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Strobridge announces retirement

The regular monthly meeting of the Swainsboro Mayor and City Council was held Monday evening, May 6 at 6 p.m. at the Swainsboro City Fire Department building. Following an invocation and pledge of allegiance, minutes of the preceding meetings were presented and

approved. In a change of process, time was made available for public comments. Subjects addressed by concerned citizens involved the suspension of work on the Community Action for Youth gymnasium project and the previously discussed possible future renovation of City Hall. No action was

taken on either issue. Next council heard again from representatives of Allgreen regarding contract pricing increases for garbage waste management. Council voted for an increase of \$1.00 per household and \$1.00 per cubic yard for commercial dumpsters. Council then gave (Continued on page 2A)

Investigation launched into copyright infringement, plagiarism, and internet theft

The Forest-Blade was recently made aware that the website www.thecrossroads.news, which was previously operated by The Crossroads Chronicle newspaper before their closure, is active again and taking content from our website, emanuelcountylive.com.

www.thecrossroads.news is actively pulling stories published on emanuelcountylive.com and publishing them on their site, while also removing bylines and putting their own byline on it. They have not been given permission to do so, and as is stated in the Copy-

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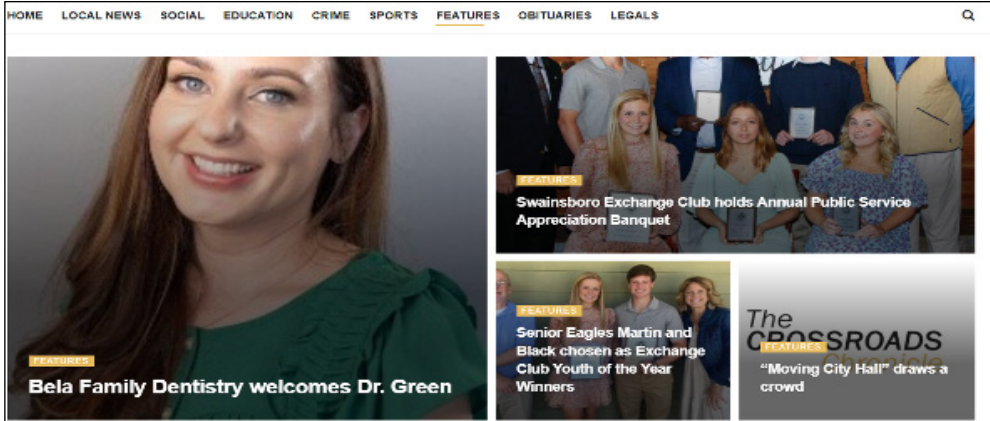


MICAH, MICAIAH, LISA, MCCAULEY, MIKEY AND SULLY

Happy Mother's Day

This Sunday, May 12, we joyfully celebrate Mother's Day, but we also know that every day should be an occasion to thank the women who raised us, encouraged us and loved us. As any mother can tell you, the chance to love, shape, guide, protect and nurture a growing human is quite literally the opportunity of a lifetime. Raising a child stands apart as one of life's biggest responsibilities and greatest rewards.

Michael and Lisa Meadows, along with their four children, Micah (7), Mikey (6), Micaiah (3) and McCauley (9 months), and labradoodle, Sully, live in Kite. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there!



SCREENSHOT OF THE WEBSITE PULLING THE FOREST-BLADE CONTENT

Wheeler joins Citizens Bank

R. Eric Wheeler has joined The Citizens Bank of Swainsboro as Vice-President and lending officer. "Eric possesses all the qualities that we look for when adding senior management. He is bright, personable, an active member in his Church and the community, has strong family ties to Emanuel County, and exemplifies a life of character and integrity. We are fortunate to have an executive of Eric's caliber join our bank," said President Milton Gray.



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Degree from East Georgia State College in 2006, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agribusiness from The University of Georgia in 2008. He is an active member of First Methodist Church

of Swainsboro and has served on the Board of Trustees. He is a member of Swainsboro Country Club and is Past-President of the Men's Golf Association.

Previously, Mr. Wheeler was co-owner and agent of McRae-Wheeler Insurance, plant supervisor for Handi-House Manufacturing, and most recently a Land Agent for Georgia Transmission Corporation. He is married to Whitney Livingston Wheeler, and they have two children Brandt age 10 and Brinley age 6.

Proctor graduates from banking school

Mr. Zach Proctor, Loan Officer at Durden Banking Company in Swainsboro, graduated from the Georgia Banking School program on May 3. The school is a three-year program where bankers from the across the state learn more about the in-depth opera-

tions of their institutions, and banking in general. Durden Bank CEO, Wade Johnson, states "We are proud of Zach for not only what he has accomplished at the Georgia Banking School, but also what he does every day in the bank helping our customers. Zach is

a bright and likable young man who we are proud to have on our team."

Durden Banking Company was established in 1935 here in Emanuel County with offices now in Emanuel, Candler, and Jenkins County. To learn more, visit www.durdenbc.com.



Seeds II Seams named one of five Georgia 'Small Business ROCK STARS'

Seeds II Seams was named as one of five 2024 Small Business ROCK STARS by the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEC) as part of the state's celebration of Georgia Small Business Week 2024, recognized Monday, May 6, through Friday, May 10. Seeds II Seams will be

featured on GDEC's social media platforms and highlighted by the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA).

The Georgia Department of Economic Development, along with the Georgia Economic Developers Association, created the Small Business ROCK

STAR awards as a way to salute the innovations, outreach, and impact of the state's small businesses. Each of this year's winners have fewer than 300 full-time employees, are involved in charitable programs in their communities, and were founded in the State of Georgia. (Continued on page 2A)

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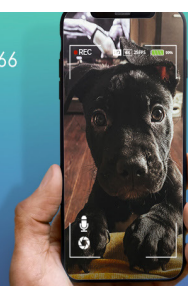


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We have submitted copyright infringement and plagiarism abuse complaints with the necessary entities in an effort to have the offending site taken down, but the process involved can be complex and lengthy before anything can be done. We wanted to make you, our community, aware that we do not know who owns or operates the site, why they are taking our content, or what their intentions are.

We spoke with Greg Bennett, Mayor and former owner of The Crossroads Chronicle and its website www.thecrossroads.news, about the website being active again. Mayor Bennett stated that he had "absolutely zero" involvement with the site and was not sure who was

operating it. "The corporation is dissolved," Bennett said. "It is not mine. Absolutely nothing to do with me."

As you do in other areas of your everyday life, we encourage you to exercise extreme caution online, especially with websites you are not familiar with or do not conduct regular business with. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, be aware of the following to protect yourself while using the internet:

Sharing personal information with others you do not know personally is one of your biggest risks online. Sharing sensitive information such as your address, phone number, family members' names, car information, passwords, work history, credit status, social security numbers, birth date, school names, passport information, driver's license numbers, insurance policy numbers, loan numbers, credit/ debit card numbers, PIN numbers, and bank account information is risky and should be avoided.

Beware when opening emails from unknown people or sources, especially when they are

unsolicited. Clicking on links or downloading attachments can infect your computer with a virus or subject you to fraud, malware, or a scam. Some viruses harm your computer, while others have the ability to steal your personal information and ultimately your identity.

Beware of scams that use links in emails directing you to a website or providing you with a phone number to call. Some links in emails can be deceiving.

In general, beware of email scams and websites that try to trick you into sharing your personal information. A website that looks legitimate can be set up quickly. Remember legitimate customer service representatives will never ask you for personal information or passwords. Consider not responding to unsolicited emails, never click on links in these emails, and be cautious if you are asked to respond quickly.

Keep your computer's operating system, browsers, antivirus, and other software up to date with the latest or daily security patches.

Seeds II Seams...

(From front page) "Georgia's small businesses are the bedrock of Georgia's economy and communities," said GDEC Commissioner Pat Wilson. "From Georgia Grown products on grocery shelves to popular hobbies, this year's Small Business ROCK STARS demonstrate the diverse ways small businesses touch our everyday lives. Congratulations to the 2024 Small Business ROCK STARS and the communities they reflect!"

"As economic developers, we value the impact and participation of the small businesses in our local communities. They help make up the culture of each communi-

ty," said GEDA President and CEO Grant Cagle. "Lucky for us, we have many different businesses and industries to celebrate all across Georgia. From metro to rural to coastal, congratulations to the 2024 Small Business ROCK STARS!"

For additional information about Georgia's Small Business ROCK STAR awards and past recipients, visit www.georgia.org/rockstars.

About GDEC The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEC) is the state's sales and marketing arm, the lead agency for attracting new business investment, encouraging the expansion of existing industry, locating new markets for

Georgia products, attracting tourists to Georgia, and promoting the state as a location for arts, film, and digital entertainment projects, as well as planning and mobilizing state resources for economic development.

About GEDA The Georgia Economic Developers Association is a nonprofit association of professionals, volunteers, and supporters. The association provides networking and professional development opportunities for its members and supports public policies that promote quality job creation and sustainable economic development throughout the state. For more information, visit www.geda.org.

Strobridge announces retirement...

