

Mayor asks city ...

(From front page)
ity of a house is to use the 28% rule to keep mortgage or rent payments at or under 28% of the monthly salary. Applying this to a local police officer's salary would mean roughly \$924 is available for rent (\$3,300 x .28) barring additional income or savings. With an average down payment, this

often puts houses over \$150,000 and rents of \$1,200 out of reach for local government employees such as police, firefighters and teachers if there's no assistance. In Swainsboro subsidized housing is available for those at the poverty level and many houses are on the market for two income families or cit-

izens making higher wages, but the city has very few home-buying options for the single, lower-to-middle class workforce. Bennett has had plans in the works for over a year now for an affordable housing neighborhood where new starter homes would sell for \$150,000. But these plans recently met a

hitch. The site cleared for the houses requires a sewer line that would cost the city \$250,000 to run. Even though there are grants that could pay for it, he knows how it would look for the mayor to write a grant for his own subdivision.

Yet there's another possibility, he says, "We have two things: one, the resources to build at least two \$125,000 houses and two, the lots." Specifically, the city owns 46 buildable, residential lots.

"We've tried to contract companies to auction them off for us," he says. "They will not do it because the lots would not generate enough revenue to do all the advertising, legal work and to put it on a website for \$250. There's no upside for them. And we're stuck with all of these lots and they are ugly."

One issue with the city bidding out projects is mainly large companies apply, which shoots the price up. To make it possible for smaller contractors to bid, Bennett says the money needs to go to a nonprofit run by the city. Since nonprofits have different regulations, smaller local contractors could bid and provide 1,000 square



CITY-OWNED BUILDABLE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ON CENTRAL STREET

foot homes at \$125 per square foot pricing them at \$125,000.

These houses would be offered to the public in tiers. The first tier would be city police recruits. The recruits would be able to live in the house rent-free for a year. After the first year, they could decide to continue living there for \$700 in rent per month or purchase the house at cost for \$125,000 or leave. Those choosing to rent could purchase the house at a later date and their rent would serve as a down payment. If no recruits are interested in the housing, the second tier would be anyone who works in the police department.

"If there's no one in need of the housing at these two tiers, the third tier would be anyone who works for the fire department followed by anyone who works for the city," says Bennett.

Finally, any houses not occupied by police, firefighters or city workers would be offered to the general public.

"The only thing about offering the houses to the general public," Bennett adds, "is that the first year would not be rent-free." Still, all residents would be able

to use previously paid rent as a down payment on the house if they chose to buy it later.

Eventually, as houses are bought, other blighted properties will go through the same restoration process with hopes that 'in ten years the city's non-profit could build 50 homes while owning only four'.

He's discussed the plan with city administrator Herman Middlebrooks and city attorney Jon Levis for the past six weeks asking them to come up with reasons why it wouldn't work. So far, they haven't found any.

Swainsboro Police Chief Randy Ellison sees the plan as a "possible step the city could take to entice future qualified personnel to choose the SPD over other agencies."

The proposal to turn blighted properties into affordable housing relies upon the support of Swainsboro citizens and city council. At last week's council workshop, the plan was supported by some members and met with hesitancy by others. The council will vote on the plan at the June 10 meeting at city hall, 6 pm.

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Warnock speaks to Exchange

New Emanuel County School Superintendent, Dr. Denise Warnock, spoke to the Swainsboro Exchange Club on Tues-

day, May 28, 2024. She gave a general overview of the operation of the Emanuel County School System and her vision

for it. Dr. Warnock was given a \$500 donation which is to be used for the Communities in Schools Program.

Senator Billy Hickman appointed to lead Senate Study Committee on the Preservation of Georgia's Farmlands

Last week, Sen. Billy Hickman (R–Statesboro) was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Senate Study Committee on the Preservation of Georgia's Farmlands by Lt. Governor Burt Jones. Additional Senate members appointed to serve on the study committee include Sen. Jason Anavitarte (R–Dallas), Sen. Brandon Beach (R–Alpharetta), Sen. Jason Esteves (D–Atlanta), Sen. Russ Goodman (R–Cogdell), Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (D–Dawson) and Sen. Sam Watson (R–Moultrie).

"I'm deeply honored to be appointed as Chairman of the Senate Study Committee on the Preservation of Georgia's Farmlands, and I want to thank Lt. Governor Burt Jones for this opportunity," said Sen. Hickman. "Agriculture is the backbone of Georgia's economy, yet our farmers continue to face severe and contin-

uous challenges. With Georgia losing approximately 2.6 million acres of farmland from 1974 to 2016, including additional loss as each year passes, it's crucial that we take decisive action. While the enactment of the Freedom to Farm Act in 2022 and the Georgia Farmland Conservation Act in 2023 have been great steps forward, our work is far from over. Our committee will evaluate farmland protection measures from other agricultural states and seek expert advice to develop additional strategies that support and preserve our farmlands for future generations."

The committee is tasked with undertaking a study of the conditions, needs, issues and problems related to the preservation of Georgia's farmlands and recommending any action or legislation.



SENATOR HICKMAN

The Senate Study Committee on the Preservation of Georgia's Farmlands was created pursuant to the adoption of Senate Resolution 470. Future meetings of the study committee will be announced at a later date.

Sen. Billy Hickman serves as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Higher Education. He represents the 4th Senate District which includes Bulloch, Candler, Effingham, Evans, and a small portion of Chatham County. He may be reached at 404.463.1371 or via email at billy.hickman@senate.ga.gov.

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Glenda Lanier Sanders, 77

Glenda Lanier Sanders, 77, of Metter, passed away Monday, May 27, 2024, at Candler County Hospital. Funeral service was held Thursday, May 30, at 2 p.m. at El Bethel Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Visitation was Wednesday, May 29, from 6 until 8 p.m. at Kennedy Funeral Homes, Hooks Chapel, of Metter.

Glenda was born July 30, 1946, in Cobbtown, to the late W. Willis Lanier and Marie Vaughan Lanier Collins. She was a homemaker and loved taking care of her family. Mrs. Glenda raised her children and grandchildren whom she loved dearly. She cooked for her family on a regular basis and especially enjoyed having the family together for Sunday lunches. Mrs. Glenda enjoyed the outdoors, cutting grass and loved her dog, Benji, like one of her own. She was a member of El Bethel Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Sanders is preceded



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in death by a brother, Vaughan Lanier.

Surviving are her husband, Jimmy R. Sanders; daughter, Joan Sanders Turner; two sons, Jim (Kimmy) Sanders and John (Brandi) Sanders; grandchildren, Anna Sanders, Bailey Sanders, Adam Sanders, Blake Sanders, Emily Turner, Ansley Turner, Payne Sanders and Creed Sanders; brother, Willis (Tish) Lanier; sister, Margaret (Van) Pease; sister-in-law, Faye Lanier; other in-laws, Mary Gay, Jean Sanders, JoAnn Sanders and Don Rabitsch; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kennedy Funeral Homes, Hooks Chapel, of Metter, was in charge of arrangements.

Bobbie Wilson Overstreet, 90

Durden Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Bobbie Wilson Overstreet, 90, of Swainsboro, on Monday, May 27, 2024, at her home after an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 30, at 11 a.m. at Peebles-Curry Memorial Chapel with Reverend Tommy Henry officiating. Interment followed in the Bithynia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Blundale. The family received friends Wednesday, May 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Donnie Cobb, Joe Wilson, Matt Donaldson, Tim Garrett, Joey Hood and Bill Rountree.

Born and raised in Emanuel County, Bobbie was the daughter of the late "T" Hudson Wilson and Ola Mae Peebles. Like many children of this time, she was a hard worker in the family home and on the farm. Mrs. Bobbie married Julian G. Overstreet on March 24, 1951. She was a wonderful cook and she enjoyed canning. Mrs. Bobbie was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. People were drawn to her due to her kind and generous nature. Mrs. Bobbie was a "second mother" to many cousins, neighbors and close family friends. She worked at Swainsboro Primary School in the cafeteria for almost 28 years. Mrs. Bobbie was



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a faithful member of Oak Chapel Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years, and she loved gospel music. She loved her Facebook. It was important to her as a social person to keep in touch with all of her friends and family. Mrs. Overstreet is preceded in death her parents; her husband of 57 years, Julian G. Overstreet; four sisters, Helen Flanders, Margaret Hughes, Frankie Donaldson and Cybil Hall; and a daughter-in-law, Janice Lynn Overstreet.

Survivors include her daughter, Diane Rountree (Wayne) of Midville; sons, Jeffery Overstreet and Douglas W. (Angela) Overstreet, both of Swainsboro; grandson, Matt Thompkins (Kelly Boyett); and sister, Loretta Santiago of Louisville.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial gifts or contributions in her name may be made to: Oak Chapel Baptist Church, c/o Tim Garrett, 461 Blundale Church Road, Swainsboro, GA 30401.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Charles Dennis, 72

Charles Dennis, age 72, of Adrian, passed away on Monday afternoon, May 27, 2024, at Memorial Health in Savannah. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 30, at 11 a.m. in the Williams Chapel of Sammons Funeral Home with Reverend Paul Mulling officiating. Mr. Dennis was laid to rest in Midway Cemetery. Family received friends Thursday, May 30, from 10 a.m. until the hour of service at Sammons Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Roy Marcin, Brandon Marcin, Chris Allen, Roger Sumner, Kenneth Sumner and Thomas Webb. Gene Green served as an honorary escort.

