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Close runoff gives Moore the win

After a busy six months of electioneering, local voting will now take a bit of a break following the runoff for the District 3 county commissioner slot. Political newcomer John “Johnny” Moore edged past Chandra Hooks in the June 18 match with 325 votes to 269 for Hooks. Moore has no Democrat opponent in the November general election and will assume the District 3 post in January 2025,



MOORE
 which is now held by long-time commissioner Hugh Foskey. The veteran commissioner

announced his decision not to seek re-election earlier this year. A total of 594 voters turned out for the runoff race comprising just 20.46% of the district’s total number of registered voters. Early voting accounted for 33% of the total votes cast. Politics will now take a back seat until the Fall and the upcoming Presidential contest. Early voting for that November 5, 2024 election will begin on October 14, 2024.



EMANUEL MEDICAL CENTER EMERGENCY ROOM Emanuel Medical Center receives grant to expand Emergency Department

Governor Brian P. Kemp recently announced that Emanuel Medical Center is among 13 Georgia rural hospitals to receive grant awards totaling \$6 million as part of the Dual Track Rural Hospital Support program.

“Since I took office, my administration has worked to deliver on the promise that we would work with state and local partners to

develop Georgia’s rural communities, including efforts to improve our rural healthcare systems,” said Governor Kemp. “These awards will provide further support to those hospitals that serve rural Georgians and communities in need.”

Emanuel Medical Center will receive \$500,000 from the Dual Track Rural Hospital Support Grant, which

is funded through the state’s Rural Hospital Stabilization Grant program. The funding will support the expansion and redesign of the hospital’s Emergency Department.

Improvements slated for EMC’s Emergency Department include the remodel of the existing space to improve patient flow, the addition of new treatment rooms, (Continued on page 2A)

Johnson installed as Board Member of the Georgia Bankers Association

Wade Johnson, president and CEO of Durden Banking Company, Twin City, has been elected by his peers in central Georgia to serve a three-year term on the board of directors of the Georgia Bankers Association (GBA).



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 Banking School in 2010.

“We are delighted to welcome Wade to the GBA board, and we look forward to benefiting from his wealth of experience and insight for the betterment of the industry and, most importantly, the communities, families and businesses that Georgia’s banks serve,” said Brad E. Barber, GBA chairman and president and CEO of First National Bank in Bainbridge.

Johnson received his Bachelor of Arts in banking and finance from the Terry School of Business at the University of Georgia in 2003. He graduated from Georgia

Johnson’s career began at Steve H. Powell & Company in Statesboro as a bank auditor. He joined Durden Banking Company in 2006. He was named president and CEO in January 2022 and serves on the bank’s board of directors.

Active in the community, Johnson serves as treasurer of the Swainsboro Rotary Club, member of the East Georgia State College Foundation, member

of the Emanuel County Development Authority, member of the Swainsboro/Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce board of directors, member of the FCA District board of directors, and as chairman of the Mill Creek Foundation.

Johnson and his family are members of Canoochee Missionary Baptist Church.

About the Georgia Bankers Association: Founded in 1892, the Georgia Bankers Association promotes the general welfare and usefulness of banking and the preservation of a sound banking system. For 132 years, GBA has been the resource that empowers Georgia’s banks, providing effective government relations and public advocacy, a community of professional peers, top-quality education and professional development, and revenue-enhancing products and services.



BRINSON WITH HIS DAUGHTERS Junior & Daughters Museum holds grand opening

On Saturday, June 22, 2024, the community and fans from afar came out to support Junior Brinson at his auto museum grand opening by attending his First Annual Cruise In. The Cruise In was held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Highway 1 South in the old Dodge Dealership building. Over 30 vehicles participated in the event.

cooperative as the overcast skies allowed spectators to spend valuable time on the outside looking and analyzing each vehicle. The auto museum also has collectible items and trinkets on the inside of the building. There are walls of memorabilia that are signed by celebrity car drivers and

athletic coaches and a room filled with vintage bicycles and go-carts.

Junior Brinson, who began his quest with antique cars in 1967, has a motorcade of vehicles ranging from cars, trucks and utility vehicles. During the day, you can find him down at (Continued on page 7A)



EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

Remaining real in an artificially growing world

Pineland Telephone holds 72nd annual meeting

The 72nd annual meeting of Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was held on June 13, at the Metter PreK-8 Complex with nearly 250 members in attendance. This year’s entertainment was provided

by Metter native and Nashville recording artist Clayton Hackle, joined by Pineland’s own Casey Yarbrough playing the Cajón.

Dustin Durden, Chief Executive Officer, and Mark Bland, President,

provided members a recap of Pineland’s accomplishments and initiatives during the past year, with emphasis on the continued effort of providing members and customers with a (Continued on page 2A)

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Emanuel Medical Center...

(From front page) designated for treating improving efficiency, and and the introduction of lower acuity patients. The reducing overall wait a Fast Track – an area improvements are aimed times. within the department at increasing capacity, “Emanuel Medical

Center is dedicated to providing accessible, high-quality medical care for our community. This funding will significantly enhance our capacity and strengthen our infrastructure, ensuring that residents of Emanuel County and the surrounding areas continue to have reliable access to emergency care,” said Damien Scott, CEO of Emanuel Medical Center.

The Dual Track Rural Hospital Support announcement marks the second grant awarded to facilitate EMC’s Emergency Department expansion. Last fall, the hospital was awarded \$875,000 from the Department of Community Health’s

State office of Rural Health to support the project. Additional funding for the Emergency Department improvements will come from funds collected through the Georgia HEART program, a unique program that allows any Georgia taxpayer to direct their state income tax dollars to qualifying hospitals, such as Emanuel Medical Center.

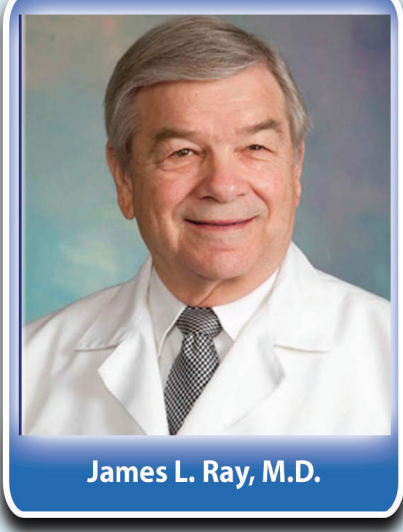
“By participating in Georgia HEART, community members have the unique opportunity to see firsthand where their tax dollars are being spent,” said Scott. “Their contributions will directly support the expansion of our Emergency Department, an investment that will

benefit this community for years to come.”

Emanuel Medical Center is one of 54 rural Georgia hospitals eligible to participate in Georgia HEART, which is the only program of its kind in the nation. For more information about keeping your state income tax dollars local and supporting the EMC through the Georgia HEART program, contact Lynn Brinson, Director of Development at Emanuel Medical Center, at 478-289-1274 or lynn.brinson@emanuelmedical.org.

Construction is expected to begin on the Emergency Department expansion in the coming months.