(From front page) final consideration and approved the application for alcohol license for 202 East Main by Krishnaben Patel. Under new business, council was addressed by Fire Chief Mike Strobridge who officially made notice of his retirement date of July 12, 2024. The Chief received a standing round of applause for his many years of service to the City. Library appointments were next considered by council and David Morgan and Syvetta Young were appointed for new terms. Council also considered the selection of a city engineer for a new contract term. Turnipseed

engineers was selected unanimously.

In the following action, council by consent passed eight items that were considered at the Workshop meeting of April 29, 2024. The items passed are as follows: Amended pension ordinance, Door replacement at city auditorium, NPDES Permit, Game Room application for Loan Bui at 111 South Central St., Redistricting of Downtown District, hiring new Fire Department personnel, contracting with Georgia Chiefs Association for help in hiring new Police Chief, Agreement to new arrangement with Department of Transportation.

Council at this point

voted to go into Executive Session. According to legal disclosure, property acquisition and client/attorney discussions were to be held. Council returned to open session and reported on three items considered. Without providing any explanatory information as to the nature of each item, the council deferred final action pending additional information on item one. In reference to item two, a motion to seek architectural assistance in preparing conceptual information and cost estimates regarding property renovation at City Hall was approved. On item three no action was taken. At this point the meeting was adjourned.

Claxton wins 2nd annual t-shirt design contest

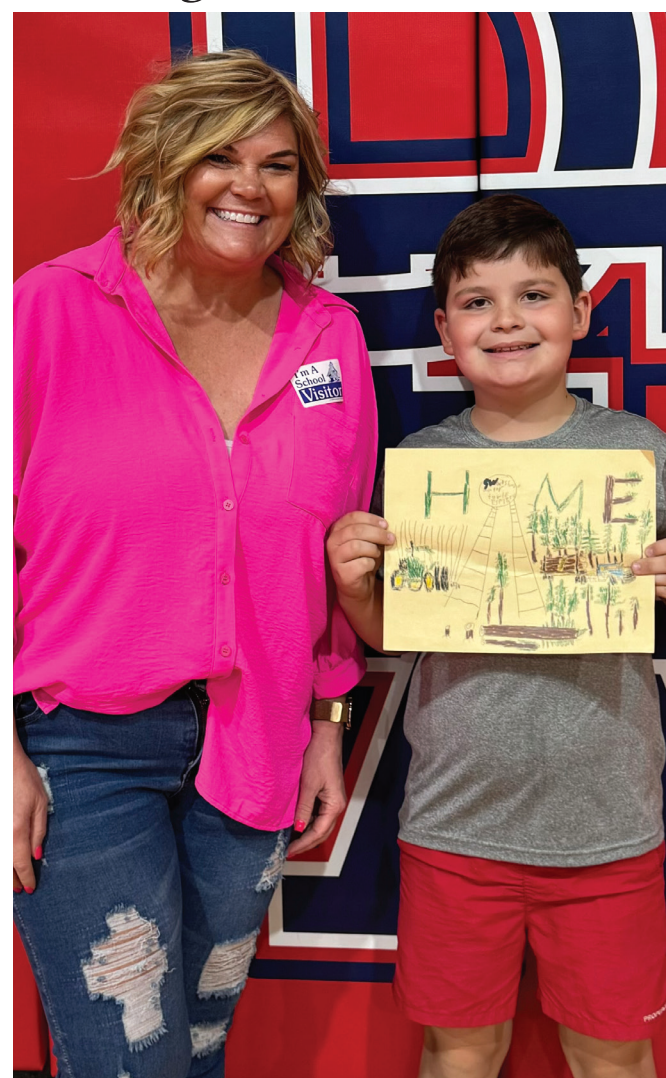
Gifts Galore Monogramming & More sponsored their 2nd annual t-shirt design contest inviting and encouraging all school age children in Emanuel County to join in CREATING A TEE. Children were asked to draw or sketch what they think HOME means to them, what they love about the Pine Tree Festival and what makes our HOMETOWN the best.

GG partnered with Berni's on West Main, Stephanie Miller with Y96 and the Ultimate Bullfighters 4th annual Party in the Pines, Leanna's and New Generation Nutrition. They received tons of drawings for a few weeks that were judged by Emanuel Arts Council and three out-of-town graphic art designers. It was a tough call, and amongst all the talented entries, Ellis Claxton, 4th grader at DEA in Ms. Brandi Mills' class, was the artwork contest winner, and his artwork was displayed on a tee for him for the Pinetree Festival. Congratulations Ellis on your artwork and for helping to create a t-shirt for GG's very own Signature HOME Designs.

Ellis received the following: designed t-shirt with his drawing sponsored by Gifts Galore Monogramming & More, free kid's meal from Berni's, free entry into the Ultimate Bullfighters Party sponsored by Stephanie with Y96, slice of cheesecake from Leanna's and a kid friendly festival drink sponsored by New Generation Nutrition.

Ellis was paid for his design by Gifts Galore Monogramming & More and will be featured in GG's HOME Signature Collection, designed and created by Gifts Galore Monogramming & More, so look for his design inside GG on a signature HOME tee soon.

Gifts Galore Monogramming & More wants to thank all the judges, as well as all the teachers and parents that allow their student/child to participate each year.



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East Georgia Healthcare Center supports partners with donation

East Georgia Healthcare Center (EGHC) donated opioid response medications to Emanuel County Sheriff's Department and Emanuel County Medical Center to assist in the treatment of opioid overdose in Emanuel County. As part of EGHC's Rural Opioid Response Program (RCORP), EGHC identified important community partners that work on the front lines of the opioid epidemic. The Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) is a multi-year initiative by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD), in rural communities at the highest risk for SUD. Sable Fleming, EGHC's Patient Services Nurse commented, "We are proud to have

been able to help our local law enforcement and hospital with these supplies. The opioid epidemic has grown tremendously over the past few years and opioid overdose deaths in Georgia have more than doubled since 2019 in our state." EGHC's RCORP plan includes the identification, prevention and treatment of opioid related diseases throughout their 13-county service area. EGHC urges anyone with questions or concerns about substance abuse identification or treatment to reach out to a healthcare professional early to help do your part to eliminate this issue in our community.



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Sandra Kay Oglesby Cowart, 77

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Sandra Kay Oglesby Cowart, age 77, of Garfield, on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m. at Mount Olivet Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Graham officiating. Burial followed at the Hebron Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Garfield. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers were Jay Hendley, Wesley Hendley, Tommy Paul, and Roger Johnson. Honorary pallbearers were Jackie West (special cousin), Veda Parker (special friend), Eloise Hendley (special friend).

Mrs. Sandra Cowart was born January 4, 1947, in Jenkins County, to Willie and Audrey Kay Oglesby. She graduated from Emanuel County Institute in 1964, then went on to graduate from Swainsboro Technical School. As a Garfield resident, Sandra worked for several years at Atkinson Candies. She prided herself in being a wife, mother, and grandmother most of all. Mrs. Sandra loved her grandchildren and great grand-



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daughter immensely. She loved to shop at Belk and Hobby Lobby and enjoyed going for her weekly visit to Brenda Coleman's beauty shop. Sandra was a member of Mount Olivet Baptist Church. Mrs. Cowart is preceded in death by her parents; brother and sister-in-law, Dr. John Ell and Robbie Nell Hendley; and brother-in-law, Derrell Hendley.

Survivors include her loving husband of almost 59 years, James O "Jimmy" Cowart of Garfield; sons, James O "Jim" Cowart (Sondra) and Mitchell Cowart (Janice), both of Garfield; two grandchildren, Zach Cowart (Katie) and Abigail Cowart (Ty Hutson), both of Twin City; one great-granddaughter, Annie Caroline Cowart; sister-in-law, Janice Hendley of Garfield.

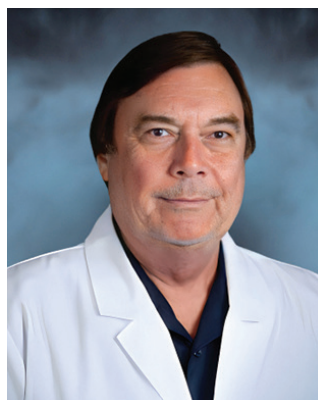
Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Dr. James D. Clifton, 70

Dr. James D. Clifton, 70, of Twin City, passed away Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at Community Hospice in Vidalia following a brief illness. Services were held Friday, May 3, at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Reverend Tim Grant officiating. The family received friends at the church from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. prior to the service.

Honorary pallbearers were past and present employees of Swainsboro Healthcare and Emanuel County EMS.

Dr. Clifton was born April 29, 1954, in Vidalia, to Jim Paul Clifton and Norma Jean King Clifton. He enjoyed deep-sea fishing, watching NASCAR and Georgia football, and having a love for the ocean's blue water. Dr. Clifton graduated from Montgomery County High School in 1972. He continued his education at the University of Georgia from 1972 to 1973 and Valdosta State College from 1973 to 1975, earning a bachelor's in chemistry. Dr. Clifton later attended West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine from 1977 to 1981, obtaining his D.O. Degree. He completed his rotating internship at Carson City Hospital in Carson City, Michigan from 1981 to 1982. Dr. Clifton was Board-Certified in Family Practice. He began his private practice in Swainsboro in 1982. During his career in Swainsboro, Dr. Clifton served as Chief of Staff at Emanuel County Hospital from January 1992 to December 1992, and he was a member of the Board of Directors at Georgia Medical



DR. CLIFTON

Care Foundation. He also served as Medical Director of Emergency Medical Service in Swainsboro from 1987 until his passing. Dr. Clifton also held other significant positions, including serving as a physician at Emanuel County Jail, Emanuel Women's Facility, and Emanuel Probation Detention Center. He also spent many years as a part-time Emergency Room physician and was the Medical Examiner for Emanuel County. He was a member of The First Baptist Church in Swainsboro. Dr. Clifton is preceded in death by his parents.