Born in Adrian, Charles was son of the late Herman Rozier "Pee Wee" Dennis and Sarah Beasley Dennis. He grew up in Adrian and attended Adrian High School. Being the son of a carpenter, it was only natural that Charles would follow in his father's footsteps and work with wood. He worked at the Richard Auger Sawmill and for over fifteen years at Henry's Cabinet Shop in Swainsboro. Charles left Henry's and worked at Miami Carey for a short time before working at Swainsboro Electroplating, where he remained until retiring at the time of its closure. He served as a Volunteer Firefighter and First Responder for the City of Adrian, where he served as Assistant Chief for many years. Those that knew Charles know that he was a "Collector of Fine Junk". He enjoyed



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estate sales, yard sales, auctions, flea markets and walking miles on dusty roads looking for arrowheads. Charles happened upon a unique piece of Coke or NASCAR memorabilia, it was going home with him. He had been a member of the Jump and Run Hunting Club and attended Hebron Holiness and Pine Hill Holiness Church. In addition to his parents, Mr. Dennis is preceded in death by his wife, Sue Dennis, who passed away Jan. 20, 2013; and brother, A.J. Dennis, who passed away Nov. 19, 2022.

Mr. Dennis leaves behind his daughter, Carol Graham of Soperton; siblings, Nellie Odon of Dublin, Zelda Sumner (Roger) of Adrian and Rocky Dennis of Adrian; sister-in-law, Nell Dennis of Adrian; nieces and nephews, Roxanne Odom, Nora Clements, Kenneth Sumner (Mercedes), Krisy Marcin (Roy), Nikki Dennis, Rocky Dennis, Haley Garnto, Joseph "Pee Wee" Dennis and Amanda Dennis; and several great and great-great-nieces and nephews.

SAMMONS FUNERAL HOME was in charge of arrangements.

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Farris Madison Hudson, Sr., 90

Deacon Farris Madison Hudson, Sr., age 90, transitioned to his eternal home on Sunday, May 26, 2024. A Homecoming Celebration was held Saturday, June 1, at 11 a.m. at the former Wadley High School gymnasium with Apostle Clifford Duckworth officiating.

Farris was born December 4, 1933, in Wadley, to the late Rev. James Madison Hudson and Eliza Murphy. He received his elementary and high school training in Jefferson County, graduating from Carver High School. Farris continued his education at Savannah State College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree and Atlanta University earning his master's degree. He served as a teacher in the math and science departments at Jefferson County Training School in Louisville and later served as principle of several schools, including Lexsy Elementary, Tenders Grove Elementary in Avera, Jefferson County High and Wadley High. Mr.



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Hudson is preceded in death by his parents; stepparents; three brothers; one sister; son-in-law; mother and father-in-law; two brothers-in-law; and three sisters-in-law.

Cherishing Mr. Hudson's memories are his loving wife; son, Farris Madison (Verna) Hudson, Jr.; daughters, LaZelda Williams, Farlyn Hudson, Shawana (Donovan) Lewis and Phrashunda Hudson; five grandsons; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers; one sister; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

James C. McClendon, 73

James C. McClendon, age 73, passed away Saturday, May 25, 2023. A Celebration of Life graveside service was held Wednesday, May 29, at 11 a.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery.

James' favorite things to say was "I gave to many and asked for nothing in return; for in the end the greatest gift I will receive is to be welcomed in the Father's arms."

Mr. McClendon's family would like to thank all of you for your love



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and support during their time of loss. May the Lord continue to bless you all.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Johnny Cecil Sikes, 71

Mr. Johnny Cecil Sikes, 71, of Kite, passed away Sunday, May 26, 2024, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 30, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Shannon Boula officiating. Interment followed in Kite City Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to service.

Pallbearers were Phillip DeLoach, Nicholas DeLoach, Jason Rogers, Nathan Coleman, Cliff Sikes and Sammie Braddy. Honorary pallbearers were Deacons of Blundale Baptist Church, Billy Brinson and Louis Pearce.

Johnny was born December 8, 1952, to the late Judson Allen Sikes and Minnie Rea Lott Sikes. He was a deacon at Blundale Baptist Church and Brotherhood Director for Emanuel County. Mr. Sikes is preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Evona Rentz.

Mr. Sikes is survived



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by his loving wife, Faith Victoria (Vickie) Wynn Sikes; son, Joshua Colie Sikes (fiancée, April Mitchell); daughter, Faith Cecile Kelly (Jeremy); brothers, Oscar, Robert and Ray Sikes; sisters, Wilma, Geraldine, Geanie, Gwen, Vicki and Nettie; numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

Flowers accepted or love donations may be made to: Blundale Baptist Youth Children's Ministry, P.O. Box 561, Swainsboro, GA 30401.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Living Way Ministries to hold annual women conference

Living Way Ministries will have their annual women conference Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 9, at 2:30 p.m. The theme for the conference will be 'Surely God can do anything'. The speaker for Friday night will be Pastor Jeanette Harden and Pastor Holley Maxwell Saturday night. Sunday evening speaker will be Pastor Sharina Pierce Alston. Living Way church family cordially invites everyone to attend.

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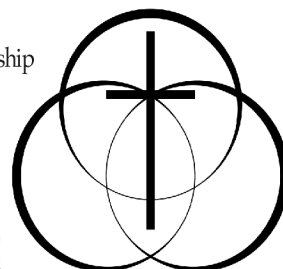
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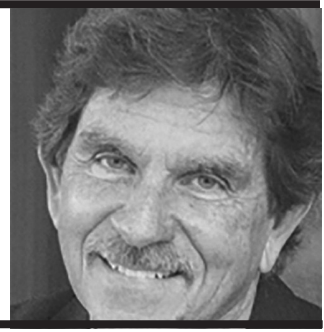
This Thursday will be the 80th anniversary of D-Day. On the sixth of June 1944, over seventy-five thousand American soldiers, sailors, and airmen along with other allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy to begin the liberation of Europe from the grip of Hitler's nazi Germany. If you ever hear anyone cast doubt on the United States and its might, its righteousness, and its redemptive ardor against evil in this world, you only need to cite this one day to set the record straight. The D-Day operation was repeatedly delayed. Finally, in the late hours of June 5, General Dwight Eisenhower gave the order to go. The weather was bad, the troops were antsy and restless,

and unforeseen obstacles threatened the mission to the point where the largest amphibious force in history was almost called back. Over 10,000 men were killed or wounded that day, but that one day was the beginning of the end of the German Reich and the worst worldwide, man-made crime against humanity in all recorded history. One thing is certain. If the United States had not entered the war, England and all of Europe would more than likely have fallen under nazi rule and Hitler's dream of a "thousand year" reign would probably have been established. Sixteen million veterans fought in WW II. Only 118,000 are now still alive. On this 80-year anniversary, I wonder how those veterans feel about

the current state of the country they sacrificed so much for back then. In 1940, the USA was divided about entering the war in Europe, but once the decision was made, the country came together and never looked back. Today, we are again at a point of deep division. Not as perilous as back then perhaps, but seriously straining the bindings of this nation. As we approach the time when we will make one of the most important decisions a democracy can make, some fundamentals have recklessly changed. Political competition in the electoral exercise has always been a natural and healthy part of a free and fair government, but what we are watching now days is not that. Recently we

have witnessed a trial conducted in what many feel is an unconventional manner based on irregular process, questionable charging practices, and unsettled, imprecise jury instruction. Additionally, the case presented in a New York State Court as a misdemeanor strangely morphed into a felony based on its surprise evolution and assertion by the District Attorney that it was tied to a mysterious "second crime" which was unproven and not even revealed until the final day of prosecution thereby denying the defense the opportunity to effectively prepare a response. The defendant, who happened to be a candidate in the upcoming election for President, was denied due process in trial proceedings by

Charles Schwabe



the judge's disallowance of requested witnesses and the imposition of a "gag order". Given the unusual conduct of the District Attorney who chose to leap-frog this case over a long line of previously scheduled cases awaiting trial, as well as the refusal of the judge to recuse himself despite his own admission of political support and involvement with the defendant's competitor in the Presidential election, it is not surprising that many legal scholars both in and out of New York state have commented that the most significant

loss in the guilty verdict was not to the defendant, Donald Trump, but to the trust and confidence of the ordinary citizen who has always relied on the fairness and consistency of the rule of law. Eighty years ago, Americans fought and died on the beaches of France to protect the fundamental rights of liberty, democracy, and when all else fails, the full promise of justice. No matter your political views, it seems like this country needs to exercise great care that the divisions so carelessly created don't become cracks too large to repair.

Two hundred years

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to the City of Swainsboro, my forever hometown as we celebrate 200 years. A huge thank you to *The Forest-Blade* for making sure that I received a copy of this cherished anniversary journal. I have read every word

many times and found memories of people and places from my eighty-eight years part of the two hundred. This will only be a few--more will come. I saw the picture of Mr. R.A. Flanders, President of the Central Bank, whom I called "Big Daddy."

His granddaughter, Beverly, was in a wheelchair from results of polio. She welcomed the company of six-year-old Shirley. After closing the bank, her "Big Daddy" came by and always brought ice cream which I shared. I think I thought that

was his name, so he was my "Big Daddy" for the rest of his life. After reading Sothern novelists, I learned that "Big Daddy" was a Southern name for "Grandfather." Later, he moved across the street from my home on Church Street. I contin-

Shirley Proctor Twiss



ued to visit him on his front porch, and he was my "Big Daddy" for the rest of his life. Beverly

was rehabilitated from polio handicaps and became a talented and well-known artist.

Sharing an opinion on Representative Carter's no Opinion Regarding our Okefenokee

Dear Representative Buddy Carter:

Your appearance a couple of weeks ago before the Water, Wildlife and Fisheries subcommittee

in Washington of which you are not a member but were allowed to question a witness panel about our Okefenokee was — shall we say — a bit out of the

ordinary. According to news reports, you claimed you were not entering an opinion "one way or the other" about Twin Pines Minerals,

an Alabama-based company, seeking permits from Georgia's Environmental Protection Division to drill for titanium oxide on Trail Ridge along the eastern edge of our Okefenokee so that all mankind can be assured of an ample supply of paint, toothpaste and chewing gum. And then you proceeded to opine one way or the other all over the room about the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's opposition to the project.