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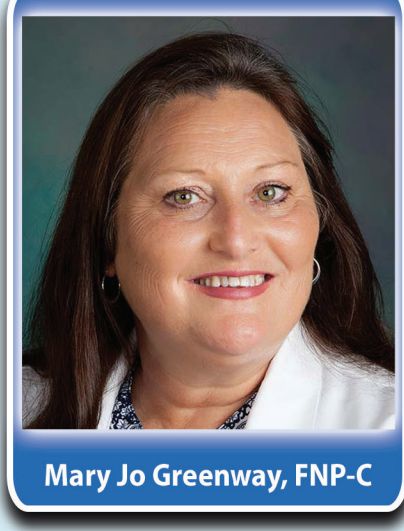
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Remaining real in...

(From front page) real experience.

Durden opened the Manager’s Report with a speech written by popular Artificial Intelligence software, Chat GPT. While well-written, Durden commented, “I could have Artificial Intelligence write me a fantastic generic speech about what we have done here at Pineland over the past year, but despite its ability to pick just the right words at the just the right time, it’s still artificial. Your Cooperative accomplishes real things every day to make sure you are provided the best service possible, at the right price, with superior experience every time.”

Durden reported the success of Enhanced ACAM funding, set through 2038; a result of tireless efforts by Pineland and cooperatives nationwide advocating for revision of essential funding mechanisms by the Federal Communications Commission. An update was provided on the Sumter County project, estimated to be com-

pleted by the end of 2025, with 420 miles of fiber remaining to be constructed. Pineland subsidiaries, Southeast Fire & Burglar Alarm, Co. and Responsive Technology Partners, experienced continued growth, protecting over 4,400 locations and serving over 1,000 clients respectively. “But here’s the common thing with all this work and accomplishment,” said Durden. “It’s done by real people, doing real things, with real values of Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, and a Servant’s Heart in everything we do.”

Conveying the importance of relationships and real interactions, Durden highlighted moments exemplifying Pineland’s core values, “The stories of a Customer Experience Associate helping a cancer patient whose payment got lost in the mail get her service restored with care and compassion. The stories of an employee who is dealing with cancer of her own, yet still finds the time to take a call from a customer who

needs her assistance... Those are the types of things the great employees at Pineland do every day.”

In his President’s Report, Bland recognized Pineland’s continued service expansion, laying nearly 300 miles of fiber in Emanuel, Jenkins, and Sumter counties over the past year, and the competition now present in the telecommunications industry. Acknowledging the heart of Pineland’s innovation and progress, Bland stated, “You see my friends, success or failure, no matter the cause, is determined more by mental attitude than by mental capacity. What your cooperative does on a daily basis is accomplished by your employees’ hard work and sacrifice.”

Eighteen employees with a combined total of 245 years of service were recognized for their career milestones: Jamie Sutton (35 years), Bret Callaway (25 years), Vickie Aldrich (20 years), Jeremy Salter (20 years), Brian Curl (15 years), Dustin Durden (15 years), Randy McGowan (15 years), Alfred Wimberly (15 years), Keith Wommack (15 years), Danny Wynn (15 years), Amy Harrison (10 years), Beth Kennedy (10 years), Becky Rutherford (10 years), Seth Butler (5 years), Jeffery Griff (5 years), Christopher Headrick (5 years), Eliza Noles (5 years), and Michala Valora (5 years).

Four incumbent directors on Pineland’s Board of Directors were proposed for re-election, John Paul Johnson representing District 2 (Twin City and Garfield), John Moore representing District 6 (Adrian and Kite), Kevin Hendrix representing District 9 (Southeast Metter and Southeast Cobbtown), and Jean Melton-Furr, Director at Large. All were re-elected, unopposed, and will continue their service for three more years.

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Martin speaks to Veterans at the Library

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the Franklin Memorial Library Monday morning, June 24, at 9 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, they had 50 in attendance. The Women's Group from Jesus Saves Church fed them breakfast to include breakfast casserole, donuts, muffins, biscuits with sausage gravy, orange juice, grape juice, cranberry juice and coffee. In attendance was also the Jesus Saves Youth Group and they sang the Star Bangle Banner and two praise songs. Chair Johnny then called on Veteran Dess Smith III to introduce the program for the morning. Veteran Bernard

Martin presented his program on the "Attack on the U.S.S. Stark". Bernard was a member of the ship and he and several other Sailors were transferred the morning of the attack that afternoon. After Bernard's outstanding presentation, he presented three U.S.S. Stark Challenge Coins to the three oldest veterans at the meeting, Watson Mosley, Gene Ragsdale and Joel Moring.

A special thanks to Ty

Smith, Johnny Tapley and the Community service workers for picking up limbs, spreading dirt and helping with the garden spot of the Glad Garden Club at the Veterans and 1st Responders Memorial Park workday Saturday, June 22. Also, thank you to Battle Lumber Company for the railroad ties they donated to the park and the dump truck load of soil donated from Beasley Hauling Company.



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Kathryn "Kathy" Jordan, 72

Kathryn "Kathy" Jordan, age 72, of Twin City, passed away Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro. Funeral service was held Sunday, June 23, at Twin City First Baptist Church at 5 p.m. The family received friends from 3 to 5 p.m. at the church on Sunday, June 23. Interment followed in Twin City-Coleman Cemetery.

Kathy was born in Swainsboro and was the first born and oldest daughter of Jack Walden and Claudene "Tissie" Johnson Walden. She was a member of Twin City First Baptist Church where she was baptized in her formative years. Kathy was currently a member of the Margaret Burrell Sunday School Class. She was a 1970 graduate of ECI and during her high school years, Kathy was very active in sports. She was co-captain of the basketball team and played on the recreation softball team. Kathy loved to dance and loved listening to music. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and was very proud of all of their accomplishments. Kathy received a business administration degree at Swainsboro Technical College. During her working career, Kathy worked in several management positions with various clothing manufacturers. She was the office manager with Pride Manufacturing for many years before



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Rheumatoid Arthritis required her to retire at an early age. Kathy never met a stranger, and she was a blessing to everyone who knew her. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Jordan is preceded in death by her first husband, Ronald Wayne Grimes; and stepson, Ronald Wayne Grimes, II.

Surviving are her husband, Archie Jordan of Twin City; son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Jenny Grimes of Metter; stepson, Josh Jordan of Nashville, TN; stepdaughter and husband, Pam and Joey Pittman; two sisters, Suzanne Walden-Wells and husband, Clay Wells of Phoenix, AZ and Debra Bird of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL; brother, Andy Walden and wife, Ann of Twin City; grandchildren, Gracie Grimes and Agatha Grimes of Metter, Roslyn Pittman Thompson (Matthew) of Metter and Joseph Pittman of Metter; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Samuel "Sam" Lester Brown, 66

Samuel "Sam" Lester Brown, age 66, of Twin City, passed away Thursday, June 20, 2024, from injuries sustained from a motorcycle accident. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 24, at 11 a.m. at Twin City Methodist Church with Rev. Randall Smith and Mr. Joey Bohannon officiating. The family received friends Monday, June 24, from 10 to 11:00 a.m. at Twin City Methodist Church. Interment followed in Noonday Cemetery with full military honors.

