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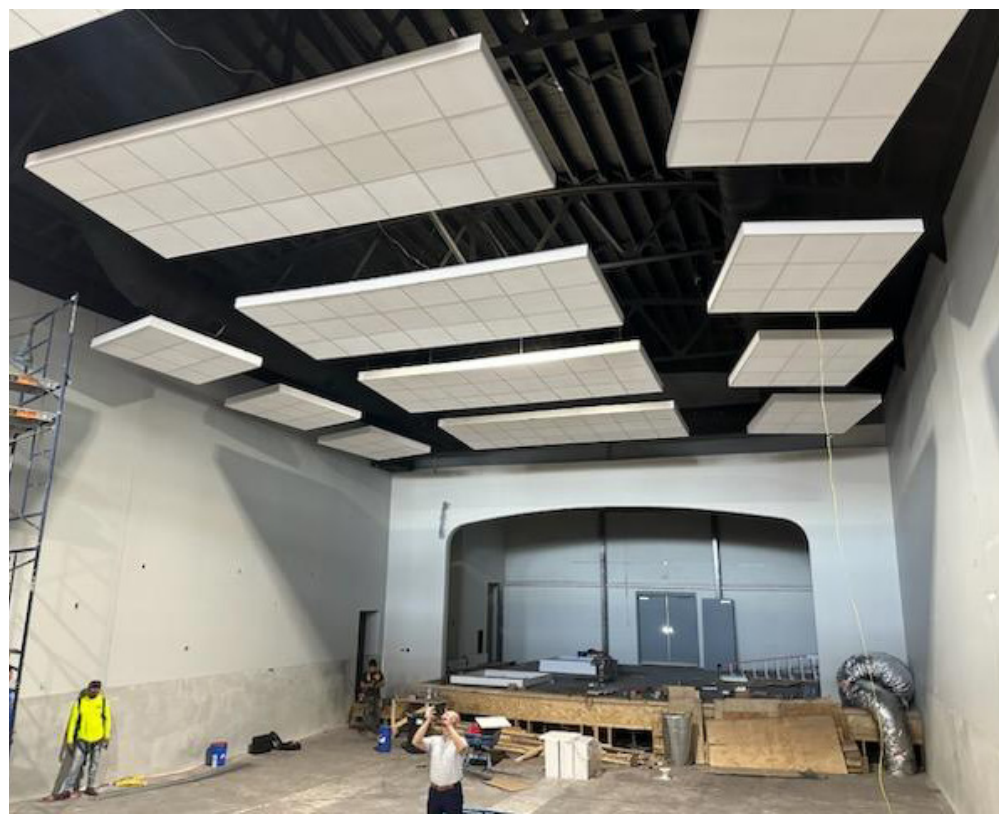
ONE DOLLAR

Busy agenda for Commissioners

County Commission Chairman Hugh Foskey opened the June meeting of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 6 p.m. Commissioners Coleman, Oliver, Sherrod and Thompson were in attendance at the Commission Board Room as well as County Administrator Singletary, County Attorney McNeely and County Clerk Lamb. An invocation was offered by Attorney McNeely followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Chairman Sherrod. In initial action, the minutes of the June 10, 2024, workshop meeting, the June 3, 2024, Bond workshop meeting, and the May 20, 2024, regular meeting were approved by motion and vote. Under old business, there were no agenda items addressed. Under new business, contractual agreements were considered with the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission for services provided at the Emanuel County Senior Citizens Center. County Administrator Singletary provided dis-

cussion of the agreement for consideration and commissioners voted to unanimously continue this relationship. Next, commissioners considered the reappointment of Nicky Drake to the EMS Council. This measure was agreed to unanimously as well. Appointments to a new "Public Facilities Authority" was the next item for the evening's agenda. Gary Mason was appointed as an "at large" public representative to the Authority to serve alongside three members of the Board of Commissioners. This action was ratified by unanimous vote. Increasing costs and outdated equipment were the operative phrases of the next issue as the commissioners considered replacing 911 communication equipment. In order to provide law enforcement and emergency operations with the necessary new software and updated recorder equipment for the future, commissioners voted accordingly in unanimous agreement to approve an expenditure of \$113,525. The auditing of county financial

records and reports was the next agenda item addressed. Following discussion and recommendation, commissioners voted to contract with the Bellview Firm for those accounting audit services. The last agenda item dealt with a proposal from Georgia Power to provide two charging stations in Swainsboro for electric vehicles with no cost to Emanuel County. Currently, Emanuel County is named as one of a number of counties in the State that do not have these EV charging facilities. Georgia Power is working with the Department of Transportation to construct and service charging stations with grant money from the federal government. The only involvement by local government would be to provide two parking spaces for the charging stations. Following some questioning, the commissioners voted to accept the proposal from Georgia Power. Following this, the meeting's regular agenda was completed.



THEATER WORK IN PROGRESS

"Coming Attractions"

On Thursday of last week, a new show premiered at the Karrh Theater in downtown Swainsboro. The star of the show was the theater itself and the amazing changes that have taken place in the continuing renovation of the 1935 jewel of downtown Swainsboro. Melissa Kirby, Downtown Development Authority Director provided a tour for inter-

ested citizens and supporters of the project, and the consensus of the group was a glowing endorsement of the work that is progressing. Director Kirby commented, "There is still much work to be completed, but I think everyone agreed that the progress we see here reminds us all of the importance and the potential of bringing this historical show-piece back to life." In

addition to the tour, the group was also informed of upcoming grants and plans for future efforts to complete work. Thanks to the Mayor and city council, the Karrh Theater is moving closer and closer to bringing live performances, a variety of cultural events, and state-of-the-art first run movies back to downtown for the benefit of everyone in our community.



BLAKELY JOHNSON, LAYLA CLARK, FARRAH WILLIAMSON, MARY BESS FIELDS, ADA WAY, SARAH BETH BEECHER AND MILLY JAMES FARMER

DEA Elementary Beta Barbies win 1st place at National Beta Convention

David Emanuel Academy Elementary Beta Barbies competed at the National Beta Convention Saturday, June 15 and came home National Beta winners. They rocked the stage and brought home first place. Way to go girls!



JOHNSON

Johnson wins National Championship

Blakely Johnson, representing The Southern Dance Connection and David Emanuel Academy, won Junior Beta National Champion for her solo dance routine at the National Beta Convention this past weekend. Way to go Blakely!

Emanuel BOE holds monthly meeting

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The Emanuel County Board of Education met on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office with the following members in attendance: Brandon Jones, Cherie Hooks, Del Brown, Tanya Lane and John Allen Bailey. Johnny Parker and Sandra Swinney were not in attendance. Chairman Del Brown welcomed everyone, calling the meeting to order and delivered the invocation followed by John Allen Bailey leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Bailey made a motion to approve the agenda. Jones seconded the motion. Brown, Hooks, Jones, Lane, and Bailey voted "yes". CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

1. Recognition of State EMC, CDE, State AgEd, LDE, State Degree, State AgriScience - Swainsboro High School Stefanie Mason

• State EMC CDE, State AgEd I-DE, State Degree, State AgriScience in Covington and Macon March 2024, April 25-27, 2024:

Sponsors/Teachers: Faith Patrick and Ashley

Henry; Student/Staff: Cryslie Crapps - Georgia FFA State Degree and 1st place AgriScience Plant Systems Division 6; Caleb Long - 8thPlace state EMC CDE; Gracie Stapleton - Georgia FFA State Degree and 1st place AgriScience Plant Systems Division 6; Railyn Sumner - 8thPlace State Agricultural Education I-DE

2. Human Resources Recruitment and Retention Update -Valorie Watkins

DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented and approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes of the May 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

2. Approval of Financial Reports - Mollie Smith

3. Approval of FY25 Budget-Mollie Smith

4. Approval of Award Custodial Supply Vendor-Jansen Ware

5. Approval of Student Handbook Bid-Jansen Ware

6. Approval of Consideration of BOE District 6 Board Member Resignation-Sandra Swinney

7. Approval of Consideration of BOE District 5 Vice Chairman Resignation-Johnny Parker

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Employments: The Board approved the Renewal, employment, retired, retirement and resignations of the following certified and classified employees:

RECOMMENDATIONS, (Continued on page 2A)

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PRESIDENT DAMIEN SCOTT, HATTAWAY AND PRESIDENT-ELECT GARY MASON

Hattaway receives Exchangite Award

Scotty Hattaway was presented the Exchangite of the Year Award (Josh Hunnicutt Award) on Tuesday, June 18, at the Exchange Club meeting. He has done an exceptional job this year serving as the Club Secretary.

