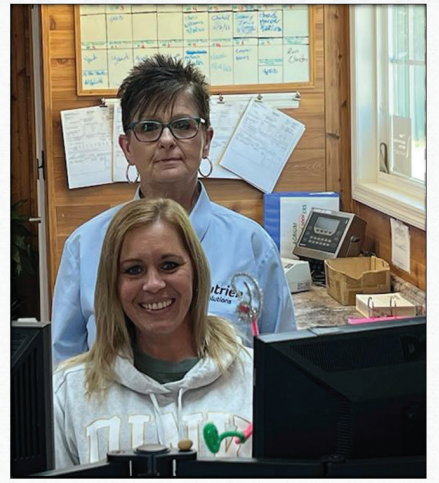
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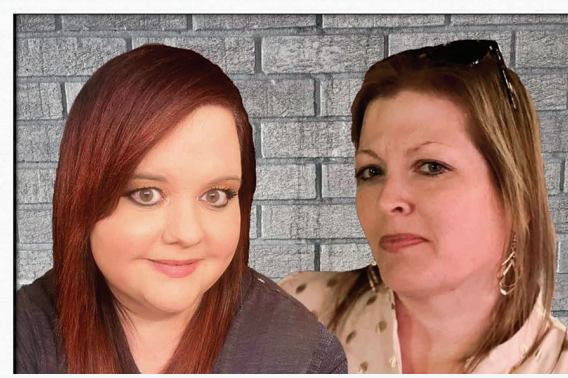
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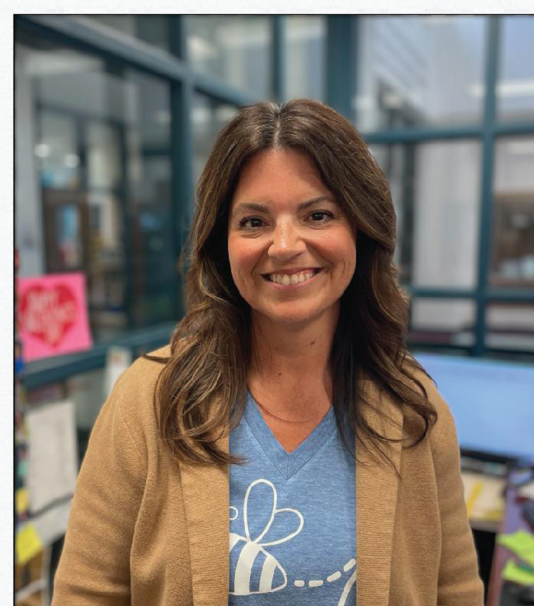
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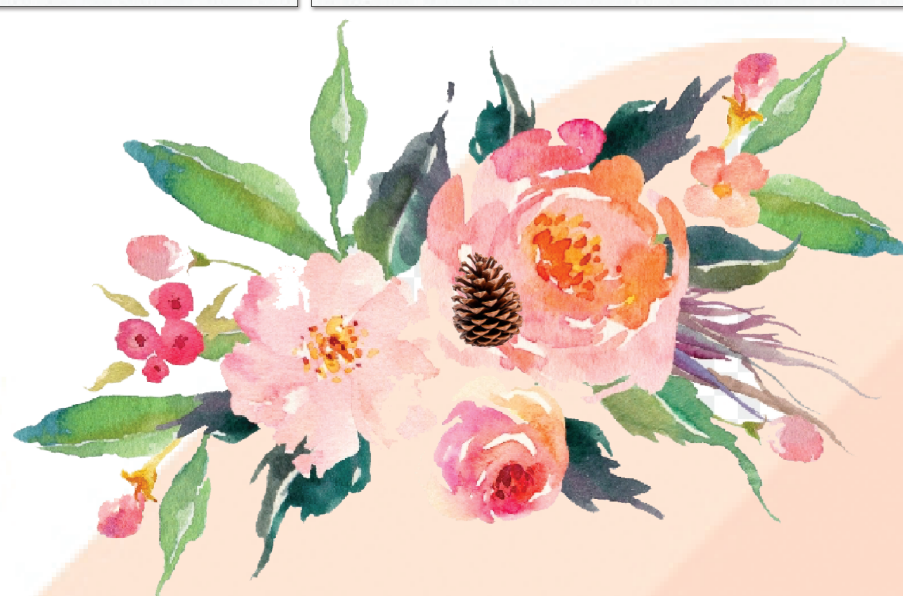
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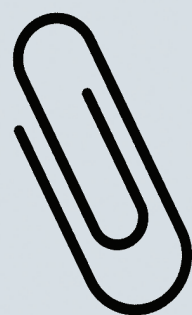
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Lawn striping can create a dramatic effect and add serious curb appeal to your home. Learn how to stripe a lawn with these tips.