You said U. S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland's letter to Gov. Brian Kemp was an "overreach of the Secretary's authority and without legal basis." Admittedly, I'm just your humble scribe, but that sure sounded like an opinion to me.

What I am trying to figure out is why? Why did you take the time to show up at the subcommittee hearing and announce that you didn't have an opinion one way or the other on Twin Pines Minerals drilling on the edge of our Okefenokee?

Were you responding to pressure from angry citizens across our state who are saying, "Enough with that darned ol' Okefenokee! We want paint! We want toothpaste! We want chewing gum! Drill, baby drill!"

If so, you and I must be talking to a different crowd of angry citizens. I've been at this column-writing business for 26 years and I don't recall this many Georgians being this mad. You see, they think the Okefenokee belongs to all of us, not just the privileged few. They are incensed that no one is listening to them. They

Dick Yarbrough



know when they are being talked down to, like the drivel that somehow this is a regulatory decision, not a political one. That insults their intelligence. And mine.

Last I heard, more than 77,000 people have written the Environmental Protection Division, asking them to not approve the permits. And before you ask, we aren't talking about professional tree huggers, we are talking everyday Georgians. I am getting mail from all over the state.

One reader wrote me to say he had never been to the Okefenokee until all the fuss started. He visited the place to see it first-hand and was so impressed with what he saw that he immediately wrote Gov. Kemp, asking him to intervene and stop the permitting. He got the usual "Thank you for contacting the governor, your opinions are important" bug letter, saying nothing. At least he heard from the governor. I wrote an open letter to him a month ago in this space and haven't heard squat. Go figure.

What is confusing is why you would rail against the Interior Secretary for having a say in preserving our Okefenokee. Yes, it is located in Georgia, but it is a national treasure. It attracts 700,000 visits annually and generates some \$64 million for nearby communities. It is also being considered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site like the Grand Canyon

and Yellowstone Park.

By the way, there is precedent for Secretary Haaland's actions. Back in the '90s, then-U.S. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt intervened when DuPont was trying to do the same thing in the same place. Babbitt said, "Titanium is a common mineral, while the Okefenokee is a very uncommon swamp." Gov. Zell Miller was convinced to pull the plug on the project. If it was a bad idea then, why is it a good idea now?

I am curious why you don't seem to be showing as much public concern as to how the people of Georgia feel about letting an Alabama-based company come into Georgia to drill in our Okefenokee as you are in excoriating those in our federal government who seem to be trying to do what our state officials are loathe to do — listen to us.

In spite of your recent public scolding of the subcommittee panel, you claim you were entering no opinion one way or the other about what Twin Pines Minerals wants to do to our Okefenokee. But you need to know that a majority of Georgians do seem to be entering an opinion. They are vehemently opposed to the idea. There is no one way or the other about it.

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The most important day of the 20th Century-- D-Day, June 6, 1944

The triumph of freedom and democracy over tyranny and repression

by ERIC HOGAN

This coming June 6 will mark the 80th Anniversary of the single most important day of the 20th Century-- June 6, 1944, forever known as D-Day. World War II was the preeminent event of the 20th Century and the bloodiest event in human history, and D-Day was the most important day of that conflict.

June 6, 1944, was the day it would be determined whether the United States and her Allies could execute by far the largest and most daring amphibious assault in military history and successfully establish a strong, secure beachhead in Normandy, on France's northern coast. From there, they would begin the liberation of Western Europe and the final defeat of Nazi Germany.

As I write this article, it is a bittersweet reality that the unyielding effect of time now dictates that as the 80th anniversary of this monumental event approaches, only a tiny handful of D-Day veterans remain alive who can bear witness to their personal experiences on that decisive day.

The D-Day Invasion -- code named Operation Overlord -- was a massive undertaking involving over 6,000 ships ranging from battleships to troop carriers along with nine combat divisions of roughly 175,000 troops who would be sent into action on the first day. Five of the combat divisions were American -- the 1st, 4th, and 29th Infantry divisions and the 82nd and 101st Airborne divisions. Three British and one Canadian division comprised the rest of the initial combat force.

The planning for this huge and risky operation had not been easy. From the beginning, the British had not been enthusiastic about the idea of a direct assault on the heavily defended French coast. France had surrendered to the Nazis in 1940, so the Germans had almost four years to work on defense preparations. Fortifying the beachheads had expanded in 1944 under the command of the famed Field Marshall Erwin Rommel.

The British apprehension clearly illustrated the difference in strategy between American and British war planners. With more limited resources as a nation, the Brits had been at war since September 1939, and had become more war weary and risk averse. They were horrified at the thought that a cross-channel amphibious invasion could turn into a disaster for the Allies. On the other hand, the American high command was convinced the only way to keep the war from dragging on indefinitely was to launch a massive assault against the German coastal defenses and speed up the necessary destruction of the Nazi army.

President Franklin Roosevelt had appointed General Dwight Eisenhower to command the Allied Expeditionary Force. However, early in the winter of 1944, Eisenhower had become so frustrated with what he perceived as lack of British cooperation that he

was openly complaining. An alarmed President Roosevelt, seriously concerned about the future of the Normandy operation, sent a strong protest to British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Wisely recognizing that a fractured alliance would be foolish, Churchill sent the word up and down the British command -- "cooperate or get out of the way."

As part of the planning for the D-day invasion, the Allies cleverly created what became the greatest "intelligence" deception of the war. This deception was possible because early in the war, the British had broken the German military code known as 'Ultra,' thus the Allies diligently monitored most German coded military communication.

Through "Ultra" General Eisenhower learned that the Allied commander most feared by the Germans because of his daring and aggressive tactics was General George Patton. The Germans fully expected General Patton to be the commander of any invasion of France.

But Patton was not going to be the commander of the cross-channel assault against Normandy. Instead, command of American forces at Normandy was given to General Omar Bradley, who had been Patton's deputy commander in Sicily and North Africa. While visiting wounded soldiers in a field hospital during the Sicily campaign, Patton had lost his cool and slapped a couple of able-bodied GIs and accused them of cowardice. The American media got wind of the story and turned it into a full-fledged scandal. Several reporters even demanded that Patton be relieved of duty and sent home.

Despite the bad press, the Allied high command knew that Patton was too valuable to the war effort to be sent home. They also knew that Patton would be punished by not being given command of the invasion, but the Germans did not. And to the Germans, not using your best battlefield commander because he slapped some scared soldiers would be unthinkable.

So the Allies decided to play on German fears and use Patton as a decoy. A fictitious Army Group was created under Patton and located at Dover, which is the closest English city to the French coast at Calais. The deception was made convincing by numerous troop movements through Dover, setting up several major radio transmitting stations to produce constant radio traffic, and, amazingly, the deployment of hundreds of inflatable rubber tanks, trucks, and other motorized vehicles that appeared completely authentic when photographed from a few thousand feet by German reconnaissance aircraft.

The idea was to make the Germans believe that General Patton was commanding the real invasion force that would attack across the narrowest part of the English Channel and land in the Calais area. The effectiveness of this great deception was born out on D-Day when Nazi leader Adolf Hit-



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ler and the German high command refused to rush two Panzer Divisions stationed near Calais to counterattack against the Normandy beachhead when they potentially could have turned the tide of battle.

Only after 48 hours did the Germans finally realize that Normandy was the real invasion and not a decoy, and there would be no Patton attack against Calais. By then enough Allied armor had been brought ashore to mount a strong defense against German Panzer tanks.

The invasion date was originally set for June 5, but on June 2, the Allied weather forecasters told Eisenhower that a storm was brewing in the notoriously rough English Channel. On June 4, after thousands of soldiers had already begun loading onto ships, the weather forecast was so bad that Eisenhower had no choice but to postpone the invasion for one day and pray that the weather would improve.

Because of the effect of the tides and moon on the Normandy coast, if the invasion had to be postponed again from June 6, it would be another month before conditions would again be favorable. Eisenhower dreaded the thought of another postponement because he thought it would depress the morale of the troops that were primed and ready to go, and he was worried about maintaining secrecy and security for another month.

Perhaps it was divine intervention, but on June 5, the weathermen reported that the weather should moderate for just a few days. Not ideal conditions, but probably manageable. It was a tough and risky decision to make -- but Eisenhower gave the invasion order with two words, "Let's go."

Beginning at 11 p.m. on the evening of June 5, the American and British Airborne divisions began loading into planes for their parachute drop behind enemy lines all along the Normandy coast. The marginal weather badly scattered the paratroopers but that actually worked out fine because it seemed to completely confuse the Germans as to what the Allied targets and objectives were.

The Airborne troops did their job well. They captured and held vital bridges on the roads to the coast before the Germans could destroy them. These bridges would be needed for the Allied armies to advance into France. They set up strong defensive positions on both flanks of the Normandy beachhead to stop or delay any German counterattack



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that attempted to drive the Allies off the beaches. And by dawn of June 6, the first French town of St. Mere Eglise had been liberated by the 82nd Airborne.

There were five invasion beaches along the Normandy coast -- code named Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword. Utah and Omaha were the American beaches. Gold and Sword were British and Juno was Canadian. Allied planners had convinced themselves that substantial bombing from the air combined with a massive pre-invasion naval bombardment could neutralize many of the German beach defenses. Sadly, most missed their targets, perhaps handicapped by the marginal weather.

By pure chance and good luck the wind and currents took the first waves of American landing craft headed for Utah Beach about one mile south of their intended landing zone to an area right between more formidable German defenses. General Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., son of the former president, famously surveyed the situation on the beach and declared, "We will start the war from here." Roosevelt immediately ordered all successive waves diverted to his new beach position and boldly led his men off the lightly defended stretch of beach. By the end of the day, they were five miles inland and had linked up with units of the 82nd Airborne.