Emanuel BOE holds...

(From front page)
 CERTIFIED
 Greenway, Gail - 49% Dist. Improvement Liaison - C/O - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Complete; Griggs, Billie Jo - Teacher - SES - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Hirst, Ryan - SPED ELA - Teacher - SHS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Complete; Mercer, Tracey - 49% 6-12 Academic Math Coach - C/O - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Complete; Moses, Jonathan - Assistant Principal - SMS - 7/15/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Robertson, Marlee - SPED Teacher - TCE - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Tann, Michelle - Teacher - SES - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Thomas, Martha - Math Teacher - SMS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Tripplett, Stephanie - 40% Pre-K Project Manager - SPS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Complete; Wilson, Michelle - ELA Teacher - SMS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Incomplete
 RESIGNATIONS, CERTIFIED
 Downer, Tabatha - Teacher - ECI - 5/29/2024 - Young, Angela - Assistant Principal - SMS - 6/11/2024
 RECOMMENDATIONS, CLASSIFIED
 Garnto, Kellie - Paraprofessional - SPS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Harris, Sara - SFS Worker - SES - 7/26/2014 - NCIC Incomplete; Lermey, Rhett - Behavior Support Staff - G-NETS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; McRae, Agatha - Paraprofessional - SPS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Miles, LaDoris - Paraprofessional - SPS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Roberts, Sarah - Paraprofessional - SPS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Incomplete - Thomas, Jennifer - SPED Paraprofessional - SMS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Williams, Christina - Paraprofessional - SPS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Incomplete
 RESIGNATIONS, CLASSIFIED
 Reeves, Keiyona - Paraprofessional - SHS - 5/15/2024
 TERMINATIONS, CLASSIFIED
 Lovett, Sariya - Custodian - SPS - 5/14/2024
 2024-2025 Transfers
 Golden, Steven - SMS Assistant Principal to SHS Assistant Principal; Mendieta, Gray - SHS Assistant Principal to SPS Assistant Principal; Sconyers, Lindsey - SHS Assistant Principal to SMS Assistant Principal; Singletary, Jodi - SPS Assistant Principal to SHS Assistant Principal



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PROCTOR, COWART AND TRUSSELL

Swainsboro Rotary Clubs holds meeting

The Swainsboro Rotary club met at the Rustic Grill on June 17, 2024. President Zack Proctor called the meeting to order, Wade Johnson introduced the speakers for the meeting and Chase Cowart and Steve Trussell with the Small Business Development Center, a division of the University of Georgia, presented the program. This agency is designed to help small businesses grow and succeed. They have online sessions as well as in person and on demand sessions to advise businesses on ways to develop employees and become more successful. Chase is the son of Dr. Chip Cowart and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Loy D. Cowart of Twin City. After the very informative program, the meeting was adjourned by Zack Proctor.

VOTE Dr. K.E. McNeal



Letter of Intent
 Emanuel County
 Board of Education
 District 5

Dear Residents of the 5th District,
 I am honored to announce my candidacy to represent the 5th District for the Emanuel County Board of Education. As a dedicated member of the community and lifelong advocate for education, mental health, & families; I am committed to ensuring that every student in our district receives the quality education they deserve.
 Throughout my career as a pastor & educator and through my opportunities to serve the community, I have witnessed the transformative power of a strong school system. I believe in fostering an environment that prioritizes academic excellence, supports our educators, and provides equitable opportunities for all students to succeed. I prayerfully and humbly ask for your support and trust in this important endeavor.
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 Sincerely,
 K.E. McNeal

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FAITH PATRICK, CHERIE HOOKS (BOARD MEMBER), CALEB LONG, CRYSLIE CRAPPS, RAILYN SUMNER, GRACIE STAPLETON, ASHLEY HENRY AND GRAY MENDIETA (SHS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL)

SHS FFA members recognized for state awards

Swainsboro High School FFA members were recognized for state awards at the Board Meeting on June 11, 2024. These students competed in March and April earlier this year. Receiving recognition were Cryslie Crapps, earning her Georgia FFA State Degree and placing first in AgriScience Plant Systems Division 6; Caleb Long, earning 8th place state EMC CDE; Gracie Stapleton, earning her Georgia FFA State Degree and first place in AgriScience Plant Systems Division 6; and Rilyn Sumner, 8th place State Agricultural Education LDE. Faith Patrick and Ashley Henry are the school FFA Sponsors.

Emanuel County Emergency Medical Technician Class of 2024

Congratulations to the local graduates from the Georgia Trauma Commission State Funded Emergency Medical Technician course.



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The 2024 Emanuel County Emergency Medical Technician course is made possible by the Georgia Trauma Commission through a grant process. The grant is applied for each year to allow Emanuel County Emergency Medical Services and Emanuel Medical Center the opportunity to offer this course free of charge to the student and to the taxpayers of Emanuel County. This grant was developed to help bring prehospital emergency care to the rural areas.

The course is six months long and clinical instruction time is 180 hours.

21ST ANNUAL FUTURE GENERATION YOUTH BOOK BAG DRIVE

Dear Community, Future Generation Youth will be having our 21st Annual Book Bag Drive July 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of Mr. Robert's Store at MLK and North Green Street.

We will also be honoring Mrs. Patricia Dukes who passed away three months ago. She was a mentor to children, a school teacher and an Elder of her church. Mrs. Patricia touched so many young lives in this community. What I will always remember about Mrs. Patricia is the love and support she always gave to the book bag drive and always making sure the children got what they needed for the start of another school year. Help us honor this great community leader.

I want to thank the community for all the love and support with our book bag drive for the past 20 years. Without your help, this would not be possible. Thank God for each of you and I pray the love of Jesus Christ will keep you all in His care.

I will always believe in our children. I will never give up on them and their ability to do great things in this world. It's not an easy world for them to live in now, so let's continue to pray for them and ask God to continue to take care of them, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.


I turned 65-years-old this March and I have seen a few things, and I thank God for forgiveness, and I pray, and I know no other way to live this life but through Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. It's always an honor to serve this great community.

The words of 'Mother Teresa', "Works of love are always works of joy. We don't need to look for happiness. If we have love for others, we'll be given it. It is the gift of God."

God bless you all,
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Orther Bell Rountree, 81

Orther Bell Rountree, age 81, departed this life Saturday, June 8, 2024, at home surrounded by her family. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, June 15, at 11 a.m. at Rountree Chapel Baptist Church with Pastor Amos Handsom officiating.

Orther was born April 26, 1943, in Barnwell, SC. She moved to Garfield at a young age. Orther was an employee of Emanuel County Institute for 40 years. She was a member of Rountree Chapel Baptist Church. Mrs. Rountree is preceded in death by her mother, Susie Bell Pryor; husband, Elton Rountree, SR.; daughter, Sarah Nell Pierce; sister, Ackinese Steele; brother, John Gaines; and stepdaughters, Rose Fann and Carrie Mae Williams.

Mrs. Rountree leaves to cherish her memories with her son, Richard Rountree of Twin City; daughter, Mildred Rountree of Twin City; stepchildren, Randy



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Mae Mosley and Elton Rountree, Jr, both of Twin City and Beverly Newton and Shirley Newton, both of Milton; grandchildren, Miranda (Joe) Smith, Brittany Sherrod, Domini que Rountree, ShaQuanda Rountree, Danielle Sherrod, Jamia Daughtry, Malaysia Daughtry and Makaila Daughtry; seven great-grandchildren; two sons-in-law, Richard Daughtry and Larry Pierce; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Frances Usry Thompson, 91

Mildred Frances Usry Thompson, 91, died Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at The Harbor at Harmony Crossing Assisted Living Home in Eatonton. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 15, at 11 a.m. at the Wrens Church of God with Rev. Jason Burton and Dr. Brett Mask officiating. Her son, Clarence Ashley Thompson Jr., officiated the interment ceremony at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Avera. The family received friends Saturday, June 15, at 10 a.m. at Wrens Church of God.