Baseball fields look amazing at night. There's the contrast of the bright, white chalk lines against the dark infield dirt. But it's the extremely cool lawn stripes that really make a field pop under the lights.

It might take some practice before you're

How to stripe a lawn

skilled enough to create mowing masterpieces like those at some major league parks. But outfitting your lawn with a set of simple stripes isn't that hard, and it's good for your lawn, too.

How Does Lawn Striping Work?

Light reflecting off blades of grass bent in different directions create the dark and light patterns — grass blades bent toward you will appear darker than grass blades bent away from you.

This is the same light effect you'll notice after you walk across thick carpet or run your hand back and forth across a suede jacket. The grass most often is bent down by the pressure applied

by rollers attached to the back of a lawn mower. The pros use reel mowers with multiple rollers.

You can buy striping kits for your mower, or, if you're handy and want to save some bucks, you may want to check out these instructions, then try to make one yourself with a little bit of PVC.

Best Grass Types for Striping a Lawn

Not all grass types stripe equally. Warm-season grasses like Bermuda don't hold stripes as well because there's more stem and less blade. Cool-season grasses, such as fescue, are the best lawn palette, which Mangan says is why some of the more elaborate striping designs

can be seen at ballparks in the North.

Whether you're into pinstriping your lawn or not, a good cut begins with a sharp mower blade, says Mangan.

"You must, at least a few times a year, sharpen the blade on the mower," he says. "So many people will go years without sharpening that blade. The cleaner the cut, the healthier the grass is going to be."

- Raise the mower height to reduce the volume of clippings
- Reduce the width of the swatch you're mowing so less grass is cut with each pass.

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Are you making these 5 common spring lawn care mistakes?

Longer days and bountiful sunshine mean the outdoor season has arrived. As excited as you may be to enjoy the fresh air out on your lawn, there are several spring lawn care tasks to complete first.

It's no secret that homeowners love a lush green lawn, with 36% of American homeowners revealing that their lawns are a top investment in both time and money, according to TruGreen's new survey*. However, it can be easy to make common lawn care mistakes that can jeopardize both the look and health of your lawn.

"While homeowners may want a quick fix for getting their lawn ready, there is no one-size-fits-all approach to maintenance, which can often result in mistakes and an unhealthy lawn," said Brian Feldman, director of technical operations at TruGreen. "This season, take a step back and ensure you're not falling victim to some common lawn care mistakes our expert team has witnessed."

The professionals at TruGreen, the nation's leading lawn care provider, are helping make sure you're not falling into the most common lawn care mistakes among homeowners,

including:

Mistake 1: Overwatering your lawn

While it's tempting to shower your lawn with water (and love), be mindful that doing so is not only wasteful and can increase your water bill, but can also drown out your emerging lawn — especially during rainy months.

Pro Tip: Follow the general rule to water 1-2 times a week for a total of 1 inch of water.

Mistake 2: Improper fertilization

Fertilizer provides your lawn with critical nutrients. However, if not applied correctly it can damage your lawn. Every lawn is unique, requiring some research to determine the best fertilizer, technique, frequency and quantity of product.

Pro Tip: Connect with a lawn care professional to plan a proper fertilization regimen for your lawn's unique needs based on various factors, including your region's climate and grass type.

Mistake 3: Bagging your lawn clippings

Think of leaves and trimming as vitamins for your lawn, as they are filled with beneficial nutrients for the soil. Rather than reaching for the trash bag to remove these clippings from your lawn, leave them be. They help your lawn grow stronger and healthier.