Pallbearers were Nick Krauss, Jeffrey Brewer, Logan Tapley, Luke Tapley, Evan Tapley and Greg Johnson.

Sam was born August 11, 1957, in Augusta, to the late Alvah Brown, Jr. and Mabel Allmond Brown. He attended public school at Emanuel County Institute before beginning studies at Georgia Military College. After Sam's high school graduation at GMC in 1975, he continued for the first two years of his university studies. From there, he transferred to Georgia Southern University to complete his bachelor's degree and join the United States Army as an officer. A lifelong learner, Sam took a pause from his military career during his children's school years and returned to Georgia Southern to acquire his bachelor's degree in education, after which he taught high school English at West Laurens High School in Dublin. He remained in the Army Reserves during this time, and following the events of 9/11, was called to active duty where he completed two tours before retiring for



BROWN

the final time. Sam's time in the Army carried him across the globe many times over during his 39-year career. A proud Army Ranger, he retired as a chaplain's assistant with the 5th Special Forces Group. Sam loved his country, and its defense was his lifelong mission. His heart however, remained in Canoochee. In Sam's retirement, he built his cabin in the woods that he had spent his life dreaming of on the land that he loved, the land his father farmed. A highly proficient marksman, he had an unwavering passion for firearms, the outdoors, and anything with a fast engine. Sam lived for the sound of shots hitting their targets and the freedom of feeling the wind on his back as he rode down the winding country roads. Mr. Brown is preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Tom Brown.

Mr. Brown is survived by his loyal wife Kathy; son, Ian and daughter-in-law Céline; and daughter, Jenni and son-in-law Michael, who will forever miss their "Floyd"; and grandchildren, Liam, Abigail, Kyle and Asher, who will dearly miss their beloved "Pap".

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of the arrangements.

William Craig Steedley, 58

Mr. William Craig Steedley, age 58, of Swainsboro, was called to his eternal home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 22, at 2 p.m. at Hawhammock Baptist Church with Reverends Cail Pressey and Raymond Scott officiating. Interment followed in Hawhammock Baptist Church cemetery. The family received friends Saturday, June 22, from 12:30 p.m. until time of service at Hawhammock Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Lynn Barber, Brian Clemmons, Jason Clemmons, Doug Steedley, Hansel Steedley and Tim Steedley. Honorary pallbearers were Hank Akridge, Jeff Newsome, Barbara Stokes and Mark Stroud.

Born on July 23, 1965, in Thomasville, Craig was the cherished son of Bill and Carole Steedley. An honor graduate of Swainsboro High School's Class of 1983, he was a member of several organizations, none more beloved than his role in the SHS Tiger Varsity Baseball Team. Craig's academic pursuits led him to the University of Georgia and culminated in a bachelor's degree in social science education from Georgia Southern College in 1987. During his collegiate journey, he valued the life-long friendships he made as a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. After college, Craig attained a master's degree of Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1996. An ordained minister, he and his family faithfully ministered across in Arkansas, Florida, Alabama and Georgia. Craig's dedication extended beyond the pulpit as an educator, teaching social sciences, mathematics, and AT preparation. He generously shared his passion for baseball as an assistant high school coach. Above all, Craig's relationship with Christ



STEEDLEY

is where he found his identity. It was the cornerstone of his existence. Known for his warm demeanor, Craig never knew a stranger. He found joy in the written word as a voracious reader and writer and found great fulfillment in the pursuit of knowledge.

In the tapestry of his life, Craig lived his days with the simple joys: cultivating his square foot garden, savoring every frame of Peanuts holiday cartoons, reveling in the magic of Christmastime, playing Trivial Pursuit, learning about Civil War history and cherishing the timeless melodies of oldies music. His heart beat true for all things Georgia, especially the University of Georgia Bulldogs and the Atlanta Braves. Craig was a faithful fan of Georgia sports teams - even when at times it seemed all hope was lost.

Mr. Steedley is survived by his parents; children's mother, Lauren Atwell Steedley of Powder Springs; daughters, Whitney Bogionni (Michael) of Melburn, FL and Kate Joyner (Dylan) of Douglasville; son, Michael Steedley of Powder Springs; grandchildren, James Joyner, Everett Joyner, Verity Joyner and Luca Bogionni; sister, Daphne Scott (Raymond) of Swainsboro; nieces, Julia Scott and Libby Scott; and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to Penfield Christian Home, 1031 New Dorm Road, Union Point, GA 30669.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

James Edward Kangeter, 87

James Edward Kangeter, age 87, of Metter, passed away Friday, June 21, 2024. Graveside service was held Tuesday, June 25, at 11 a.m. in Lake Cemetery with Elder Mike Newman officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Jimmy Wedincamp, Joshua Kangeter, Blake Kangeter and Rusty Kangeter.

James was born in Candler County and lived in the Metter area all of his life. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. James attended Pulaski Baptist Church in years past. He retired from Southern States, formerly Goldkist, in Metter where he worked as an assistant manager. James also worked in HVAC and Electrical in the Metter area for many years. From 2000 until 2016, he delivered the Metter Advertiser to patrons in the community. James loved to fish and loved his Metter Advertiser newspaper. Mr. Kangeter is preceded in death by his



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wife, Margaret Virginia Kangeter; and daughter, Cindy Joy Kangeter.

Surviving is his son, Jimmy Kangeter (Mary Helen) of Garfield; daughter, Tina Kangeter (Jason) Austin of Marietta; grandchildren, Joshua Kangeter (Holley), Jessica Brown (Casey), Jody Kangeter, Breana Kangeter, Blake Kangeter, Olivia Austin and Trey Austin; great-grandchildren, Lanie, AJ, Brogan, Bailey and Colt; sister, Nancy Kangeter Cook of Pulaski; several nieces and nephews; and his dachshund, Matt.

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

Send a card to someone experiencing the loss of a loved one

Buxtons to be featured singers at Kite First Baptist Church

The Kite Community 5th Sunday Night Gospel Sing will be held Sunday, June 30, from 6 -7 p.m. at Kite First Baptist Church featuring the Buxton Family.

It's been about 32 years since the Buxtons came off the road as a traveling quarter, so no doubt there will be some who are not familiar with them.

Randy and Freddie Buxton started singing in church when they were six years old, and a few years later, with their sister Regina and older brother Michael. They started traveling on weekends as a group around 1972. Their father, JC Buxton and Michael's wife Ann soon joined the group forming the quartet. Freddie's wife Penny started singing with the group in 1985 and now



THE BUXTONS - RANDY, PENNY AND FREDDIE

Randy, Freddie and Penny form the current line-up.