Honored to serve as pallbearers were Brett Mauldin, Tanner Mask, Jon Mathews, Jody Thompson, Graig Poppell, Stephen Graham, Julie Prescott and Dale Wright.

Mildred was born December 20, 1932, in Bath, SC, to Jim C. Usry, Sr. and Rubie Hicks Usry. She was the oldest of five children. Mildred moved to Swainsboro as a child and met Clarence Ashley Thompson at the Swainsboro High School Jr./Sr. Prom. On October 17, 1952, they were married and spent most of Clarence's 20-year Army career moving around to new places. She was a great cook and was especially known for her six-layer chocolate cakes. Mildred was also known for her love of entertaining guests in their home. Mrs. Thompson is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Carlton Usry (who died at three years of age) and Jim C. Usry, Jr.; and husband of almost 70



THOMPSON

years, Clarence Ashley Thompson, Sr. (who died August 2, 2023).

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her daughters, Angela Mauldin (Larry) of Greensboro and Ofelia Bobo (Hiram) of Gibson; sons, Clay Thompson (Larry) of Hoschton and Clarence Ashley Thompson Jr. (Michelle) of Prattville AL; four grandchildren, Laray Mauldin Mask (Brett), Brett Mauldin (Candice), Clayton Thompson (Makaila) and Breanna Tsai (Frank); six great-grandchildren; brother, David Lamar Usry (Brenda) of Ellijay; sister, Eleanor U. Batchelor (Bennie) of Cochran; sister-in-law, Wilma Thompson of Social Circle; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

A heartfelt thanks and appreciation are extended to Nate and Rene, Hospice Care Givers and special thanks to her fulltime caregiver Pamela McClin, who loved Mildred like a mother.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Wrens Church of God.

James Funeral Home in Wrens was in charge of arrangements.

Susan Jean Allman, 72

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Susan Jean Allman, age 72, of Kite, on Monday, June 10, 2024, at her home. Memorial services will be conducted at a later date.

Born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Susan was the daughter of Harry Frederick, II and Marian Frey Leiner. She and her husband came from Florida to Georgia in 2006. Susan loved all dogs and for many years, she had her own business and was the only dog groomer in Kite. Through the years, she had had too many pet dogs to count. Susan also drove a school bus for Emanuel County Schools. She had a love for horses and her favor-

ite was her Friesian stud horse, Steffen. Mrs. Allman is preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Patricia Thompson and Edith McDonald; and one brother, Harry Frederick Leiner, III.

Survivors include her husband, William P. Allman of Kite; daughter, Angela Henderson (Nickie) of Kite; brothers, Kenneth Leiner and Kyle Leiner; grandchildren, Mackenzie Nicole Johnson, Michaela Cobb and Jake Hageman.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Pruitt Health Hospice for their loving kindness and care during a difficult time.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Ruthie Kirkland Adams, 84

Ruthie Kirkland Adams, age 84, of Summertown, passed away Saturday, June 8, 2024, at East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, June 15, at 3 p.m. at Mosley's Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Dorothy Smith officiating. Interment followed in Drakes Chapel Cemetery.

Ruthie was born January 27, 1940, in Midville, to the late William and Eunice Louise Kirkland. Mrs. Adams is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Pomp Adams; son, Larry Adams; son-in-law, Lewis Earl Williams; sister, Jessie Pasley; and brother, Sammie Lee Kirkland.

Mrs. Adams is survived by her children, Cynthia Williams of Jesup, Lue (Ricky) Tarver of Wadley, Mae Lois Adams of Summertown, Rickey (Cynthia) Adams of Summertown, Ruthetta Dillard of



ADAMS

Midville, Sabrina (Jerry) Fann of Midville and Tyrone (Latrice) Adams of Augusta; sisters, Dorothy Smith of Summertown, William Mae Jones of Alexandria, VA, Betty Gean Barber of Woodbridge, VA, Claudia Mae Badie of Alexandria, VA and Georgia Maynes of Alexandria, VA; brother, Robert Maynes of Alexandria, VA; 19 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Midville Baptist Church to hold VBS

Swainsboro St. Philip Center of Hope Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Swainsboro Food Pantry distribution

Midville Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 23, through Wednesday, June 26, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. nightly.

Johnny Allen, 52

Johnny Allen, age 52, passed away Thursday, May 23, 2024, at his home. Family and friends are invited for a Celebration of Life Saturday, June 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 1488 Old Wadley Rd.

Johnny was born October 6, 1971, in Cleveland, TN, and has been a resident of Swainsboro for 30 years.

Mr. Allen is survived by his long-time girlfriend, Lynda Becker of Swainsboro; brother, Jessie Allen of Cleveland, TN; sis-



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ter, Annie (Leonard) Trentham of Cleveland, TN; nephew, Timothy (Jennifer) Trentham of Cleveland, TN; and many other nieces and nephews.

Hermie, the caterpillar

God changes caterpillars into butterflies, sand into pearls, and coal into diamonds using time and pressure. He's working on you too! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone, and a new life has begun. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

Brother Larry Perkins, pastor, extends an invitation to you and your family to visit United Fellowship Baptist Church. Sunday School is at 10 a.m., morning worship is at 11 a.m., night worship is at 6 p.m. and Wednesday night Bible Study is at 6:30 p.m. for adults. God Squad also meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

United Fellowship Baptist Church of Oak Park had VBS on Saturday, June 8. Instead of crafts this year, they decided to do a service project for the community. The children painted rocks and lined them against the Oak Park City Park fence. The rocks represent a caterpillar, Hermie, who represents that you can have a new life, and at the end of the summer, Hermie will turn into a beautiful butterfly.

The children are asking for help. They need a lot more rocks to go around the park and are asking that you paint your rocks and add them to the collection. For more information, call Penny at 478.455.4019.



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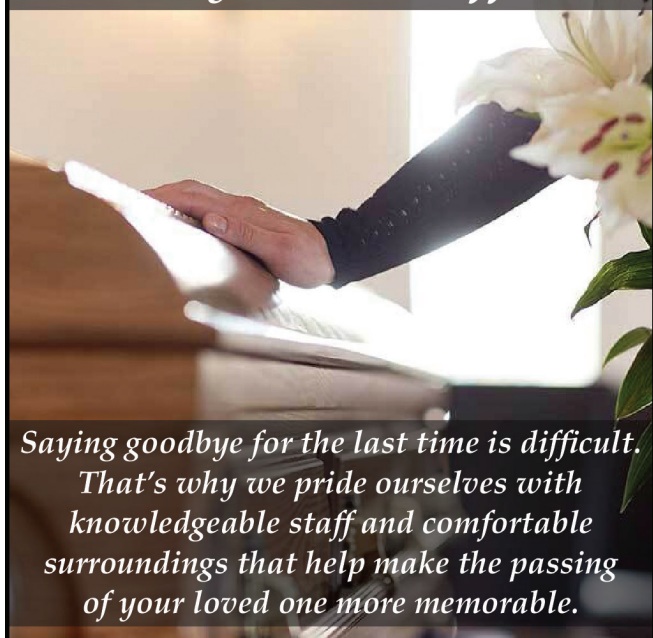


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Editorials Columns

What is your plan?