Pro Tip: Remove the bag from your mower to disperse the lawn clippings and mow them back into your lawn.

Mistake 4: Mowing

your lawn too short

When the mower blades are set too low, they can damage the grass plant. Unfortunately, damaged grass is more prone to weeds, drought stress and disease.

Pro Tip: For most grass types, maintain a minimum length of 3 inches to encourage grass to flourish. As a rule of thumb, don't cut more than 1/3 inch of a grass blade in a single mow.

Mistake 5: Overlooking weed prevention

Timing is everything in lawn care. While it can be tempting to plant spring seeds to get your lawn back up to your standards, the best time for seeding is actually in the fall. But keep in mind, there are other critical things that should be tackled this season to achieve a healthy, green lawn.

Pro Tip: Don't wait to protect your lawn from unsightly weeds. Work with a lawn pro to apply a pre-emergent weed control to stop weeds from germinating throughout your lawn.

A green lawn of your dreams is possible when you avoid and correct these common lawn care mistakes. If you have questions or need further expertise to verify your current lawn care habits, consult a lawn care professional at TruGreen.com.

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How to water your lawn the right way

Learn the ins and outs of lawn irrigation, including expert tips on how long to run the sprinkler.

On average, most lawns need about an inch of water per week to stay lush and green. That water can come from rainfall or irrigation. How often your lawn needs a drink depends on a host of factors, including things like soil type, sunlight and regional climate.

In many municipalities, water restrictions are the norm and lawn watering is high on the list of wasteful water activities. Fine-tune your lawn watering skills with these irrigation tips and answers to popular questions about how to water lawns the right way.

How Long Should I Water the Lawn?

Unlike with cooking time in a recipe, there's no optimal time to recommend for how long to run the sprinkler. Factors such as sprinkler water pressure affect the length of time you should keep the sprinkler running to deliver the recommended amount of water to your lawn.

Clint Waltz, a turfgrass extension specialist with the University of Georgia, says watering to a depth of one inch per week is the rule of thumb to follow to encourage the grass roots to grow deep, and to keep a lawn green and growing.

If you want to put your sprinkler on a timer, you can figure out how long to water the lawn pretty easily. Here's how:

1. Put out a tuna can, cat food can or any other straight-sided can.
2. Run your sprin-

klers for 15 minutes.

3. Measure the depth of water in the can.

4. Multiply that measurement by four to figure out much water your sprinkler system can deliver in an hour.

Waltz suggests it's best to water to a depth of 1/2 inch twice per week but watch for any runoff. Water more frequently and for shorter lengths of time if you see your sprinkler water running down the street and into the storm sewer rather than soaking into your turf.

Does Watering Time Vary by Grass Type?

Not really. The one-inch-per-week rule, delivered over a few irrigation cycles, is good for most all grass types, says Waltz.

When Is the Best Time to Water Your Lawn?

You may have heard the adage: Don't put your grass to bed wet.

It's best to water early in the morning. Watering in the afternoon or evening predisposes the grass to disease. Also, check whether there are restrictions on watering times in your area.

Irrigation timers can help you stick to a schedule that includes watering during low water-use hours, which typically coincide with a pre-dawn irrigation schedule. Watering in the morning also helps to minimize water loss to evaporation.

How Often to Water New Sod?

Newly sodded or seeded lawns need more irrigation than established turf. New sod needs to be watered lightly several times per day (Example: morning, afternoon and late afternoon) for the first

10 to 14 days — enough for the ground beneath the sod to stay wet. Taper off the watering after the first two weeks to encourage grass to sink deep roots.

How Often to Water New Grass Seed?

Twice daily waterings ensure seedling success. A seed starts to germinate once it imbibes water. At that point, the seed must stay wet. Aim to keep that top inch of soil consistently moist, which means three to four light waterings per day. Keep up daily irrigation until you have mowed the grass at least once (twice is even better).

Watering Tips Know Your Soil Type

Learn your yard's soil type to make the most effective lawn irrigation decisions. For instance, if you see puddling each time you water, your soil likely has high clay content. This type of soil can't absorb water quickly, but instead requires repeated, shorter watering cycles. On the plus side, clay soil retains water longer than sandy soil, which needs more frequent watering. Take a soil test to learn what kind of soil is hosting your grass and adjust irrigation cycles accordingly. Your local extension service can help with a soil test.

