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A Town Hall meeting

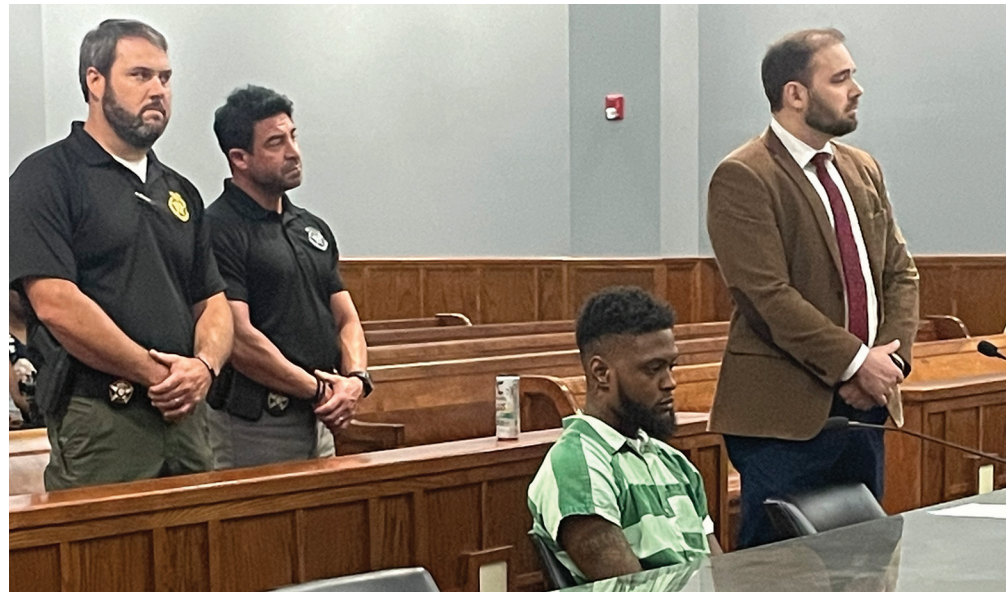
Jim Sherrod, Vice Chairman of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners from District 4 will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on June 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Summertown Community House. District 4 citizens are encouraged to attend, although no one will be turned away as long as there is enough room to accommodate everyone. The purpose of the Town Hall is to inform the citizens about their tax notices, tax bill and property taxes in general.



SHERROD

don't understand how it all works and flows, it can be overwhelming. I want folks to know that they can appeal their property tax value and the process you have to go through. Having an open and honest Town Hall hopefully will give citizens a chance to become more informed and hopefully will prevent or correct any misinformation or misunderstandings. Along with myself, County Administrator Guy Singletary, Chairman of the Board of TAX ASSESORS Mr. Daryl Gray, Sheriff Jeffrey

Brewer, Emanuel County Clerk of Court Kristen Hall and maybe a few others, God willing we will have a productive Town Hall. We want this to be an open and informal opportunity for everyone to participate. The only ground rules are that citizens come with an open mind, a willingness to listen, and the courage to ask questions when the time comes. Please be prompt in attending because the worst thing is wasting time by rehashing something over and over, and please be respectful by not having side conversations while others are speaking. I'm not sure if there will be ten people or over a hundred attend, but if we can meet together and discuss questions without having accusations, I pray everyone will leave more informed and feel better about living in the best county in the State," said Sherrod.



DEPUTIES WEST BEDGOOD AND MICHAEL REDDISH WITH KNIGHT AND PUBLIC DEFENDER CHASE SHERROD Knight charged with murder

On the morning of May 22, 2024, at approximately 1:23 a.m., officers of the Swainsboro Police Department located a single motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Coleman Street and East Main Street, of which had

just occurred. As officers began to render aid to the those inside the vehicle, it became apparent that the male driver was not beathing and was unresponsive. The female passenger was alert but was trapped inside

the vehicle. Additional emergency assistance was requested from fire/rescue, as well as EMS. The Georgia State Patrol was requested for assistance in the crash due to the severity of injuries. While on the (Continued on page 8A)



GRAY WITH FAMILY MEMBERS AND COACH DAVIDSON AT THE SIGNING

Gray signs to play golf at Brewton-Parker College

Last Tuesday, May 21, Swainsboro High School Golfer Jackson Gray signed his National Letter of Intent to play collegiate golf at Brewton-Parker College. The signing ceremony for the SHS senior was held at the college where Jackson was joined by his family. Gray played baseball for Swainsboro for the two previous years before beginning his golfing

pursuits this year. He quickly excelled in the sport, finishing fourth, fifth, and seventh at the scored competitions he competed in. His season concluded with an eighth-place finish in the Region Tournament held at Applewood Golf Course in Keysville, Ga. The Tigers, as a team, finished fourth in the tournament after losing to Bryan County in a playoff for a chance

to head to the state tournament. Shortly after, Gray was offered a scholarship and a spot on the BPC Golf team by Coach Mark Davidson. "I'm thankful for the opportunity Coach Davidson has given me to further my education and athletic career," said Gray. "I can't wait to get started." Gray will head to school in August and prepare for his first season of College Golf.



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Miss Emanuel County/Miss Southeast Georgia/Miss Crossroads Send-Off Celebration to be held

Miss Emanuel County/Miss Southeast Georgia/Miss Crossroads of the South board will proudly present the Send-Off Celebration on Sunday, June 2, at 2 p.m. at the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Auditorium. The send-off will consist of Miss and Teen representatives performing their talent, evening wear, fitness and on-stage interview. Six young women will be representing the area at Miss Georgia and Miss Georgia's Teen competition June 10-16.

Competing for Miss Georgia is Miss Southeast Georgia Gracie Allen, Miss Emanuel County Haddyn Harrell, Miss

Crossroads of the South Emanuel Teen Katie Griswold.

Lindsey Jones and Miss Empire of the South Chyann Hoyle. Competing for Miss Georgia's Teen is Miss Southeast Georgia Teen Mollie Lane and Miss

Please join on Sunday, June 2, to meet the representatives. This event is no charge and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Gunfire breaks out at City Park

One person was shot late Sunday afternoon, May 26, in an exchange of gunfire at a City Park in Swainsboro. The incident occurred at a weekend event at the "Gerald Phillips Park" in the DeAlva Park neighborhood. Officers of the Swainsboro Police Department at the scene reported multiple gun shots in the crowd of more than 2,000 people attending. Authorities confirmed that two persons have been arrested in connection with the shooting - Danbonte Green of East Dublin is charged with aggravated assault, possession of firearm during commission of a crime, theft by receiving stolen firearm; Quentavious Mercer of East Dublin is charged with aggravated assault, possession of firearm during commission of a crime.

The person injured by gunfire has been identified as Arman Myers of a Jacksonville, Fla address. She was transported to emergency medical facilities in Augusta and is reportedly in stable condition.

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Local races end with June 18 runoff

If you're keeping up with the 2024 political season, you would be accurate in saying, the first half is over, the halftime show is about to start, and the second half is shaping up to be a wild west rodeo. Locally, the results of the May 21, 2024, general election primaries revealed few surprises. For the District 12 Congressional race, Rick Allen won the Republican slot and Elizabeth Johnson captured the Democrat nomination. For State Senate, District 23, Senator Max Burns will face Democrat Shayna Boston in the November general election. For District 158, Representative Butch Parrish will carry the Republican banner against Democrat Madeline Ryan Smith. The remainder of the local County races were without opposition or had already been decided. These included the offices of Sheriff, Tax Commissioner, Coroner, Solicitor General, District Attorney, Clerk of Court, Probate Court Judge, and State Court Judge. There was only one local, contested, non-partisan race in this round of elections. In that race for Emanuel County Board of Education, District 7, the victory went to Del Brown with 335 votes over Cathi Frederiksen with 71 votes. The race for County Commission District 3 will be decided with a runoff election on June 18. Newcomers Chandra Hooks and John "Johnny" Moore will square off in a final competition for that post. In other State races of local interest, Andrew Pinson defeated John Barrow for a Supreme Court Judgeship and Jeff Davis was the winner in the race for a seat on the Georgia Court of Appeals over Tabitha Ponder.

That brings the 2024 political game up to date with the traditional third quarter" race to the finish line" of the Presidential election set to begin the day after Labor Day. Current plans for Presidential Debates are scheduled for the end of June and early September.

East Georgia State College Police Department hosts Training

The East Georgia State College (EGSC) Police Department recently hosted the Georgia Public Safety Training Center's (GPSTC) Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) course. This vital training was attended by officers from various agencies, including the Dublin Police Department, East Georgia State College Police Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Sardis Police Department, and Twin City Police Department.

The Georgia Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training course is designed to equip law enforcement officers and other public safety personnel with the essential skills needed to assist individuals experiencing crises related to mental illness, co-occurring disorders, substance abuse, developmental disorders, or other brain disorders. This training is crucial in advancing public safety and reducing the stigma associated with mental health issues.



VARIOUS AGENCY OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED TRAINING

The CIT course is an intensive 40-hour, five-day curriculum that combines classroom instruction with practical exercises. The training is delivered by mental health professionals, subject matter experts, and CIT law enforcement instructors, ensuring a comprehensive and hands-on learning experience. The course is also approved by the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Council.

"The CIT training is an invaluable resource for our officers and the broader community," said EGSC Chief of Police and

Public Safety Director Trey Drawdy. "By equipping our officers with these critical skills, we enhance our ability to effectively and compassionately respond to individuals in crisis, ultimately fostering a safer and more supportive environment for everyone."

The CIT training at EGSC reflects the college's commitment to community engagement and public safety. By hosting this critical training program, EGSC supports the development of specialized skills among local law enforcement officers, enhancing their ability to respond effectively to

individuals in crisis and promoting a safer community for all.

For further information on the GPSTC Crisis Intervention Training, please contact GPSTC CIT at (478) 993-4235.

About Georgia Public Safety Training Center:

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Durden Banking Company presents scholarships

Durden Banking Company, Inc. recently presented five area high school seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship. A scholarship recipient was named in each of the graduating classes of Jenkins County High School, Swainsboro High School, Metter High School, David Emanuel Academy and Emanuel County Institute. Each applicant was judged based on academic achievement, community involvement, and a written essay about the importance of community banking. Local recipients are Dhahami Salgado - Emanuel County Institute, Tisey Powell - Swainsboro High School and William David Martin - David Emanuel Academy. Durden Banking Company was founded in 1935 in Emanuel County and currently has four locations serving Emanuel, Jenkins and Candler County. For more information, please visit www.durdenbc.com.