Although the group won several awards during the 1980's through the Southern Gospel Music Association, they are best known for their recording of Randy's song *I'm Gonna Take A Vacation*. The song was released nationally under

Mark 5 Records in the spring of 1986, and by the end of the year it was #1 at several radio stations across the country and had charted at #25 in the nation's top 40 chart. In the Singing News Fan Awards, it was nominated as one of the top 20 songs for 1986. Due to the song's charting position, the group was fea-

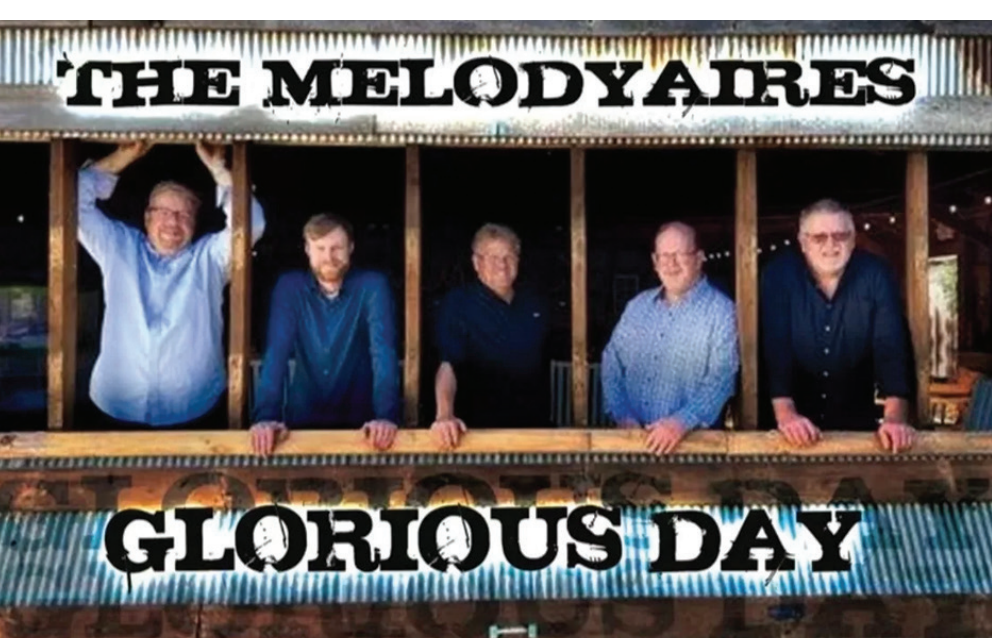
tured with Randy being interviewed on Paul Heil's nationally syndicated radio program *The Gospel Greats*.

The Buxtons no longer travel regularly as a group but are reuniting for this special night.

Everyone is invited to come hear the Buxtons as they worship through music.

Mt. Shady Baptist Church to hold 5th Sunday sing

Mt. Shady Baptist Church will have their 5th Sunday sing this Sunday, June 30, beginning at 10 a.m. with Melodyaires from SC as guest singers. Lunch will be served in the Social Hall afterwards. Pastor Rusty Moore invited everyone to attend.



MELODYAIRES

Editorials Columns

Debate at Sanford Stadium

I guess it's a good thing that we are about to have a debate this week between the two candidates for President. They say more people will watch Thursday night than watched the Super Bowl. Good, we need some distraction. The summer heat is wearing down man and beast. The grass crunches when you walk on it. Prices at the pump and the grocery store are causing dangerous levels of stress and strain, and relief for the human spirit in the form of college football is still two months away. So, yeah, let's focus on the debate. Okay, first of all, don't look for any bril-

liant oration. Socrates and Aristotle have nothing to worry about here. It has been suggested, however, that it would keep things on a higher plane if both candidates were required to wear togas, sandals and olive branch crowns during the debate. Of course, it would only be fitting if Jake Tapper and Dana Bash also came dressed in Roman-Greco fashion. Now, down through history, political duels have most often been held outdoors. So instead of being inside a CNN air-conditioned studio Thursday night, this debate should be held outside at Sanford Stadium in the middle of

the good old-fashioned Georgia summer heat with all the barbecue or fried fish you can eat provided by the perpetually outscored Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets and Alumni Club! Now we're talking! The festivities would start off with an announcement by the Commissioner of the Southeastern Conference that it has just learned that Brock Bowers has one more year of eligibility left playing with the Dawgs due to a mathematical error in his California high school records (they forgot to carry the 2). Next, before the actual debate begins there would be several

head-to-head "hands-on" matches of a physical nature between the two presidential candidates. These would include the stair-climbing challenge and the exciting thirty-inch dash. Unfortunately, following Mr. Biden's statuesque performance of the "FrozenMan" at a recent White House lawn party, the very popular "Can You Dance" competition is currently under protest by the Biden camp. Chubby Checker has also requested any reference of Donald Trump's dance moves to "The Twist" be declared unconstitutional. Also, all bicycle riding com-

Charles Schwabe



petition has been permanently removed from the debate competition. Well, this is all just imagination, but I do believe after a day-long debate under a Georgia, June sun, all doubts about a man's dedication, qualification and perspiration would be evident for everyone to see. If he could hold up on Dooley field, in front of a Georgia crowd, he could hold up in the oval office. One thing

is sure, this little satirical phantasm is not any more absurd than the process this country will put itself through in the next four months. All we want to do is just figure out who is really underneath the sweat-soaked shirt of the best man after a real debate. So, pull up a chair Thursday night and pay attention. You may learn what you want to know, or you might just enjoy the toga party.

Turnip patch, honeybees and bicycles

Next door to Uncle Aubrey's house was Big Momma and Big Daddy's house. It was the same house where my Momma lived when she was in high school. Just down the street in front of their house, was Big Daddy's blacksmith shop. On the next street, sort of behind the blacksmith shop, was Uncle Waitus and Aunt Margie's house. I remember both houses having privies out back, complete with Sears Roebuck Catalogs. I also remember the joy of the added indoor bathrooms.

Big Daddy died when I was eight years old,

so I didn't get to go to his shop too many times, but I do remember being fascinated by the bright red iron as he hammered it, and worried he was going to get burned. A blacksmith was a trade almost unheard of today, but in those days, horses had to be shoed and wagon or buggy wheels made or repaired. That was the way he earned a living for a family of twelve. He was a giant of a man, and always had a sweet smile on his face. Tommie and I would go over to their house and sit around the little wood heater in their bedroom where

they had two wooden rockers and a couple of straight chairs for us. We would put our feet on the heater until the soles of our shoes would almost burn! We'd listen to Amos and Andy on the radio. Big Daddy loved Amos and Andy!

When the Scott clan got together for anything - weddings, funerals, Sunday dinner, Preacher visits, or just because, they did it with a flourish. I'm talking about a food flourish. Big Daddy raised some chickens in the back yard just for such occasions. I remember peeking out there when he would

somehow manage to shake a chicken just the right way and that sucker was out. Then down on the chopping block and without a second thought he'd axe that head right off. Yep. There was our dinner.

Now, my Big Momma was an artist at cutting up chicken. I didn't know there were that many parts to a chicken! I still can't find one in a store today with a pulley bone! We kids would ALWAYS fight over that pulley bone. Sometimes, there would magically be more than one! But there were never enough pulley bones for all the Scott children.