Dr. Clifton is survived by his wife, Melissa Archer Clifton of Twin City; sons, Jonathan (Brandi) Clifton and Chandler (Kelli) Moore, both of Swainsboro; daughter, Mabry (Zach) Paulk of Statesboro; grandsons, Rowan Clifton, Maddox Clifton and Everett Clifton; brother, Joe (Kathi) Clifton of Valdosta; sister, Jane (Rick) Davis of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.; other family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to: Community Hospice, 904 Mt. Vernon Road, Vidalia, GA. 30474.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Debra Leola Good Lee, 60

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory announces the death of Ms. Debra Leola Good Lee, age 60, of Twin City, on Monday, April 29, 2024, at her residence following an extended illness. A private celebration of life ceremony will be held in her honor.

Mrs. Lee was born January 19, 1964, in Atlanta, to the late Dewey Leon and Patricia Dennis Good. She was full of life and believed in "riding through life like the wind". Debbie was a nurturer who loved and gave with all her heart. She loved her dogs, horseback riding, coloring, and White Russians while listening to her vinyl records. Debbie was a



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former barrel horse race champion, beloved wife, friend, and Godmother. In addition to her parents, Ms. Lee is preceded in death by her husband, James Gray Lee.

Ms. Lee is survived by her beloved fur babies and Godchildren, Crystal, Justin, and Victoria.

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Johnny Lamar Bedingfield, 80

Mr. Johnny Lamar Bedingfield, 80, of Guyton, passed away on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at PruittHealth. Visitation will be Saturday, May 4, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. The funeral will follow at 11 a.m. in the chapel of the funeral home. Graveside funeral and burial will be at 3 p.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Johnny, an Emanuel County native, was born in Swainsboro, growing up on a farm near Nunez and raising tobacco, cotton and peanuts. He was a 1962 graduate of Swainsboro High School. After graduation, Johnny lived in Atlanta for five years, moving to Savannah for a year, then Garfield for eight years before settling in Effingham County in 1976. He was a hard worker, spending many long days at National Linen Service before retiring, then working at the Effingham County Landfill for several years before retiring. Mr. Bedingfield is preceded in death by his parents, John S. and Gladys Cowart Bedingfield; his beloved wife of 50 years, Mary Lynn Bedingfield;



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sister and brother-in-law, Ohma and Newt Waters; and brothers, Don Bedingfield and Wade Bedingfield.

Survivors include his son, John Marcus Bedingfield of Alexandria, VA; daughter, Tammy Donovan (Mike) of Bloomingdale; grandchildren, Brandon Donovan (Torri), Taylor Donovan (Hannah) and Brooke Donovan (Tyler); great-grandchildren, Blake Donovan, Luka Donovan and Kaden Eby; brother, Jerry Bedingfield (Amy) of Louisville; sisters-in-law, Jenny Bedingfield of Texas City, TX and Pat Bedingfield of Swainsboro; and several nieces and nephews.

Thomas C. Strickland & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sean Allen White, 56

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. Sean Allen White, age 56, of Adrian, on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at Meadows Regional Medical Center in Vidalia. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

Born in Chatham County to Seabron Allen White and Carol Johnson Lane, Sean lived all his life in Emanuel County. He was an exceptionally hard worker and loved mechanics. Sean worked at both Handi-House and Quality Buildings in Twin City and later was employed at Ogeechee Steel. In his free time, he enjoyed watching movies and listening to coun-



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try music.

Survivors include his mother, Carol Johnson Lane of Adrian; sons, Galen Alexander White and Seth Allen White, both of Adrian; sisters, Lisa Bush (Joe) of Vidalia and Stephanie Garnto of Dublin; and brother, Stephen White of Canoochee.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Holy Zion Church to hold revival

Holy Zion Church of Metter will have their Fellowship Spring Revival May 16, 17 and 19, with guest speaker will be Apostle TV Outen. Thursday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m., guest churches will be Holy Zion Church of Statesboro, Jones Temple Pentecostal, Brinston Rock, Mercer Grove St. Matthews, Triumph of Praise, Living Way Temple Grace and Refiners Fire More Sure Word. Friday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m., guest churches will be Ada Grove, St. John, High Point, House of Hope, House of God and Johnson Chapter. Sunday, May 19, Sunday School will be at 10:30 a.m. with Worship Service at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Pastor Johnny Ray Jones with guest church Mt. Gilead. Everyone is invited to attend.

Thomas Gray, 76

Thomas Gray, age 76, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at Candler Hospital in Metter, after an extended illness. A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church with Pastor Charles Wiggins officiating and Pastor Karen Jones presiding. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Thomas was born June 28, 1947, in New Jersey, to the late Anne Belle King and Shay Gray. He enlisted into the Army on December 13, 1966 and served until June 12, 1968. Mr. Gray is preceded in death by his parents; and grandson, Zaveion Ricks.

Mr. Gray leaves to cherish his memories with his sons, Thomas Ike DeVouil (Melissa) and Hananzas Ricks, both of Swainsboro;



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grandsons, Kendrick DeVouil (Tiffany) of Augusta, Tavarius DeVouil and Michael Stanford, Jr., both of Swainsboro; granddaughters, Ikera DeVouil, Alexius DeVouil and Rayvan DeVouil, all of Swainsboro; and eight great-grandchildren, Malaundre DeVouil, Genesis Reese, Kaden DeVouil, Princeton DeVouil, Jaxon Bishop, Zaylee DeVouil, Aroya Cook and Malayshia Stanford.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bobby "BT" Tarver, 65

Bobby Tarver, age 65, departed his life on Monday, April 29, 2024, at MCG Hospital in Augusta, after an extended illness. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m. at God's Holy Tabernacle with Pastor Amos Handsome, JR. officiating.

Bobby was born March 7, 1959, to the late Essie Mar Tarver and Holice Tarver, Sr. He retired as a farm worker during his life. Mr. Tarver is preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, and two sisters.

Mr. Tarver is survived by his wife of 33 years, Shirley Ann Tarver of Twin City; son, Bobby Tarver of Twin City; daughters, Sophia Tarver of Statesboro,



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Leslie Howard of Swainsboro and Kotrenna Morelli of Virginia; sister, Johnnie Louise (Lanel) Brown of Twin City; brothers, Charlie (Martha) Tarver of Garfield and Marvin (Mary) Tarver of Vero Beach, FL; seven grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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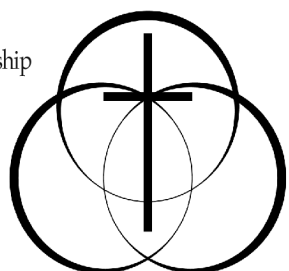
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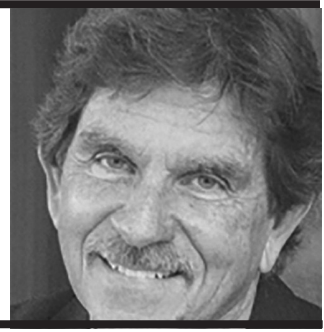
William "Wild Bill" Tate came to the University of Georgia from a farm near Fairmount Georgia in the fall of 1920. He was a long-distance runner on the Georgia track team, and following graduation he taught English and courses in debate at the University. Tate earned advanced degrees at Columbia and Harvard and taught at other colleges before returning to Athens. He became the Dean of Men at UGA in 1946 and put his name on that position for all time. Tate loved and lived for the University of Georgia, and he could be either the best friend or the worst enemy of the young men in the student body. He was strict, but fair, and he was more feared and more powerful than a Federal Judge when it came to matters involving the

quality of behavior and conduct of University of Georgia students. He recognized the vital part that discipline played in the lives of those young people, and he did not shy away from applying it when needed. In the Spring of 1970, the political atmosphere of many universities in this country was becoming volatile, heated by student protests over the war in Vietnam. In early May, four students were killed on the campus of Kent State University in Ohio protesting the expansion of the war. The level of campus unrest across the country peaked. At the University of Georgia, a variety of organizations from the Students for a Democratic Society and the Socialist Workers Party to the Black Panthers and Student Mobilization

Committee, and many other lesser-known groups took the opportunity to hold marches, sit-ins and finally organized a failed attempt to occupy the University Administration Building. Dean Tate, just like he had done in helping manage the peaceful desegregation of the University in 1961, once again was right in the middle of all the controversy. During two days of growing agitation and demonstrations on campus, Tate, who was then approaching 70, marched with the students, camped out with hundreds of them on the lawn of Old College, sang activist songs wearing the "love beads" the protestors had given him, and spent the night sitting with them, talking and listening to student's fears and concerns.