For his personal bravery and intrepid leadership, General Roosevelt was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Sadly, he died of a heart attack on July 12, just over a month after the invasion, and is buried with his men at the American Military Cemetery in Normandy.

It was "Bloody Omaha" where the carnage was. The first 30 minutes of the movie "Saving Private Ryan" graphically illustrated the bloody horror faced by the first waves of Americans to hit the beach at Omaha. The landing troops had to navigate a long stretch of beach with no cover or protection that ran into sandy bluffs that were 100 feet high in places. The Germans had substantial manpower and firepower advantages, in addition to the vitally important high ground, all of which created a "mission impossible" scenario for the Americans. The first waves on Omaha were largely decimated and lost their heavy equipment and were barely able to return the German fire.

The Omaha landing was in danger of degenerating into a nightmare against overwhelming

odds. However, slowly but surely individual acts of valor occurred. One of the brave officers on the beach, Colonel George Taylor of the 1st Infantry Division (a/k/a The Big Red One), rallied his men by constantly exposing himself to German fire and imploring his men to get moving and attack. He screamed at them, "There are only two kinds of men on this beach, those who are dead and those who are going to die, now let's get the hell off this beach." Several American Navy destroyers, observing the chaos and confusion on the beach, without any orders decided to expose themselves to German artillery fire by charging in close to the beach so they could more accurately aim their guns on German defenses. One destroyer even ran aground in this valiant attempt to give fire support to the men desperately struggling on the beach.

Omaha Beach was the landing beach between the British/Canadian beaches to the east and the American Utah Beach to the west. Had the landing at Omaha failed and the Americans been pushed back into the English Channel, the Germans would have successfully split the Normandy invasion in two and probably made it impossible to fortify the beachhead with men and material in preparation for the breakout and the planned attack across France. The duration of the war would have been substantially increased.

For half a day the fate of Omaha was in grave doubt. But, by day's end, the Americans had defied the odds and were a mile inland. Omaha Beach is a glorious example of what motivated American soldiers under the greatest of duress are capable of doing when they know that losing is not an option.

On the morning of June 6, 1944, President Roosevelt gave a nationwide radio address to the country. He called for a "National Day of Prayer." The Normandy invasion had already begun, and the President had received the first action reports before he gave his memorable prayer to the nation that day. This is how FDR began his prayer:

"Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity."

That day, tens of millions of Americans all across the country stopped what they were doing and went to their local church or synagogue to pray for their family members and

friends in harm's way.

With the element of surprise, and despite over 10,000 casualties, the Normandy beachhead was successfully established by the Allies. By August, General Patton's 3rd Army was leading the drive across France and moving faster and further than any other military unit in American history. And on August 25, Paris was liberated in what some have called "the happiest day of the 20th century."

To reflect back to this time period and take note of the almost inconceivable, unrelenting pace of operations is absolutely breathtaking. On June 5, 1944, Rome was liberated by the Americans, and in the Pacific there were three American amphibious invasions in the Mariana Islands in rapid succession -- Saipan on June 15, Guam on July 21 and Tinian on July 24. The American "Arsenal of Democracy" was on full display.

It is imperative that we, as Americans, remember and appreciate the honor, bravery, and sacrifice that our forefathers demonstrated during these perilous times. And equally important, full appreciation of this noble heritage must be passed to future generations by a reformed educational system and improved museums and institutions of American history. Being historically illiterate as we have recently witnessed all over our country is no longer acceptable.

This coming June 6, I encourage you to do what I'm going to do. Pour yourself a glass of your favorite libation and toast to the "greatest generation". Remember the immortal words of President Ronald Reagan at the 40th anniversary of D-Day in 1984. He was standing in front of the magnificent Ranger Monument at Pointe du Hoc speaking to the veterans of the Ranger battalion that had executed one of the most dangerous missions of D-Day. They had fought their way up the tall rocky cliffs at Pointe du Hoc and taken out large German guns that could have targeted both Omaha and Utah Beach.

President Reagan looked at them with tears in his eyes and said, "These are the boys of Pointe du Hoc, these are the men who scaled the cliffs, these are the champions who liberated a continent."

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Veterans clean Memorial Park

On Saturday, May 25, eight 'Veterans at the Library' traveled to the Memorial Park with tools to clean-up the park, install the edging beams and paint the parking spaces. The park needed a little touching up for the Memorial Day event that was held Monday, May 27, 2024, at 11a.m., at the Veterans & 1st Responders Memorial Park.

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Sunday church bulletins quite often reveal more than the words printed on them. Other than the date on the front of the bulletin the order of service changes very little. There seems to be three important words that appear in every order of service: Invocation, Offering and Benediction. And in between those words the hymns, Scripture and special music will be "recycled" from week to week. But there is little new or different. Even contemporary worship services seem to follow the same format and formula week after week. Sounds boring, doesn't it? Perhaps that's why Psalm 96:1 explodes with a challenge: "Sing to the Lord a NEW SONG!" - which literally means "NEW THINGS!" If God is alive and well in our lives and in our churches we will surely be seeing new things and singing new songs because we will see Him at work in our lives and in the life of our churches. Prayers will be answered and lives changed, sinners will be saved and His disciples will be called to serve Him in new and different ways showing His love and care to those around us. We will have to rearrange the order of service to make time for public praise to share what He is doing and sing new songs because He is doing new things! And then in verse two we read, "Proclaim His salvation day after day!" When the proclamation of His salvation is the centerpiece of our work and worship, we will be overcome with His joy and "sing new songs!"

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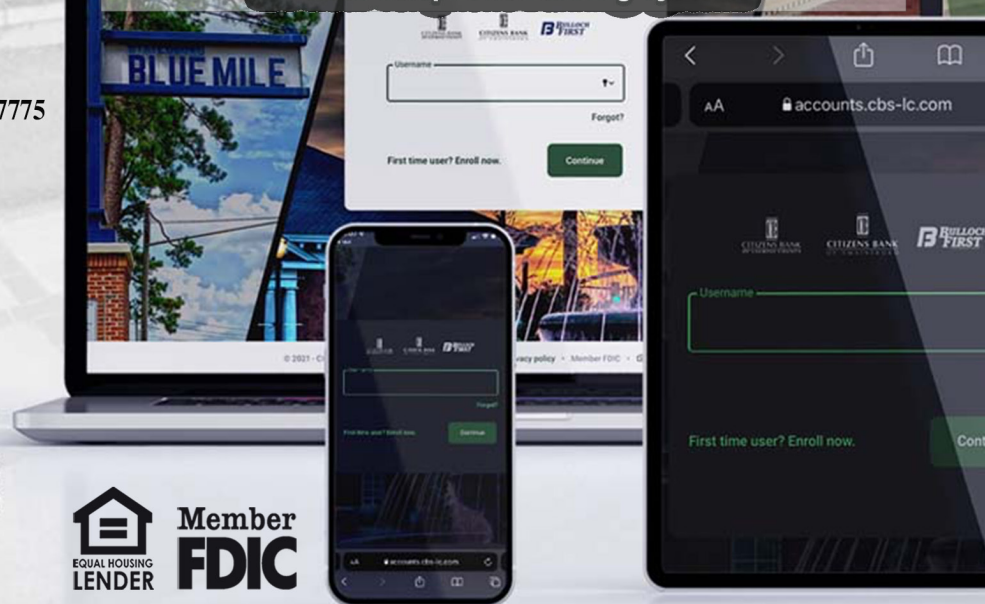
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A lasting impression: Meet inspiring teacher, Megan Seamands

Megan grew up in Claxton and began her teaching career as a kindergarten teacher at Swainsboro Primary School in Swainsboro in 2017 and is still in the same school and in the same position. She is finishing her seventh-year teaching and within those seven years, she has obtained her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and just recently received an endorsement in Dyslexia. Seamands attended Georgia Southern University and received a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and also has an ESOL endorsement that she graduated with.

"My mother, Lisa Upchurch Seamands, grew up in Swainsboro. My father, Billy Upchurch, was a football coach here for several years, so I knew the area and town because of them. Even though I did not grow up here, many people remember my mother and grandfather, so it is almost like a home away from home. I remember hearing stories about Swainsboro and people they knew that lived here," stated Miss Seamands.

Megan lived in Statesboro until she went to sixth grade. She attended Sallie Zetterower Elementary School, and had the same teacher, Ms. Deloach, for second and fourth grade and she also became Megan's gifted teacher in fifth grade. When she was in elementary school, Megan had no idea what she wanted to do when she grew up, but she loved Ms. Deloach. "I loved going to school every day because she made it a lot of fun. She was funny and had a great personality. She let her students explore and learn things they were interested in. I think about her a lot now that I am a teacher and hope that my students can look back with fondness at me the way I do about her." Miss Seamands commented. "We 'research' a lot in my class. Whenever students or myself are curious about something, we look it up on Google or YouTube to learn about it and see what it looks like. I don't want them to ever lose their sense of wonder or curiosity," added Miss Seamands.