Water Hills and Slopes Differently

When watering slopes or hillsides, tinker with irrigation frequency and timing. You'll have the best success if you use short watering cycles spaced out over time. If you water a slope first for a brief duration, water another spot in the yard while the slope absorbs

the water it received. Cycle back to apply another round of water to the slope. Use this same strategy to water clay soils effectively.

Consider Sun vs. Shade

Grass growing in the shade uses less water than a sun-bathed lawn. In general, you can water shady lawn areas less frequently than sunny ones. The exception, though, is grass growing beneath a tree. In these shady spots, the lawn is competing with tree roots for available moisture. You may need to water these shady lawn areas more frequently than ones that are shaded by a structure. Remember to water deeply to encourage deep grass roots.

Control Water Waste

Note where water delivery is hitting hard surfaces, like walks or driveways, or where puddling is occurring on the lawn. Adjust nozzles and irrigation duration as needed to ensure you're controlling runoff and making the most efficient use of every drop of water.

Set Your Irrigation System Monthly

Reset your irrigation timer monthly. This is one

of the most overlooked aspects of a lawn irrigation system. Don't let your system run on summer settings once your region's rainy season arrives.





Check the Roots

Every so often, take time to dig into your lawn to see how deeply water is actually penetrating the soil. This is also a good time to take stock of grass roots and soil compaction. If you use a trowel,

you can easily inspect soil wetness, water absorption and the existing thatch layer.

Stick a shovel into the soil and lift a section of the turf, and you can get an idea of how deep grass roots are growing. If they're not reaching beyond 2 to 3 inches, your soil is likely compacted and would benefit from aeration. Healthy grass roots should reach at least 4 inches into the soil.

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Space-planning tips for a deck

Consider how you will use the space and arrange the deck layout to suit your lifestyle. To determine the size of your new deck, consider how you plan to use it. If you like to entertain, you'll need a large deck with lots of seating. If you plan to grill out on occasion and perhaps dine at a bistro-style table with two chairs, then a smaller deck will do.

A family of four that is comfortable dining around a 5-foot-long table will need twice that much space to push back chairs about three feet and safely walk around the table.

You should reserve some green space in your backyard to achieve the "communing with nature" feel a deck provides and avoid adding a deck that is so large the maintenance becomes overwhelming.

To get a general idea in a physical sense, you can drag your patio furniture, grill and lounge chairs onto the lawn and position them as you would envision the arrangement on the deck. Map out the deck with string and stakes or use a garden hose to edge the perimeter of the proposed deck.

Measure the perimeter and then call a designer or contractor. By doing your homework first you'll be better equipped to discuss your needs and wants with a professional.

Zoning and Building Codes

Most reputable contractors, designers and

builders know the local zoning and building codes in the areas where they work. If your deck stays within the house lines on the left or right side, you meet the building code restrictions. That means that the deck built on to the back of the house should not exceed the edge of the house.

Call your local town hall to find out the guidelines in your area. You may also need a survey of your property to determine exactly where your property lines are before you plan your deck.

Design a Deck for the View

Of course, you want your new deck to take advantage of the beautiful scenery you have. Look out the window where the deck will be positioned. If it looks bucolic, then you should put the deck there. That's commonsense. But keep in mind that when you raise the deck, the view may be altered.

"If you have a 6-foot fence surrounding your backyard for privacy, raising your deck up three feet will position you looking over the fence," explains Lou.

If you don't want to look into your neighbor's backyard, you should consider planting trees inside the fence line that will block the view and create privacy.

You can also position the deck boards to trick the eye. "People tend to look the way the decking is going," says Lou.

So, running the boards away from a bad view will train the eye to look in the pleasing direction. An experienced designer or deck builder can help you capture the best view from your deck.

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How to plan and design a garden

Dig into designing a garden that will enhance your property value and fill your at-home time with beauty and inspiration. Learning how to make a garden really starts with asking yourself questions and checking out other gardens. By exploring what you want and need a garden to do, as well as how others have achieved their goals, you'll be ready to plan a garden for yourself.