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Oak Chapel renovation

by Tot Free

About the time Covid reared its ugly head early in 2021 and churches were suspending in-house services for a while, another problem arose at Oak Chapel Baptist Church. While inspecting some low spots in the corner of the sanctuary, church members discovered that termites had been feasting on the 1873 building. The damage was extensive...much worse than even imagined. The congregation was faced with two options: demolish the building and rebuild or begin repairs. The sentimental and historic value of the church weighed heavily in the decision to repair, and ultimately became the unanimous vote. A committee was formed to begin background work on the project. Structural engineers they consulted assured that it was possible to make the necessary repairs. Bids were obtained, and the task of repairs went to Lynn Construction Contracting, Inc. in Claxton. Preparations were made, and work finally began on August 1, 2023. As the demo began, more and more damage was found, until the church was merely a shell on the outside, with the inside stripped down to the foundation. As impossible as it seems, the walls and very pillars supporting the foundation of the church were removed, and everything was rebuilt from the ground up to the ceiling. It seemed the more work that was done, the more work that needed to be done in another area. Foam insulation was added, new wiring was installed, a new HVAC was added, new lights, new carpet, new sheetrock, and new paint. Then attention was turned to the Sunday School building joining the sanctuary. A handicapped bathroom was added, along with new paint and new lights and new fixtures.

We still have the 1873 building, but it's safe and modernized now. Hopefully it will last another 150 years. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who worked on the committee, to those in the church and the community who helped financially, and to those who contributed in any way to help the little white church on the hill get a complete overhaul and face lift. Sadly, Pastor Ray Jenkins, who served the church for the last 20 years, passed away before the work was completed. The congregation, under the leadership of Pastor Tommy Henry, has been meeting in the church social hall all this time, but everyone is anxious to get back in the sanctuary. We hope to have an open house to show her off when all the work is complete. We can hardly wait!



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Mill Creek Foundation awards TLC Children's Services

Mill Creek Foundation recently awarded TLC Children's Services with a \$10,000 grant to help finance a van for transportation of children in foster care.

The mission of TLC Children's Services, Inc. is to provide supportive services to abused and neglected children and their families, improve outcomes for children, and support children in having safe, permanent, forever families.

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must be able to get to the visitation center. This is a key component of a successful reunification program. Being able to provide families with consistent transportation to visits is one

of our most important responsibilities. We can't thank Mill Creek Foundation enough for choosing our organization for a Mill Creek Grant to help with safe transportation for chil-

dren in foster care. If you would like more information on how to volunteer for TLC Children's Services, visit us on Facebook @ TLCCASA or WWW or call 478-275-8100.

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church to hold VBS

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church near Garfield has planned Vacation Bible School for June 4-7 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each night. Classes will include ages 0 - 19. The theme 'Breaker Rock Beach, God's Rock Solid Truth in a world of Shifting Sands' will be reinforced throughout the week through Bible study, mission's awareness, crafts, music and structured recreation time. Those attending will focus on

the difference between God's truth and plan for our lives versus the world's, how everyone needs Jesus and should speak His truths in love. There will be a light meal each afternoon and a family celebration Friday afternoon. If you have any questions or are interested in participating, please contact Jessica Smith at 478-494-4577 or Pastor Randy Graham at 478-484-0548.

Celebration of Gospel concert to be held

A Celebration of Gospel concert will be held Sunday, June 30, at 5 p.m. at the Swainsboro City Auditorium featuring guest artist Roy & Revelation. Also featuring Destined, New Life Gospel Singers, Bless-ed, Christians in Action Praise Dancer and Men of Faith. Master of the ceremony will be Minister Marcel McManus of the Marcel McManus Radio Show. Advance tickets will be \$25 or you can purchase them at the door for \$30. For more information, call 478.206.2411 or 478.488.7492.

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The Wonder of Water

We are now “unofficially” into the summer season. Memorial Day weekend, they say, is the unofficial start of summer. In just a little over four months, you can start voting early for your next President. Somehow, I just don’t feel like there are very many folks jumping up and down with uncontrolled excitement and anticipation about that, so let’s just relax and think about all there is to enjoy in these coming summer months. It’s gonna be hotter than a two-dollar pistol, (thank you George Jones) there will be a bazillion hungry mosquitos, gnats and those ugly “science-fiction looking” vines that grow a foot a day out

there. There will also be ugly power bills on steroids, and there will be humidity like the middle of the amazon rain forest and more hurricanes than we have seen in the past 12 years. But even with all of that, summer in the South is still a wonderful time, and the standout attraction and saving grace of summer is still...water. O.K., I can see the puzzled look on your face, but stop and think, some of the very best times of your life, some of the best times you never had, and some of the best times you still plan on having, have water as a big part of the picture...oceans, lakes, rivers, beaches, cruises, pool parties, water

parcs, and on and on. It doesn’t matter where you live, Water is good for the soul. It lifts your spirits. It’s aesthetically pleasing. Whether it’s falling from the heavens or crashing on a rocky shore, water is dramatic. Water is of course most naturally appreciated in the summertime. You just can’t really appreciate running through the backyard sprinkler unless it’s about 98 degrees outside. Polar bears might love taking a 33-degree dip but not so much for the rest of us. Having said that, however, there are many Emanuel Countians who smile when remembering the teeth-chattering experiences at places like Mockingbird Springs,

Jaybird Springs, Brown Springs and of course, the pool at McKinney’s Pond and Coleman Lake back in the fifties and sixties. I can still see a line of shivering teenagers looking like smiling icicles standing in line to go off the diving board at those spring fed pools. We Georgians are blessed with water. Our state has mighty rivers above ground and even below. We are rich in that resource. Water touches so many aspects of life here and connects us every day with a way of thinking, feeling, and seeing that makes our world a richer place. Everybody has those icon-quality Kodak moments stored away

Charles Schwabe



that include family vacations at favorite beaches, mountain streams, and a million other far-flung places. Some of mine include the picture of the most incredibly clear, teal-colored Caribbean water rushing onto a beach we visited in 1983, the rocky shore and pounding waves of the Pacific Northwest, and a water-colored sunset slipping into the Frederica River. But of all the water scenes in my memory, the most unforgettable was

the first time I flew into New York City. The flight approached the city from the harbor, and the angle of the setting afternoon sun perfectly lit up the face of that majestic, welcoming Statue of Liberty rising from the water of the Atlantic. It was inspiring in a way that exceeded cinematic, and it was a perfect personification of the wonder of water. Summer officially starts on June 20, 2024. Enjoy it for the wonder that it is.

Pine Tree Festival

Seventy-eight years ago, I stood curbside as a few floats circled the courthouse square. I had no comprehension of what this was or would become. I do not recall if SHS had a band at that time. I do recall the first queen, beautiful Ann Garrett, and a king sitting on the last float. It was not a long parade,

but the excitement lasted all day. Several refreshments stand perched on courthouse lawn. The longest line went to a small machine standing alone and putting a pink mass that resembled a cloud onto a cone. First taste into your mouth was magic. It disappeared with each bite. Cotton Candy arrived on the first

Pine Tree festival. The festival grew larger and more exciting each year. My highlight was the 1950 Festival. My friend Bunny Bailey and her future husband, Grady Johnson, were on the float as king and queen. Union-Camp had taken an interest and provided trophies and rewards for participants. I entered an essay con-

test and won the prize of a five-dollar check from Union-Camp, trip to Savannah on a bus and tour of the paper mill. To me, this was a great as a Pulitzer Prize. The guided tour of Savannah gave me a forever love of the history. This was topped off by dinner in dining room of the DeSota Hotel and a swim in the pool.

Shirley Proctor Twiss



I was intrigued by the process of turning pulp wood logs from Emanuel County forests into paper bags. Could this have

been a premonition that my future husband would spend his successful career in the paper industry.

Permanent waves

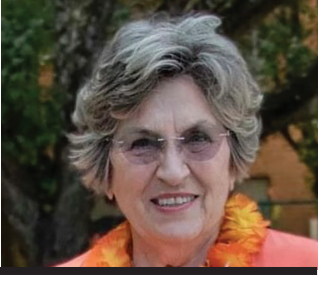
Momma went to work after I started school. She was a beautician and took pride in making women look pretty. Now, getting a perm in your hair in those days meant getting a PERMANENT wave. It was an electrical process with all sorts of wires

and clamps and heat and stinky stuff and waiting for the exact amount of time or else you’d wind up with a scorched head of hair or worse, no hair. Hair was rolled up with bobby pins and combed out with finger waves. Nails were mani-

cured and polished with precision and eyebrows were tweezed and sometimes, Momma would even give a facial to some of the ladies. All the time they were chatting and laughing and some of the ladies were even smoking. I remember going to

the beauty shop where Momma worked many days after school trying to do my homework, but it was useless because there was just too much see and hear. Watching and listening in a beauty shop in a small town is like being in the CIA! You could really get the scoop there on everybody and everything.

La’Rose Tapley



got out the dress to try it on to see if it would work for my recital, it was a wee bit tight. She told me to hold my breath and I sucked up and took a big breath and she yanked up the zipped. Yikes! She zipped up three inches of my skin in my side. Needless to say, there was a whole lot of screaming going on for a few minutes while she unzipped the dress, begging me to forgive her. I was a bit miffed. She did let out the seams before I tried on that dress again, but I did wear it again for that recital.

several blocks, in what was known then as the “Quarters” lived a black lady who washed and ironed clothes for us. She had a bunch of little children. I loved to go with Momma to get the clean clothes so I could see the newest baby. Sometimes I could hold it. I loved holding her babies.

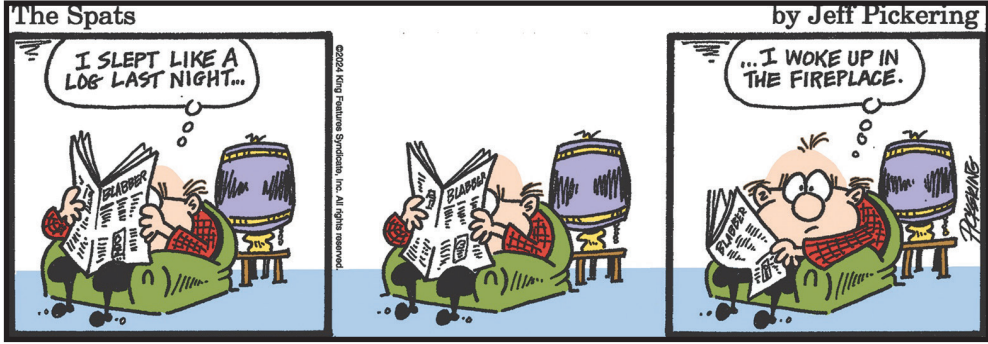
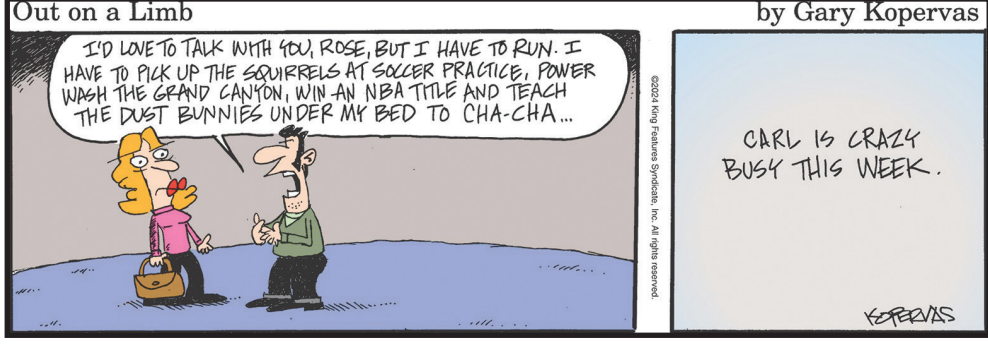
I did a short stint in the Girl Scouts in the 3rd grade. I decided going to camp would be a great way to spend a week in the summer. Besides, I had never been away from home without my Momma and Daddy, so it was sort of a rite of passage. It meant that I would have to join Girls Scouts I figured I might as well give it a try. Camp Juliette Low was in Savannah, and I spent a week of misery weaving bracelets and swimming in waters infested with crocodiles and dodging spiders and snakes. I was sitting at the gate of the camp on my suitcase waiting for Momma and Daddy on Saturday morning the last day of camp.