"I did not always want to be a teacher. My mother was a kindergarten teacher, and I remember going to her classroom after school

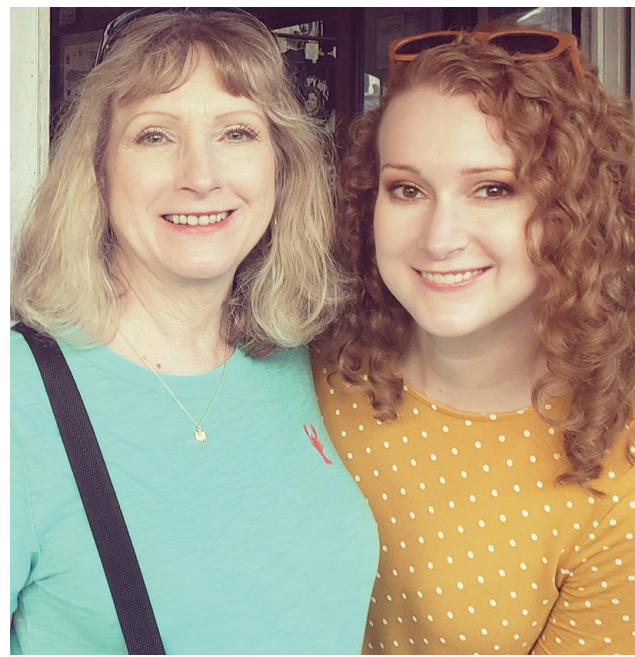
or sitting in there while she got things in her classroom done. Once I was able to drive, I would sometimes come and help in her classroom. All of her good friends were teachers, and from hearing their stories and helping in the classroom myself, teaching was something I DID NOT want to do. This was especially so for kindergarten. However, after going to college and getting degrees in the medical field, I found that I was not doing what I loved or enjoyed. I loved to read and loved all of my English classes in middle and high school, so I started out getting a degree in English education. I then switched to middle grades education, but quickly learned that that age was NOT for me. I then switched to early childhood education, and I ended up loving what I always said I would never do. I student taught in kindergarten and learned that I loved that age and grade. My mother retired from teaching after 36 years in the profession, and all were taught in kindergarten. With me finishing out my seventh year in kindergarten, I am slowly following in her footsteps." Miss Seamands commented.

Megan has always had a long commute to work. For the first several years teaching, it took her between 45-50 minutes to get to Swainsboro. Now, she has an even longer commute at 80-90 minutes depending on the day. Megan keeps coming back and making that commute because she enjoys her school and staff and has made some close friendships with her coworkers. "I feel valued and listened to at my school, and it does feel like a family. Everyone knows each other." Miss Seamands added.

Outside of teaching, Megan likes to do all sorts of crafts. She likes to paint, make resin art, color and make things. She also loves to read (her aunt was a school librarian) and spend time at the beach. Megan is in a relationship but does not have any children.

Now that you've met the teacher and read her story, read her Q/A's below to further understand Megan Seamands' incredible values of teaching and how she's changing and inspiring young lives in our community.

What have you found



LISA AND MEGAN SEAMANDS

most rewarding in your career?

Seamands: Teaching children how to read. Kindergarten is where students get the foundation for reading. I have students that come to me never having been to school before and sometimes cannot tell the difference between a letter and a number. At the end of the year, those students are blending and reading some words. Some students are reading short books by the end of the year. It is amazing seeing a student go from learning their letters and sounds to reading sentences. That is one reason I got my dyslexia endorsement. I wanted to learn more about how people learn to read, better strategies for learning to read, and how to help those that struggle in a more impactful and engaging way.

Do you feel that each of your students have left a lasting impression on you?

Seamands: My students leave a lasting impression on me every year. I learn new ways to teach, manage behavior, problem solve, and manage things that I thought would be impossible. Every year is different. Something that worked in the previous year may not work at all the next. Learning how to change and do something new or different is something I carry with me every year.

What advice would you like to give to new or upcoming educators?

Seamands: Expect the unexpected and learn to roll with the punches. You may think a lesson, or even your day, will go one way and then BOOM something happens and you have to completely change what you're doing. As long as you're able to multitask and are open to change, you will make it. The first couple of years are the hardest, but things come easier.

How does it make you feel to see the success that many of your previous students have become (if you've been

teaching for 12+ years)?

Seamands: My oldest students are still in middle school. I have seen some pictures online of awards and honors they have won, and it makes me think back on when they were so little in kindergarten. It makes me proud of where many of them are.

If you could tell your past students or future students one thing that you hope will stick with them all throughout life, what would that be?

Seamands: It is okay to fail. So many of us get caught up in not doing something right the first time we try it, and that fear prevents us from ever trying anything. To get good at something, you have to try and try again. You will fail at some stuff, and that is okay. Learn from that and try better the next time.

I've had students afraid to try to do something because they are afraid of failure or that they won't do it right, but I try and let them know that failure is part of the process. I let them see me fail at things, but then I try again. Showing them that it is okay to not get it right the first time, and that life doesn't suddenly end encourages a lot of them.

What's a favorite memory or some of your favorite memories that you have from your time as an educator?

Seamands: Since I am ESOL endorsed, I have a lot of ELL students in my classroom. Some of my favorite memories are of some of them knowing no English, to speaking to me in English by the end of the year. I have also had them teach me some of their language, and I cherish those memories.

I love art, and my classroom is filled with artwork of students I have now and in the past. I love seeing what they draw or make, and some of my more hilarious memories are of drawings they have made of myself. I keep these to look back on and smile... or laugh!

A Hero Unknown...

(From front page)
It wasn't until I began dating my now husband, Aaron Davis Walden, that June 6th would come to matter even more.

I'm very much a believer in using family names when children are born. I know many people don't share that same sentiment, but I surely have found an invaluable gift in it. For a person to mean so much to you that their name is passed down to your own flesh and blood should count for a lot. It definitely was a reality when I became the mother of five kids, which truth be told by the time number five arrived I had almost run out of monikers of the familial sort. We worked it out, though. I always loved my husband's middle name, Davis, but for some reason we didn't use it. When our first son was born, we named him Brinson Aaron, and when the last boy came along we took the route of keeping the same initials so as to utilize those monogrammed items of clothing because we didn't want them to go to waste. Davis was always such a distinguished sounding name to me, and it just so happened to be the maiden name of Aaron's grandmother, Mrs. Marjorie Davis Johnson, wife of WD. When Aaron and I began court-

ing, I learned that not only had he never had the chance to know the man who he was named after, but no one in his family knew him, either. We've always been told that his great grandfather passed away on D-Day, June 6th, what eventually would be the date of my birth. I guess that's why I have always felt drawn to this stranger of a man, a hero unknown. You see, Private Ernest Davis's story isn't so much out of the ordinary when it comes to young men of that time. He and Aaron's great grandmother, Lola, had previously been divorced prior to his journey abroad. She remarried and moved to Savannah where Mrs. Marjorie would spend part of her childhood. Due to different circumstances after the separation, Mr. Davis found himself enlisting into the armed forces and subsequently was one of those young men who on that fateful day in June 1944, stormed Omaha Beach in the invasion of Normandy. We were always told that he lost his life on the very shores that he and other young men trampled upon in their aim of finding victory and freedom from Nazi Germany. The only remnants of the legacy of Mr. Davis that his family had been given were his purple heart, his service portrait, and his certificate of being awarded that most prestigious medal all which eventually were encased in a shadow box. It never failed that when we visited Grandma and Big Pa's house throughout the last 24 years we would always peer at that shadow box know-

ing that its contents had not changed, but its possessions still tell such a story; an important one at that. Mrs. Marjorie never had the chance to see her father's final resting place because upon his death he was buried in Normandy. The mystery surrounding this unknown hero was always one that his family wanted more insight about, yet the chances of ever knowing enough about the location and how to navigate it would escape us all until this last New Year's Eve.

The Johnson family has been farmers in this county and surrounding areas for as long as I can remember. I've never not known of them being in such a profession. Their family roots run as deep as the crops they sow year after year. Farming brings many connections and friendships, several that last a lifetime. Back in the fall of 2023, Blake Johnson, grandson of Marjorie and WD and great grandson of Ernest Davis, was on a phone call with a fellow farmer and friend by the name of Steve Brownlee from Bulloch County. It was in the conversation that Mr. Brownlee revealed that he was visiting his wife's family overseas, France to be exact. Adding to the comradery of the chat, Blake casually mentioned that his great grandfather had died on D-Day and was actually buried in France. This is where this story takes a turn, or we like to consider this a God wink in our neck of the woods. Steve went on to say that where they were visiting was approximately 40 miles away from the Normandy American Cemetery, the site where thousands of American soldiers were buried upon the devastation of D-Day. One soldier in particular that never made it home and who rested among those numbers was, you guessed it, Private Ernest Davis. To say that this discussion was one for the history books (no pun intended) was putting it lightly. This is when the Johnson family's trajectory took a wild but profound detour. Steve Brownlee didn't realize it then, but the gift he was about to give his friend and his friend's extended family would be one that would be imprinted into the fiber of their very being.