Throughout all of it, he also made it clear to them that the law could not and would not be violated, and the standards of the University would be respected. By the morning of May 8, the campus was calm and nearly 450 student protestors had packed up and gone back to their dorms or apartments and back to class. Dean Tate retired from the job he loved in 1971. He was famous for saying he would rather be the Dean of Men at the University of Georgia than the President of Harvard or Yale. Some said he was a harsh disciplinarian, but I think what most of the students who were there, including myself, would remember about Dean Tate is the idea that there is always a line that cannot be crossed; a line that is there for a reason and cannot

Charles Schwabe



become less and less negotiated or backed down from. Because if that line means nothing, then authority and order mean nothing. The events of the past two weeks on many college campuses clearly show us that there are more and more groups in this country who exist solely for the purpose of crossing lines and tearing down the basic principles that are foundational not just on a college campus, but throughout our entire nation. The more we continue to allow these lines to be pushed back, the more often it will continue to happen, and this country and its values will eventually

become less and less recognizable. No matter who you are or where you stand, the spectacle of chaos and destruction from these recent events raises a serious warning that deserves serious thought. Some lines are "absolute" and in the end are the basis of what we believe this country stands for and what holds it all together. Those are the lines that we need to stand behind and protect. I know better than to try to speak for Dean Tate, but I think if he were still around, he might just tell all of us to speak for ourselves in a calm, convincing manner, then go on about your way and behave.

Paying homage to an American hero

I am doing something I rarely, if ever, have done. I am going to rerun a previous column verbatim. Hans Trupp, of St. Simons, died last week. I wrote the following about him two years ago and I ask your forbearance in allowing me to present it to you again. Hans Trupp was and always will be an American hero. A true patriot. RIP, my friend. I may be one of the few people on the plan-

et that has not seen "Top Gun: Maverick." As of this writing, the film, starring Tom Cruise and a sequel to the 1986 hit, "Top Gun," has grossed over \$1 billion at the box office and shows no signs of landing anytime soon. Someone who has seen the movie is a former Top Gun himself, Hans Trupp, a long-time friend and real estate executive on St. Simons

Island. I called him and asked what it felt like to be sitting in a theater watching Maverick Mitchell (Cruise) and his team in action. "I can't believe I did that," he laughs after watching all the action on the screen. But did it, he did. Trupp gives the movie generally good marks for its depiction of carrier life but sees a lot of things that would not have happened in

the real world of Navy aviation. "Aboard a carrier, it is all about discipline," he says. After all, planes are being launched every 30 seconds and recovered every 45 seconds. Trupp does concede that the egos in the movie were real. "We were a very competitive bunch and thought we were all hotshots," he chuckles. "But we did have fun." As a pilot of an F4B Phantom, Hans Trupp flew more than 200 combat missions over North Vietnam off two different aircraft carriers: the USS Ranger and the USS Constellation. For his service, he was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross, 12 Air medals, two Navy commendation medals and two Navy achievement medals with combat V and the South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He earned them all. He got his Distinguished Flying Cross for shooting down an enemy plane in Haiphong Harbor attacking a PT boat trying to smuggle spies into North Vietnam and he did it at night.

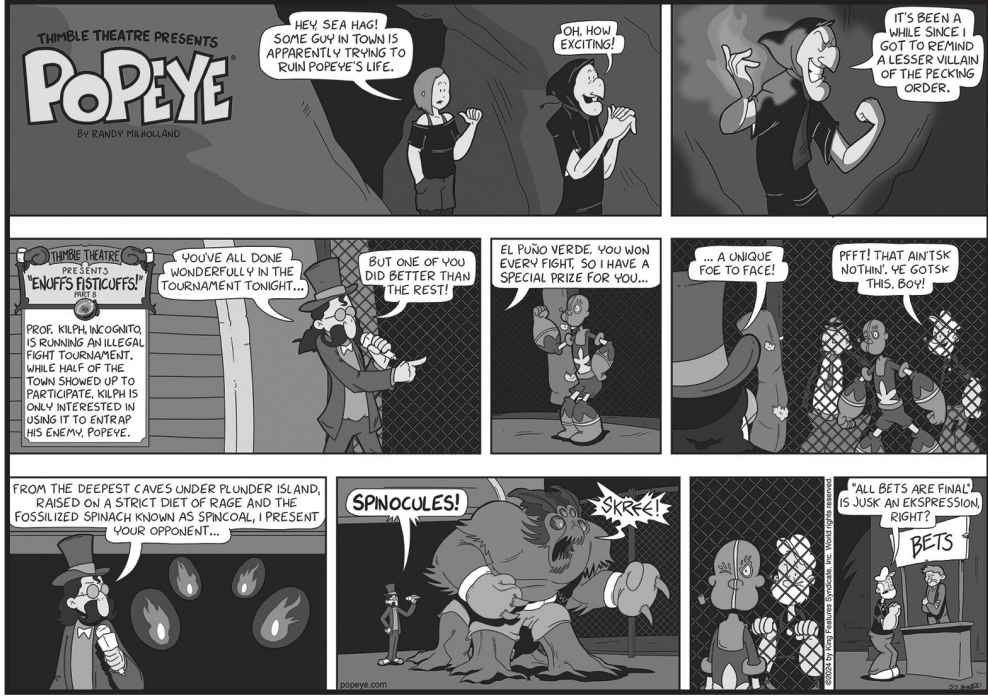
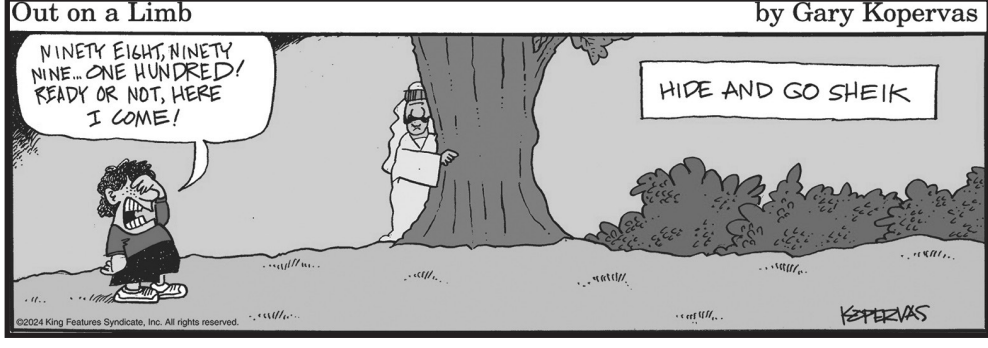
Dick Yarbrough



"But at the time I didn't know it was McCain." It caused quite a stir since McCain was the son and grandson of Navy admirals. Avoiding surface-to-air missiles (SAMs) was an occupational hazard, Trupp says. "When they locked on you, you quickly went into a 'Split-S' maneuver. You invert the aircraft and pull the nose down," he explains. "And then pull up headed in the opposite direction at a lower altitude." The missiles couldn't handle those twists and turns. Having survived the war and in the real estate business, Hans Trupp was to find out much of it had been in vain. Twenty years later, he discovered John L. Piotrowski, a retired United States Air Force four-star general, had published a book, "Basic Airman to General: The Secret War & Other Conflicts." In the book, Piotrowski cites a television interview in which former Secretary of State Dean Rusk confessed the U.S. government was tipping off the North Vietnamese about its intended bombing targets a day in advance. Rusk said, "We didn't want to harm the North Vietnamese people so we passed the targets to the Swiss embassy in Washington with instructions to pass them to the (North Vietnamese) govern-

ment through their embassy in Hanoi." Rusk said the U.S. wanted to show North Vietnam that we "could strike targets at will but we didn't want to kill innocent people." An incredulous Trupp tracked down the retired general after a month-long search and discovered it was true. He and his fellow fighter pilots were risking their lives fighting an enemy who had been forewarned, prepared and were shooting down American aircraft, capturing and torturing survivors. Trupp says it was an unforgivable betrayal by the very country they were serving. That is putting it mildly. Today, Hans Trupp worries about the future of our country. He believes we are weaker militarily and that China, more than Russia, represents our biggest threat. Of even more concern is a generation that seems less and less patriotic and less appreciative of the freedoms they have been given and the sacrifices made for them. This isn't what he and his fellow aviators fought for. But I am proud they did. We all should be. Theirs was not a Top Gun movie. It was the real thing. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dick-yarbrough.com; at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

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Derden speaks to Brier Creek

The Brier Creek Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting on Thursday night, May 2, at Walls Diner at 7 p.m. With President Wayne Howard presiding, they had 14 in attendance. President Wayne called on dual member Dess Smith III to introduce the speaker for the evening, Compatriot John Derden, who gave an update on the "Lader" coverage of the Brier Creek Battlefield that was just finished. He then presented his program on "The Treaty of Paris, 1781". John is a member of the Wiregrass Chapter in Swainsboro and is a retired history professor from East Georgia State College. He is also a member of the Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. President Wayne then inducted the newest member into the Brier Creek Chapter, Compatriot Cortland Rice Lowe, Jr. His Revolutionary War Patriot was the first female that has been approved in the Georgia SAR, Sarah Booth Overstreet. Registrar Lee Herron did a great job in researching Cortland's Patriot. Then President Wayne and Registrar Lee presented Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore with the Frederica Naval Action Chapter Flag Streamer. The Chapter took up some new business and they voted to change their meeting time to 6:30 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. beginning in June.