I remember how the clothes smelled of steam, bleach and starch. The woman would always be ironing on the front porch when we came. She had an RC Cola bottle with a sprinkler cap which she used to sprinkle the clothes. There would be a whole bunch of them rolled up already sprinkled and ready to iron. She washed and ironed for lots of people. Her baby would be beside her in a crib and the other little ones around the porch playing in the dirt, chasing each other and laughing. They’d always gather around when we’d come to get our clothes. The house had no screens on the windows and looked just like all the others on the street. They called them shotgun houses. One room after another – usually just two rooms. Momma paid her for the clean clothes and left the dirty ones. She was happy and Momma was happy. That was a normal way of life in those days.

Since Momma worked, she had little time for washing and ironing which was all done by hand. Down the road

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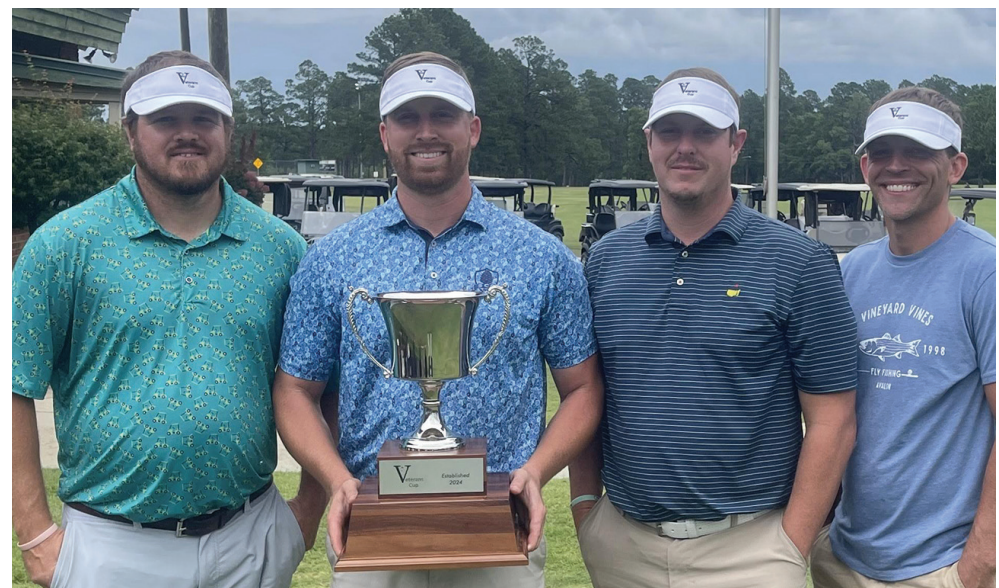
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BRIER CREEK ARTILLERY STARTING THE VETERANS CUP GOLF WITH A 6-POUNDER FIELD GUN CANNONS SHOT

1st Annual Veterans Cup Golf Tournament held

The Veterans at the Library held their 1st Annual Veterans Cup Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 18. They had a full slate of teams with 18 teams, four per team. Each team was given a bag of items such as event t-shirts and golf ball towels, sausage biscuits, orange juice

and coffee for breakfast and for lunch, grilled chicken, beans and cold drinks prepared by Veteran Albert Hall using his secret recipe's. When Commander Steve Burke ordered Compatriot Dess Smith III to fire the six-pounder Field Gun cannon to start the Veterans Cup

Golf Tournament at 8 a.m., the clouds parted, and the rain came down heavy for about 10 minutes. The first-place team, with a score of 67, were Henry Hall, Tyler Rhodes, Derek Webb and Jody Hudson. There was a tie for second place team with a score of 68, 'Team

Riner', Cooper Riner, Richard Braddy, Layton Terwilliger and Colton Lewis tied with 'Team Chappell', Charlie Chappell, Mark Jordan, Chad Roberts and Jon Wingate. Besides the \$619.00 for first place and \$319.00 each for the tied teams, there were about 15 nice door

prizes and a drawing for a \$350.00 pistol of your choice with purchased tickets. There was also a special prize on hole #3 for anyone with a hole in one; a cash prize of \$10,000.00 that nobody won. Chair Johnny Tapley said that he could not wait until the 2nd Annual Veterans

Cup Golf Tournament and it's going to be bigger and better than this one, outstanding. The event was outstanding, thanks to the veterans, local businesses, team participants, Swainsboro Country Club, the Franklin Memorial Library, DAR, SAR, and many others.

Memorial Day Service held at the Veterans & Responders Memorial Park

The 3rd Annual Memorial Day Service was held Monday, May 27, at 11 a.m. at the Veterans & 1st Responders Memorial Park. Before the service, breakfast sponsored by the Emanuel Medical Center was held at the hospital cafeteria at 9 a.m. and over 70 veterans and Brier Creek Artillery members attended. The Memorial Day, 'A Day of Remembrance', event started off with a welcome from Chair Johnny Tapley, then the invocation by Dr. Rev. James Mason. The Pledge to the Flag of the United States was led by Veteran Scotty Nasworthy. A bell was tolled by veteran Jim McCurdy for Emanuel County's fallen heroes from the Revolutionary War, War Between the States, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Global War on Terror (Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa), for each of the service members killed August 2021 by the bombing at the Kabul Airport, National Guard Members and U.S. Border Patrol Agent killed near Rio Grande City, Texas on March 8, 2024, and Georgia U. S. Reserve Soldiers killed in

Jordan on January 28, 2024, and for Emanuel County's Firemen and Law Enforcement killed to include Swainsboro Fire Department, Swainsboro Police Department, Twin City Police Department, Emanuel County Sheriff's Department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Then the Brier Creek Artillery (Wiregrass, Brier Creek, Little River Chapters) fired a three-round volley (15 rounds) with their five cannons (four six-pounders and one eight-pounder). After the three-round volley, Veteran Bob Nobles played taps on his bugle. The Memorial service was ended with closing remarks from Chair Johnny Tapley and the benediction by Dr. Rev. James Mason. There were approximately 100 in attendance. The event was sponsored by the Veterans at the Library, SAR, DAR, VFW, The American Legion, and the Sons of the American Revolution. A special thanks to Jane Durden, Shari Watt, Emanuel Medical Center CEO Damion Scott, Swainsboro Fire Department (trucks) and Herman Middlebrooks.



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Southeastern Tech congratulates 2024 Spring Semester President's List

Southeastern Technical College is proud to announce the 2024 Spring Semester President's List. These Emanuel County students earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credit hours for the semester: Caleb Avery, Manuel Bustamante, Gavin Hood, Michaela Hudson, Destin Johnson, Carrie Newsome.

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David Emanuel Academy 2024 Honors Day

SOAR Teacher of the Year

Amy Walden
Winners of Aftermath Competitions
 Josie Grace Black, Billy Martin
Yearbook Dedication
 Sara Youmans
Free Tuition Giveaway
 Presley Gowen
Senior Gift Presentation
 Ben Bennett
Faculty and Staff Recognition

Donna Campbell, Malia Ely, Dianne Lawson, Courtney Rowland, Sara Youmans

Honor Graduates

Billy Martin - Valedictorian, Josie Grace Black - Salutatorian / STAR Student, Emma Proctor, Ella Claire Claxton, Tony Sutton; Maddie Perkins; Ben Bennett; Randon Williams; Haley Hagan, Ben Flanders

Senior Beta Club Members

Ben Bennett, Josie Grace Black, Ella Claire Claxton, Ben Flanders, Haley Hagan, Billy Martin, Chirsten McCoy, Maddie Perkins, Emma Proctor, Tony Sutton, Randon Williams

Beta Club Members

Bryan Beasley, Maggie Black, Addie Brown, Cavan Calhoun, Aaralyn Grimes, Brogen Hall, Clayton Hood, Mattie Grace Lane, Peyton Lee, Addalyn Terwilliger, Jaxson Wiggins, Aubrey Williams

New Inductees Beta Club

Raleigh Andrews, Paxton Dixon, A.J. Edenfield, Ethan Fields, Brook Fleming, Tucker Free, Braydon Lawson, John-Nathan Martin, Bailey McNure, Payton Peebles, Cason Sapp, Kinsley Swinson, Mason Williams, Dottie Cay Youmans

SAT 1100 Club

Josie Grace Black, Billy Martin, Emma Proctor, Tony Sutton
American Legion Scholastic Award
 Tony Sutton

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

Kaley Flowers
Highest Academic Average

9th grade - Mason Williams; 10th Grade - Addalyn Terwilliger; 11th Grade - Peyton Lee; 12th Grade - Josie Grace Black

DAR Good Citizen

Tony Sutton

8th grade Good Citizenship Award

Gracie Scruggs

Kiwanis Club of Metter Scholarship

Randon Williams

Kiwanis Club Memorial Scholarship

Billy Martin

Exchange Club Youth of the Year

County first place - Billy Martin, County second place - Josie Grace Black

Taylor Nicole Hooks Memorial Scholarship

Maddie Perkins

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship

Hope Goodman Robins Financial Credit Union Scholarship

Josie Grace Black
Emanuel County Family Connection Scholarship

Billy Martin

Reubin Thompson Routs and Wings Scholarship

Hope Goodman

Candace Canady Memorial Scholarship

Tony Sutton

Jay Bowen Memorial Scholarship

Hope Goodman

Durden Bank/Hester Memorial Scholarship

Billy Martin

Luray Sharpe Reid Scholarship

Ben Bennett

C & G Car Care Scholarship

Josie Grace Black

East Georgia State College

Dr. Willie Gunn

Scholarship - Ben Bennett

James Buckley

Scholarship - Tony Sutton

AP Achievement Juniors - Ethan Akridge, Kyli Bell, Maggie Black, Addie Brown, Nolan Powell, Seth Williamson; Seniors - Jay Carter, Ben Flanders, Bailey Ware, Randon Williams