Before hanging up, Blake heard Steve tell him that since they were so close to the cemetery and no one had ever seen Mr. Davis's grave, he would gladly go and take pictures of his headstone for him. What started out as a day trip to snap a few pictures ended up being much more. Because Mr. Brownlee's wife is French, she was granted privileges to set up what is called a sand ceremony. Mr. Brownlee, his wife, and a French trustee of the cemetery captured on video what can only be described as a moment that will be cherished by the Johnson



PRIVATE DAVIS



MR. WD JOHNSON WITH THE FLAG

family for generations to follow. Mr. Davis's grave just so happens to be on the outer edge of one of the rows, Plot D Row 13 Grave 47 to be precise, that looks out onto the shores of Omaha Beach in an almost poignant scene. Nestled in her hand, the trustee recorded by Mr. Brownlee, held the shimmering sands taken from that very shoreline and spread them across the engraved name of Ernest Davis. What once was ordinary sediment taken from that most noteworthy beach seemed to gleam gold as it was pressed down into the etching of the cross that held this unknown hero's name. The same was done on the back for the grave's serial number. A French flag and an American flag were planted down in the bright, green grass paying homage to a fallen soldier. The death date read as June 30, 1944. This is where the story gets hazy because information on exactly the cause of Mr. Davis's death is unknown at this point. We aren't sure if he later succumbed to injuries sustained on D-Day, or if he miraculously survived this most horrifying situation and fell victim to another battle in France. Either way, seeing his name and his grave brought his soul to life for a matter of minutes. On December 31, 2023, Mr. Brownlee paid a visit to the Johnson family at their home church, El Bethel Baptist, in Twin

City. It was then that he shared with the whole group the video that was recorded during his time in France. He asked Mr. WD, Mr. Davis's son in-law, to step forward. At that moment, time paused. Holding out his weathered hand, Steve presented the 93 year old patriarch with the two flags that had been fixed at Davis's grave as well as a small

bag of sand taken from Omaha Beach. Amongst the folks, were Mr. Davis's grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great grandchildren, quite a legacy left behind that this unknown hero never had the chance to see. For those of us not afforded the opportunity to know him, it was quite an emotional and powerful experience. Fast forward to March of 2024, a coworker of mine by the name of Christian Novak was preparing to take a trip overseas as part of his Master's in Military History curriculum through The Citadel Graduate College. He would be going to the very cemetery Mr. Brownlee had just visited and reported back to the Johnsons about. Before his departure, Novak asked if there was anything that he could take on behalf of the family before he visited. Without hesitation, I sent with him a most priceless gift unbeknownst to my husband's family. In that quaint, quiet, and most revered, countryside burial ground, a little piece of rural Georgia was delivered with all intentions of it remaining there. Settled in a picture frame is a collage made precisely for Private Ernest Davis. Amongst the collection is a picture of his daughter, Marjorie Johnson, taken from the last family portraits that were made back in the fall of 2019. In it, she revels in a smile of old age that unfortunately time didn't give to Davis. There is also a snapshot of her with husband WD along with Davis's four, adult grandchildren well over the age that he was when he passed; Rosemary Hall and spouse Jerry of Dublin, Ann Walden and husband Andy of Twin City, Boyd Johnson and wife Sonya of Twin City, and Cathy Howell of Portal. There is also an individual shot of my husband, Aaron Davis

Walden, the only great grandchild who bears this valiant soldier's name. At the very bottom is a collective picture of his 9 great grandchildren and 22 great, great grandchildren. As wonderfully precious as this whole, full circle adventure has been, there's also a twinge of bittersweetness. Grandma passed away in the summer of 2022 and was unable to see this come to fruition. If there's one person that we would've liked to witness every bit of this remarkable tale, it would've been her. Because of our faith, we know that she has witnessed it all. After meeting Jesus, we feel sure her daddy was probably at the top of her list of those she couldn't wait to reconnect with. Mr. Davis has not only reunited with his daughter, but he's met his grandson in-law, Wayne Howell and two, beautiful great, great granddaughters, Annie and Ada Grace Walden.

Many times there are stories that take so many twists and turns in this thing called life. While they don't make sense in the beginning or the middle, sometimes it's not until the end that we see a bigger picture unfolding. This picture becomes intertwined with the stories of others, therefore making the journey to our final destination all the more beautiful along the way. On this D-Day and every one after it that follows, the Johnson family now has a peace that surpasses all understanding seeing our unknown hero come to life in a way that we could've never imagined. May all of those who lost their lives on that day never be forgotten, and may their legacy of love and sacrifice live on forever. We plan on Private Ernest Davis doing so as long as there is sand on Omaha Beach and the green grass grows on that sacred Normandy ground.

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Hattaway speaks to the Veterans

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the Franklin Memorial Library, Monday, June 3, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. With Chair John Tapley presiding, 47 were in attendance. Breakfast was served to the veterans by the UDC, Betsy Johnson (breakfast casserole), Joyce Fennell (grits and several fruits) and Jane Durden (blueberry muffins), along with cranberry juice, grape juice, orange juice and coffee. Chair Johnny introduced the speaker, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Team Leader Scotty Hattaway. Hattaway talked about what he hoped would happen in Emanuel County with the Vision: 200 -- 24K FCA. Anyone that would like to join this team can call 912-977-6131



FCA TEAM LEADER SCOTTY HATTAWAY or e-mail: scottyhattaway@fca.org. After his presentation, Hattaway took a great number of questions that the veterans asked him. Chair Tapley then talked about the great success of the 1st Annual Veterans Cup Golf Tournament and their plans for next year's event. He then discussed the Veterans Memorial Park clean-up day that was held on Saturday morning, May 25th. He also talked about Veterans Appreciation Day on Memorial Day, May 27 starting with a breakfast at the Emanuel County Medical Center at 9 a.m. followed by a ceremony at the Veterans and 1st Responders Memorial Park at 11 a.m.

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In Grandmother's lap with a good book

by VANESSA DEV-ANE

The Xi Delta Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, in keeping with what is now a 17-year tradition, made its annual donation to The Franklin Memorial Library on May 29, 2024. The yearly service project honors club members that have become grandmothers during the 2023/2024 Beta Sigma Phi year which spans from August to the following May each year. Not only does this honor the new grandmother but it is also the club's way of assisting the library by donating for the express purpose of purchasing children's books. This has become one of the most enjoyable service projects of the Xi Delta Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

In the current time we find ourselves in a world consumed in technology. The sisters of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority feel very strongly that the lack of personal touch and communication is still very important and should be practiced more frequently. There is, in most cases, a special bond between a child and a grandparent. How could that better be shown than by the simple act of a child and grandparents sitting together and enjoying the good old-fashioned art of reading a book together? Not only is it a time of togetherness, but it

is also fun and, in some cases, educational as well.

In the past years there have been as many as eight or as few as one new grandchild/children born into the sisterhood each year. This year there was only one new addition to our "Beta Sigma Phi" family. Kim Hooks was honored by her first grandchild, Lucille Evans Hooks.

The sorority looks forward to continuing this tradition in the future. The library, its staff and volunteers are a vital part of our small but growing community. Being able to help in

any way, especially in a way that involves children, is a privilege that the organization takes both pride and pleasure in.

The members of Beta Sigma Phi cannot fully express their gratitude

to the library staff and volunteers for all that they do. They provide so many things for our community that many folks are not even aware of. Everyone should keep an eye on the *The Forest-Blade* or

The Franklin Memorial Library Facebook page for upcoming events for both children and adults. Our community is fortunate to have a library that is up to date, well equipped and still a community-oriented

facility for our use. The sisters of Beta Sigma Phi urge you to "check it out" and enjoy what The Franklin Memorial Library has to offer. You'll be surprised at the vast array of things they offer.

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 Kacie at 478-494-2674.

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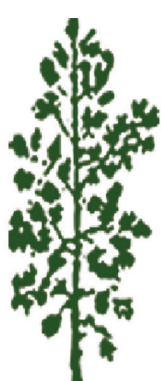
The Blade has teamed up with a few of our sponsors to help support some of our local organizations that are run by local folks to lend a hand to local people. Two charities's that quickly came to mind are Weekend Blessings and the Lazarus Project.

Weekend Blessings was started in November of 2012 at Twin City Elementary and now provides for students in every Emanuel County School. The program provides a backpack filled with a weekend supply of nutritious food for children commonly from low-income families, to replace the school meals that children miss during their weekend or extended breaks from school.

The Lazarus Project was started in November of 2023, and quickly began extending assistance to children, families, and individuals who were experiencing hardships and difficulties providing food, shelter and the normal necessities of life.

The need is real and continues to grow.

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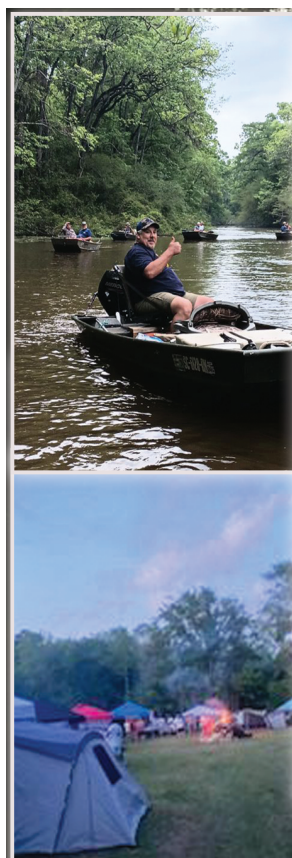
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Sheriff's Reports

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

May 29
Deputies responded to Tiger Trail in reference to a domestic. Complainant stated he had two objects thrown at his head while arguing with a family member over how much food was cooked for lunch. C/p stated his cousin/victim cooked all of the chicken nuggets in the house and he asked why there wasn't enough food cooked so he could eat and that's when the argument started. Deputies then spoke with the cousin who stated she had out of town family come see her and she cooked chicken nuggets for all the children and when c/p walked in he asked where his chicken nuggets were and why nobody cooked for him. At this time, it was said c/p became belligerent and irate, cussing and yelling in front of small children. Victim stated she did throw something at c/p but missed and knocked something down tussling with c/p.

May 30
Report was made in reference to a domestic

that was called in and dispatched through ECDC. Deputy made contact with complainant via work phone and c/p stated offender had been asked to leave his residence several times and refused to return the house keys. Deputy could hear the female sounded angry and agitated and would ask who c/p was talking to and moments later, heard what sounded like glass being shattered, at which point c/p advised offender busted the glass door window. Deputy advised c/p that deputies were enroute to the location on Gardenia Rd. C/p stated upon telling offender deputies were on the way, she told him that she would tell deputies c/p hit her. C/p also advised he had an audio recording of the aforementioned statement and other threats made by offender. Upon arrival, contact was made with both parties during which time when asked about the broken window and the keys to the house, offender stated she lost the keys and had offered to pay for the damage to the door to which she

stated c/p refused payment. C/p advised he only wanted offender off the property and would later seek further remedies via TPO.

Victim stated he went and recovered a vehicle on Cypress Ave. for TD Auto Finance and contacted an employee and advised he had the vehicle. Employee told victim to meet GATA Recovery in Stillmore to turn the vehicle over to them and they would have him a check for the service. Victim deposited the check in his account and later found out that GATA stopped payment on the check. Victim stated he contacted the employee about the check and she stated she didn't know why because she sent GATA Recovery the money.