Planning. It's a good idea. We do it every day. If we don't plan, things usually don't go very well. Every accredited school, every successful business, and every effective organization teaches the value of planning. Every single one of them. There is no exception. Except, the federal government of the United States of America. How do we know that? Take a look at the amount of money this government owes. Look, if you dare, at how much money this country spends just paying the interest on the money it has already borrowed and spent. You might also wonder what happens to all the money that the cit-

izens of this country remit every year to their government in Washington. That figure is estimated to be over 3 Trillion dollars by the close of this year. The national debt of this country is over 34 Trillion dollars and rising. Now, let's say you make \$50,000 a year. So, if your finances were in the same alarming shape as this country's finances are, it would be equal to you having a personal debt that required that you work for the next 13 years without spending one more penny and sending everything you made to whoever you borrowed the money from. That is what happens when you don't have a good plan. When

you don't have a good plan, you restrict energy policies, and raise the cost of heating and cooling and fueling transportation. That increases the cost of everything we buy. Without good planning, you fail to protect the border and allow 12 million illegal immigrants to pour into this country. Against the advice of your Generals, you order a hasty withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan creating chaos, panic and wholesale executions. With no plan, you stop the export of Liquid Natural Gas from the world's leading producer, the USA, to European nations thereby forcing them to purchase it

from Russia which provides Putin the money to finance his war against Ukraine. Without planning, you enact a foolishly premature plan to replace half of the cars Americans drive with electric vehicles within five years spending nearly 300 billion dollars on manufacturing rebates and charging stations that have yet to be built. You defy the Supreme Court by cancelling more than 250 billion dollars that should have been paid back in student debt. In a blatant and callous political move, you authorized a four trillion-dollar program for Covid recovery, when neither the medical or economic reasons

Charles Schwabe



justified it, and created the worst inflation in the last 38 years, leading to national debt increases and record cost of living spikes. With no plan, you have no strategy for defending this country or reestablishing its position of leadership throughout the free world. You are not in control, and there is no coordination of policy that comes out of the White House. You pander to extreme groups of disjointed special inter-

est and ignore the common-sense majority that still holds on to the core principles of this country. Most disheartening now is the fact that, with no plan, you still refuse to make a serious, good faith effort at bringing this divided nation together, as you promised. It is now getting late in the game, but perhaps now is the time for a plan of closure and resolution. So, Mr. President, what is your plan?

Coke time

The journal, *Two Centuries of Swainsboro*, continues to trigger my memories of the people, places and events that impressed my formative years. Starting with a person, my "Big Daddy", Mr. El Flanders, was the first to be chosen. It was even more difficult to choose a place

from among the beloved white marble courthouse, John C. Coleman Hotel and Community House. An article, not a photograph, triggered my nostalgia for a place. Near the end of North Main Street on the left corner, was a red brick and cast stone building. A large inscription

across the front read "Coca-Cola". The plant was highly automated for the time. Thirty bottles a minute could be produced. Large glass windows enabled Coke lovers to stand and watch the beloved beverage circle before them before being capped and ready for sale. The

plant was built in 1931, so I did not have this pleasure for at least ten years ahead, but I do remember standing and watching and returning home to pop open a small glass bottle of icy cold coke from the six pack always waiting in my refrigerator. My mother brought a car-

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ton of cokes each time she went to the store. Today cokes are much larger and in pop top cans and large plastic

bottles. These carry the name Coke—but not the satisfaction of the small greenish glass bottle. It just ain't the same!!

Tent meetings, goat man and gypsies

Growing up in my house, attending the church was not optional. It was a given. No matter how much I fussed, cried, or feigned sickness or injury, I was going to Sunday School and church right up until I got way

bigger than my little Momma. Then, I had a little leverage, but not much. Daddy didn't go much to morning services but occasionally he went to the evening services. He was a good man; he just didn't go with us to church, so

he and Uncle Aubrey went off to fish. And he didn't tolerate me not going with Momma. I still don't understand that, but I sure never asked. From time to time, Big Momma would see in the Forest Blade

about a tent meeting coming up, and she and Momma hauled me off with them to get a little extra religion. I don't remember the denomination of any we ever attended, but what I do remember is, the weather would always be hot and sticky. I don't sit still very well as an adult, so you can just imagine how miserable this little girl was sitting on the folding chair, under a steaming tent, with only a funeral home fan to swat the gnats and mosquitoes. How Big Momma could sit there and get any religion in her corset and voile dress, stockings and white shoes is beyond me. The meetings would last for hours, with singing, prayers and preaching and more singing and prayers and Jesus calling the sinner's home. I remember one of these meetings on the south of town where the tent sat in a cleared grassy area, and the cars parked all around the tent. I never

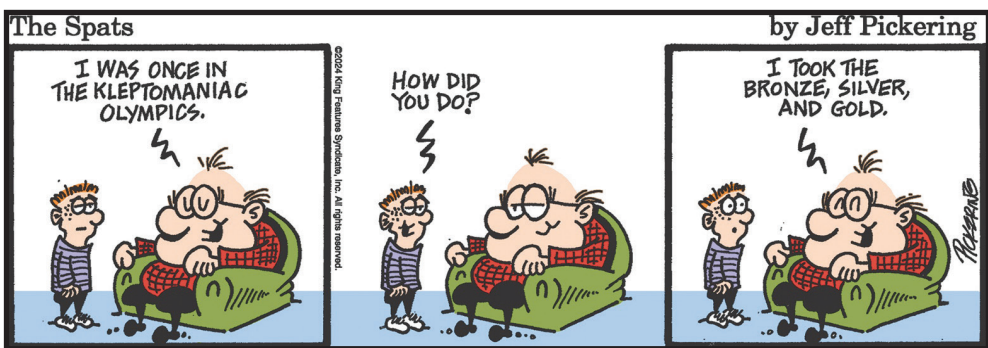
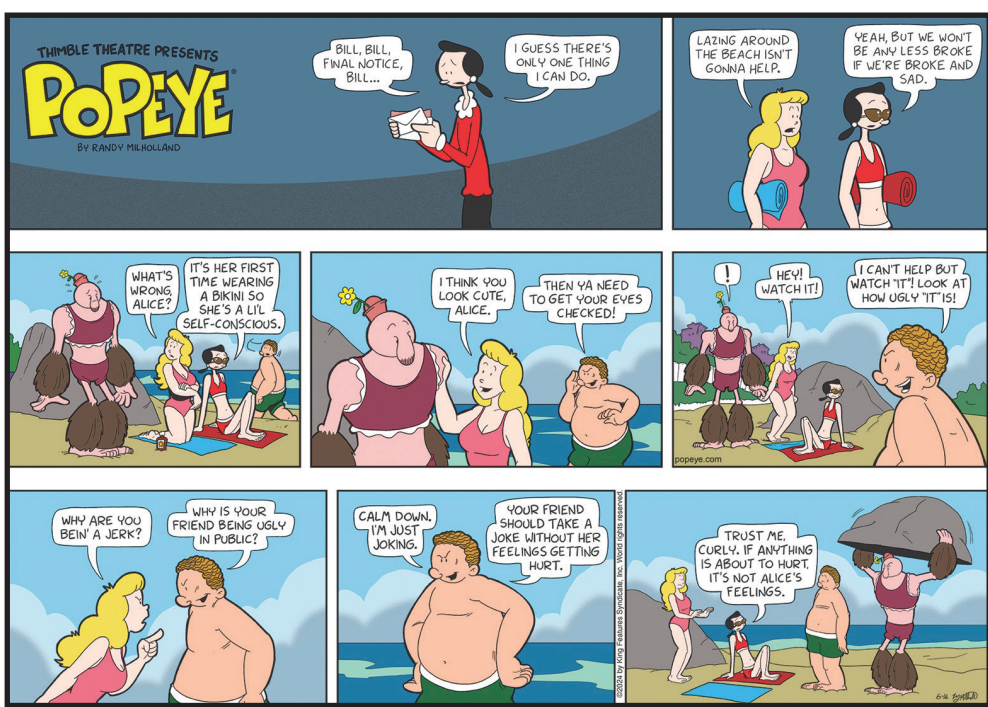
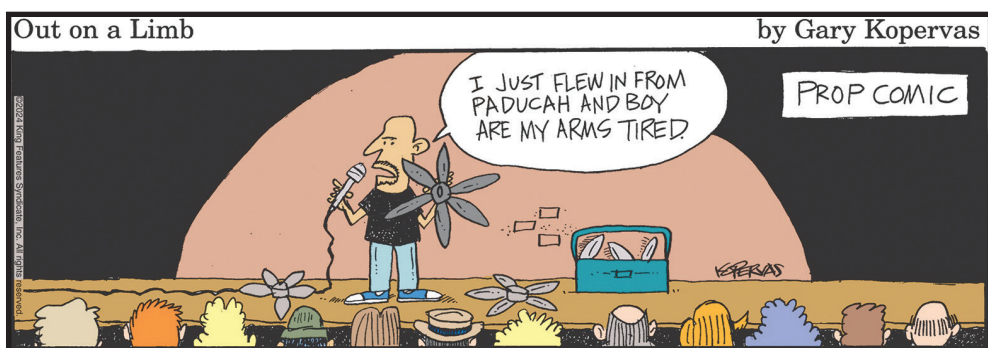
La'Rose Tapley



hear of tent meetings anymore....I guess we don't need extra religion now. The old man who traveled through town with his Billy goats pulling his wagon with pots and pans clanging, was a novelty that everybody in town talked about, passing the

word from one to the other, and folks would get in their cars to take a ride just outside town where the old man would be camped. He never seemed to mind the attention, and neither did the goats. You could smell the sight long before you could see him. He traveled all over the eastern seaboard, but made his home place in Jeffersonville, Ga. Sometimes, there would be a band of gypsies camping outside town. They didn't like for you to get too close to their camps where they played music, banged tambourines, and danced, but I always wanted to talk to them to see where they were going, and why. Momma didn't let me go see them, but I usually heard about them being in town. Sometimes, I would catch sight of some of the women with brightly colored skirts and lots of dangling bracelets and big loop earrings. Their hair would be dark and long, streaming down their backs and sometimes they would have kerchiefs on them to tie back the long hair. I

Editorial Cartoons



Columnist Dick Yarbrough is out this week, but is expected back next week.