Dual Enrollment Participation

Southeastern Technical College

Ethan Akridge, Kyli Bell, Ben Bennett, Josie Grace Black, Maggie Black, Addie Brown, Cavan Calhoun, Ella Claire Claxton, Ben Flanders, Hope Goodman, Brogen Hall, Clayton Hood, Maddie Perkins, Tony Sutton, Bailey Ware, Jaxson Wiggins

Ogeechee Technical College

Haley Hagan

East Georgia State College

Ella Claire Claxton, Aaralyn Grimes, Peyton Lee, Billy Martin, Chirsten McCoy, Emma Proctor

Accelerated Reader Achievement

Kaley Flowers, Morgan Williams, Kate Yeomans

DEA Literary Award

Ben Bennett
Miss DEA 2022 Scholarship

Chirsten McCoy

DEA 1000 Point Club

Randon Williams

Heisman High School Scholarship

Chirsten McCoy, Billy Martin

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Clayton Hood, Peyton Lee

Governor's Honors Program Semifinalist

Clayton Hood

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Berry College Academic Scholarship, Mercer University Merit Scholarship - Billy Martin

Zell Miller Scholars

Billy Martin, Josie Grace Black

HOPE Scholars

Ben Bennett, Ella Claire Claxton, Ben Flanders, Haley Hagan, Chirsten McCoy, Maddie Perkins, Emma Proctor, Tony Sutton, Randon Williams

Coca-Cola Academic Award

Billy Martin, Josie Grace Black

Honor Roll for the Year

Bentley Brinson, Callen Sapp, Amelia Wilkes, Morgan Williams, Kate Yeomans, Emily McRae, Raleigh Andrews, A.J. Edenfield, Bailey McNure, Addalyn Terwilliger, Clayton Hood, Peyton Lee, Josie Grace Black, Billy Martin, Maddie Perkins, Emma Proctor

Headmaster Honor Roll for the Year

Charlie McRae, Kaley Flowers, Weston Lee, Aubrey Scott, Mason Williams, Ella Claire Claxton, Haley Hagan

Honor Roll for all years of high school

Billy Martin

President's Award

for Educational Excellence

Bentley Brinson, Samuel Durden, Blaine Fordham, Kevin Jaquish, Charlie McRae, Callen Sapp, Lawton Wiggins, Kaley Flowers, Madeline Griner, Carrie Johnson, Marlee Johnson, Lara McNure, Emma Peebles, Alba Ricks, Amelia Wilkes, Morgan Williams, Kate Yeomans, Sophie Young, Mason Boatright, Lake Bush, Jace Farmer, Jack Evan Fields, Mason Fleming, Presley Gowen, Ben Griner, River Holloway, Weston Lee, Emily McRae, Aubrey Scott, Gracie Scruggs, Gannon Smith, Braden Akridge, Raleigh Andrews, A.J. Edenfield, Ethan Fields, Brook Fleming, Tucker Free, Braydon Lawson, Bailey McNure, Claire Metcalf, Payton Peebles, Cason Sapp, Josh Tanner, David Vautier, Mason Williams, Bryan Beasley, Mattie Grace Lane, John-Nathan Martin, Addalyn Terwilliger, Aubrey Williams, Kyli Bell, Maggie Black, Addie Brown, Cavan Calhoun, Brogen Hall, Clayton Hood, Peyton Lee, Jaxson Wiggins, Ben Bennett,

Josie Grace Black, Jay Carter, Ella Claire Claxton, Ben Flanders, Hope Goodman, Haley Hagan, Ava Johnson, John Kersey, Billy Martin, Chirsten McCoy, Maddie Perkins, Emma Proctor, Tony Sutton, Randon Williams

American Citizenship Award

6th Grade - Rayleigh Faircloth, Lawton Wiggins; 7th Grade - Morgan Williams, Hudson Beecher; 8th Grade - Gracie Scruggs, Lake Bush; 9th Grade - Raleigh Andrews, Mason Williams; 10th Grade - Dottie Cay Youmans, John-Nathan Martin; 11th Grade - Aaralyn Grimes, Clayton Hood; 12th Grade - Hope Goodman, Tony Sutton

Awards for Academic Excellence

Bentley Brinson, Samuel Durden, Rayleigh Faircloth, Kevin Jaquish, Elena Martin, Charlie McRae, Callen Sapp, Lawton Wiggins, Kaley Flowers, Madeline Griner, Halli Hammock, Kinley Jersey, Carrie Johnson, Marlee Johnson, Lara McNure, Emma Peebles, Zoe Polk, Alba Ricks, Amelia Wilkes, Morgan Williams, Kate Yeomans, Sophie

Young, Lake Bush, Jace Farmer, Presley Gowen, Ben Griner, River Holloway, Karson Kettles, Weston Lee, Emily McRae, Aubrey Scott, Gannon Smith, Hensley Terwilliger, Braden Akridge, Raleigh Andrews, Brylee Beasley, Paxton Dixon, A.J. Edenfield, Ethan Fields, Brook Fleming, Tucker Free, Braydon Lawson, Bailey McNure, Claire Metcalf, Payton Peebles, Cason Sapp, Josh Tanner, Layton Terwilliger, David Vautier, Mason Williams, Mattie Grace Lane, John-Nathan Martin, Cooper Riner, Kinsley Swinson, Addalyn Terwilliger, Aubrey Williams, Dottie Cay Youmans, Ethan Akridge, Kyli Bell, Maggie Black, Addie Brown, Cavan Calhoun, Aaralyn Grimes, Brogen Hall, Clayton Hood, Peyton Lee, Jaxson Wiggins, Seth Williamson, Ben Bennett, Josie Grace Black, Jay Carter, Ella Claire Claxton, Ben Flanders, Haley Hagan, Ava Johnson, John Kersey, Billy Martin, Chirsten McCoy, Maddie Perkins, Emma Proctor, Tony Sutton, Bailey Ware, Randon Williams

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Public Notice

The Emanuel County Board of Education will hold its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Emanuel County Board of Education Office located at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. During this meeting, there will be an opportunity for public input on the Emanuel County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

Public Notice Emanuel County Schools Notice of destruction of inactive Special Education records

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.

New veteran attends memorial service

On Monday, May 27, the Veterans at the Library held their 3rd Annual Memorial Day Service at the Veterans & 1st Responders Memorial Park at 11 a.m. With over 100 in attendance, Chair Johnny Tapley welcomed everyone there. A great program was held of tolling the bell for all veterans from Emanuel County killed in service of their country and the 19 service members that have been killed in service the last three

years. A U.S. Flag flies on the parks black fence for all 19 of these service members. The newest Veteran is Johnny Earl Brown, Jr. who served in the U.S. Army from 1995 to 2005. He was stationed at Fort Jackson, Fort Lee and Fort Sill. Brown's highest rank was 1st Lt. Veteran Brown got to hear the Brier Creek Artillery, SAR, fire their five cannons 15 times and hear Veteran Bob Nobles play taps on his bugle.



BROWN

Governor Kemp signs 250th car tag bill

Compatriots Lee Herron, Steve Burke and Dess Smith III traveled to the Georgia State Capital on Tuesday, April 23, to meet with Senator Max Burns and Governor Brian Kemp for the Governor's signing of Senate Bill 369, authorizing the 250th Anniversary American Revolution car tag for 2025 - 2030. Compatriot Lee Herron got the idea of the tag from South Carolina and wondered why we didn't have one. After talking with several of his SAR Skunk Brigade Compatriots, Herron set out to make it happen. One of the first things he did was contact his Senator, Honorable Max Burns, about the possibility of making this happen. After putting it all together, he took it before the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution BOM meeting and got a 100% approval. Herron then submitted it to Senator Max Burns and the rest is history. Thanks to Lee Herron for his patriotism and leadership in this important part of our history.



GOV. BRIAN KEMP SIGNING SENATE BILL 369 AUTHORIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY AMERICAN REVOLUTION CAR TAG FOR 2025 - 2030 WITH COMPATRIOT'S LEE HERRON, SCOTT COLLINS, DESS SMITH III, STEVE BURKE AND SENATOR MAX BURNS



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Johnson wins 'The Great Pine Cone Hunt'

'The Great Pine Cone Hunt' made its annual appearance with *Forest-Blade* readers as the countdown for the annual Pine Tree Festival closed the contest competition. Each year, in celebration of Swainsboro's Pine Tree Festival, *The Forest-Blade* features 'The Great Pine Cone Hunt' for a chance to reward one lucky winner with \$100 after locating the hidden 15 pinecones throughout our newspaper. The winner of this year's annual pinecone contest was Brian Johnson of Twin City. Congrats Becky and



JOHNSON AND PAM AKRIDGE thanks for participating. Stay tuned for future ways to win easy money with *The Forest-Blade!*

Knight charged with...

(From front page) scene, officers received information that the driver of the vehicle was deceased, and the Coroner's Office was requested. The female passenger was removed from the vehicle and transported to Augusta due to the severity of her injuries. While conducting the investigation into the incident, officers discovered the driver had additional injuries not caused by the accident and appeared to have a single gunshot wound to his chest area. This injury was the direct cause of the crash, and a more extensive investigation was needed, so officers immediately called for the agency's C.I.D. staff and relayed the findings. Investigators began

arriving on the scene and started collecting needed evidence. This evidence led investigators to conclude that the deceased male, identified as Raymond Seays, age 42, of a Swainsboro address, died from an apparent gunshot wound. Over the next several hours, investigators continued looking for information and collected more evidence, which pointed to a person of interest that was known to have had contact with the deceased just moments before the crash. The person of interest was identified, and as more evidence was collected, this person was named a suspect in the death of the Mr. Seays. On the evening of the same day, May 22, war-

rants were issued for the suspect identified as Derrick V. Knight, age 33, of a Dublin address. The warrants were sent to authorities in Dublin and Mr. Knight was arrested a few hours later following a pursuit in the Dublin area. Knight was transported to Emanuel County Jail where he is being held on the charge of murder. Additional chargers are pending as the incident remains under investigation by the Swainsboro Police Department. Knight had his first appearance hearing Thursday morning, May 23, with Honorable Judge Sherri McDonald on the bench. Knight is currently being held in the Emanuel County Jail.