Choosing a Garden Style

Gardens vary from formal French garden designs to cheery cottage garden plans. You might be intrigued by

the concept of a rain garden design as both a green landscape and a way to waive municipal stormwater runoff fees.

Or, maybe your inner chef wants to explore herb garden designs for the front yard and a serious vegetable garden plan for the back.

For family gatherings, you may consider an outdoor dining area tucked into an edible garden design with a cozy fire pit.

Or, maybe a stressful job has you seeking a Zen rock garden design that fosters relaxation and meditation. There truly is a garden to suit every design style and

level of gardening experience.

Here's a quick explainer of several ornamental garden styles:

Cottage Garden: Cottage gardens are recognizable by their carefree style. These cheerful, relaxed gardens are full of colorful chaos. Some of our favorite cottage garden plants include: English lavender, foxgloves, daylily, delphinium, old-fashioned roses and clematis.

Formal Garden: Formal garden design is all about order and balance. Symmetrical plantings, well-defined paths and pruned plants all contribute to the formal

ambiance of a garden. Formal gardens may include gravel paths, tightly clipped hedges (sometimes in intricate patterns such as with knot gardens) and tidily-looking trees such as formal pears.

Rain Garden: These gardens feature plants that thrive in areas that can become soggy due to extensive rainfall. They can serve to redirect rainfall runoff in your yard, which makes sloped properties potentially good candidates for rainfall gardens. Rain gardens also can soak up tremendous amounts of rain in your yard. Popular rain garden plants include purple cone-flower, cardinal flower and black-eyed Susan.

Xeriscaping: This garden style is characterized by landscape that minimizes water use. This low maintenance style often makes use of grasses and succulents, but can feature all manner of drought-resistant plants, including lamb's ear which also is a favorite for cottage gardens.

Pollinator Garden: Attract beneficial pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, to your yard by planting a beautiful mix of annuals and perennials that will provide waves of blooms all season long. Native plants and wildflowers are great choices for pollinators. It's best to include a mix of flowers, vines, grasses, trees, shrubs and bulbs.

Container Garden: Small spaces like patios or balconies and areas with less-than-idea soil are great spots to grow your garden in containers. The opportunities for creativity are nearly endless — from using upcycled items as containers to choosing striking plant combinations.

Annuals & Perennials
You'll see plants tagged with these words in garden centers. So, what's the difference? Annuals accomplish their reproduction, or life cycle, in one growing season. While bright and showy — a great way to add color to your garden — annuals will need to be replanted every year. Many vegetables, including tomatoes and peppers, are annuals.

Perennials, on the other hand, come back every year. These are good choices for foundational plantings and for low-maintenance color.

Creating a Garden Design

Sift through the possibilities by determining goals for your garden. Then, before you start to design a garden, look for inspiration. Every garden you see can serve as inspiration in the process of designing a garden.

Browse photo galleries online to discover the myriad options before you. Take advantage of local garden tours to see actual gardens and yards that might approximate yours in terms of size and house style or take a walk through your neighborhood to gather ideas. If a plant grows well at your neighbor's house, given the same conditions — sun, soil and water — it should grow well at your house too.

Check local garden centers to see if they offer workshops on how to make a garden. Many times, these types of workshops equip you to tackle designing and installing a garden. In this type of setting, you can often get your toughest questions answered by an expert for a minimal fee. This is a great option when you have the confidence to plan a garden but have a few key challenges to address.

Garden planner software can take the guesswork out of how to plan a garden, giving you three-dimensional options and walkthroughs that help you determine placement of different areas. In-depth plant encyclopedias can help you make plant choices quickly, and you can also explore different hardscape options with the click of a button.

Consider Your Space
When designing a garden, it can be helpful to divide your yard into public, private and service areas. The public areas are the ones others see, like the front yard and entry. The private sections include back or side yards, outdoor living areas and decks.

A service area is something like a play structure, compost pile, garbage can storage or dog run.

Stroll through your property and record any specific conditions. Pay attention to the amount of light your property receives throughout the day — watch how sunlight moves from morning into late afternoon.