Deputy responded to Ogburn Rd. in reference to a theft. Complainant advised he had just been released from jail and discovered his vehicles were missing. C/p advised offender's had access to his property and did not have permission to drive or borrow any of his vehicle. C/p discovered a week prior that

offenders were driving his GMC truck and had gotten pulled over and were arrested and the vehicle was impounded but later released back to offenders. C/p stated he had a box truck that was left on his property and now it was missing. C/p stated offender told him a male subject was trying to scrap the box truck and it was on the side of the road somewhere on Hwy. 1. C/p also stated that during the conversation with offender, she stated the male subject asked her to help him scratch the VIN off the motorcycles so he could get rid of them. C/p then advised the male subject was seen driving his truck and it was parked at his old residence on N. Main St. Deputies went to the location and made contact with a female subject and asked for the owner of the vehicle. The female subject advised it belonged to her boyfriend, the male subject who took c/p's truck, and went inside to get him. A few minutes later, the male subject went outside and was detained for further investigation.

Investigators arrived on scene and upon further investigation, they discovered the box truck and motorcycles were not on the property and a Jeep that belonged to c/p was also missing. Investigators called SPD CID to the scene and it was turned over to them.

Deputies responded to Keith Screws Rd. in reference to a vehicle driving through homeowner's yard. Deputy observed where a vehicle appeared to have misjudged a curve and crossed a ditch entering a yard then back across the ditch onto the road. Vehicle wasn't located at the residence so deputies rode the area in attempt to locate it and observed a vehicle at the trash can site on Cowford Bridge Rd. appx. a mile away from the incident location. Deputy observed the passenger side tire to be flat and made contact with the driver who identified himself. Offender stated he struck a pothole that caused the flat tire. Deputy then observed the front fender had fresh grass in the frame area consistent

with marks found in the yard on Keith Screws Rd. K9 Joules did an open air sniff and he showed a change of behavior on the driver's side door and gave a positive alert by sitting. Deputy searched the vehicle and found two glass pipes used for smoking meth and two catalytic converters in the bed of the vehicle that appeared to have been recently cut. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

May 31
Complainant stated while on Longview Rd. a friend's house feeding his dogs, and left his vehicle running and heard someone say "Get it" and he turned around and a male subject was driving off with his truck. C/p stated he gave chase and the male subject jumped out of the vehicle and fled on foot while the truck was rolling down the side of the road and struck a light pole.

Deputy came upon an abandoned vehicle in the middle of JM Spearman Rd. He patrolled the area trying to find the owner and was unable to, so he called 911 to dispatch a wrecker.

Jail Report

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

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Joshua Ryan Anderson, 32, arrested 5/22/24; Cruelty to children - 2nd degree/Battery; ECSCO

Nathan Kirk Badie, 50, arrested 5/20/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSCO

Jason Rufus Baggett, 51, arrested 5/27/24; Possession of meth/ Possession and use of drug related objects/DUI less safe/Failure to maintain lane/Open container; GSP

Emanuel Xavier Bell, 36, arrested 5/21/24; Theft by taking; TCPD

Bobby Lee Bostic, 41, arrested 5/23/24; Court production order; ECSCO

Johnathan Lynn Bowen, 38, arrested 5/31/24; Possession of meth/ Possession and use of drug

related objects; ECSCO

Andi Isaac Breedlove, 37, arrested 5/22/24; DUI less safe/Possess marijuana less than oz/Open container/Possession and use of drug related objects/ Driving while license suspended/revoked/ Criminal damage to property - 2nd degree; SPD

Jonathan Antonio Brown, 35, arrested 5/24/24; Speeding/ Seatbelt violation/Driving while license suspended/revoked; TCPD

Dominique Perez Butler, 32, arrested 5/28/24; Court production order; ECSCO

Kenneth Carswell, 38, arrested 5/23/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSCO

Joey Lamar Cobb, 37, arrested 5/29/24; Possession of meth/ Serious injury by vehicle (x2)/Possession and use of drug related objects; WALK-IN

Daron Stephon Coleman, 19, arrested 5/26/24; Driving while unlicensed; ECSCO

Frederick Lamar Coleman, 40, arrested 5/28/24; Court production order; ECSCO

William Gauge Coleman, 19, arrested 5/26/24; Possession of schedule II controlled substance; ECSCO

Joseph Wright Copeland, 39, arrested 5/26/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/Failure to maintain lane; TCPD

Joseph Wright Copeland, 39, arrested 5/27/24; Disorderly conduct; ECSCO

Bryson Phillip Davis, 26, arrested 6/1/24; Speeding/ Holding/ supporting wireless telecommunications device/ Failure to maintain lane/ DUI; GSP

James Stuart Davis, 45, arrested 5/30/24; Sentenced to PDC; ECSCO

Jami Janae Davis, 21, arrested 5/24/24; Probation violation; ECSCO

Victoria Hope Digiorgio, 32, arrested 6/1/24; Theft by taking - felony; SPD

Steven Brooks Doyle, 33, arrested 5/20/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSCO

Darren Durden, 58, arrested 5/23/24; Pandering; SPD

Legarion Gavonta Earley, 20, arrested

6/2/24; Obstruction of law enforcement officer/ Loitering or prowling; SPD

Dustin Lewis Edenfield, 40, arrested 5/23/24; Obstruction of law enforcement officers/ Sexual offender regist- provide false info/ Probation violation - felony; ECSCO

Melvin Frazier, 60, arrested 6/3/24; Disorderly conduct/ Public drunk; SPD

Danvonta Marquie Green, 24, arrested 5/26/24; Aggravated assault (x2)/Theft by receiving stolen property - felony (x2)/Possession of firearm or knife during commission of or attempt to commit certain felonies; SPD

Cassandra Monique Guyton, 42, arrested 5/23/24; Probation revocation; SPD

Jonmavrin Debrion Haggins, 26, arrested 5/25/24; Disorderly conduct; SPD

Jonmavrin Debrion Haggins, 26, arrested 5/31/24; Theft by shoplifting; SPD

Teddy Dimethius Hardaway, 29, arrested 5/23/24; Court production order; ECSCO

Melvin Tyrone Harden, 25, arrested 5/26/24; Hold for Statesboro; ECSCO

Jamal Brashad Hawkins, 22, arrested 6/3/24; Obstruction of law enforcement officer/ Loitering or prowling; SPD

Richard Charleston Howard, 36, arrested 5/20/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSCO

Desi Lee Hyman Jackson, 38, arrested 5/23/24; ECSCO

Stanley Ma-Shawn Jenkins, 30, arrested 5/28/24; Court production order; ECSCO

Keanu Shaun Jennings, 31, arrested 6/1/24; Hold for Harris Co.; GSP

Justin Demond Johnson, 26, arrested 5/23/24; Court production order; ECSCO

Lyndon Bernard Johnson, 44, arrested 5/21/24; Bench warrant - felony; ECSCO

Octavious Tuvache Jones, 27, arrested 5/29/24; Bond revocation; ECSCO

Gregory Bernard Kemp, 57, arrested 5/28/24; Probation violation; SPD

Jarris Tirrell Kennedy, 32, arrested 5/21/24; Parole violation; ECSCO

Josephine Kirkland, 55, arrested 5/31/24; Possession of schedule II controlled substance/ Possession and use of drug related objects; SPD

Derrick V. Knight, 33, arrested 5/22/24; Murder/Possession of firearm by convicted felon/Possession of firearm or knife during commission of or attempt to commit certain felonies; Laurens Co. SO

Joe Nathan Knight, 30, arrested 5/31/24; Battery/ Driving while license suspended/revoked; SPD

William Grady Madray, 50, arrested 5/28/24; Theft by shoplifting; SPD

Juleo Paverio Marquez, 50, arrested 5/25/24; Driving while unlicensed; ECSCO

Alesia Vantalice Marshall, 34, arrested 5/22/24; Court production order; ECSCO

Katie Marie Martin, 45, arrested 5/27/24; Use in manufacture/ distribution/of controlled substance, registration NBR fictitious/revoked/susp/ Interference with government property/Disorderly conduct/Possession and use of drug related objects; ECSCO

Katie Marie Martin, 45, arrested 5/27/24; Interference with government property/Disorderly conduct/Possession and use of drug related objects; ECSCO

Anthony Antonio McKinney, 46, arrested 5/24/24; Bench warrant - felony/Probation violation/Driving while unlicensed; TCPD

Paradisha Jalexis McLloyd, 28, arrested 5/27/24; DUI less safe/ Move over law/DUI - child endangerment; GSP

Q u e n t a v i o u s Vanterayall Mercer, 23, arrested 5/26/24; Aggravated assault (x2)/ Possession of firearm or knife during commission of or attempt to commit certain felonies; SPD

Paradisha Jalexis McLloyd, 28, arrested 5/27/24; DUI less safe/ Move over law/DUI - child endangerment; GSP

Mark Aaron Moore, 30, arrested 5/23/24; Court production order; ECSCO

Cameron Vinson Miller, 17, arrested 6/1/24; Theft by shoplifting; SPD

Jaime Morales Sanchez, 49, arrested 5/21/24; Driving while unlicensed/Speeding; TCPD

Everette Warren Muth, 59, arrested 6/2/24; Theft by shoplifting; SPD

Pepper Forest Parker, 30, arrested 5/23/24; Hold for SC DOC; SPD

Ellis Samuel Patterson, 61, arrested 5/21/24; Hold for Evans Co.; ECSCO

Willie Clark Parrish, 63, arrested 5/31/24; DUI less safe/Op[en container/Speeding; GSP

Maurice Dwayne Pullens, 36, arrested 5/24/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSCO