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

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CHAIR TAPLEY AND SHARI WATT

Veterans meet at the Library

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the Franklin Memorial Library Monday, May 6, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. With Chair John Tapley presiding, they had 40 in attendance. Breakfast was served by Joyce Fennell and Betsy Johnson of the UDC, consisting of breakfast casserole, grits, muffins, fruit, cake, cranberry juice, grape juice, orange juice and coffee. Chair Johnny talked about the upcoming Veterans and 1st Responders Memorial Park clean-up day on Saturday morning, May 11, and the 1st Annual Veterans Cup

Golf Tournament set for Saturday, May 18 starting at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast at the Swainsboro Country Club, and then the tee time at all 18 holes will be started at 8 a.m. by a six-pounder Field Gun cannon shot by Commander Steve Burke, President of the Wiregrass Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. Chair John then talked about the Veterans appreciation day on Memorial Day, May 27, starting with a breakfast at the Emanuel County Medical Center at 9 a.m. and then a ceremony at the Veterans and 1st Responders Memorial Park at 11 a.m. The next Monday morning meeting and breakfast will be May 13, on the Emanuel County Fountain Square at 9 a.m. with breakfast being provided by the "Cakery on the Square", consisting of coffee and sausage biscuits. Be sure and take your own chair to sit around the square and listen to the special music that will be provided.

Letter to the Editor

Say it ain't so!

Dear Editor,

After reading Charles Schwabe's column, the recent talk of a possible move for the city hall has me very concerned. I no longer live there, but still claim Swainsboro as my hometown. Through the years I have seen the beautiful courthouse I remember torn down, beautiful old homes torn down or fall down because of ill repair, being replaced with quick marts and gas stations. To say nothing of the drug infested areas that good, honest hardworking people used to live or may still try to live. All you need to do is take a ride around town to see what I mean.

Before you get all upset, I have NO problem with anyone trying to make a living with convenience stores and I don't know anyone who may own real estate in any of the areas I mention. I do not mean to paint with a broad brush by inferring that the whole town is bad or unappealing. But I do know that if there was a planning and zoning commission for the future of my hometown, they sure missed the mark when they didn't preserve the towns history and beauty and capitalizing on it by looking toward the future.

The many moves I have made in the last sixty some odd years have shown me what can actually be done when the citizens really have a vested interest in what their town offers and reserve the historical value and integrity of their town or village. They were not rich people. Just regular folks who took pride in the appearance and history of the area. I've seen railroad cars or old depots turned into visitors' centers, barns into restaurants, shacks turned into antiques stores and old houses turned into bed and breakfasts homes.

Living in the state of New Jersey was like

going back in time, the whole town was made up of old, and I mean OLD homes. They were occupied by families who had been born there and probably raised a family there. There were wealthy executives and there were average policemen and firemen all working together to keep that history. They would renovate the homes with more modern conveniences, but the structure was the same or equally historical. George Washington camped near our little village and probably would recognize most of it. You didn't see any slum houses or areas. I'm sure there were nefarious people, but their homes and businesses were in tune with the historical structures. Developers went through an awful lot of red tape and regulations before they were allowed to build new homes adjoining the old towns. It wasn't to keep people out, but to make sure property values were maintained, including the new structures. Zoning works. All of this comes with a price and taxes were high, but they didn't have the issues small towns who don't plan have like water, sewer, schools, etc.

In south side Virginia, there were farmers, professionals, and military families, but those who had been born and raised in our area generally lived in family homes for generations. They didn't tear them down, they proudly kept them up.

Please, please don't allow the city council to give up the beautiful old bank building on the corner of Highway 1 and 80. Please clean up the drug infested blighted areas of town that newcomers or visitors are bound to see when they tour the town. My heart breaks when I ride around my childhood home area of New Street.

Concerned citizen,
LaRose Tapley

The City of Swainsboro is Soliciting Bids

The City of Swainsboro is soliciting bids for the audio, visual, and theatrical lighting systems for The Karrh Center Renovation Project. The project will consist of sound systems, video projection, stage lighting, stage draperies and stage rigging. Project Drawings and Specifications will be provided by The City of Swainsboro. Interested bidders should provide project RFI's 10 days before bid date.

Sealed Bids will be accepted at the Swainsboro City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia until June 3, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Bids shall be opened on June 3, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

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NOTICE

Pursuant to the requirements of Sections 303.7 and 303.44 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Regulations, notice is hereby given that The Citizens Bank of Swainsboro, headquartered at 121 North Main Street, Swainsboro, Emanuel County, Georgia 30401 has filed an application for approval to establish a branch office to be located at 571 South Main Street, Swainsboro, Emanuel County, Georgia 30401.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office located at 10 10th Street NE, Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3849, not later than 15 days after the date of this publication. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

Emanuel County Schools

School Choice (HB 251)

Applications Accepted May 1, 2024 – May 15, 2024

The Emanuel County School System will accept applications for School Choice transfers. Parents may request to transfer their child to another public school in the district for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year if the school has available space after its assigned students have been enrolled. The Emanuel County School System considers factors such as projected enrollment and maximum class size when determining available space. The chart below indicates space availability by school and grade. Parents will be responsible for transportation for a student attending school outside his/her attendance area.

School	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9-12
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Swainsboro Middle *							15	13	5	
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Swainsboro High *										**

* Transfers for Kindergarten students will not be considered until after the first 10 days of school. Only Kindergarten students who are enrolled and have completed a School Choice transfer form application during the HB 251 window will be considered for transfer.

**Emanuel County Institute and Swainsboro High School will allow transfers if scheduling requirements can be met when enrolling with the counselor. Enrollment into certain courses (Honors, Electives, etc.) may not be accommodated due to the number of students already enrolled in those courses. Students transferring to another high school, within the district, may not be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities due to GHSA guidelines.

For more information visit the Emanuel County Schools website:

www.emanuel.k12.ga.us

School Choice transfer forms may be picked up from the Emanuel County Board of Education building at 201 N. Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. **beginning Wednesday, May 1, 2024.** All applications must be hand delivered to the office. No applications will be accepted **after Wednesday, May 15, 2024** at the close of business.

Georgia CTI State Leadership Conference Showcases student success at Rock Eagle 4-H Center

The 42nd annual Georgia CTI State Leadership Conference (SLC) held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center April 17-19, 2024, brought together 600 students from 92 schools across the state. This three-day event, supported by 97 CTI Coordinators, 46 ParaProfessionals and 140 volunteer judges, focused on developing essential employability skills, including communication, collaboration, creativity, and leadership.



SHS CTI PARTICIPANTS

The heart of SLC was the 29 pathway competitions, where over 430 students showcased their creativity and skills. For those not competing, a Leadership Class led by CTI Coordinators, Board Members, and Rock Eagle Educational Staff provided enriching experiences.

Beyond competitions, the conference featured student performances including singing, baton twirling, motivational speeches, and dancing. The atmosphere was vibrant and encouraging, emphasizing personal growth and camaraderie. Participants also enjoyed recreational activities like a silent disco, s'mores roast, canoeing, water slides, gaming trucks, and Kona Ice breaks.

A significant moment was the State Officer elections, with 22 students vying for leadership roles. The new team was announced during the Awards Ceremony on Friday morning, celebrating achievements and bidding farewell to outgoing officers. Swainsboro High School had 19 students who participated at SLC. All 19 students from SHS competed at different levels and in a variety of events ranging from Public Speaking to Occupational Creative Thinking. Kynslie Crapps placed 2nd in Community Civic Awareness and Areuna Edwards placed 2nd in Culinary Arts. Mrs. Sandra Mason is the SHS CTI coordinator and Region 2 Director for GA CTI.

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- Mimi & Papa's Cookin' Shack (Base) – 100 A (4/5/24)
- David Emanuel Academy Cafeteria – Score 100 A (4/18/24)
- Twin View Health Care Center – Score 94 A (4/18/24)
- Observed expired milk in cooler
- Observed wet and dirty cloth on prep table
- Emanuel Women's Facility - Score 100 A (4/23/24)
- Emanuel County Senior Center - Score 100 A (4/23/24)

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Eagles pitch back-to-back no-hitters to reach semifinals

On Tuesday, April 23, DEA Eagles played Crisp Academy Wildcats back-to-back in the State Quarterfinals. In game one, Sophomore Brody Fleming struck out 13 over five innings for the Eagles, pitching a no-hitter over the Wildcats of Crisp Academy in Game 1 of the GIAA State Quarterfinals. Fleming was dominant from the beginning of the game and had a little magic in his bat at the end as well. In the second inning, Senior Billy Martin worked a base on balls, then stole second and made his way to third on the play when the throw went into centerfield. Martin then scored the game's first run on a balk. In the third inning, Clayton Hood singled and Fleming was hit by a pitch. Both then perfectly executed a double steal and Richard Braddy hit a sacrifice fly to centerfield to score Hood and move Fleming to third and then Martin also hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Fleming. In the fourth inning, Senior Randon Williams and Sophomore Sailor



EAGLES BASEBALL TEAM

Powell each earned a base on balls and Hood blasted a long homerun to leftfield to clear the bases. In the fifth inning, Sophomore Cooper Riner doubled and later scored on a couple of sacrifice flies by Layton Terwilliger and Powell, making the score 7-0. Tucker Free hit a hot shot to third and beat out the throw, Hood then walked, and Fleming belted a long walk-off homerun to leftfield to "run rule" the visiting Wildcats 10-0.