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SMS end-of-year Honor Roll and Star Honor

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6th Grade Honor Roll: Alice Alexa Lopez Acosta, Sean Trevor Bragg, Donovan Lucas Clements, Ethan Cade Colston, Audrey Lynn Crane, Jared Daniel Garcia-De La Cruz, Consuela Analeigh Jimenez, Landon Nathanael Kapp, Allison Michelle Leal, Jace Cole Marchman, Ava Samir Patel, Gabe Daniel Sammons, Abi Lois Torpy, Ashlyn Faith Turner, Gavin Blake Veal, Julianne Eden Way

7th Grade Star Honor Roll: Sydney Karalynne Lively, Stella Kate Marsh, Colton Thomas Sconyers, Isis Zakeria Trice

7th Grade Honor Roll: Karlie Elayne Bettencourt, Jacob Dwight Carroll, Jamir Lamar Carter, Gregory Owen Cheeks, Adalia Millyon Cloud, Aubrey Nicole Emmeriah Coney, Angel Manuel Guanon-Flores, Jaliyah Imani Hall, Kaybreigh Alayne Hostilo, Maritza Saldana-Martinez, Ryan Paul McKenzie,

Melina Lizbeth Ramos-Perez, Tristian Gaberial Schoen, Raylin Olivia Stapleton McKinley Lanette Walden, Raleigh Riona Walls, Raymond Michael Williams, Hadley Jean Woods

8th Grade Star Honor Roll: Kamm'Rynn Ahmadd-Krishawnn Bell, Chloe Leanne Boulineau, Gracee Jaye Brown, Kali Renae Brown, William Cayden Claxton, Amelia Grace Clements, Weston Tyler Foxworth, Mariska Coral Hutcheson, Maranda Kania Jones, Gatlin Blas Martinez, Ethan Smith Mason, Miranda Jaelyn Rich, Arlin Lindsey Swanner

8th Grade Honor Roll: Landon Ray Akridge, Johnny Lee Allen, James Landon Claxton, Jared Elliot Coleman, Jayda Zakeyah Daniels, Tyrese Deshawn Foreman, Layla Faye Headrick, Myli Jane McCullough, Santavious Cartelo Roberts, Sara Ann Smith, Savannah Aleah-Fe Thompson, Tate Adam Torpy, Hagan Brett Way, Ason Lawton Wheeler

SMS 4th nine weeks Honor Roll and Star Honor Roll

6th Grade Star Honor Roll: Alice Alexa Lopez Acosta, Stetson Clayton Sheppard, Banks Ashton Burke,

Audrey Lynn Crane, Allison Michelle Leal, Jared Daniel Garcia-De La Cruz, Jace Cole Marchman,

Consuela Analeigh Jimenez, Landon Nathanael Kapp, Julianne Eden Way, Stetson Clayton Sheppard, Kaylee Dianne Screws, Jocelyn Kiyara Williams, John Josue Perez Hernandez, Abi Lois Torpy

6th Grade Honor Roll: Aiden James Anello, Sean Trevor Bragg, Donovan Lucas Clements, Ethan Cade Colston, Luis Felipe Lopez Garcia, Bowyn Todd Harvey, Kairi Eden Howell, Kamiaha Janay Jameson, Gavin O'Connor Jones, Talbot Les Kelley Love,

Adryen Miguel Luckel, Benelli Marie Oakes, Ava Samir Patel, Levi Thomas Phillips, Aubree Harper Roberts, Daniel Alexander Rosas, Gabe Daniel Sammons, Anna Grace Scarborough, Jordan Benard Smith, Cierra Anne Thomas, Ashlyn Faith Turner, Gavin Blake Veal

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8th Grade Star Honor Roll: Landon Ray Akridge, Johnny Lee Allen, Arlin Lindsey Swanner, Kamm'Rynn Ahmadd-Krishawnn Bell, Chloe Leanne Boulineau, Matthew Callen Braswell, Gracee Jaye Brown, Kali Renae Brown, Jonathan Chen, William Cayden Claxton, Amelia Grace Clements, Jayda Zakeyah

Daniels, Weston Tyler Foxworth, Layla Faye Headrick, Lexi Akayla Hills, Mariska Coral Hutcheson, Maranda Kania Jones, Gatlin Blas Martinez, Ethan Smith Mason, Safia Elaine Prentice, Miranda Jaelyn Rich, Sara Ann Smith, Tate Adam Torpy, Hagan Brett Way

8th Grade Honor

Roll: Nylah Aleah Brown, Nashlly Elisa Bustamante, Orion Jai'Quan Butler, Jai'heem Jashad Buttler, James Landon Claxton, Jared Elliot Coleman, Johana Betsabe Garcia-De La Cruz, Kolby Chandler Edenfield, Derick Leon Fernandez, Tyrese Deshawn Foreman,

Za'Layshia Myesha Freeman, Briley Nicole Johnson, Jose Manuel Perez-Lopez, Myli Jane McCullough, Patrick Hanley Moorman, Donivan Markus Oglesby, Edward Rodriguez, Natalya Alaina Sannicolas, Savannah Aleah-Fe Thompson, Ason Lawton Wheeler

Twin City Elementary 4th nine week honors / perfect attendance

Perfect Attendance: First Grade: Jayce Handsom; Second Grade: Reed Baird, Kameron Dixon, Sophia Gay, Ivy Hall, Damien McArthur, Madelyn McNeely, Korbin Miller, Mikell Mitchell, Grace Sanchez, Daelyn Scott, E'Niya Steele, Kendall Tamblin, Jalaysia Walker, Jensen Whetsell, Hendlee Williams; Third Grade: Alyssa Ellison, Mariah Fann, Kaison Handsom, Karaleigh Mills, Daniel Roberson, Jaiden Sapp, Jorie Walden; Fourth Grade: Khloe Lanier, Jayceon Williamson; Fifth Grade: Chloe Best, Mason Fann, Anna Caroline Frye, Ezekiel Kearney, Alli Woodward

Honor Roll: First Grade: Rowan Coker, Ashlyn Coleman, Anthony Gay, Brelan Lamb, Maddie Kate Landon, Aniyah Lane, Bailey Oliver, London Phillips, Zion Priest, Brooklyn Rogers, Christian Saylor; Second Grade: Gracie Johnson, Kam'ryn Johnson, Waylen Jordan, Jase Kersey, Harper Pye, Chandler Rich, Daelyn Scott, Kendall Tamblin, Lyrik Way, Keleigh Wyant; Third Grade: Christopher Allen, Liam Allen, Mallory Allen, Canady Cole Allmond, Kaden Brown, Raylon Cumbee, Chloe Dawkins, Gauge Gamiza, Kaison

Handsom, Kaycen Lane, Maka'Lyn Moody, Micah Moody, Javonte Peterson, Ian Perez, London Perry, Isabella Pitts, Daniel Roberson, Cyril Salinas, Jaiden Sapp, Livi Simmons, Addi Smith, Audrey Tarver, Caleb Telgen, Jorie Walden; Fourth Grade: Aiden Brantley, Christian Bynum, Gannon Copeland, Madison Douglas, Damien Driggers, Easton Freeman, Allie Gay, Elah Griffin, Hadley Griner, Hunter Hatcher, Kendall Hodges, Jayden Hughes, Khloe Lanier, Jocelyn Lovett, Jaxon Parcell, Race McKenzie, Kambri Sutton; Fifth Grade: Hudson Anderson, Addyson Brown, Kristen Elmore, Charla Fields, Layla Hampton, Anthony Johnson, Damien Johnson, DJ Johnson, Ezekiel Kearney, Va'Niya Kirkland, Ezekiel Pague, Kimber Peterson, Mia Wilcher

Star Honor Roll: First Grade: Jackson Beckworth, Kane Burdick, Angel Donaldson, Kingston Gunn, Noah Hadden, Jayce Handsom, Melody Havens, Christian Hise, Haley Kate Hodges, Broxton Hooks, Jeanie Hunter, Anderson Kennedy, Bryson Lanier, Braylen Long, Lydia Loveall, Sloan Matthews, Macy McNeely, Denton Parker,

Easton Peebles, Annalee Smith, Easton Stewart, Pacey Thompson, Bo Tucker, Elizabeth Tucker; Second Grade: Haley Blackburn, Lilly Braddock, Kinsley Clark, Allison Gay, Sophia Gay, Kynslee Gordon, Denver Heyward, Ciara Matthews, Carlie McKenzie, Madelyn McNeely, Alli Spicer, Case Wilson; Third Grade: Jesse Black, Jeb Cavannah, Maxwell Coker, Rosie Freeman, Avery Frye, Jason Griner, Jackson Hodges, Cam Hughes, Knox Johnson, Sarah Powell, Ethan Renew, Daniel Roberson, Maddie Sherrod, Haven Taylor; Fourth Grade: Gauge Akridge, Chanice Archer, John Wright Beasley, Grey Blackburn, Kallen Braddock, Reid Cannady, Brooks Hall, Harper Hill, Ella Jo Hooks, Evie Jarriel, Gavin Johnson, Nora Johnson, Violet Lai Tyam, Izzy May, Reese McNeely, Jorge Ramos-Avalos, Cash Rigdon, Declan Spence, Audrey Tucker, Ava Underwood, Jayceon Williamson, Leyla Yepe; Fifth Grade: Chloe Best, Natalie Bunn, Mila Hodges, Jayce Juarez-Aragon, Ab Johnson, Anna Caroline Frye, Hoyt Lawrence, Kabreigh Mixon, Chloe Oliver, Addison Rich, Brayden Telgen, Hudson Ware, Alli Woodward

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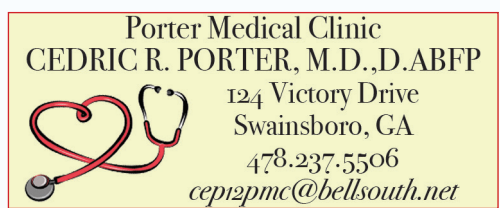
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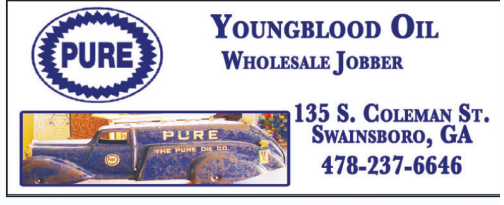
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Ruth Yvonne Price, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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.

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 RAY MOYE HUTCHESON, DECEASED.

All creditors of the estate of Ray Moye Hutcheson, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Shelby J. Hutcheson, Executor of the Ray Moye Hutcheson Estate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate. This 6th day of May, 2024.

RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
Attorney for Shelby J. Hutcheson
Executor of the Ray Moye Hutcheson Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Tom Parrish, decedent, late of

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Martha s. Parrish, Administrator of the Estate of Tom Parrish, decedent
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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF RAYMOND S. MORRIS, JR., DECEASED.

All creditors of the estate of Raymond S. Morris, Jr., deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Susan Blair, a/k/a Susan Morris, Executor of the Raymond S. Morris, Jr., 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 10th day of May, 2024.

RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
Attorney for Susan Blair, a/k/a Susan Morris
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Donnie Elmer 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 14th day of May, 2024.