Joel Rackins, 36, arrested 5/25/24; Fleeing or attempt to elude police; ECSCO

Adrian Ramos, 35, arrested 5/25/24; Driving while unlicensed; ECSCO

Anthony Deshawn Randall, 21, arrested 5/23/24; City probation violation; SPD

Ryan Taylor Reeves, 31, arrested 5/23/24; Court production order; ECSCO

Roberto Resendiz-Venegas, 40, arrested 5/25/24; DUI less safe/Speeding/Open container/Driving while unlicensed; GSP

Margo Sentrelle Phillips, 39, arrested 6/2/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked; ECSCO

Robert Lee Ricks, 56, arrested 5/31/24; Possession of schedule II controlled substance/ Possession and use of drug related objects; SPD

Lewis Robert Roberson, 77, arrested 5/28/24; DUI less safe/Open container/ Tail lights/lens required; SPD

Isaac Ruez Sanchez, 28, arrested 5/25/24; Driving while unlicensed; ECSCO

Joseph Seth Schrader, 45, arrested 5/22/24; Probation; ECSCO

Tony Deshawn Scott, 53, arrested 6/2/24; Public drunk; SPD

Thomas Benjamin Self, 38, arrested 5/30/24; Theft by taking - felony (x3)/Probation violation - felony; SPD

Greg Singleton, 33, arrested 5/23/24; DUI less safe/No tag/Operating low speed vehicles on highways; GSP

Kentaria Kason Smith, 31, arrested 5/25/24; Burglary; SPD

Gerry Bernard Strowbridge, 28, arrested

5/23/24; DUI less safe/Open container/ Windshield/window/wiper requirements; GSP

Kyle Blake Thompson, 21, arrested 5/30/24; Possession and use of drug related objects; ECSCO

Jennifer Lee Tran, 27, arrested 5/27/24; DUI less safe/Open container/Speeding; GSP

Laquondra Kentrel Wadley, 38, arrested 5/24/24; Possession of schedule I controlled substance; ECSCO

Narico Tashawn Wadley, 31, arrested 5/23/24; Court production order; ECSCO

Darien Gilbert Jirell Watson, 33, arrested 5/24/24; Seatbelt violation/Driving while license suspended/revoked; ECSCO

Gerald Eugene White, 58, arrested 5/20/24; No insurance/Possession of schedule I controlled substance/ Possession and use of drug related objects; SPD

Andrew Clay Whitmore, 30, arrested 5/21/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSCO

Kenn Barry Wilds, 42, arrested 5/30/24; Unlawful conduct during a 911 call; ECSCO

Angel Nicole Wilkerson, 24, arrested 5/25/24; Aggravated stalking; ECSCO

Byron Sidney Williams, 28, arrested 5/25/24; DUI less safe/Failure to obey traffic control device/ Driving while license suspended/revoked/ Leaving scene of accident (x2)/Open container/ Seatbelt violation; SPD

Matthew Allen Williams, 41, arrested 6/1/24; Public drunk; ECSCO

Priscilla Lee Williams, 39, arrested 5/25/24; Warrant served; ECSCO

Cornelius Jyree Woods, 21, arrested 5/30/24; Disorderly conduct; SPD

Reginald Woods, 36, arrested 5/23/24; Possession with intent of schedule I or II controlled substance/Probation warrant; SPD

Manolo Rene Martin Zacarias, 39, arrested 5/22/24; DUI less safe/ Possession of cocaine/ Possession and use of drug related objects/ Driving while unlicensed; SPD

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Swainsboro Police Reports

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

May 24
 Officer was dispatched to KT's Place in reference to a female violating a restraining order. The victim stated that his ex-girlfriend, who he has an active restraining order against, had been harassing him and followed him to the gas station. Videos from the victim and the store were provided. A warrant was taken out on the offender for aggravated stalking.

May 25
 Officer was dispatched to Carver Street in regard to a burglary that had just

taken place. C/p stated that the offender broke into her son's house and stole two outfits and a pair of shoes that were newly purchased. Offender was at the location and was arrested for burglary.

Officer responded to a hit & run.

Officer was dispatched to North Anderson Street in reference to the residence being disorderly. C/p stated that she was the house supervisor, and that the offender left the facility without permission and returned drunk. She advised that he was trying to fight with other residents. During this conversation, officer began to hear commotion and witnessed the offender charge at the victim. Offender was arrested for disorderly conduct.

May 26
 Officer was dispatched to Gumlog Road in reference to a domestic in progress. Upon arrival, officers were investigating when they heard shots fired and immediately reported to the area where the shots continued. When the gunman saw police, he began running. Offenders were later found and detained.

Officers were dispatched to the Budget Inn in reference to the offenders knocking on the victim's door wanting to fight. C/p stated that this had been going

on for several days, and the offender was with her ex-boyfriend, and they had words. Offenders stated that they had not knocked on the door.

May 27
 Officers were dispatched to Prosperity Drive in reference to an unwanted subject harassing the c/p. C/p stated that her son came over earlier in the day and began drinking and then became highly aggressive and swearing at his mother. When he learned law enforcement was on the way, he left.

Officers were dispatched to South Main Street in reference to a damaged vehicle. C/p stated that she was inside work and her vehicle was damaged.

May 28
 Officers received a call from Enmarket referring to someone stealing from the store. C/p stated that the offender filled his drink up, took it to the counter, went to use the restroom, and returned and took the cup without paying for it. Video footage was provided, and the offender was found.

Officer conducted a traffic stop and arrested the offender for DUI and an open container violation along with no taillights.

May 29
 Officer conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle with no tag. After

approaching the vehicle, a small child was seen sitting in the passenger's lap. A citation was written for child safety restraint and window tint violation.

Officer was dispatched to West Main Street in reference to a call about a handgun being found that did not belong to the c/p. She stated that she found a handgun in a sock in her vehicle, and that she had been in a wreck and the gun could belong to the other vehicle's driver.

Officer responded to South Main Street in reference to a shoplifting where the offender was still inside the store. The offender was arrested.

May 30
 Officer was dispatched to a call about the business wanting to trespass an individual. C/p stated that she had a customer who was rude after his card declined several times and when exiting the restaurant, he pushed the door so hard it came off the tracks.

The victim stated that he had gotten out of jail 30 minutes prior to his call and while he was in 5 of his vehicles were stolen. The offender was found and arrested.

Officers were dispatched to a fight. When entering the residence, officers observed two parties still in a tussle. Offender was arrested.

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	To Vote: 1. Use Black or Blue Ink to mark the ballot. 2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote. 3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the oval to the left of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the Write-In candidate in the space provided.	Warning: Do NOT use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot. Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices. Do NOT use check marks or X to mark ballot. Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed. Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot.
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For County Commission District 3 (Vote for One)

Chandra Hooks

John "Johnny" Moore

Legals

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF RAY MOYE HUTCHESON, DECEASED.
 All creditors of the estate of Ray Moyer 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 Moyer 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 Moyer Hutcheson Estate
 Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
 P. O. Box 767
 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
 (478) 237-4225

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Tom Parrish, 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 7th day of May, 2024.
 Martha S. Parrish, Administrator of the Estate of Tom Parrish, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

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
 Executor of the Raymond S. Morris, Jr., Estate
 Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
 P. O. Box 767
 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
 (478) 237-4225

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
 Donnie Elmer Price, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: 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

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER 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 highest 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 Cowford 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 Cowford 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

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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.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF 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.

DON E. WILKES
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Jeanie Hooks
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 P. O. Box 70
 Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
 Address

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF KAREN L. HELMES, DECEASED ESTATE OF NO. 24E0068
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
CARL G. HELMS has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **KAREN L. HELMS** 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 objec-

tions 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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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA EMANUEL COUNTY By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Sheila Renee Boatright to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture and recorded in Deed Book 31, Page 42, Emanuel County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$20,000.00 with interest on the unpaid balance until paid, the following described property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of EMANUEL COUNTY, Georgia, or such other location within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2024, to wit: July 02, 2024, the following described property: All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G. M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting Ninety (90) feet on the East side of U. S. Highway No. 1 and extending back in a general Easterly direction between parallel lines a distance of Three Hundred (300) feet, and bounded as follows: North by Pine Lakes, Ltd; East by Margie L. Boatright and Pine Lakes, Ltd.; South by Billy and Marrion Screws; and West by the right-of-way of U. S. No. 1. Said property is more particularly described by plat made by C. L. Gillis, Sr., Surveyor, on May 8, 1961, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Plat Book 1, Page 389, to which reference is made as a more full and complete part of this description.

Tax Parcel ID: S13 040 Being real property commonly known as 643 N. Main St., Swainsboro, GA 30401. The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Dawsons Management c/o USDA 3775 Venture Drive Duluth, GA 30096 770-962-4981 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. The United States of America,

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

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This 29th day of May, 2024.
 Marvin Roger Johnson, Executor of the Estate of
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF LUCIUS WILLIAMS, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 24E0071
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
ROSA L. WILLIAMS has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **LUCIUS WILLIAMS** 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 **JULY 1, 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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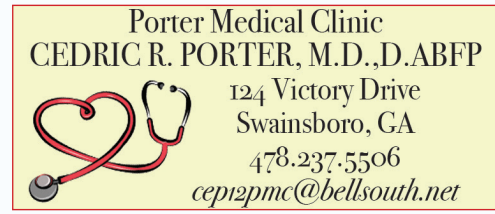
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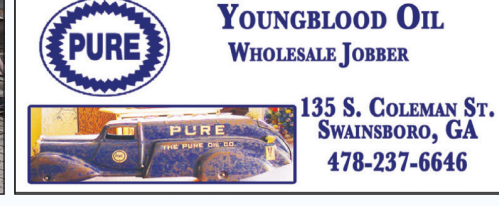
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