In game two, Braddy and Hood combined to throw a no-hitter Braddy was efficient with his pitches early allowing his defense to work with shortstop Powell and

second baseman Free handling several opportunities each in the first three innings. Braddy then showed his dominance by striking out 11 Wildcats over his six innings. Hood came in a struck out two more Wildcats in the seventh to send the Eagles to the State Semifinals. Free and Hood both reached base in the first inning. Senior Jay Carter hit a sacrifice fly to centerfield to score Free. Braddy hit a hard ground ball up the middle that the pitcher snagged, but with some savvy baserunning, Hood scored to make it 2-0 after one inning. In the fourth inning, Free worked a walk and stole second. Hood then dou-

bled Free home and later scored on a Carter single to center. In the fifth inning, Terwilliger singled and then stole second base. Powell doubled Terwilliger home and then stole third base. Powell behind some "heads-up" baserunning scored on another ball snagged by the Wildcat pitcher. In the seventh inning, Hood earned a base on balls, Fleming punched a singled to center, and Carter had a moment he will never forget, blasting a long homerun to left center and put an exclamation point a big day for Eagles baseball as David Emanuel took the victory 11-0.



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TRACK & FIELD TEAM WITH THEIR COACHES

ECI Track & Field Team sending a crowd to State

by **RON WEATHERFORD**
 The ECI Track team competed in Sectionals this past weekend in Carrollton, and finished the weekend having the most Dawgs qualify for the State meet than ever before. The following Bulldogs have earned a top 16 ranking in their events and have punched their ticket to State: Dayla Bethea - Long Jump, Ronee' Swainrussell - Long Jump, Chase Johnson - Long Jump, Breely Felkel - Triple Jump,

MJ Williams - Triple Jump, Makaleigh Handsom - Shot, Raelynn Felkel - Shot, Jayna Kearson - Discus, Michaela Barquet - 100m and 300m hurdles, Jaden Handsom - 300m hurdles, MK Durden - 400m dash, Rashad Smith - 200m dash, Madison Walker, Dayla Bethea, Jayna Kearson, Michaela Barquet (Jayla Rhodes, MK Durden) - 4x100 relay, Madison Walker, Dayla Bethea, Derihanna Jones, Jayna Kearson (Jayla Rhodes, MK Durden,

Michaela Barquet - Alts) - 4x200 Relay, MK Durden, Kayla Rhodes, Michaela Barquet, Jayna Kearson (Breely Felkel, Jayla Rhodes, Dayla Bethea - Alts) - 4x400 Relay, Daon Bethea, Carlo Salinas, Chase Johnson, Rashad Smith (Tyler Foreman, Jaden Handsom, CJ Roberson, Drew Handsom, Marquise Edmond - Alts) - 4x400 Relay. The team will travel to Commerce this Thursday-Saturday, May 9-11, to compete in the State Finals.

Bulldogs' season ends in Greensboro

by **RON WEATHERFORD**
 The ECI baseball team's goal to return to the state championship game ended Saturday losing both games in the Elite 8 round of the state playoffs. It was already determined by coin flip that whoever won this series would host the winner of the Charlton vs Mt. Zion series in the final four round. The Bulldogs lost to Lake Oconee Academy 4-0 in the opening game and the must win second game to the Titans 6-1 to end ECI's run. The scouting report on the Bulldogs was, feed them fastballs and you'll get a plate full of line drives and hits, as the Bulldogs are a dead red fast ball hitting team. The Bulldogs came into the game scoring an average of nine runs per game. But like Glavine showed in the 1995 World Series sixth game against the high scoring Cleveland Indians, good pitching can keep any

team off balance. The two Titan pitchers gave the Bulldogs a bellyful of off speed and curve balls, hitting their marks to keep the Bulldogs off balance for most the of the day. The Bulldogs were limited to just two hits against a Glavine-like freshman pitcher in the first game using off speed and ball placement to shut out the Bulldogs for only the second time this season. In some games, it seems that every hard-hit ground ball or line drive is right "at em". That seemed to be the case in the second game when just about every Bulldog line drive found a glove in their tracks. After gifting the Titans two runs in the bottom of the first in the second game, the Bulldogs scored their only run of the series in the bottom of the first. The Bulldogs had a few occasions to put runs on the board but left runners on base including bases loaded.

The early end was disappointing to the Bulldogs, but certainly not for the season when you are just one of the last 8 teams standing. The Bulldogs ended the season with a 26-8 record, back-to-back region championships. They scored a whopping 310 runs while giving up just 96 runs to their opponents. This Bulldog team accomplished this after losing three starting pitchers from the 2023 team. Four seniors put on the cleats as an ECI Bulldog Saturday. With big shoes to fill those seniors are Hudson Henry, Andrew Chalkley, Aden McQuaig and Charlie Rehberg. These seniors end their four-year career with a 90-42 season and 40-12 region record, two region championships, four trips to the state playoffs, three Sweet 16 appearances, two Elite 8 trips, one Final Four and one State Runner Up.

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2024 Pine Tree Tennis Tournament results

Four events were held on April 20, for the annual Pine Tree Tennis Tournament on the East Georgia State College campus. The four events were mixed doubles, men's doubles, boy's sin-

gles and girl's singles. The winners and runners up for each event are as follows: Mixed Doubles champs were Beau Gunn and Vanessa Morris over Richard Brooks and Kirstyn Galgon 7-5, 7-5. Men's Doubles champs were

Lawson Martin and Seth Lamb over Landen Canady and Kayden Childs 6-1, 6-0. Boy's Singles champ was Lawson Martin over Seth Lamb 7-6, 7-6. Girl's Singles champ was Mia Nelson over Addison Canady 6-3, 6-1.



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Buxton and Elliott win first place in 2024 Knotty Pine 5K

by TIM GOODMAN

On the morning of May 4, 2024, runners came to Swainsboro for the 23rd running of the Knotty Pine 5K Race as part of the Pine Tree Festival. The 5K was sponsored by the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, who provided logistics and support for the race. In 2022 the start/finish line was moved to the corner of Pine and Green Streets and the route changed to run mainly on Morning Street. This year the same route was used. This year as last year, SAR members lead by Dess Smith and Steve Burke assisted Swainsboro Police Chief Randy Ellison fire a starting cannon. The 1st place overall winner in the 5K male division was John Buxton from Kite, GA with a time of 20 minutes and 0 seconds, while the overall winner in the female division was Karin Elliott in a time of 22 minutes and 21 seconds. The 1st place master's male winner was Parker Allums from Vidalia, GA, with a time of 22 minutes and 42 seconds and Susan Makalis from Vidalia, GA was 1st place in the master's female division with a time of 30 minutes and 13 seconds.

Age group winners in the male division were: age 10 and under, 1st place Gabriel Strickland in 22 minutes and 41 seconds, 2nd place Charlie McNeely in 25 minutes and 42 seconds, and 3rd place Kellan McNeely in 27 minutes and 17 seconds; age 11 to 19, 1st place Samuel McBride in 22 minutes and 22 seconds, 2nd place Peyton Taylor in 22 minutes and 23 seconds, and 3rd place Vance Kelley in 22 minutes and 46 seconds; age 20 to 29, 1st place Jacob

Westbrooks, in 26 minutes and 22 seconds and 2nd place Kevin Patel in 35 minutes and 46 seconds; age 30-39, 1st place Martin Neal in 20 minutes and 44 seconds, 2nd place Jauquin McKinney in 23 minutes and 12 seconds, and 3rd place Agan Tankersley in 23 minutes and 16 seconds; age 40 to 49, 1st place Chan Carter in 23 minutes and 18 seconds; age 50-59, 1st place Mark Haddock in 22 minutes and 36 seconds, 2nd place Ted Moen in 27 minutes and 20 seconds, and 3rd place Don Norton in 32 minutes and 37 minutes; age 60 to 69, 1st place Jose Beceril in 24 minutes and 11 seconds, 2nd place Kevin Faircloth in 31 minutes and 30 minutes, and 3rd place David Allmond in 34 minutes and 53 seconds; age 70 and older, 1st place Gerald Holsonback in 52 minutes and 9 seconds.