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Miss Georgia Scholarship Pageant held

The Miss Emanuel County / Southeast Georgia Scholarship Organization would like to congratulate those that competed at the Miss Georgia Scholarship Pageant the week of June 10 - 16. The young ladies competed in talent, interview, on stage conversation and evening gown. Mollie Lane of Claxton, Southeast Georgia's Teen, fourth runner-up and newcomers preliminary talent award; Lindsay Jones of Woodstock, Miss Crossroads of the South, Top 15 and a semi-finalist award; Chyann Hoyle of Statesboro, Miss Empire of the South, won pre-

liminary talent award and the Frances Frazier non-finalist award; Katie Griswold of Swainsboro, Emanuel County's Teen, won a Digital Strategist Award and was presented with a Miss Georgia Star for her kindness; Haddyn Harrell of Cairo, Miss Emanuel County, and Gracie Allen of Pooler, Miss Southeast Georgia, performed great and did a wonderful job representing Emanuel County and Southeast Georgia. The board is so very proud of all these young ladies. If you are interested in competing in the local competition held October 26, 2025, please email missemanuelseouteast@gmail.com.



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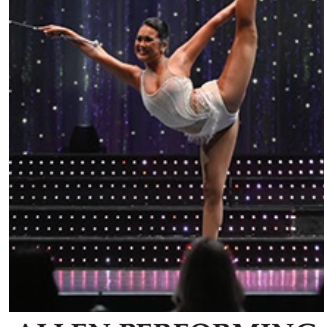
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Garrett holds Bingo competition

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting on Tuesday night, June 4, at the Rustic Grille at 7 p.m. With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, they had 20 in attendance including three guests, Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz, and two Statesboro Kiwanis Club members, Mike Rushing and Eddie Burnset. The chocolate cake, donated by Scotty Hattaway,

was won by Dess Smith. The Domino's pizza donated by Domino's was won by Jim Clapham. The program was hosted by Petite Garrett, who led the bingo competition. Tim Goodman got the first vertical bingo, Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz got the first diagonal bingo, Wanda Ellis got the first horizontal bingo, Will Barber won the 4-corners challenge, and

Mary Ellen Smith was the first to fill her bingo card. President Cheryl noted the Club is donating to the Seamless Summer Meal Program in order to support the summer meal program in July. Kiwanis recently gave checks to Twin City Elementary Emanuel County Institute Media Center to support their programs, and they have given money to every K-12 school in Emanuel County this year.



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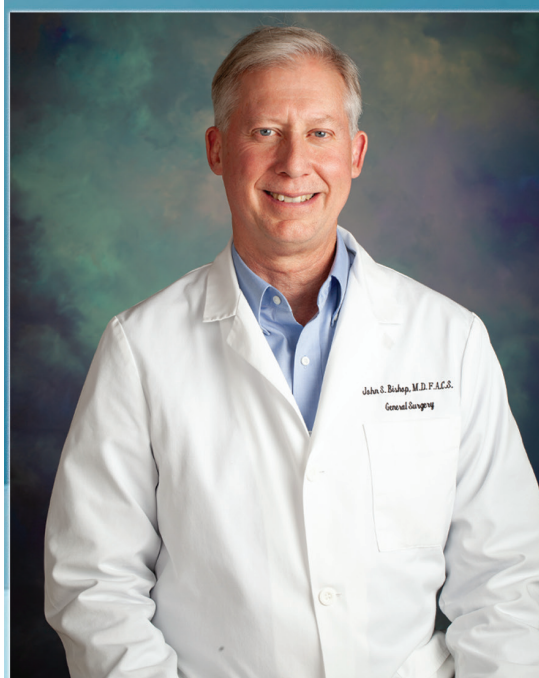
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BELL

Bell participates in USSA Stars over Tennessee

Rising Senior Kyli Bell participated in the USSA Stars over Tennessee Softball Tournament Showcase this weekend, where more than 20 college programs were represented. She played outstanding and led her team on offense. Bell was 8 for 11 with 2 doubles in 5 games. Congratulations Kyli!

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Marchman selected as All-State First Team player

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Family Connection is happy to report another great week of participation in their Summer Scavenger Hunt for Books. The Clues were clever, but not too clever, to keep our "hunters" from finding their new books at the Swainsboro or Twin City Branch of Durden Bank. The staff at both branches were eager to welcome the families and give them their books and encourage the students to read over the summer. This week, 17 new families were added to the hunt, bringing our total to 80 so far for the eight-week project. Families can join at any time. Remember to find the clues Monday-Wednesday on Emanuel County Family Connection or Franklin Memorial Library Facebook pages, then follow those clues to the secret location on Thursday. Thank you to Durden

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 - **Never Dive in Shallow Water**
 - **Obey Pool and Water Safety Rules**
 - **No Swimming In Bad Weather**
 - **Wear Sunscreen**
 - **Keep a First Aid Kit Near By**
 - **Stay Hydrated**
 - **NEVER Leave Children Unattended**

Lee places in Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays competition

by JAKYN TYSON
 On May 25-26, 2024, twelve Emanuel County 4-H'ers participated in the State Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays contest at Forest City Gun Club in Savannah. Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays is a part of the Georgia 4-H SAFE (Shooting Awareness, Fun & Education) program and is offered to Emanuel County students in the 7th-12th grade.



SAPP, BOATRIGHT, SA. LAWRENCE, HARRY, MASON, DIXON, WILLIAMS, SP. LAWRENCE, BRADY, ROBERTSON, LEE, WAY, RINER AND LARISCEY

The competition is made up of a combination of the three shot-gun shooting disciplines of American 16-year trap, American skeet and sporting clays. It is open to 4-H Junior (7th-8th Grade) and Senior (9th-12th Grade) individuals and teams. Each 4-H'er shoots 100 targets per discipline for a total of 300 over the two-day match. There were 236 youth from 24 counties in the state match.


Spencer Lawrence, Peyton Lee, Paxton Dixon, Sam Williams, Olivia Boatright, Cooper Riner, Maddox Robertson, Lauren Sapp, and Richard Brady. Peyton, son of Michael and Jana Lee, also placed 4th in the Trap Discipline after a shoot-off broke the tie for first. Ethan Mason, Nathaniel Harry, Sam Lawrence, and Brett Way make up the members of the Junior team. The team is coached by Georgia 4-H Certified SAFE coaches and vol-

unteers Ed and Brandi Akridge, Chelsey Dixon, Cliff Mason, Adam Boatright, Seneca Lawrence, and Brad and T'Neil Williams. Georgia 4-H Project SAFE uses the shooting sports to teach many valuable life skills. Project SAFE provides youth a place to develop a sense of belonging, learn teamwork in a safe environment and increase concentration skills. Safety and the responsible use of firearms and archery equipment is a primary goal.

In Emanuel County, trained 4-H volunteers lead 4-H Archery, Modified Trap, and Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays clubs with total enrollment of 74 youth members. 4-H provides fun, exciting, and educational events year-round for youth in 4th thru 12th grade. For more information about Emanuel County 4-H and how you can get involved, contact Jakyn Tyson at the Emanuel County Extension Office at (478) 237-1226.