Grab a tape measure and note the size of your proposed garden area including locations and dimensions of existing structures, such as your home, garage, patio, deck or storage shed. Also take note of any significant items in the landscape, like a slope or septic field.

Also, consider whether there's a view you want to screen, a tree that needs to be trimmed or a spot where grass won't grow.

Use Your Imagination

Consider the garden layout you want and craft a wish list. Include every item you want to see in the garden design plan, whether it's doable today or 10 years from today.

Turn your imagination loose and incorporate things like the water feature you've always wanted, a backyard garden swing or a rose-covered trellis. If your family loves blueberries, include a berry patch on your wish list.

What's Your Garden Budget?

Seriously weigh your budget. Consider what funds you have available today and ways to implement the garden design plan in stages. Swapping materials is one way to pinch pennies today, with a long-range goal of upgrading items. For instance, a landscape tie retaining wall is cheaper than a dry-stone one, and a mulched path costs less than pavers. Explore garden layout ideas that embrace versatility over time.

When you learn how to plan a garden in a garden center-sponsored workshop, you'll probably also get a discount on any plants you purchase. Take advantage of these opportunities to save money and trim your plant budget. You can always apply funds saved to another aspect of your garden.

If you're dealing with terracing or grading issues, it's worth the effort to consult with a garden designer. Their professional training and contacts can help you navigate potential, costly problems with ease. You might also want to visit with a garden designer to review a garden plan you have developed, especially if you have any doubts about your design or your ability to install it. A garden designer can refine your vision and confirm — or allay — your fears.

Above all, don't rush. If you're unsure which way to proceed in a certain area, pause. The reward of creating an effective garden design layout is definitely worth any wait.



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Five reasons not to mow wet grass

Learn why mowing a wet lawn isn't a good idea, plus get tips on what you should do if you absolutely must cut the grass.

Can you mow wet grass?

Many homeowners have asked themselves that very question after a gentle rain seemingly spoiled their weekend yard work plans, or after they awoke to a lawn damp from a heavy dew.

Answer: It's not a good idea to cut your grass while it's wet. There are several reasons why you should wait until the lawn dries before cranking up the lawn mower.

Why You Shouldn't Mow Wet Grass

Health of Your Lawn

"The main reason for not cutting wet grass is that if there is a disease in the lawn, and they tend to occur more when the grass is wet frequently from excessive rainfalls, the mower will spread

the disease around the yard," says Dr. Joey Williamson, an expert in residential horticulture at Clemson University, adding that if there are lawn weeds going to seed, spreading wet seeds could add to a larger weed infestation.

Clogging and Clumping

Even with a sharp blade, mowers tend not to cut cleanly when grass is wet. Those wet clippings can clog up your mower, so the mower will need to be cleaned out periodically, which is dangerous.

Mowers will choke on the wet clippings and then spit out clumps of the wet grass. If left unraked from your lawn, those clumps will smother and kill the grass they cover, leaving behind ugly dead spots.

Danger of Slipping

Wet grass is slippery. You don't want to increase the risk of falling while pushing a

running mower. Be particularly careful if your lawn is sloped.

Wheel Ruts

Soil can become soggy when it gets oversaturated with rain. Mowing when the grass is extremely wet can create unsightly wheel ruts in your lawn and you risk tearing up the grass.

Stained Clothes

Check your shoes the next time you walk through wet, cut grass. Freshly cut wet grass stains your clothes and shoes more easily than cut dry grass, which makes clean-up after a morning of yard work more difficult.

If you must mow

Park the mower in the garage if the ground is waterlogged or you get that sinking feeling underfoot, or if there are visible puddles. Follow these suggestions from Dr. Williamson if that's not the case for your lawn, and you absolutely must mow.

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Planning the perfect above-ground pool deck

You've finally decided to take the plunge and break ground on a new above-ground pool. Congratulations! Chances are, you'll want to surround your latest backyard addition with a beautiful new deck. However, the process of designing and building a deck for an above-ground pool is quite different than a traditional deck that attaches to your home. So, before you cannonball into the deep end, consider the following tips from the experts at Decks.com:

1) Go Pro or DIY?