Age group winners in the female division were: age 10 and under, 1st place Virginia Palumbo in 28 minutes and 21 seconds; age 11 to 19, 1st place Kayla Crabb in 25 minutes and 54 seconds, 2nd place Lyley Mills in 41 minutes and 27 seconds, and 3rd place Harmony Frank in 44 minutes and 4 seconds; age 20 to 29, 1st place Naomi Delgado in 48 minutes and 8 seconds, 2nd place Cassidy Cannady in 33 minutes and 21 seconds, and 3rd place Courtney Cox in 34 minutes and 18 seconds; age 30-39, 1st place Ashley Mills in 28 minutes and 40 seconds, 2nd place Mallory Wheeler in 28 minutes and 57 seconds, and 3rd place Jessica Palumbo in 29 minutes and 36 seconds; Age 40-49, 1st place Joy Pope in 36 minutes and 43 seconds, 2nd place Toni Rainey in 47



FIRST PLACE FEMALE ELLIOTT



FIRST PLACE MALE BUXTON

minutes and 44 seconds, and 3rd place Jami Fagler in 50 minutes and 56 seconds; age 50-59, 1st place Lara Norton in 30 minutes and 20 seconds, 2nd place Cathy Daniels in 43 minutes and 12 seconds, and 3rd place Beth Lane in 44 minutes and 52 seconds; age 60-69, 1st place Lynn Allmond in 33 minutes and 10 seconds, 2nd place Barbara Ervin in 42 minutes and 24 seconds, and 3rd place Cassandra Washington in 61 minutes and 40 seconds; and age 70 and over, 1st place Carolyn Edwards in 42 minutes and 36 seconds. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club would like

to give a special thanks to our sponsors; - Domino's Pizza, East Georgia Healthcare, Haddock Chiropractic, Harvey's, Leanna's, Nordson, Shop Rite, Stitch-N-Print, Statesboro Coca-Cola Bottling, Swainsboro Ford, Swainsboro Raceway, Walmart, and Ware's Bar-B-Que. A special thanks also to the Swainsboro Police Department for all the assistance as they kept our runners safe even with all the people around for the Pine Tree Festival. Complete results of the runs can be found on the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club website at swainsborokiwanis.org and the Pine Tree Festival page at pinetreefestival.org.

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Five sentenced in Superior Court

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Charles Nathan Burgess, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count aggravated assault. He was fined \$50 with 20 years probation, Rsat susp. for inpatient rehab; one count aggravated assault with 20 years probation, Rsat susp. for inpatient rehab; one count battery (FV) with 12 months probation; one count criminal interference w/govt property with 5 years probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 20 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody from 7/6/23 - 4/26/24. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

Donald Grier, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of cocaine. He was fined \$50 with 3 years to serve; one count theft by shoplifting with 12 months to serve; one count possession of marijuana less than oz with 12 months to serve; one count possession of drug related objects with 12 months to serve. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 3 year. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c). The defendant shall pay restitution in the amount of \$12 through the Clerk of Court for the benefit of the victim(s).

Niko Gates negotiated a guilty plea on one count criminal attempt to commit a felony. He was fined \$50 with 15 years to serve 5 years bal. probated; one count possession of a drug related object with 12 months to serve. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 15 years, with the first 5 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. Upon service of 5 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

Ronald Ricks negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of

meth. He was fined \$50 with 3 years probation, enter inpatient rehab; one count theft by taking with 12 months probation; one count possession of marijuana less than oz. with 12 months probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 3 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody from 11/8/23 - 4/26/24. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

Antwan Malik Early negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of firearm by convicted felon. He was fined \$50 with 10 years probation, 150-180 PDC; one count obstruction of an officer with 12 months probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 10 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody from 4/2/24 - 4/26/24. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.



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Music and God's Word have always been a very important ingredient in worship. When there is joy in the hearts of the faithful, praising God is a natural part of life and is always evident in times of worship. With shame and sorrow the captives of Babylon admitted this in Psalm 137:4. As their captors ridiculed them for it they said, "How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?" Sin separated them from God and they lost the joy of their salvation. It will do the same to us.

In the Old Testament we find many occasions of God's children coming together to sing and shout and praise the Lord.

In Psalm 95:1 the "worship leader" looked at the crowd before him and said let's "sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." That invitation remains open to us today.

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Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

The city has two wells located inside the city limits where we add chlorine for disinfection and fluoride for teeth and bone growth. Our water comes from the upper Floridian aquifer which provides ample water for all the city's needs.

Source water assessment and its availability

At the present time the city is not required to perform a source water assessment and it's availability.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

Our regularly schedule council meetings are held on the first Tuesday night of each month at 6:00 pm. City Hall Annex is located on 107 Nora Blvd. The public is invited to attend, please sign up at the City Hall at 205 West Main Street to be put on the Agenda.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Adrian is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	.78	.41	.78	2023	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.14	NA	NA	2021	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.89	.67	.89	2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Microbiological Contaminants								
Total Coliform (RTCR)	NA	TT	NA	NA	NA	2023	No	Naturally present in the environment
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source	
Inorganic Contaminants								
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.067	2022	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	2.2	2022	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	

Violations and Exceedances

Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
% positive samples/month	% positive samples/month: Percent of samples taken monthly that were positive
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions

Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

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NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE FOR RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL GARBAGE PICKUP

Notice is hereby given that the CITY OF SWAINSBORO, through its Mayor and City Council, beginning July 1, 2024, the residential poly cart rate will increase \$1/per month and the commercial rate will increase \$1/per cubic yard/per month.

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 (ECSSO); 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).
 Jasper Timothy Baker, 54, arrested 5/5/24; Terroristic threats and acts; ECSSO
 Jason Evan Bennett, 35, arrested 4/29/24; Simple battery; APD
 Tiffanie Lee Bennett, 38, arrested 4/29/24; Simple battery; ECSSO
 William Jason Bennett, 53, arrested 5/1/24; Simple battery; APD
 Kimberly Latrell Black, 43, arrested 5/3/24; False report of a crime; SPD
 Dustin Steven Braddy, 20, arrested 5/5/24; DUI under the age of 21/Seatbelt violation/Too fast for conditions/Failure to maintain lane; GSP
 Barry Fred Braswell, 61, arrested 5/3/24; Driving while license

suspended/revoked; ECSSO
 Robert Earl Carswell, 65, arrested 4/30/24; Probation violation; ECSSO
 Quamayn Tyshon Daniels, 24, arrested 5/1/24; Disorderly conduct; ECSSO
 Derick Dexter, 45, arrested 5/4/24; Public drunk/Failure to comply; SPD
 Dakota Edward Farrow, 30, arrested 5/3/24; Hold for Laurens Co.; ECSSO
 Brittany Lynn Gabriel, 28, arrested 5/3/24; Court; ECSSO
 Evan Lee Gresham, 28, arrested 5/4/24; DUI less safe/Headlight requirements; GSP
 Shaunya Na'Sayeh Harris, 25, arrested 5/3/24; House for Sumter Co.; ECSSO

Bayron Alexander Hernandez Garcia, 29, arrested 5/1/24; DUI less safe/Seatbelt violation/Failure to maintain lane/Driving while unlicensed; ECSSO
 Robert Seabron Hilliard, 46, arrested 5/2/24; Bench warrant/Bench warrant; ECSSO
 Benjamin Antione Jenkins, 39, arrested 5/83/24; Criminal trespass/Criminal trespass/Hold for Jefferson Co.; TCPD
 Marcus Tyler Kirby, 30, arrested 4/29/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSSO
 Darien Reshun Kirkland, 26, arrested 5/1/24; Probation violation; SPD
 John William Love, 46, arrested 5/3/24; Hold for Glynn Co.;

SPD
 Rafael Demetruis Mack, 36, arrested 4/30/24; City court bench warrant; SPD
 Kameron Lee McNure, 23, arrested 5/4/24; DUI less safe; ECSSO
 Zytavious Bernard Moore, 27, arrested 5/3/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/Possess of marijuana less than oz/Possess and us of drug related objects; Improper use of center turn lane; SPD
 Michael Jerome Nealey, 32, arrested 4/30/24; Bench warrant; SPD
 Antonio Terry Phillips, 48, arrested 4/30/24; Public indecency; SPD
 Harris Benjamin Pruett, 64, arrested 5/3/24; Public drunk;

SPD
 McKinnis Ricks, 50, arrested 5/1/24; Possession of schedule IV controlled substance/Driving while license suspended/revoked/No insurance/Tag/registration requirements; ECSSO
 Larry James Sapp, 38, arrested 5/4/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/Expired registration; TCPD
 Jarrett Christopher Small, 32, arrested 5/3/24; Bench warrant - felony; ECSSO
 David Allen Smith, 20, arrested 5/5/24; Aggravated assault/Disorderly conduct; SPD
 Bernave Carmona Vazquez, 47, arrested 5/1/24; Aggravated assault; ECSSO

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

April 26
 Complainant went to SPD to report his phone lost. C/p stated he spoke with offender who advised he had the phone and c/p has made several attempts to get the phone back but has been unsuccessful and offender will not return his phone.

Officer was at Enmarket and the manager informed him about a shoplifting that occurred. C/p stated offender keeps going in the store and taking items without paying for them. Officer watched a video and observed offender take multiple items over multiple days at the same time every day. Offender attends SHS and will be trespassed from the store.

Officer took a walk-in report where complainant stated she thought she misplaced her purse then learned that several entering autos had been happening in her area.

Officer was flagged down by complainant

who needed to make a report about a stolen weapon taken from his vehicle.

Officer was dispatched to King Circle Dr. in reference to a dog at large.

Officer observed a vehicle without a tag, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and offender stated they smoked earlier. Offender's eyes were red and she was speaking slowly, and appeared to be under the influence. Upon searching the vehicle, multiple pills were found. Both offenders were transported to EmCO Jail.