Lynn Gail Price, Administratrix of the Estate of
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Civil Action File No. 24CV120

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORIGIA, Emanuel County Notice is hereby given that Daniella Delgado, the undersigned, filed a petition to the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia on the 15th day of May, 2024, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Daniella Delgado to Daniella Cartaya. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: D.P. SEX: M DOB: 10/29/2023 CASE#

Minor Child Under the Age of 18.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO: JORDAN LEE PIERONI, GALEN STERLING, and Any Unknown biological father of the above-named child born to JORDAN LEE PIERONI at FAIRVIEW PARK HOSPITAL in Dublin, Georgia,

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has

been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced child; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated _____, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the _____ day of _____, 2024 at the EMANUEL County Courthouse in SWAINSBORO, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., for a FINAL HEARING and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. Prior to the Final Hearing a Provisional Hearing on the petition will be held before the Court on at 10:00 a.m. in the Juvenile Courtroom at the EMANUEL County Courthouse, SWAINSBORO, Georgia. The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the children and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the children unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file:

(a) A petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and

(b) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Emanuel County Juvenile Court.

The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Provisional Hearing will become final at the Final Hearing unless the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication fails to appear at the Final Hearing on the petition, the Findings of Fact and Interlocutory Orders made will become final without further evidence and will be governed by the Juvenile Court Code as if made at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing, the Interlocutory findings and Orders shall be vacated and disregarded, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion. The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court.

This _____ day of _____, 2024.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANTHONY HUNTER RADFORD, MINOR ESTATE NO. 18E0095

NOTICE

Date of second publication, if any MAY 29, 2024
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES You are hereby notified that CHRISTOPHER ALAN RADFORD and LINDSEY KASPER RADFORD has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardians of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioners as temporary guardians, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen(14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees.

NOTE: If any guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioners as guardians, or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

DON E. WILKES
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Jeanie Hooks
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 70/125 S. Main Street
Address
Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
(478)237-7091
Telephone Number

NOTICE TO INCORPORATION

Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate His House Women's Recovery Home Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 23 Tony Baker Lane, Garfield, GA 30425 and its initial registered agent at such address is Anna Cowart.

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Billy Tant to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc. dated April 19, 2019, and recorded in Deed Book 479, Page 561, Emanuel County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$99,200.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, July 2, 2024, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the high-

est bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit: **All that tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the 1452nd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 1.333 acres as shown on a plat prepared by George William Donaldson, Surveyor dated March 30, 2015, and recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 603 of the Records of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and by reference is incorporated herein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said property being bounded, as shown on said plat, now or formerly, as follows: On the North by Nora Elaine Bridge; on the East by property of Jonas H. and Evalena Meeks; on the South by property of Jonas Hardee Meeks, Jr.; and on the West by Cowford Bridge Road a/k/a County Road Number 442. NOTE: The Company is prohibited from insuring the area or quantity of the land. The Company does not represent that any acreage or footage calculations are correct. References to quantity are for identification purposes only. Commonly known as: 908 Cow Ford Bridge Rd, Kite, GA 31049-6316 THE PROPERTY ADDRESS AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LISTED ARE PROVIDED SOLELY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES** Said property is known as 908 Cow Ford Bridge Rd, Kite, GA 31049, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.

The property is or may be in the possession of Billy Tant, successor in interest or tenant(s). Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. as Attorney-in-Fact for Billy Tant
File no. 24-081775
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP*
Attorneys and Counselors at Law
211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 130
Atlanta, GA 30346
(770) 220-2535
https://www.logs.com/

*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Lynda Cowart Talmadge, 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 21st day of May, 2024. David Franklin Pierce, Executor of the Estate of

Lynda Cowart Talmadge, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF DONNIE RAY TANNER, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 24E0069

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: DONALD TANNER has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of DONNIE RAY TANNER 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 24, 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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Judge of the Probate Court
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF LINDA LEE ROBERTS, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 24E0070

NOTICE

IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.

TO: DIANA LYNN ROBERTS This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before JUNE 24, 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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Classifieds

Deadline is Monday at
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• Help wanted • Services offered

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WE DO not knowingly accept advertisements that discriminate, or intend to discriminate, on any illegal basis, nor do we knowingly accept employment advertisements that are not bona-fide job offers. All real estate advertisements are subject to the Fair Housing Act. We do not accept advertising that is in violation of the law. The law prohibits discrimination based on color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or family status. NEED TO SEND A COPY OF A DOCUMENT, LETTER, ETC., TO SOME PLACE IN A HURRY? The Forest-Blade can do the job for you in minutes with its fax machine. We can also receive copies of documents. For more information come by our office on West Moring Street.

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CITY OF SWAINSBORO SEEKING COUNTER CLERK

The City of Swainsboro will be accepting applications for the position of Part-time City Hall Counter Clerk until **4:30pm on May 31, 2024.**

All applicants should submit their applications/resumes to City Hall and have the following qualifications.

High school diploma or equivalent with at least (2) years of bookkeeping and/or cashier duties or work-related experience. Must be able to perform some general clerical work, ability to operate Word and Excel. Work requires the use of independent judgment, initiative and discretion based on prescribed procedures to routine matters & any duties necessary to complete the job. Must have excellent customer service skills. This applicant should be very fluent with business office equipment.

Beginning date: May 22, 2024 at 8:30am
Closing date: May 31, 2024 at 4:30pm

The City of Swainsboro is an equal opportunity employer

Sheriff's Reports

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

May 18

The victim came into ECSO and stated that she used her card at Popeyes to purchase her food. After doing so someone used her card at Farmer's for \$82.00 on the same day, and also

tried to use her card the next day at the DMV. Someone also attempted to use her card at Zaxby's, but it declined because the turned her card off. The card is still deactivated, but someone is continuing to attempt to make purchases with it.

May 22

Deputy responded to Turtle Lane in reference to a complaint of an ex-girlfriend taking stuff from the residence. Upon arrival, deputy met with the victim who stated that she had a protective order against the complainant. She stated that she was granted the residence and that c/p was

not allowed within 200 yards of the house. Both parties were informed to contact lawyers in reference to the property dispute.

May 23

Deputies were dispatched to Linwood Road in reference to a criminal trespass. C/p stated that on the pre-

vious night, he had been away from the residence for a period of time. He stated that when he returned he found that someone had tampered with a window A/C unit, appearing as though the white window filler piece was pulled away from the window frame. A kitchen

knife was also found stuck into the frame.

Deputies responded to a 59 year old male that was unresponsive. Upon arrival, a male was found laying on the bed and confirmed that he was unresponsive. A box full of drug related objects was found near where he was found.

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

May 14

Officer met with offender and victim at SPD in reference to a report. Offender advised that he was operating a vehicle and backed into another vehicle in a parking lot.

May 16

Officer was contacted by SPD in reference to a walk-in report. Complainant stated that she noticed damage to her vehicle in the Walmart parking lot but was not gonna make a report until Walmart told her to.

Officers were dispatched to Walmart in reference to a theft. Walmart Loss Protection stated that the offender told the door greeter that her receipt was on her phone, but her phone was dead. She was also seen swapping stickers on the items.

Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with a suspended license plate. The driver also had an active warrant and was placed under arrest.

Officer was dispatched to a residence on 7th Street in reference to a dispute. C/p stated

that she had gone grocery shopping and left her house unlocked, and when she arrived back home, she found that her ex-boyfriend had locked himself in the house. She advised that the offender's name was on the lease, but he had not stayed at the residence in the last 8-9 months. Officers advised that they could not make him leave since his name was on the lease.

Officers were dispatched to North Racetrack Street in reference to a battery being stolen out of a vehicle.

May 17

Officer was dispatched to Waffle King in reference to a report. C/p stated that she waited on a table and the offenders left without paying for their food.

Officer was called to SPD in reference to a walk-in report. C/p stated that she received a notification from the IRS in regards to somebody claiming her in 2022 and 2023 on taxes. She stated that she is on disability and does not file taxes.

Officer was assisting with a scheduled road check when he came into contact with the offender and found marijuana in the vehicle.

Officer responded to

King Circle Drive in reference to a report of abandoned property. C/p stated that someone left a push lawn mower in her yard. The lawn mower was transported to SPD.

Officer responded to North Green Street in reference to a domestic dispute. C/p stated that the offender had choked his mother. After speaking with witnesses along with the offender, and stories not matching and there being no physical evidence, parties were separated.

May 18

SPD and ECSO responded to South Main Street in reference to a fight. Victim stated that the offender walked into the room, took her laptop, and broke it because she was cheating on him.

Offender was arrested for distribution of marijuana, possession of a firearm during a crime, and obstructing law enforcement.

Officers responded to an unwanted person on the property. Offender stated that he would like his girlfriend to be removed from the property because of an argument.

Officer was contacted by SPD in reference to a

report. C/p stated that he and his boss got into an argument about his check where his boss became irate and pulled a handgun on him.

Officer was dispatched to Harvey's in reference to a call about a drunk man showing out in the parking lot. The store manager stated that he got in a red truck. Officer made contact and verbally commanded for him to stop, which he did not. Offender was arrested.

Officer responded to West Church Street in reference to a call. C/p stated that they were at the Starblazer on Friday night when another vehicle backed in and almost hit her vehicle. Offender then punched her in the mouth and two other females jumped in.

May 19

Officer observed a vehicle fail to stop and a stop sign and conducted a traffic stop. Driver was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Officer was dispatched to Ben Street in reference to a report for a stolen firearm.

Officer responded to William Rountree Road in reference to harassing communications. C/p stated that she had just left her brother's funeral

and her brother's step-daughter was angry that she had not included her in the obituary. She stated that the offender was blowing up her inbox and she was instructed to block her.

May 20

Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with no insurance. Offender was arrested for possession of drugs.

Officer was dispatched to New Street in reference to an assault that had just taken place. The victim stated that he had just got home and was putting up his tools when the offender walked in and sat down in the living room. The offender was asked to leave, then jumped the victim.

May 21

Officer responded to West Main Street in reference to a dispute.

Officer responded to JAG probation in reference to an incident that had already occurred. C/p advised that while she was at lunch with the door locked, an unknown male came and knocked on the door, then on the side of the building and urinated. Offender was contacted and stated that he was there for probation and was not able to hold

his bladder due to his age.

Offender was arrested for possession of drugs, driving with a suspended license, and open container violation.

May 22

Officers responded to Oliphant Street in reference to a domestic. Offender stated that she walked into victim's house to confront her about not feeding her grandkids. They then got into an argument that turned physical. Victim stated that offender busted into her house and yelled at her about not being a good mother.

Offender was arrested for DUI, possession of cocaine, and possession of drug related object.

Officer pulled a vehicle over for not having valid insurance. Offender was arrested.

Officer was dispatched to Days Inn in reference to damage to a room.

May 23

Officer responded to West Church Street in reference to a man with a gun. Offender stated a woman in the residence had taken \$60 out of his wallet. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Five sentenced in Superior Court

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

Frederick Anthony, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count interference with government property. He was fined \$50 with 5 years probation; one count fleeing and eluding law enforcement with 12 months probation; one count driving w/suspended license with 12 months probation; one count obstruction of an officer with 12 months probation; one count stop sign violation with 12 months probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of five years to be served on probation. 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 his sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a). The above sentence includes a behavior incentive date of

4/30/2027 in accordance with O.C.G.A. 17.10.1.