Your first decision is whether you want to build the pool deck yourself or hire a contractor. Consider your skill level, the amount of time you have available, and your budget. No matter which route you choose, there are plenty of helpful resources online, such as the Decks.com DIY Deck Building Guide.

2) Crack the Codes

Be sure to review local building codes related to decks around pools. Slip resistance, gaps between deck boards, gapping between the deck and pool, and the slope of the deck may be regulated. Installing a self-closing gate with a lock on your pool deck may also be

required to prevent access by unsupervised children.

3) Pool First, Then Deck

First things first. It's essential to install your pool before building the deck. While above-ground pools have standard wall heights, every pool will be slightly different. Don't take a chance on building a deck that may not align with the new centerpiece of your backyard.

4) Self-sufficient Support

Decks constructed around above-ground pools should not be attached to the pool. The structure should be freestanding and sufficiently stable on its own. Ideally, the deck should be built directly under the lip of the pool edge and laterally braced from the joists to the bottom of the posts. Check with your local municipality for approved lateral bracing.

5) Protect Your

Investment

Decks built around pools are especially susceptible to moisture, which contributes to mold growth and rotting. If you plan to build with wood, it is a good practice to install waterproofing tape, such as Trex®Protect™, over joists and beams to protect the decking substructure from standing water.

6) Factor in Fencing

Most jurisdictions mandate that any yard with a pool must also have a fence as a safety precaution. If you don't already have a fence, be sure to earmark part of your budget to cover the construction or installation of one, and make sure your fence complies with local building codes.

Having a gorgeous deck to accompany your new pool will elevate the look and functionality of your outdoor space while giving you plenty of room to make the most of your aquatic amenity.

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er to God. When it feels like all hope is gone, that's a good time to get closer.

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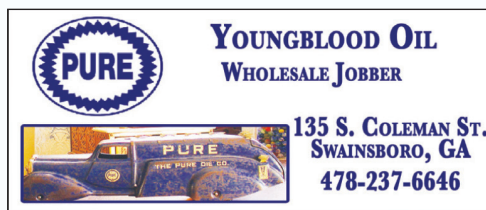


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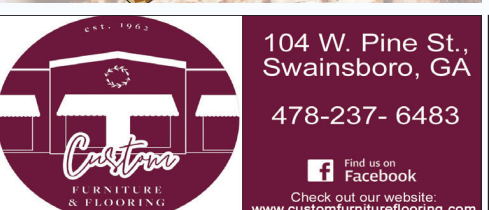
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Mail to: Forest Blade P.O. Box 938, Swainsboro, GA 30401 or drop off at The Forest Blade Office.

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EGSC Bobcat Pantry receives \$5,000 grant from Georgia Power Foundation

The East Georgia State College (EGSC) Bobcat Pantry recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Georgia Power Foundation. The grant will be used to help stock the on-campus food pantry to benefit students at the College. Georgia Power focuses on supporting causes contributing to the well-being of the communities they serve. Local Georgia Power representatives determine which local organizations to invest in by

directing funding where it has the most impact. “We are so thankful for this generous donation from the Georgia Power Foundation,” said Harley Smith, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at EGSC. “The Bobcat Pantry is such an important resource on our campus to help our students succeed, and we appreciate Georgia Power recognizing that need and helping us support our students.”

As part of Embark Georgia and a partner of Golden Harvest Food Bank, the EGSC Bobcat Pantry helps provide students with some of the basic needs they may not be able to attain through other means. Students can be referred for assistance or apply. The Bobcat Pantry was organized to ensure that all students attending EGSC are not adversely affected in their academic studies due to an inability to meet their basic

needs.

The Bobcat Pantry provides educational and personal counseling, mentoring, personal care items, and food assistance. These services can be requested confidentially through submission of an online form.

Requests are reviewed to determine the need and to what extent it can be responded to within a 24-48 business hour period. Students are then contacted and informed of where they can receive their requested items. Additionally, students

can stop by the Bobcat Pantry during operating hours to complete an intake form. East Georgia State College would like to thank the Georgia Power Foundation for their support of the Bobcat Pantry and EGSC’s students.