Call for Special Election

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-540, a special election shall be held in Emanuel County, Georgia to fill two vacancies on the Emanuel County Board of Education. The election will be to fill the unexpired terms of Johnny Parker, District 5 and Sandra Swinney, District 6 who have resigned. The special election will be held on November 5, 2024 in conjunction with the General Election. As pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-131, qualifying will be held at the Emanuel County Elections Office beginning August 9, 2024 between 9:00am and 4:30pm and ending Friday, August 23, 2024 at 12:00pm. The qualifying fee is \$144. Kerry K. Curry, Director of Elections, Emanuel County, Georgia.



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Family Connection proudly graduates twenty Emanuel Chopped Jr. Advanced Chefs

A very creative and competitive week concluded with some of the most challenging culinary dishes and fruit masterpieces presented by the students who attend the five-day Emanuel Chopped Jr. Advanced cooking class.



EMANUEL CHOPPED JR. ADVANCED CHEFS

Volunteers from local Family Connection collaborative and State Family Connection staff assisted the students in this fun nutrition program that taught food preparation, safety, and healthy eating. This is one of the main strategies of the Emanuel County Family Connection Collaborative along with literacy, according to Tammy Allen, Family

Connection Coordinator. Some of the foods prepared by the young chefs were roasted brussels sprouts, cauliflower, and asparagus. The latter won the vegetable competition. The biggest project was making gourmet cheesecakes, which were

judged by Kate Stoltzfus, the expert from Leanna's. The White Chocolate Blueberry Cheesecake took the win. Fruit sculpting is always part of the class. This year the task was even more challenging. -Watermelon cakes! See the photo of the win-

ning creation. Many thanks to our volunteers, Candy Powers, Petite Garrett, Devion Davis, Sunny Rogers, Kerri Henderson. Also thank you to judges, Matt Jarrell, Kate Stoltzfus, Kayla Scarboro, and mystery judge Devion Davis.

Wallace instructs Artillery Certification Class

The Brier Creek Artillery, also known as the "Skunk Brigade", of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution attended the National Civil War Artillery Association Class to be certified for two years in Artillery. The Instructor and Inspecting Officer was Elaine W. Wallace. The event was held on Saturday, May 25, at the Reynolds Clubhouse at 8 p.m. The Class lasted for four hours with instruction, hands on procedures with four six-pounder can-



WALLACE AND THE 16 MEMBERS OF HER "SKUNK BRIGADE" CLASS
 nons and a final written test. Safety was at the front and emphasized in every step. There were 16 in attendance including Commander Steve Burke, Lee Herron, Dess Smith III, Alton Reynolds, Gary Mason, Jerry Lawson, Don Bazemore, Bernard Martin, Bernard Martin II, Benjamin Martin, Cam Quick, Emil Decker, Alton McCloud, Ted Walker, Jared Ogden and Stephen Weaver.

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

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The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.

The property is or may be in the possession of **Billy Tant, successor in interest or tenant(s). Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. as Attorney-in-Fact for Billy Tant** File no. 24-081775

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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.

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By: Jeanie Hooks
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF LINDA LEE ROBERTS, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 24E0070

NOTICE

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

TO: **DIANA LYNN ROBERTS**

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before **JUNE 24, 2024.**

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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.

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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, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture as Attorney in Fact for Sheila Renee Boatright Attorney Contact: Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 24GA414-0036 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Order Number 102655, Pub Dates: 06/05/2024, 06/12/2024, 06/19/2024, 06/26/2024, THE FOREST BLADE

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of William L. McClure, 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 29th day of May, 2024. Marvin roger Johnson, Executor of the Estate of William L. McClure, 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 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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GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that ELISAMA MACHADO HADAWAY, also known as ELISAMA HERNANDEZ, the undersigned, filed her petition to the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, on the 30th day of May, 2024, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from ELISAMA MACHADO HADAWAY, to ELISAMA HERNANDEZ, to ELISAMA MACHADO. 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 thirty (30) days of filing of said petition.

This the 30th day of May, 2024. KRISTEN C. HALL, CLERK EMANUEL COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
JON A. LEVIS
LEVIS LAW FIRM, LLC
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SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401
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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES DONALD CLIFTON, DECEASED.

All creditors of the estate of James Donald Clifton, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Melissa A. Clifton, Executor of the James Donald Clifton 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 June, 2024. RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Melissa A. Clifton Executor of the James Donald Clifton Estate Richard M. McNeely, P.C. P. O. Box 767 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (478) 237-4225

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF PATSY ELIZABETH KERSEY, DECEASED.

All creditors of the estate of Patsy Elizabeth Kersey, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Tara K. Newsome and John Ryan Kersey, Executors of the Patsy Elizabeth Kersey 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 June, 2024. RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Tara K. Newsome and John Ryan Kersey Executors of the Patsy Elizabeth Kersey Estate Richard M. McNeely, P.C. P. O. Box 767 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (478) 237-4225

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JEFFREY BREWER acting as SHERIFF OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA Civil Action No.:24CV00097

Plaintiff v. RAY CLAYTON DOWNER, GPD HOLDINGS, LLC formerly known as COINFLIP, LLC, and ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN MONIES DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE

STYLED ACTION

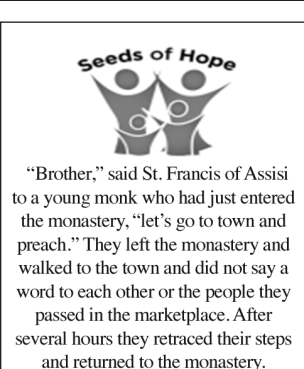
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Interpleader was filed in the above styled action with the Superior Court of Emanuel County on the 23rd day of April, 2024 by Jeffrey Brewer acting as Sheriff of the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office, and that by reason of an Order for Service by Publication dated June 7th, 2024 and entered by the Court on the June 7th, 2024 that service be had by publication as provided by law; You are hereby required to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon Plaintiff's Attorney, Cindy C. Delgado, Post Office Box 695, Metter, Georgia 30439, an answer or other responsive pleading within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication.

WITNESS the Honorable Robert S. Reeves, Chief Judge of said Court, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Emanuel County Superior Court Clerk
Prepared by:
Cindy C. Delgado
Attorney for Plaintiff
Georgia Bar No. 411008 J. KENDALL GROSS, P.C.
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Sheriff's Reports

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

June 9
Deputy observed a vehicle with no tag lights, at which time he made a traffic stop. While speaking with offender, it was found that he did not have a valid license or insurance. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail and the vehicle was towed.

June 10
Deputies responded to Hwy 221 North in reference to a report of someone trespassing on complainant's property. C/p stated she got an alert from her camera with someone on her property and advised she has already made a report about a previous incident of the same nature.

Deputies responded to Dellwood Rd. in reference to four juveniles being in an abandoned church. Complainant stated he parks his big truck at the church and when he arrived to get his truck, a four-wheeler was beside the church. C/p stated that as he was getting ready to leave, four juveniles came out of the church and left on the four-wheeler.

June 11
Deputy responded to Canady Bridge Rd. in reference to a domestic. Complainant stated he got into an argument with his wife when he caught her being unfaithful and she got irate and damaged his truck with a baseball bat. Deputy observed several dents and a busted taillight on the truck. C/p stated he took the keys to a vehicle that was in his wife's named that

he paid for and a cell phone that's in his name and he wanted to press charges for the damages to the truck. Deputy spoke with the wife who stated every time she and c/p get into an argument, he takes her keys and phone and she had gotten tired of it and hit his truck. She stated the truck is in her name and provided paperwork showing the cell phone is also in her name. Deputy advised c/p he would have to return the keys and the phone to her.

June 12
Victim stated she got a call from a male subject giving a badge number, identifying himself as an investigator, and told her she needed to get \$25,000 dollars out of her account and go to the Government machine and cash into Bitcoins and that she had warrants out on her and somebody was opening porn accounts with her information. Victim advised she did not give the caller any of her information. Suspect was calling from 360.946.2146.

Deputy responded to Halls Bridge Rd. in reference to stolen property. Complainant advised he discovered his padlock to his camper unlocked and noticed he had prescriptions missing.