Big Momma, we called her "Biggie", made fruit cakes in dishpans. She made huge nut cakes. That was Uncle Aubrey's favorite. She always had a nut cake available for him. Pecan pies, check. Sweet potato pies, the best. Potato salad, butter beans, tomatoes, squash, turnip greens, whatever vegetables in season, she had on the table, and plenty of it. Oh, and a big pan of homemade biscuits and tea to drink. I know she sweetened the tea that was served from the big aluminum pitcher, but she kept a little bottle of white pills on the kitchen table that she put in her coffee or tea. The enamel table always had her little toaster with the doors that opened out and held the bread to be toasted over the coils inside. Butter and preserves or jelly usually accompanied the toast or warmed up biscuits from the day before.

Big Momma had a brass bell which she rang from the back door to announce that dinner was ready. The kids always begged to be the one to ring the bell. She probably based her

La'Rose Tapley



choice on whichever one of us had the loudest mouth at the time. I don't think there was a pecking order. I was the lucky recipient in the family of the bell and have passed it on to my daughter, who has a collection of bells. It was, and still is, one of my most prized possessions.

I used to love to go down to Uncle Waitus and Aunt Margie's house. Their niece, Gail who was near my age lived with them and we were "almost" cousins. Gail joined me in many a #2 wash tub swimming and in many a sand lot ball game. In turn, I spent many a night at their house. Uncle Waitus was actually the one who "taught" me how to swim. He threw me in the water at Brown Springs and I had to swim. Brown Springs was a local swimming hole out in the country with water so cold your lips would turn blue, and it literally bubbled up out of the ground so fast that you wouldn't sink. I guess Uncle Waitus knew what he was doing but it scared me to death. I'll never forget that experience, but I learned to swim that day. In a hurry.

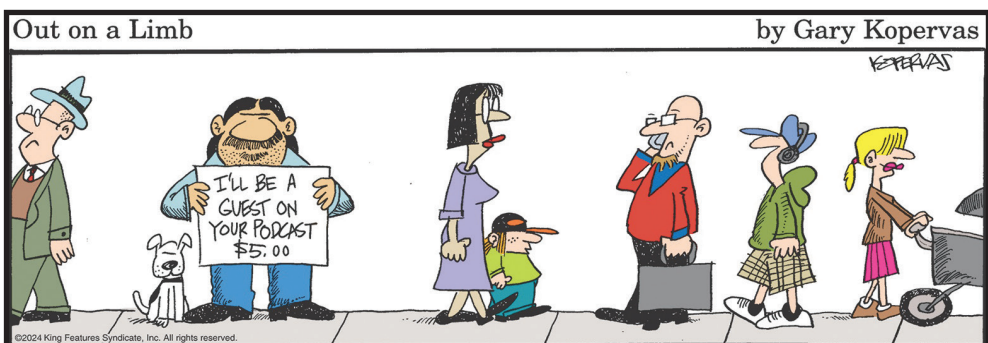
Uncle Waitus was also good for a Dixie Cup on most Sundays. We would pile in the back seat of his Ford, and we would go "splurging" usually at Quick's Service Station. That was a phrase he coined for taking us on a ride on Sunday afternoon and spending some extra money. So, I always tried to be around when he felt like splurging. In

those days, the Sunday activity for those who had cars would be riding around town going no place in particular, but looking at neighborhoods and inspecting what was new and oooing and aweing.

To get to their house, you had to go through the fine turnip patch and pass the beehives which always furnished the family with some fine honey. More than once, I had a swarm of bees chase me through the turnip patch screaming my head off. Uncle Waitus would say, "just don't run and they won't bother you". Yeah, right. I distinctly remember getting stung!

I got my first bicycle when I was about eight years old. I didn't know how to ride it without holding on to somebody though and that wasn't very cool. Tommie already knew how to ride a bike. My cousin Donnie, who was a couple of years older and lived in town, also could ride. So, I was forced to learn how to ride my bike. Big Momma's car was always parked in her back yard right outside her back door. It had a running board. Perfect. I would get my shiny green bike up to the car, stand up on the running board, throw my leg across the seat, get on, push off, and wheee, away I'd go - about six feet. Then fall over. Then back up and start over, and over, and over. Each time I'd get a little further and a little further. Finally, I made it and around and around Biggie's house I'd go. I was so bad! I could ride my bike!

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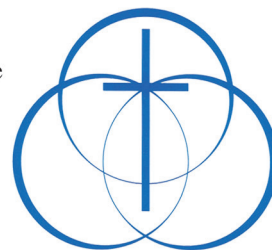
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Summer Scavenger Hunt for Books

by TAMRA ALLEN

Week three was another fun week of following clues to the great free books to read during the summer months. Family Connection would like to thank this week's "secret business", the Emanuel County Recreation Department.

The number of families participating continues to grow every week. We added eight new families, bringing our total to 93!!! "Families may join at any time during the eight-week hunt," states Tammy Allen, Family Connection Coordinator. Allen gives a special invitation to those who started on week one but missed a week. "Please participate any week that you can. We realize families take vacations etc. and we want the students to get new books to stay excited about reading throughout the summer".

*Clues are posted on Emanuel County Family Connection or Franklin Memorial Library Facebook Pages Monday-Wednesday and books are given out on Thursdays.



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Junior & Daughters...

(From front page) his auto museum wiping down and shining his vehicles. The Junior & Daughters Museum is open to the public daily, and it is free

of charge. Junior says that he enjoys it when spectators take an interest in the vehicles and admire the vintage look. Restoring and the upkeep of these vehi-

cles can be very costly, and this is Junior's way of giving back to the community by allowing them to be accessible to the community.

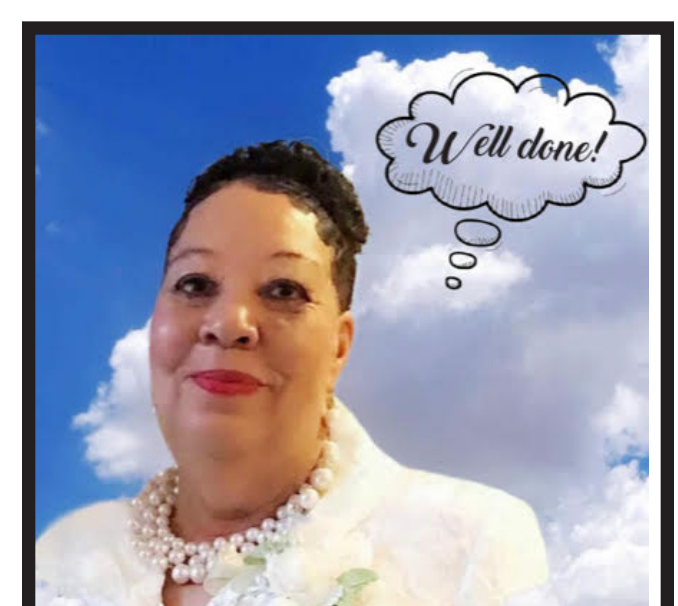
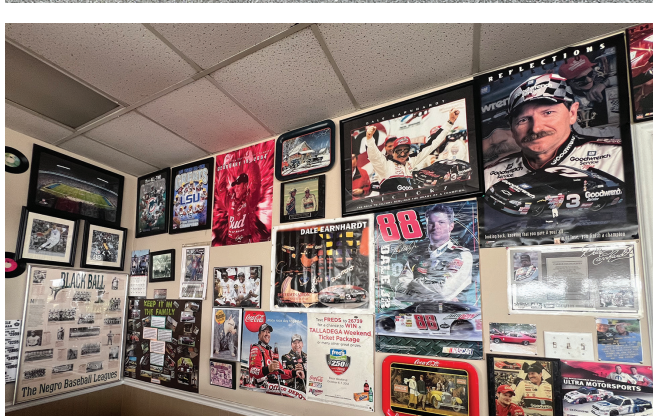
Junior Brinson stat-

ed that he appreciates the individuals that have supported him along this journey and continues to give him encouragement. He is also appreciative of his

sponsors that supported this event. Junior was very pleased with the turnout at the Cruise In and the support of the community. Please be on the lookout for more

events that will be taking place at the Junior & Daughters Auto Museum.