George Rodriguez, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count burglary 2nd degree. He was fined \$50 with 5 years probation, 120-180 days in PDC; one count criminal damage to property in 2nd degree with 5 years probation; one count criminal damage to property in 2nd degree with 5 years probation; one count entering auto with 5 years probation; one count entering auto with 5 years probation; one count entering auto with 5 years probation; one count entering auto with 5 years probation; one count entering auto with 5 years probation; one count battery with 12 months 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 1/4/24-5/8/24. 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 his sentence. The Court sen-

tences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Terry Boatwright, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of a schedule II substance. He was fined \$50 with 3 years probation, RSAT susp. for inpatient rehab; one count DUI (less safe) with 12 months probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 3 years to be served on probation. 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 his sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

Benjamin Caraway, repeat offender negotiated a guilty plea on one count sale of meth. He was fined \$1,000 with 30

years, 5 years to serve, bal. probation; one count sale of meth with 30 years, 5 years to serve, bal. probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 30 years, with the first 5 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. 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 his sentence. Upon service of 5 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a

recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

Moises Ruiz negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of cocaine. He was fined \$50 with 3 years probation, enter and complete DRC; one count possession of meth with 3 years probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 6 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody from 3/12/24-5/15/24. 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 his sentence.

Publisher's Notice

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitations or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status including or national origin, or an limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to city regulations regarding the issuance of a game room license, notice is given to the public that an application has been filed by Davki Nand 98 LLC dba Jack's Food Mart for a license to operate coin operated machines located at 227 West Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401.

A Public Hearing will be held for public comment on June 6, 2024, at 3:00pm in Swainsboro City Hall. This application will be considered at a meeting of Mayor and city council on June 10, 2024, 6pm, at Swainsboro Fire Department Headquarters.

Invitation to Offer Quote

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

Custodial Vendor Management Program

Quotes will be accepted until, 2:00 pm, June 03, 2024 at Board of Education Office 201 N. Main St., Swainsboro, GA 30401.

For further information and specifications contact Jansen Ware, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services at 478-237-6674.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all quotes. Emanuel County Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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GEORGIA SOCIETY PRESIDENT ED RIGEL, JR. PREPARING TO FIRE HIS 6-POUNDER MORTAR



BRIER CREEK ARTILLERY FIRING THEIR THREE-ROUND VOLLEY

Brier Creek Artillery attends Midway Patriot Grave Marking

by DESS SMITH
On Sunday, April 28, the Brier Creek Artillery consisting of three cannons and nine crew members, traveled to Midway to attend the grave marking of five American Revolutionary War

Patriots Nathaniel Bacon, SAR PRS #P-106410; Benjamin Baker SAR PRS #P-107025; Martin SAR PRS #P-242472; James Powell Maxwell SARPRS #P-243397; and John Winn SARPRS

#P-322558. After the Church service at Midway Church and a great meal on the grounds, they all crossed Hwy 17 into the cemetery and conducted the event. During the ceremony, each patriot's

biography was read and a three-round volley from the 11 militiamen with their flintlocks and the Brier Creek Artillery with their three cannons was rendered. After the dedication of the Grave Markers, wreaths were

presented from over 50 organizations and then a three-round volley was again fired by the 11 militia and three cannons. Taps was then played by Compatriot Don Bazemore on his bugle and Mourn Muskets was present-

ed. In all there were 24 cannon shots and 88 flintlock shots fired. Including the militia, Award Winning Georgia Society Color Guard and Brier Creek Artillery, there were 33 SAR members participating.



FY25 TENTATIVE BUDGET EMANUEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
ESTIMATED REVENUES:			
LOCAL TAXES	\$ 8,292,000		
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	\$ 692,000	\$ 57,028	\$ 100,000
STATE SOURCES	\$ 34,113,502	\$ 1,299,178	\$ 450,000
FEDERAL SOURCES		\$ 13,792,167	
INCOMING TRANSFERS			
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS			\$ 3,800,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$ 43,097,502	\$ 15,148,373	\$ 4,350,000
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:			
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$ 28,053,477	\$ 7,489,642	\$ 228,000
PUPIL SERVICES	\$ 2,692,810	\$ 262,400	
IMP OF INSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$ 381,792	\$ 20,751	
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	\$ 60,000	\$ 701,477	
MEDIA SERVICES	\$ 758,269	\$ -	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$ 877,403	\$ -	
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$ 2,933,613	\$ 105,982	
BUSINESS SERVICES	\$ 452,132		
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION SERVICES	\$ 3,390,054	\$ 357,187	
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	\$ 2,800,427	\$ 375,669	\$ 150,000
CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 940,607	\$ -	
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 16,000	\$ 65,000	
SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES		\$ 3,921,765	
FACILITIES ACQ & CONST SERVICES		\$ 1,848,500	\$ 3,972,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 43,356,584	\$ 15,148,373	\$ 4,350,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXP	\$ (259,082)	\$ -	\$ -
ESTIMATED TOTAL FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2024	\$ 20,495,059	\$ 2,158,529	\$ 4,349,066
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE JUNE 30, 2025	\$ 20,235,977	\$ 2,158,529	\$ 4,349,066

The Emanuel County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2025 Budget will be considered for final adoption by the Board on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Emanuel County Board of Education Central Office located at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. As stated in the notices published in **The Forest Blade**, an opportunity for public input will be provided during the May 14 and June 11 board meetings regarding the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

Skunk Brigade attends the Georgia Society BOM meeting

On Saturday morning, April 27, four members of the Skunk Brigade, Steve Burke, Dess Smith III, Lee Herron and Alton McCloud, traveled to Barnesville to attend the first quarter Georgia Society BOM meeting at 10 a.m. With Georgia Society President Ed Rigel, Jr. presiding, there were approximately 100 in attendance from around the state. Many items were placed into business for approval and

the main item for us was Compatriot Lee Herron informing the BOM that Governor Brian Kemp signed Senate Bill 369, the 250th Anniversary American Revolution Georgia car tag on Tuesday, April 23. Thanks to Compatriot Lee Herron for his hard work and leadership in this most important part of our history, honoring those brave patriots who fought to made us all free.



WIREGRASS CHAPTER PRESIDENT STEVE BURKE, FALL LINE PRESIDENT SANDY MERCER, WIREGRASS CHAPTER REGISTRAR DESS SMITH III AND BRIER CREEK CHAPTER REGISTRAR LEE HERRON

Public Notice for Logic and Accuracy Testing

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-379.6 (c), preparation and testing of voting equipment will begin Friday, May 31, 2024 at 9:00 am. Testing will take place in the Elections Office at 105 South Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia.

Testing shall continue daily until such preparations are complete.

Preparations and testing of equipment is for the June 18, 2024 General Primary Republican Runoff election.

Kerry K. Curry
Director of Elections
Emanuel County, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lane Storage has payments past due. Contents include various miscellaneous items. Auction will be held June 13, 2024 at 9 am. For questions contact Rusty Lane at 478-455-1861.

- Anna Patel - AH68
- Naomi Kathleen (Kay) Tapley - A189
- Charles Howell/Latasha Stuckey - W114
- Jamie Johnson - D18
- Monique Howard - D25
- Fedaysha Robinson - W118
- Allen - W97

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Emanuel County Sheriff's Office

The Emanuel County Sheriff's Office serves and protects residents and businesses of the Emanuel County area and assists city law enforcement within the county's jurisdiction when needed.

Taking office in 2021, the department is led by Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer. Assisting in provided services performed by the sheriff's office are Nick Robertson (Chief Deputy); Emanuel Co Detention Center - Major West Bedgood (Jail Administrator), Faye Clayton (Asst. Jail Administrator) and Tanishia Rich (Administrative Asst. to Major Bedgood); Jail Supervisor - Felicia Brown, Jeannie Woods, Sarah Purvis and Wendy Beach; Central Control - Denver Stroud, Mehoshi Rayshona Hooks; ISO - Michael Wilson and Jeremy Hall; Tower - Mandi Wilkerson, Judy Edenfield, Alexis Hendrix and Donna Graham; Transport -



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(Investigator) and Sgt Matt Lamb (Investigator - PT); Traffic - Lt Marty Mercer (Supervisor), Deputy Nathan Allman, Deputy Jaylon Townsend and Deputy Tyler McCarty (Interdiction); School Resource Unit - Lt Robert Phillips (Supervisor), Cpl Trent Kersey (ECI / TCE), Cpl Chad Roberts (SHS) and Cpl Mark Walden (SMS); Patrol - Lt Curtis Armstrong (Supervisor), Deputy Eric Pruitt, Deputy Daniel Moxley, Deputy Frank Scruggs (K-9 Handler), Deputy Cody Usry, Deputy Mason Russell, Deputy Marcus Guerra, Deputy Jamey Chalker, Deputy Steven Hill, Deputy Brendan Murray, Deputy Jonathan Jones (PT), Deputy Chris Jukes (PT) and Deputy Matt Davis (PT); Courthouse Security - Deputy Edwin Fulghum and Deputy Roy Thompson; Courtroom Security - Deputy Missy Guerra; Civil Process - Captain Marc Curry and Deputy Frank Nasworthy

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 Dedication to my community, to keep it safe.
 Give me Lord, concern for others who trust me
 and compassion for those who need me
 And please Lord, through it all be by my side.
 Author Unknown

Thank you to our heroes!

Swainsboro Police Department

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Assisting in provided services performed by this department are CPT. Richard Peacock, CPT. Coleman Hall,



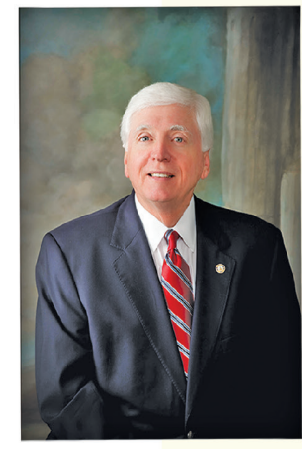
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Celebrating Our Hometown Heroes: Twin City's Finest

by JESSICA SUMNER

In the heart of Twin City, there are individuals who consistently go above and beyond to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Leading this dedicated team is Chief Hank Whriters, alongside two full-time officers, Tiffany Dixon and Rashard Walker, and Jessica Sumner, our police and court clerk.

Chief Hank Whriters is more than just a leader; he embodies integrity and unwavering commitment. With years of experience and a profound passion for public service, Chief Whriters inspires his team and earns the trust of the community through his actions.

Officer Tiffany Dixon brings a unique blend of compassion and determination to her role. Whether patrolling the streets or assisting school children on field trips to the police department, Officer Dixon's dedication to Twin City's safety shines through in every interaction.

Officer Rashard Walker's commitment to serving his hometown reflects his character and values. Returning to ensure the safety of his community proves his dedication. Officer Walker's contributions complement those of his colleagues, ensuring seamless operations within the department.