April 27
 Complainant was driving on S. Coleman ST. when another vehicle side swapped him and kept going and c/p was able to provide the tag number.

Officers were dispatched Mojo's in reference to offender entering the establishment and breaking the manager's phone because his girlfriend was fired for stealing

money out of the register. Complainant advised the employee was caught stealing \$600 and was about to receive a \$400+ check so she signed her check and gave it back to pay for some of the money stolen. Later, offender arrived Mojo's and walked to the back to confront the manager and the manager pulled out his phone to show him the video footage and offender slapped the phone out of his hand, slinging it across the room, then leaves the store.

Officer was dispatched to N. Green ST. in reference to a dispute. Victim was intoxicated and stated her ex-boyfriend had been at her residence and they began to argue and offender hit her.

Officers were dispatched to Pughsley St. in reference to a mental subject being aggressive. Complainant stated her mother was acting out and could no longer stay with her. C/p stated offender was causing issues with her grandmother and had a knife in her possession and threatening

her grandmother with it. Offender stated she had the knife because they had a big stick and she had the right to protect herself. She was not acting out while officers were there and stated she was fine as long as they would leave her alone and was not mental like they are trying to make her out to be. C/p stated she was going to get her mother a room at the hotel and try to get a 1013 on signed.

April 28
 Officer was dispatched to Marion St. in reference someone taking complainant's firearm.

Officers were dispatched to W. Moring St. in reference to a male subject who was not supposed to be at the residence. Officers attempted to make contact for several minutes before complainant arrived back at the residence, and her son/offender, exited from the front door of the residence. C/p stated her son was not supposed to be there and she wanted him to leave. Offender began to use vulgar language at officers and was advised

to stop being hostile, gather his items and leave multiple times but he would not comply. Offender was arrested and transported to EmCo Jail.

April 29
 Officer responded to SPD for a walk-in report where complainant stated her son left his Nintendo Switch in the buggy at WalMart and when she went back, it was gone.

Officer received a call from complainant in reference to a crowd gathering and some sort of altercation took place. Officer observed a group of 8-10 people and made contact with them and they were elusive with their answers about what was going on. Officer learned that an altercation took place between two females so he knocked on the door and spoke with victim who stated offender got into an argument and offender attempted to hit her but she was able to walk away before it escalated.

Officer responded to Dawson St. in reference to a stolen wallet. Complainant stated he believes he knows who

took it and has not been able to find him.

April 30
 Officer responded to N. Main St. in reference to complainant having issues with dogs running at large and killed her cat. C/p then stated vehicles in her neighborhood have been broken into and she has camera footage.

Officer responded to W. Main St. in reference to a patient's family member making threats to employees.

Officer observed a male urinating in the Family Dollar parking lot and was transported to EmCo Jail.

May 1
 Officer was dispatched to La Rosita's in reference to a damaged vehicle. Complainant stated the left rear window was shattered.

Officer responded to Hardin Dr. in reference to an entering auto report.

Officer ran the tag on a vehicle to find it had not insurance, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle was towed and the driver was issued a citation.

Sheriff's Reports

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

April 29
 Deputies responded to Hwy 221 South in ref-

erence to a fence being damaged. Complainant stated his fence was cut a few months back and he fixed it and put a No Trespassing sign up

and noticed the fence had been damaged again in the same place.

Deputies responded to Blun Rd. in reference to a suspicious vehicle. Complainant stated a truck has been riding past their house and stopped in front of the house so they asked them to leave and the

driver got out yelling vulgar names then left, only to return again.

April 30
 Deputies received a call from TCPD in reference to a walk-in report where complainant stated a female friend would hang out and spend the night occasionally. C/p stated he

told her a few weeks ago that he didn't want to continue with the relationship and she told him that he would make his life a living hell. C/p stated offender is now sending messages to his separated wife about the relationship and he and his wife do not get along and he fears this will prevent him from being able to see his children if offender continues.

May 1
 Deputy took a report in reference to financial transaction card theft. Complainant stated she stopped at Popeye's to buy lunch and used her debit card and later received notifications that her card was used to create a Netflix account. C/p stated different transactions were done totaling \$95.82.

May 2
 Deputies responded


to Old Metter Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute.

May 3
 Deputies assisted the Fire Department on Harrington St. in Oak Park with traffic control on a structure fire.

Deputies responded to Canady Ln. in reference to an unruly male. Complainant stated offender is her son and went crazy and started cussing and throwing chairs. C/p advised she wants offender gone from her residence.

Deputy observed a vehicle enter a closed street and hit a traffic barrel, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Deputy could smell an odor of alcohol on offender, who admitted having been drinking. Deputy performed his PBT and offender tested positive, so he was transported to EmCo Jail.

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Special Education records from August 2009 through May 2014 are scheduled for destruction on May 31, 2024. If you wish to take custody of your/your child's records, you must have proper authority to do so. If the records you wish to take ownership of do not belong to you, you must show legal guardianship of the individual for whom the records belong. All persons must show picture identification when picking up records. Please contact the Department of Student Services at Emanuel County Schools at 478-237-6674 to notify us of your wish to obtain any records scheduled for destruction. Failure to contact the school district by May 31, 2024 will result in the destruction of all records.

Legals

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 MC CLOUD 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 MC CLOUD 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.
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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
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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
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 MC CLOUD PHILLIPS deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before MAY 13, 2024.
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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.
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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.
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of Ruth Yvonne Price, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 1st day of May, 2024.
Ashley Yvonne P. Hood, Executrix of the Estate of Ruth Yvonne Price, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: A.O.P.E.
CIVIL ACTION NO.23-MO-03
a female child, born January 2016.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: Krista Marie Eustace, biological mother of a minor child born in 2016 at Northern Hospital of Surry County, Mount Airy, NC.
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by James and Glenda Sutton seeking to terminate your parental rights and adopt the aforementioned minor child; that said action has been filed in the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by operation of law, as set out in O.C.G.A. § 19-8-10(c)(1), you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County and may file with the clerk of said court, and serve upon petitioner's attorney, Courtney Joiner Anderson, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 1488, Lyons, GA, 30436, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the 12th day of June 2024, at the Emanuel County Courthouse in Swainsboro, GA, at 10:00 a.m. and show cause, if any, you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted.

If you fail to appear, the court can terminate your parental rights in your absence and allow the minor child to be adopted.
If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition for adoption are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child, the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child.
If the judge grants the adoption, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings or property.
A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the Clerk's office. The telephone number is (478) 237-8911.
This 2nd day of May, 2024.
Courtney Joiner Anderson, Attorney for Petitioner
courtney@cjoinderanderson-law.com
P.O. Box 1488
Lyons, GA 30436

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE H. BOYD, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 24E0056 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
TRISTEN BOYD has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of GEORGE H. BOYD 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 JUNE 3, 2024.
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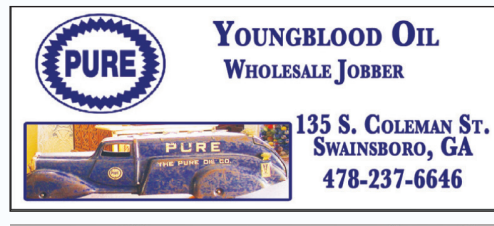


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over 50 wreath presenters, five cannons, and 25 militia firing their flintlock rifles. The National Society Combined Color Guard was led by Commander Scott Collins as they presented and retrieved the Colors. After the three-round volley by the Elijah Clark Militia, Brier Creek Militia and the Brier Creek Artillery, taps was played

on his bugle by Otis F. Putnam III of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter SAR. After the ceremony, the Schooner Lynx (British) fired several rounds at the Brier Creek Artillery who in turn fired at least 12 rounds at the British Ship.

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DAR members tour historic sites

Members of Governor David Emanuel - Adam Brinson Chapter NSDAR recently enjoyed a trip to visit historic sites in Screven County. One of the sites visited was the Seaborn Goodall House, known locally as the Dell-Goodall House. Built in 1815 in Jacksonboro, a former town that was the county seat of Screven County from 1797 to 1847, it is a Plantation Plain-style house. Seaborn Goodall was the son of Pleasant Goodall, a Revolutionary soldier who fought at Brier Creek. The local legend of the house is quite interesting. In 1821, Rev. Lorenzo Dow came to Jacksonboro but was met by those who were

not interested in hearing the gospel. When Dow held a meeting at a local church, the crowd that had gathered outside began to throw pieces of brick and stone through the windows. Goodall rescued Dow from the mob and harbored him in his home. The next day as Dow left town, he crossed the bridge over Beaver Dam Creek, stopped, and put a curse on the town asking God to destroy the town except for the Goodall House. Within a few years, the town had deteriorated and only the Goodall House remains today. The house was eventually acquired by the Brier Creek Chapter NSDAR and restored. It was

listed on the National Register of Historic Places on October 17, 1977.

The group also enjoyed touring Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield. Located on land that is now a part of the Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area, the Battle of Brier Creek took place on March 3, 1779, near the intersection of Brier Creek and the Savannah River. A great deal of work has been done by the Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association to identify unmarked burial locations and erect signage telling the story of the battle. The battlefield was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2020.

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