DA'MON ANDREWS, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR GRANTS AND DATA ANALYTICS; JASHAWN BACON, EGSC STUDENT; HARLEY SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT; JOEL HANNER, GEORGIA POWER AREA MANAGER; ROOSEVELT YOUNG, STUDENT LIFE SPECIALIST; AND DR. DAVID SCHECTER, EGSC PRESIDENT

TCE Admin spends the day on the roof for Reading Challenge

On Friday, April 19, TCE’s principal, Ms. Jessica Collins, and assistant principal, Mrs. Christie Henry, spent the day on the roof. During Read Across America week, Ms. Jessica challenged the TCE students to read over 2.5 million words. They surpassed that goal and read over 4 million words in one week. Mrs. Christie joined her since they far exceeded the reading goal for that week.

TCE’s STEAM teacher, Mrs. Mandi Johnson, also allowed her students to deploy the STEAM drone to check on Ms. Jessica and Mrs.



HENRY AND COLLINS ON THE ROOF

Christie throughout the day. The students loved looking up and seeing

their administrators as they came outside for recess.



SMITH III AND MOSLEY

Burke speaks to Wiregrass

The Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting Thursday night, April 11, 2024, at McKinney Pond Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. With President Steve Burke presiding, there were 28 in attendance including 12 guests. After a great supper consisting of fried shrimp, French fries, hushpuppies, salad and drink, President Steve called on Registrar Dess Smith III to present five Chapter Flag Streamers to Watson Mosley, the Sgt-at-Arms, awarded by the Georgia Society: Chapter Education Outreach Streamer, Distinguished Chapter Award, Georgia Society Membership Award. Also presented were the Elijah Clarke Heroes of the Hornets’ Nest streamer and the 245th Battle of Kettle

Creek Streamer. President Steve then called on Dess to introduce the speaker for the evening. Dess introduced President Steve who presented his program on “Patriot Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox”. Brigadier General Francis Marion was an American military officer and politician who served during the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War. During the American Revolution, Marion supported the Patriot cause and enlisted in the Continental Army, fighting against British forces in the Southern theater of the American Revolutionary War from 1780 to 1781. Marion’s use of irregular warfare against the British led him to be considered as father of guerrilla and maneuver warfare.

FY25 TENTATIVE BUDGET EMANUEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025			
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
ESTIMATED REVENUES:			
LOCAL TAXES	\$ 8,292,000		
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	\$ 692,000	\$ 57,028	\$ 100,000
STATE SOURCES	\$ 34,113,502	\$ 1,299,178	\$ 450,000
FEDERAL SOURCES		\$ 13,792,167	
INCOMING TRANSFERS			
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS			\$ 3,800,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$ 43,097,502	\$ 15,148,373	\$ 4,350,000
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:			
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$ 28,053,477	\$ 7,489,642	\$ 228,000
PUPIL SERVICES	\$ 2,692,810	\$ 262,400	
IMP OF INSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$ 381,792	\$ 20,751	
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	\$ 60,000	\$ 701,477	
MEDIA SERVICES	\$ 758,269	\$ -	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$ 877,403	\$ -	
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$ 2,933,613	\$ 105,982	
BUSINESS SERVICES	\$ 452,132		
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION SERVICES	\$ 3,390,054	\$ 357,187	
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	\$ 2,800,427	\$ 375,669	\$ 150,000
CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 940,607	\$ -	
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 16,000	\$ 65,000	
SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES		\$ 3,921,765	
FACILITIES ACQ & CONST SERVICES		\$ 1,848,500	\$ 3,972,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 43,356,584	\$ 15,148,373	\$ 4,350,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXP	\$ (259,082)	\$ -	\$ -
ESTIMATED TOTAL FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2024	\$ 20,495,059	\$ 2,158,529	\$ 4,349,066
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE JUNE 30, 2025	\$ 20,235,977	\$ 2,158,529	\$ 4,349,066
<i>The Emanuel County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2025 Budget will be considered for final adoption by the Board on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Emanuel County Board of Education Central Office located at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. As stated in the notices published in The Forest Blade, an opportunity for public input will be provided during the May 14 and June 11 board meetings regarding the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.</i>			

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