June 13
Deputies responded to Modoc Rd. in reference to a suspicious vehicle parked in the bushes. Deputy observed the vehicle to be chopped/stripped of all valuable items, interior, motor and transmission, along with complete front end of the vehicle. Deputies were able to obtain

the VIN to find it was stolen out of Norcross. Vehicle was removed by a towing service.

Deputy was dispatched to Miller Dr. and met with the caller regarding her brother/offender. Complainant advised that she and her brother were at the Probate Court, and he started screaming at everyone, including the judge. C/p stated that while they were there regarding offender the mother of his children, he did not like the outcome he received. Once offender got back home, he started lashing out and screaming at c/p, as well as poking her in the face until he left the residence.

Deputy spoke with complainant in reference to threats being

made. C/p advised that threats are being made to him and his wife through mail and texts. C/p stated offender was an employee with him for many years and he's been trying to ruin his business through reviews on the internet about his company.

June 14
Deputy responded to Huckleberry Rd. in reference to someone putting something in c/p's fuel tanks. C/p stated that within the past couple of weeks, the fuel pump has gone out in both of his vehicles and believes someone tampered with them. C/p also stated that someone flattened all four tires on one of his vehicles and believes it to be one of two male subjects due to a cur-

rent dispute between them.

June 15
Deputy was dispatched to Angela Dr. where complainant stated he was contacted by two male subjects to remodel a bathroom at their residence on McGarrh Mill Pond Rd. and he left his trailer with tools in it at the residence for about two weeks while performing the remodel. C/p stated he left the key to the trailer with the two male subjects in order for other employees to have access to it if c/p wasn't there. C/p stated that after retrieving his trailer, he found that some items were missing valued at \$400 and the male subjects still owe him \$547 for completed work. C/p

believes the male subjects may have sold them to a pawn shop because they previously stated they were having to sell things such as tools and TVs to pay for the remodel.

Deputies responded to Strawberry Cir. in reference to a dog trying to bite complainant.

June 16
Deputies responded to Long Bay Dr. in reference to a vehicle hitting a deer.

Deputy was responding to a call for a reckless driver and observed a vehicle abandoned on the side of Bird Flanders Rd. blocking one lane of travel. Deputy could see an ID in the vehicle and the owner was nowhere near the vehicle. Next listed wrecker was called.

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Scholarship packets, including the application, acceptance letter/proof of registration, letters of reference, and transcript(s), must be received by the deadline listed above.

Completed scholarship packets can be mailed or hand-delivered to Blythe Wilcox, Executive Director for Institutional Advancement, Southeastern Technical College, 3001 East First Street, Room 127, Vidalia, GA 30474.

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Jail Report

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

Tyler Sanchez Allen, 34, arrested 6/13/24; Disorderly conduct; ECSO
Joseph Aaron Barton, 53, arrested 6/15/24;

Speeding/Hold for Columbia Co.; GSP
Randall Cashel Brown, 48, arrested 6/14/24; Probation violation - felony/Possession of cocaine w/intent/Possession of schedule I or II controlled substance w/intent (x2)/Possession and use of drug related objects; ECSO
Zachary William Burdick, 18, arrested 6/10/24; Statutory rape - felony; ECSO
Samuel Lamar Carlyle, 30, arrested 6/16/24; Mfg/deliver/dist. Marijuana/Possession of cocaine; SPD
Dylan Scott Chadwick, 27, arrested 6/12/24; Bench warrant - felony; ECSO
Hikera Shonte Clark, 33, arrested 6/13/24; Probation warrant/Theft by receiving stolen property - felony; SPD
Richard Craig Coleman, 54, arrested 6/11/24; Theft of services - felony (x2); APD
Jonathan Donta Coney,

36, arrested 6/10/24; Cruelty to children 3rd degree (x2)/Battery; SPD
Joseph Wright Copeland, 39, arrested 6/11/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/DUI less safe/Probation violation; SPD
Frederick Leshawn Cuyler, 43, arrested 6/15/24; Probation violation; ECSO
Tyquez Bernard Cuyler, 20, arrested 6/12/24; Battery; SPD
Franklin Joseph Davis, 35, arrested 6/12/24; Bench warrant - felony; ECSO
Raymon Omark Davis, 48, arrested 6/11/24; DUI less safe/Driving while license suspended/revoked/Seatbelt violation; GSP
Wayne George Edenfield, 46, arrested 6/11/24; Probation violation - felony/Hold for Treutlen Co.; ECSO
Katrice Nicole Gamble, 34, arrested 6/16/24; Aggravated assault; SPD
Brandon Llewellyn

Gardner, 40, arrested 6/14/24; Failure to comply/Disorderly conduct/Possession and use of drug related objects; SPD
Richard Lincoln Gay, 24, arrested 6/16/24; Seatbelt violation/Speeding; ECSO
Za'Ryan Sylvester Givens, 18, arrested 6/11/24; Possess marijuana less than oz/Possession of firearm or knife during commission of or attempt to commit certain felonies/Statutory rape - victim is 14 but younger than 16 and offender is 18/Criminal trespass; SPD
Tess Danielle Grumme, 34, arrested 6/11/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSO
David Marshal Hood, 22, arrested 6/11/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSO
Jermesha Nikia Jackson, 27, arrested 6/11/24; Giving false information to law enforcement/Driving while license suspend-

ed/revoked/Hold for Chatham Co.; ECSO
Ricardo O'Neal Jones, 32, arrested 6/10/24; City probation violation; SPD
Patrick Bartholomew Lordge, 34, arrested 6/16/24; Hold for Jefferson Co.; SPD
Kristy Dawn McCoy, 45, arrested 6/12/24; Bond revocation; ECSO
Julio Pabello Miguel, 50, arrested 6/16/24; Driving while unlicensed/Failure to stop at stop sign; SPD
William Hanson Newsome, 45, arrested 6/10/24; Housed for Johnson Co.; ECSO
Otha Carnell Oneal, 54, arrested 6/14/24; Hold for Bibb Co.; SPD
Darriel Levonia Royal, 27, arrested 6/12/24; Bench warrant - felony; ECSO
Diego Nolberto Chavez Santiago, 19, arrested 6/17/24; Driving without license/Suspended tag; ECSO
William Douglas Sizemore, 54, arrested

6/12/24; Hold for Ware Co.; SPD
Rodney Keith Wilson, 66, arrested 6/13/24; Theft by receiving stolen property - felony; SPD
Dewayne Lettrel Woods, 41, arrested 6/12/24; Possession of schedule I or II controlled substance w/intent/Possess marijuana less than oz/Obstruction of law enforcement officers/Interference w/government property; ECSO
Carla Yvette Worthen, 45, arrested 6/16/24; Probation violation; SPD
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Swainsboro Police Reports

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

June 7
Officer was dispatched to Rainbow Ridge in reference to a call about a domestic. The complainant/victim stated that the offender punched her in the eye. There was visible swelling and bruising to her eye.
Officer responded to Gumlog Road in reference to a 911 call where an argument could be heard in the background. 911 advised that they called c/p back and she stated that she did not need the police anymore. Officer went ahead and stopped by the residence and spoke with c/p. She stated that she did not need a report but advised that she and the offender had gotten into an altercation where he pushed her and she pushed back. The offender then stated that he was going to shoot her house up. A report was made in case another incident occurred.
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rant because her and her husband were arguing. Upon his arrival, he stated that he asked the victim to get out of the car to talk and that he did not lay his hands on him. The victim stated that the offender threatened him but did not touch him. Both parties were advised to separate.
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Officer was requested at SPD for a report. C/p stated that she pulled into the gym the Saturday prior and saw two men. She told them that she had a cat stuck under her vehicle and that she would pay them to get it out. They then proceeded to push her and take her keys. She then got up, took her keys back, and left.
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Daughtry speaks to Mill Creek



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PRESIDENT JONES AND VICE PRESIDENT SMITH

Action Event that was held on April 19, at St. Simons Island where he presented the Mill Creek Chapter Wreath and Dess also presented the

Chapter with the Georgia Society 2023 Membership Award that was awarded to the Chapter at the annual BOM meeting in Duluth.