You can visit emanuel-countylive.com for more pictures from the event.



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BABY WRENLEE

Baby Wrenlee makes grand appearance

Jared Jones and Jessica Craig of Bloomingdale are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Wrenlee Ray Jones, making her grand appearance on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 8:47 a.m. Wrenlee weighed 4 lbs. 11.5 oz. and was 17.9 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Virginia Craig and the late Charles Craig of Langley, SC. Paternal grandparents are Melva Marsh and Christopher and Michelle Jones, all of Swainsboro.

Great-grandparents are Harriett Curl and the late Jerry Curl and the late Melvin Marsh, and Hazel Jones and the late George Jones, all of Swainsboro.

Growing up in the 'Boro

Reading the Journal of Two Centuries of Swainsboro, filled my heart-felt memories with people and places that had brought me joy. My last two columns were filled with a person and a place. Next to come should be an event. This took a while before I realized that I could not single out an event from my precious memories that linger. This column will be an era of "Growing up in the 'Boro" and will cover my high school years. I give you the chance to do the math on those years. Through the early years, our social life came from school events. We claimed a sweetheart and expressed it by writing your initials plus the initials of your chosen one. My notebook was covered with SP+CP. (Can you figure that out, Dr. Sasser?) Sitting together at the movie on Sunday afternoon was the highlight of these couples. This did grow into holding hands. By Junior Year, we were beginning to have dates and boys were allowed to drive the family car. You might ask "What were fun dates in Swainsboro?" The answer is "Plenty". The Dixie Theatre especially on the Saturday night midnight show and two Drive-In Theatres in separate parts of town was an especially fun date. A drive down the road to Coleman's Lake or McKinnie's Pond provided swimming, bowling, skating and Saturday night square



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dances. The 4-H clubhouse had dances and other activities planned by Mr. Varner. Dates usually ended with a stop at The Lighthouse Drive Inn. After a game

or other school activity, the parking lot was filled with cars loaded with SHS students who visited from parked car to friends in other parked cars. The Lighthouse was owned and operated by "Puny" Peoples (a full-grown man—not a group of small people) and considered out of town in those days. Interesting that the location of the popular Lighthouse is now the location of a Hospice. I grew up in the 'Boro & would not change a moment of the days.

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Coaches Caleb Pressey, Josh Gay, and Ashley Hooks.

8u Girls – District Runner Up

Top Left to right- Keagan Freeman, Berkley Brown, Addison Hutcheson, Erian Hillman, Danni Lynn Williamson, Callie Mae Davis, Caroline Lewis, bottom left to right- Lennox Lindsey, Pacey Thompson, Robbi Ann Faircloth, Bristol Weber, Lauren Kersey, Karson Scarborough, Coaches - Jeffery Scarborough, Bryant Lewis, Justin Lindsey, DJ Davis

10u Boys District Runner Up –

Top left to right- Gavin Johnson, Easton Milbee, Gauge Akridge, Judson Flanders, Asher Edenfield, Mason Murry, bottom left to right- Kanon Newsome, Kellan McNeely, Waylon Mills, Brooks Hall, Hudson Moore, Chandler Mincey, Coaches - Brian Milbee, Chance Flanders, and Matt Murry



10u Girls – District Champion

Top left to right- Evie Jarriel, Mylee Weber, Hadley Claxton, Emma Claxton, Analeigh Scarborough, bottom left to right- Ella Jo Hooks, Eden Hudson, Wesley Fields, Blakely Brinson, Paisley Boynton, Sara Kathryn Derriso, Avery Frye, Coaches - Eric Weber, Jason Bragg, Johnathon Scarborough, and Mitchell Hudson

12u Boys – District Runner Up-

Top left to right- Devin Cuyler, Tanner Mitchell, Banks Burke, Maddux Hendrix, Drake Clements, Benton Bishop, bottom left to right- Hudson Ware, Bentlee Akridge, Greyson Gowen, Charlie McRae, Charlie McNeely, Jace Marchman.
Coaches - Dean Gowen, Hugh Hendrix, Joey Burke, and Brett Bishop

12u Girls – District Champion

Top left to right- Anna Grace Scarborough, Ray Faircloth, Zoie Hooks, Ansley Frye, Evie Moore, bottom left to right- Raelyn Romig, Mary Bess Fields, Brooklyn Lewis, Hendley Blackburn, Milly Farmer, Cayleigh Taylor, Kate Yeomans.
Coaches - Zac Frye, Jeremy Faircloth, Russ Yeomans



14u Boys – District Champion –

Top left to right- Landon Claxton, Levi Hall, Judson Underwood, Tate Torpy, Weston Johnson, Logan Claxton, bottom left to right- Bowen Ware, Hayden Wren, Lawson Frye, Ethan Mason, Peyton Deriso, Colt Sconyers, Ethan Colston, Coaches - Peyton Frye, Corey Chalker, and Ted Sconyers

14u Girls – District Champion

Top left to right- Abby Randall Lewis, Lilly Hudson, Colbie Radford, Senaria Hillman, Aubrey Scott, Sara Smith. bottom left to right- Sydney Lively, Mylie Beneteau, Kaybreigh Hostilo, Emily McRae, Charley Mitchell, Jennifer Hernandez, Coaches - Christy and Manny Hernandez, and Roy Beneteau

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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 Cow Ford Bridge Rd, Kite, GA 31049-6316 THE PROPERTY ADDRESS AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LISTED ARE PROVIDED SOLELY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES Said property is known as **908 Cow Ford Bridge Rd, Kite, GA 31049**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

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, also known as 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 POST OFFICE BOX 129 SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401 478.237.7029

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY All creditors of the estate of Rosland Handberry Pickens, 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 18th day of June, 2024. Darryl Handberry, Executor of the Estate of Rosland Handberry Pickens, decedent Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY All creditors of the estate of James Dixon Reeves, 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 18th day of June, 2024. Ralph E. Dixon, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of James Dixon Reeves, decedent Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY All creditors of the estate of George H. Boyd, 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 20th day of June, 2024. Tristen Boyd, Administrator of the Estate of George H. Boyd, decedent Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401s

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Sheriff's Reports

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

June 15
Complainant stated he was checking his farm property on South Old Reidsville Rd. and believes he lost his firearm but is not sure of the exact location. C/p stated he may have laid it down on the tailgate of his truck and it could have fallen off going down the road or at the dump site on Hwy 80 East. C/p stated he went back and checked both areas the next day and was unable to locate it.