Behind the scenes, Jessica Sumner serves as the department's backbone. As the police and court



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clerk, she handles critical administrative tasks with precision and efficiency, enabling officers to focus on their duties without distraction. While primarily administrative, Jessica also juggles various other responsibilities to keep the department running smoothly.

Together, Chief Whriters, Officer Dixon, Officer Walker, and Jessica Sumner form an exceptional team dedicated to serving and protecting Twin City's residents and businesses. Their unwavering commitment, professionalism, and selflessness make them true hometown heroes, deserving of our admiration and gratitude. Let's take a moment to celebrate and honor these remarkable individuals who tirelessly strive to make Twin City a safer place for us all.

Thank you!

Lord watch over the officers of our community and protect them from danger and evil. Be with them as they navigate new scenes, hard calls and most importantly, bring them home safely to those that love them. Amen

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The overall goal for Building, Planning and Code Enforcement is to

serve the community by helping to facilitate the building process and to educate citizens on the importance of our local codes and ordinances, ultimately resulting in the betterment of the community.

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Adrian Police Department

Adrian Police Department was established and incorporated in 1899 under the charter for the city of Adrian. The earliest police records were from February 1906. The department is currently run by Chief Kyle Strickland and one officer. They work closely with the police and sheriff's departments in the surrounding counties to do everything they can to keep Adrian safe.

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 Lord knows it ain't no easy task...
 Keeping us safe under the weight of the badge...

He swore that oath to protect and serve...
 Pours his heart and soul into both those words...
 Lays his life on the line,
 And the line he walks is razor-fine...
 Tempered strength is always tough,
 But he ain't gonna buckle under the weight of the badge...

Not that long ago he woke up in the hospital,
 With his wife and kids praying by his bed...
 He said: I'm gonna be alright...
 There's just some times you gotta fight...
 And the truth is, nothing truer could be said...
 I do it for us and I do it for them,
 And I ain't gonna buckle under the weight of the badge...

It doesn't weigh a lot until you put it on,
 And the weight of it is staggering...
 Then duty calls each time...
 He knows he's gotta answer.

And it's all in the hand of...
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Georgia State Patrol Post 19

Founded in 1937, the Georgia State Patrol is a division of the Georgia Department of Public Safety. The Swainsboro post is one of the original posts and is a part of Troop F. Today, Post 19 continues the tradition of protecting Emanuel County along with Jefferson, Johnson and Treutlen counties.

SFC Brad Eagler became Post Commander in April 2024, and he is assisted by Sergeant Matt MacDonald, Corporal Brian Jones and Post Secretary Sara Ferrell. Filling out the roster are TFC1 Chris McNear, TFC2 Stan McCoy, Tpr. Cole Nusall, Tpr. Rusty Stewart, TFC1 Matt Belflower, TFC1 Seth Brewer, TFC1 Seth Scriven and TFC3 Jim Claxton.

The Georgia State Patrol is always looking for a few good men and women to join their ranks. If interested, contact the Swainsboro post at 478-289-2599 for more information.

Stillmore Police Department

Stillmore Police Department is headed by Chief Stephen Mincey. Brandon Baxter is Officer is and Trainer Jane't Lloyd serves as Clerk of Court.

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Intakes within the county as a whole tend to range in high numbers when counting pickups and drop-offs at the local shelter, which is why shelter staff coordinate with many rescue groups to ensure proper home placement with caring families is prominent in their goal of being a no-kill shelter.

This location is managed by Supervisor Richard Newsome, and staff Mercedes Hepworth and Courtney Wilkerson.

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Georgia Forestry Commission

The mission of Emanuel County Unit of Georgia Forestry Commission is to respond to and prevent wildfires. The unit also assists landowners with firebreaks and timber management. In FY24, Emanuel GFC Rangers responded to 35 wildfires, provided service to 146 landowners, performed 165 forest management cases, plowed and/or harrowed for 230.5 hours, burned 2,131.4 acres using prescribed fire and performed 19 community outreach programs.

Personnel in Emanuel County are Chief Ranger Doug Claxton, Rangers Brandon Beasley, Chatt Jones, Chris Garner, and Foresters Mathew O'Connor and Jay Foskey. As Smokey says, "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires."



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SWAINSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

one special operations rehab unit. City firefighters' man these units to respond to calls throughout the entire county as needed. Full time personnel include Trenton Dishmond, Brian Elbert, Allen Farley, Darin Griner, Faith Jones,

Colby Martin, Frank Nasworthy, Jacob Swingle, James Ward, Mark Wiggins, Bobby Wilson, and Austin Woods. Part time and volunteers are Sue Bragg, Carl Brantley, Bill Cahill, Jamey Chalker, Doug Claxton, Joe Duffy,

Mason Funderburke, Dusty Holden, Chatt Jones, Darren McGee, Forest Mills, Johnny Mills, Stacie Mills, Justin Price, Jim Sanders, Bert Stewart, Kathy Wiggins, Mark Wiggins, and Theresa Womack

Emanuel County Volunteer Fire Stations

Adrian, Canoochee, Dellwood, Garfield, Norristown, Nunez, Oak Park, Stillmore, Summertown, Red Oak and Twin City.

Oak Park Police Department

Oak Park Police Department was reinstated in July 2023. The department is currently run by Chief Matt Davis and Officer Joey Scruggs. Courtney Soley serves as City Clerk.



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Dear Local Heroes

We thank God for giving you a strength that exceeds any measure and a courage that allows you to run towards danger each day so that others can be safe. Thank God for showing us, through you, what it means to put others first and for showing us your bright light in these darkest of times. We want you to know that we appreciate you more than you could possibly know and we are praying for you as you go about your difficult and dangerous job.

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By no later than 2:00 pm local prevailing time, on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at which time the bids will be received. The envelope containing the bid shall have the name of the Bidder, the name of the project for which the bid was submitted, and the opening date written on the outside of the envelope. No faxed bids will be accepted.

The Contract will be awarded to the responsible, responsive Bidder whose Bid, conforming to this Invitation to Bid, will be most advantageous to the Board, price and other factors considered.

Bidding Specifications Sheets may be obtained from the Emanuel County Schools website: www.emanuel.k12.ga.us.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, select any bidder at the Board's sole discretion, waive any irregularities in the bidding, or cancel the Invitation to Bid and re-advertise the project.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held at Stillmore City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on June 11, 2024 to consider a variance from the required lot size to situate a mobile home upon for the property located at West 6th Ave, Stillmore Georgia and owned by Amber Gallon.

The City of Stillmore Planning and Zoning Commission will likewise have a hearing on June 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stillmore Community House for the purpose of making a recommendation to City Council regarding the requested variance.

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It's hard to be a sore loser in Georgia

by DICK YARBROUGH

The things you learn on this job. Someone called PromoGuy who, as it turns out, isn't a guy at all, but a company that has something to do with sports betting says Georgians feel down for an average of 39 minutes after their favorite sports team suffers a disappointing result. It turns out that we are well above – or below – the national average. According to the guys at PromoGuy, Americans in general feel down for 2.5 hours after a bad sports outcome -- or 2 hours and 38 minutes, if you want to be precise.

PromoGuy says they wanted to share this with us after conducting a nationwide survey a couple of months ago that involved 2,137 American sports enthusiasts. Of all the participants, 60% were male 38% were female, 1% non-binary, and 1% was identified as something other than all of the above which I don't understand but have chosen not to pursue, lest I should find out. The average age of respondents was 41 years.

So, which state has the biggest snit when they lose a game? West Virginia. People in West Virginia feel down for an average of 17 hours. In their defense, since their economy, education, health care and infrastructure rank at the bottom of almost every national ranking, you can see why they would want to spend 17 hours thinking about something other than their quality of life.

If you are not affected by a serious case of eye-glaze at this point, PromoGuy says to tell you the second grumpiest state behind West Virginia when their team loses is Missouri. They spend 12 hours, 33 minutes obsessing over a loss. That surprises me since the Kansas City Chiefs reside in Missouri and they don't lose often. Maybe we should send them the Atlanta Falcons and give them something to really get upset about.

It seems the third crankiest state after West Virginia and Missouri is Montana. Montana? I find that hard to believe. With all the majestic mountains and pristine fly-fishing spots available to the locals, they worry 12 hours and 30 minutes about losing a ballgame?

Kentucky ranks fourth in the bad loser category, which doesn't surprise me. It is all about basketball in Kentucky. The University of Kentucky has won 8 national titles and finished 2nd twice and its boosters don't take kindly to losing. PromoGuy says Kentuckians will fret an average of 8 hours and 53 minutes. After that it is time to take action. John Calipari won a national championship in 2012, went 410-123 (.769) and was given a lifetime contract in 2019. His lifetime at Kentucky lasted four more years. Calipari is now the head coach at the University of Arkansas, where their fans only stay upset for 52 minutes.

Connecticut rounds out the top 5 sore losers



at 5 hours and 33 minutes.
YARBROUGH

What do they have to be sore about? UConn men have won two consecutive national basketball championships (six in all) and the UConn women have won 11 NCAA titles, including four in a row from 2013 through 2016. What do the citizens of Connecticut have to be sore about? Get a life, people.

The state that recovers the quickest to a loss according to PromoGuy is Nebraska. They spend 22 minutes on the subject. That figures. Their once-proud football team can't beat two eggs in a pan these days. They are 38-55 over the past decade. I guess the locals say, who cares?

Interestingly, Mississippi is the next least-stressed state. Supposedly, they get over a loss in 25 minutes. Forgive me for questioning PromoGuy but I am betting that's as wrong as turning left on a red light. I can guarantee you that the loser of the annual Egg Bowl between Ole Miss and Mississippi State doesn't get over it in 25 minutes. That is serious business in Mississippi -- a year's worth of bragging rights. It takes 25 minutes just to come to the realization that somebody is going to have 365 miserable days until the next Egg Bowl.

As for the Great State of Georgia, we have so many things to be grateful for that we don't spend much time brooding over a loss. And when your alma mater loses 2 football games in 3 years you have to work hard to stay upset for 39 minutes.

Having shared this information with you, I hope PromoGuy will consider a survey on why we need to know this stuff. I'm betting they won't.

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Finally, the program was over and the father excused himself and went upstairs to go to bed. As he entered his bedroom, he realized that the dog had been trying to get their attention. A thief had carefully and quietly entered their home, opened their safe and stolen their most valuable possessions. The warning of the dog could not get their attention and alert them to danger.

"Today," (or listen now) warned the Psalmist, "if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts!" Often God tries to "get our attention" to warn us of impending dangers. He does His best to speak to us through His Word or a friend, a verse of Scripture or a sermon. He reaches out to us in love and compassion - anxious to warn us of the attractiveness of sin, the power of temptation and the destruction that awaits us. But, like the family in Canada, we are so often too involved in the things of this world to hear His warning.

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