Reynolds speaks to Exchange

On June 18, Terry Reynolds gave an update on the Wounded Warriors project that exists in Emanuel County to the Swainsboro Exchange Club. A \$500 donation was presented to Reynolds in support of this project.



PRESIDENT DAMIEN SCOTT, TERRY REYNOLDS, HOAGE REYNOLDS, AND PRESIDENT-ELECT GARY MASON

PRESIDENT ELECT GARY MASON, PORTER AND CLUB MEMBER HENRY GAMBRELL

Porter speaks to Exchange about EMC Resource Center

On Tuesday, June 11, 2024 Juanita Porter presented a program to the Exchange Club on the Emanuel Resource Center Type 1 Diabetes Initiative at Emanuel Medical Center and an upcoming Health Fair. At the conclusion of the program the club presented Mrs. Porter with a \$522.00 donation that will be used in support of the Emanuel Resource Center.

Nasworthy speaks to the Veterans

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting Monday morning June 17, at the Franklin Memorial Library at 9 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, they had 45 in attendance. After the invocation and the pledge to the U.S. Flag, Chair Johnny introduced Veteran Scotty Nasworthy to present his program on the Veterans Administration and the Wreaths Across America. Scotty went through several benefits that a veteran can receive from the VA which is found in the VA Federal Veterans Benefits Handbook and it's available online at <https://www.va.gov/OPA/publications/benefitsbook>. Also, you can get information on veterans' benefits provided by the State of Georgia that is available online at <https://veterans.georgia.gov/state-benefits>. Scotty also talked about the 58 Emanuel County cemeteries that they have walked and have checked the veterans' graves out. He also provided a list of the more than 120 Emanuel County cemeteries that need to be walked to make sure they have all Emanuel County veterans identified. So far this year they have 2,400 veterans identified in Emanuel County cemeteries and hope to have a lot more by "Wreaths

Across America" day on Saturday, December 14. At the end of the meeting, Chair Johnny called on Veteran Richard Claxton to make an announcement. On Saturday, June 29, at 7 p.m., The American Legion Post 103 and The VFW will sponsor and host "Music Showcase Swainsboro" at the Swainsboro Auditorium on West Church Street. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and there will be a \$5.00 admission charge (12 and under FREE), showcasing local talent playing classic hits. Master of Ceremonies will be Ron Bivins *The Showcase Band* consisting of Dawn Phillips,

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May Food Service Establishment Inspection Reports

Listed below are Georgia Department of Public Health Food Service Establishment Inspection Reports for the month of May 2024.

- UTE's McKinney's Pond – 91 A (5/31/24)
- Pat's Country Store – Score 95 A (5/31/24)
- Subway – Score 100 A (5/31/24)
- D's Diner - Score 100 A (5/30/24)
- Smith's Canoochee Store - Score 99 A (5/20/24)
- Emanuel County Jail – Score 99 A (5/20/24)
- Rustic Grill – Score 94 A (5/2/24)
- Wendy's – Score 99 A (5/2/24)
- Eating Well with Linda - Score 100 A (5/7/24)

For full inspection reports, go to <https://ga.healthinspections.us/stateofgeorgia/>

Spivey selected as Pineland's FRS Washington Youth Tour Representative

Nine years ago, Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. joined other rural telecommunications companies across the nation by sponsoring highly recommended students from the Pineland service area to visit Washington, DC during the early summer. Since 1995, FRS has hosted the Youth Tour to thousands of high school students from across rural America, allowing them to visit our nation's capital, see our government in action, and learn about rural telecommunications. The tour provides a forum for teens to meet and interact with their peers from other rural communities, as well as key legislative, regulatory, and government figures.

Janelle Spivey served as Pineland's sponsored representative on this year's tour, held the first week of June. Janelle, a resident of Jenkins County, is a life-long home educated student in the senior year of her studies. She is the daughter of Rick and Lynn Spivey. A dedicated student, Janelle plans to attend Covenant College in the fall with over twenty dual enrollment credits. She has maintained full-time dual enrollment status at Toccoa Falls College since her junior year and was recognized for her academic achievements on the fall Dean's List.

Actively involved in the Bulloch County 4-H Club, Janelle has served on the organization's leadership board promoting, organizing, and hosting community events, represented the club at 4-H Day at the Capital 2024, volunteered as a 4-H Teen Leader for the Southeast District Junior Conference in 2022 and 2024, and was selected and attended Natural Resources Exploration Camp 2023 where she will return this year to lead and mentor first-year attendees. Janelle has placed in various 4-H competitions including 1st in the Forestry and Wood Science category at the Georgia 4-H Southeast District Project Achievement, 1st with her team in the 4-H Forestry Judging at district and state levels, and 3rd in the nation at the Invitational in West Virginia. She was twice awarded Georgia Master 4-H'er status.

In addition to her academic and civic dedication, Janelle has served her community through volunteering at her church and advocating for environmental health concerns. She also manages a small craft business, Bluejay Crafts, and provides care for her siblings and grandmother. Her hobbies include managing her organic garden, tending to her chickens, reading, music, learning new languages, fiber arts, and the subject of sustainable and social agriculture in rural communities.

Janelle's dedication and self-discipline is evident in her many commitments and accomplishments," says Dustin Durden, Pineland's Chief Executive Officer. "We are proud to support The Foundation for Rural Service and the opportunities they provide to our area students."

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) was established in 1994 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) by NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association and plays a unique role within the telecommunications industry by supporting rural telecom companies, consumers and policymakers with educational information, products, and programming.

Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. serves over 1,300 square miles with its Phone, Internet, and Technology services in all or parts of ten counties in South Georgia. In its 73rd year, 100% of Pineland's Phone and Internet customers receive their services via a Fiber-to-the-Home network offering Gigabit enabled broadband connections. Pineland's mission is to offer an outstanding customer experience through the efficient delivery of progressive technology solutions in the markets served. We will achieve this mission by applying our Core Values of Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, and a Servant's Heart in everything we do.

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), the philanthropic arm of NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association and its members, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in rural America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. Through scholarships, grants, and a variety of educational programs, FRS focuses on educating rural youth, encouraging community development, and introducing policymakers to challenges unique to rural communities. Visit us at www.frs.org.

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So let's not be as the ungrateful leopards. Jesus healed ten and only one went back to say thank you. Will you be the one today to tell the Lord, "thank you?"



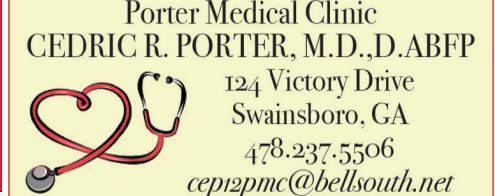
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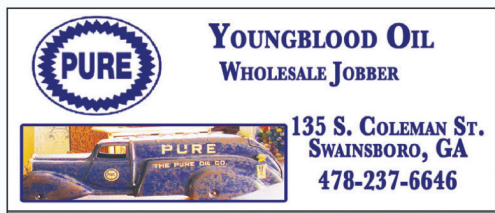
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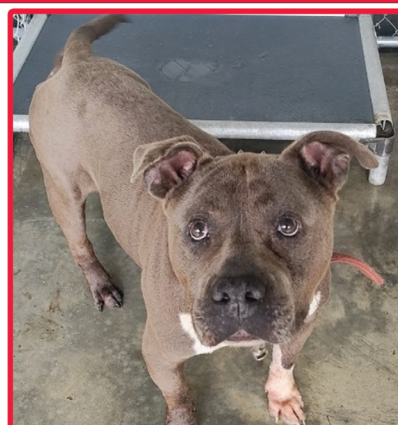
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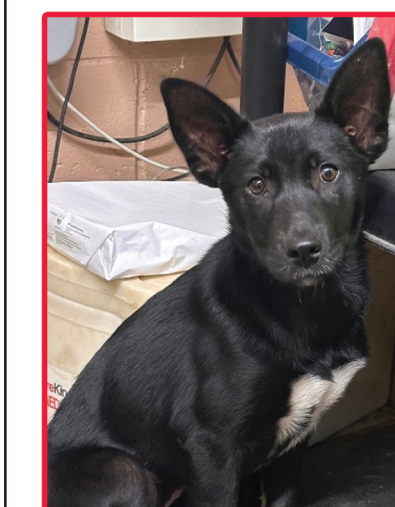
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