June 16
Deputy was dispatched to W. Broad St. in reference to someone throwing trash in complainant's yard. C/p stated that multiple times since 6/14, someone has been stopping in front of his house and throwing trash in his yard. C/p advised offender to be a female and described the vehicle but does not know who she is.

June 17
Deputies were dispatched to Long Bay Dr. in reference to a domestic. 911 advised that the female subject had been hit in the face and the male subject had taken a firearm from the female victim and fled the scene. A vehicle description and direction of the vehicle was provided. With the assistance of Oak Park Police, suspect was located and detained. Upon arrival at the incident location, victim stated the altercation ensued because she

caught offender cheating and he struck her with a closed fist, choked her and slammed her to the floor. Victim advised offender took her pistol from her purse and left. Victim showed signs of physical abuse of what appeared to be moderate to severe swelling to the eye and face. Information was relayed to Oak Park Police who said the suspect was detained and advised he showed signs of physical abuse that consisted of a knot on his head. Suspect stated he woke up after being hit on the head by the female holding a gun and during the course of the altercation, he knocked the gun out of her hand and left. Due to conflicting statements and both parties having injuries, the primary aggressor could not be determined. Female victim was transported by EMS to the EMC ER. Male subject was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning to the residence.

Deputies responded to Hwy 23 South where complainant stated she was receiving multiple texts and calls from a man threatening her and her child and is unsure who the man is.

June 18
Deputy responded to Hereford Cir. in reference to a female knocking on homes trying to use a phone. Complainant advised the female got out of described vehicle with damages. A few minutes prior to this call, deputy was dispatched to

Lindsey Rd. in reference to a hit and run involving the described vehicle and victim followed the car to a residence. Deputy and police went down the driveway where vehicle was last seen and discovered the driveway went through a yard onto Fanning Cir. Deputies observed the vehicle on Hereford Cir. to be unoccupied and the ignition still on. A female approached the scene and was detained for further investigation. While police were viewing surveillance, the female approached deputy's unit and requested for him to call her daughter and asked what was going on. She then stated she shouldn't even be driving, and deputy asked if her license is suspended, and she then changed the subject and stated her friend was driving and they were coming from the club. Deputy then asked her for her friend's whereabouts, and she stated they left walking and left her alone with the car. Deputy and police did not observe anyone walking in the area and c/p advised the female was the only one seen with the vehicle. Police took her into custody.

June 19
Deputies assisted EMS and first responders with a drowning on Heron Rd. Victim was said to have dove into the river and did not surface for a period of time. Others at the location with the victim pulled him from the water and found

him to be unresponsive. CPR was given who was resuscitated on scene prior to arrival. Victim was flown out for further treatment.

Complainant called 911 in reference to his neighbor threatening him over a mailbox he set up at his residence. Deputy responded to Wendy Ln. and spoke with c/p and he stated he was in his yard and offender began threatening and cussing at him then left. Offender drives a log truck and parks it in the street across from c/p's residence and it's been a long-standing argument between them about his truck being parked there.

June 20
Deputy was dispatched to Nanette St. in reference to suspicious activity. He observed two juveniles walking back to their residence at Pine Terrace Apts. and they stated they had not seen any female subjects in the area walking. Deputy went back to speak with c/p who stated she observed two male juveniles, which ended up being the same ones the deputy spoke with, walking around the neighborhood through people's yards, as well as taking mail out of mailboxes. C/p stated one of them took mail from one mailbox and placed it in another mailbox and she placed it back into her neighbor's box. C/p also advised the two juveniles usually walk the area in the evenings.

Deputy attempted to find the two juveniles again but was unable to.

Complainant called ECSO and stated an item was delivered to his mailbox by USPS and when he checked his mailbox, it was not there. The item is valued at \$100.

June 21
Deputies responded to Lambs Bridge Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute. Both parties stated that the problem would only get worse if both were left to stay in the same house. Both parties were transported to EmCo Detention Center.

June 22
Deputy observed a vehicle on Lewis St. that appeared to be non-factory tint, at which time he initiated a traffic stop on E. Main St. Deputy approached the vehicle and asked the driver for his license and for permission to use his tint meter. ECSO K9 did a walk around of the vehicle and it was observed that the driver was acting nervous. K9 alerted on the driver door and as deputy walked toward the vehicle, other officers saw the driver put something in his pocket. Deputy performed a pat down to find a blue pill fall out of offender's pocket. Before deputy could pick it up, offender used his foot to cover it up and when told to move his foot, he slid his foot backwards, crushing the pill in the pavement. At this time, offender was arrested for tampering

with evidence. Deputies then used a pocketknife to get some of the powder off the pavement and it field tested for meth. When searching the vehicle, a small bag of marijuana and a pipe was found. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.



Bud Wilkerson, a nationally respected football coach was once asked by a reporter, "Coach, how much has football contributed to the nation's desire to be physically fit?" Looking at the reporter, he said, "Nothing - not one thing."

Surprised, the reporter asked, "Would you care to elaborate on that?"

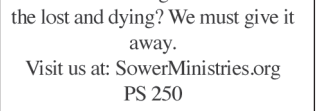
"Certainly," said Wilkerson. "I define football as twenty-two men on a field desperately needing rest and forty-thousand people in the stands desperately needing exercise."

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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 (ECSSO); Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); Probation Office (PROB); or East Georgia State

College (EGSC).
 Jaleel Dashawn Johnson, 32, arrested 6/17/24; Cruelty to animals (x7)/Failure to comply; SPD
 Brandon Jermaine Armstrong, 35, arrested 6/23/24; Probation violation/Probation violation - felony/ Hold for Treutlen Co.; ECSSO
 Ryshon Rymell Buford, 26, arrested 6/22/24; Posses marijuana less than oz; SPD
 Thomas Clarence Burnett, 54, arrested 6/21/24; Probation revocation; ECSSO
 Shon Antonio Butler, 48, arrested 6/18/24; Taillights/lens required/DUI less safe; GSP
 Javarius Mashon Davis, 29, arrested 6/17/24; Purchase, possession, manufac-

ture, distribution or sale of marijuana a-felony/Possession and use of drug related objects; ECSSO
 Terri Lenette Davis, 44, arrested 6/18/24; City probation violation/Bench warrant; SPD
 Jesus Marsh Delacruz, 32, arrested 6/17/24; DUI refusal/Tag lights required/No license on person; GSP
 Jerral Jermaine Deloach, 46, arrested 6/20/24; Disorderly conduct/Probation violation - felony/ Hold for Candler Co.; ECSSO
 Jam'mal Rasheem Doyle, 17, arrested 6/17/24; Aggravated assault; Sycamore PD
 Stacy Leann Flores-Hernandez, 39, arrested 6/22/24; Disorderly conduct; ECSSO
 Timothy Alexander Footh, 24, arrested 6/23/24; Hold for warrants; ECSSO
 Kimberly Faye Francis, 48, arrested 6/18/24; Theft by shoplifting; TCPD
 Darren Fuller, 58, arrested 6/22/24; Possession of schedule I controlled substance/Tampering with evidence - felony/Possess marijuana less than oz/Possession and use of drug related objects; ECSSO
 Desi Lee Hyman Jackson, 38, arrested 6/20/24; Court production order; ECSSO
 David Robbie Johnson, 38, arrested 6/18/24; Sanction; ECSSO
 Kenyada Latroyne Johnson, 41, arrested 6/20/24; Probation violation; ECSSO
 Cindy Michelle Kapp, 37, arrested 6/21/24; Expired registration/Mo insurance/Driving while license suspended/revoked; APD
 Remington Blake Lamb, 34, arrested 6/17/24; Probation revocation; ECSSO
 Alfred May, 62, arrested 6/20/24; City probation violation; SPD
 Angel Lasybil Miles, 39, arrested 6/18/24; Leaving scene of accident/DUI less safe/Driving while license suspended/revoked/Failure to maintain lane; SPD
 Charles Russell Mills, 67, arrested 6/20/24; Disorderly conduct; ECSSO
 Kendrick Devon Perry, 26, arrested 6/21/24; Speeding/Probation violation;

ECSSO
 Craig Tywain Roper, 44, arrested 6/22/24; Probation violation; SPD
 Diego Nolberto Chavez Santiago, 19, arrested 6/17/24; Driving w/out license/Suspended tag; ECSSO
 Tiffany Amber Slater, 35, arrested 6/20/24; Parole violation; ECSSO
 Lequayvion Zyquez Stuckey, 21, arrested 6/18/24; Housed for Laurens Co.; LCSO
 Tylor Mason Troisi, 28, arrested 6/18/24; Probation revocation; TCPD
 Darien Gilbert Jirell Watson, 33, arrested 6/20/24; Battery; SPD
 Chasity Brasha Young, 34, arrested 6/17/24; Failure to comply/Improper use of center turn lane; SPD

ECSSO
 Officer was dispatched to Herrington St. in reference to a report. Complainant and her daughter stated a male subject known to them started making threatening comments towards them when they told him not to go back to their house.
 Officers initiated a traffic stop on two squatted trucks. Officer made contact with the driver and advised him of why he was stopped and that he had already written him a citation for altered suspension and has been warned by other officers about the same issue. Offender had 16 days from the previous citation to fix the issue, so his vehicle was towed.
 June 20
 Complainant went to SPD to ask for an escort to his son/offender's house so he could pick up his vehicle that his son had not been paying for. C/p stated the car is registered to him and since his son was not making payments like they agreed, he wanted to pick it up. C/p advised he did not expect any problems but wanted an officer there just in case. Offender drove away when c/p was headed to the house to get the car. A short while later, a traffic stop was initiated on the vehicle for driving on the wrong side of the road. Officer spoke with offender about his dad wanting to get the vehicle and he stated he could get it but was gonna be mad because he hit a utility pole causing damages to the vehicle. C/p arrived to get the vehicle.
 Officer was dispatched to Sycamore St. in reference to complainant's storage room being kicked in. Officer observed the door frame damage and c/p stated she has had problems with her neighbor's children going onto her property without permission.
 Officers responded to Carver St. in reference to an active domestic. Officers saw swelling to the female's face and transported offender to EmCo Jail.

ECSSO
 Officer was dispatched to Washington Ave. in reference to somebody attempting to take an air conditioner unit from a window. Complainant stated she heard a noise that sounded like someone knocking but by the time she got to the door she didn't see anyone. C/p advised when it became daylight, she went outside and noticed the AC unit had been attempted to be removed.
 Officer observed a vehicle go well past the stop bar at the four-way and could see it turn but wasn't sure where it went. As officer turned into the carwash, he observed the van behind it with a male subject coming from the passenger seat and was advised to have a seat. Offender advised he does not have a valid license and was transported to EmCo Jail.
 Officer responded to Project St. in reference to a domestic. Offender was standing in the front door yelling and cussing at victim. Officer asked offender to step out on the porch and stop yelling and cussing and asked what led to the argument. Offender stated complainant was fussing about him disciplining their son. C/p stated the same thing as offender and said offender woke up angry and had been yelling and cussing all day and that she had enough so she called 911.
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Swainsboro Police Reports

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

June 14
 Officer was dispatched to Gumlog Rd. in reference to an altercation. No one answered the door but complainant was in the vehicle and stated a verbal altercation between he and offender began inside because she wanted to leave the kids with offender while she went to the store and he became agitated and began hitting her. C/p stated she went outside and offender followed her and kept hitting her. C/p advised offender left on foot prior to officers arrival.

June 15
 Officer responded to Harvey's in reference to damage to a vehicle. Complainant and victim advised someone let a buggy go after unloading it and it rolled into their bumper causing damage.

Officers were dispatched to Happiness Dr. in reference to shots fired. 911 advised the caller's boyfriend was drinking and got mad and started shooting. Contact was made with complainant two doors down at a neighbor's house. C/p stated offender got mad because she hid the keys and medication offender did not need to take because he had been drinking all day. Offender was given loud verbal commands by officers with no response. C/p advised offender never threatened her or anyone, he just suffers from PTSD.

June 16
 Officer was dispatched to Washington Ave. in reference to somebody attempting to take an air conditioner unit from a window. Complainant stated she heard a noise that sounded like someone knocking but by the time she got to the door she didn't see anyone. C/p advised when it became daylight, she went outside and noticed the AC unit had been attempted to be removed.
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Officer conducted a traffic stop on S. Main St. due to owner of the vehicle having suspended license. Driver was issued a citation and advised she could not drive the vehicle.

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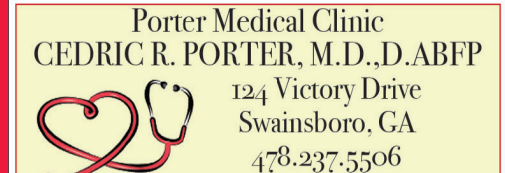


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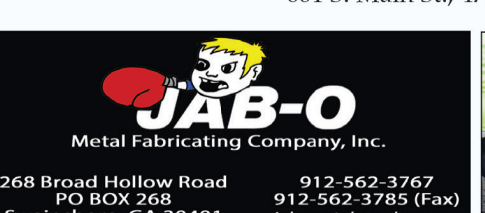
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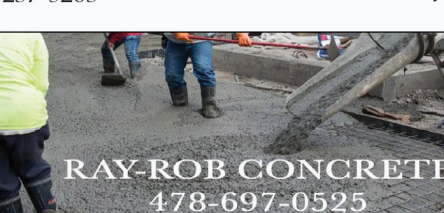
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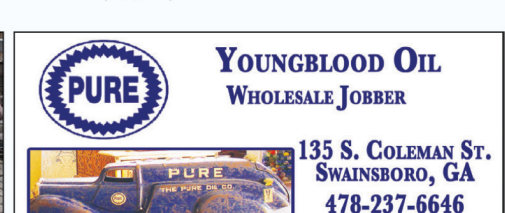
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