

There's nothing like Summer Camp!

Over 50 young inventors, explorers and dreamers are attending Camp Invention on the campus of East Georgia State College this week. Since 2014, the camp has been held at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center at "East Georgia". During five days of "hands-on" and "brains-on" activity, the campers are immersed in ideas, adventures and design exercises based on the elements of STEM, (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Nordson Corporation generously donates scholarships for each camper every year. Thanks to them and the Fulford Center at East Georgia State College for inspiring these young minds!



CAMP INVENTION PARTICIPANTS

Hot enough for you?

How many times have you heard that one? Well, no matter because you probably will be hearing it more than you ever have before according to the National Weather Service. We have already been under heat advisories, and they will continue throughout this week. The NWS is already saying July will be the hottest month of 2024. Much of that is the fault of a heat dome that has settled in this part of the country and has been slow to move. f you're looking for the bright side, it might help time last year the coun- not contributed to the you let it get so hot?"



THERMOMETER SHOWING 100 DEGREE TEMP Swainsboro High School try was also dealing with discomfort this sum- graduate, was recogwildfire smoke plumes mer. The cooler weather nized as the recipient from Canada and else- will get here, but in the of the Idelle Lee Carter to remember that this where. At least that has meantime, "How come



ALL THE FIXIN'S STORE FRONT IN TWIN CITY All the Fixin's receives the inaugural Thriving Twin City" facade grant

All the Fixin's was recently awarded Twin City's first ever "Thriving Twin City" facade grant. All the Fixin's has two cafe locations in Twin City and Swainsboro and serves coffee, breakfast, lunch, ice cream, frozen casseroles and also has a gift shop where they feature local food and gift products. They also

grow pecans and manufacture flavored pecans, turtles and pralines to be sold locally and shipped nationwide. The Development Authority of Twin City made applications available to businesses inside the city limits. Applicants had to submit their plans of how they would use the funds and what they

would do to make the outside of their business more appealing and welcoming. The grant was a matching grant of up to \$5,000 total project cost, so All the Fixin's committed to spending a minimum of \$2,500 on beautifying the outside of their business and the Development Authority (Continued on page 2A)

Rogers recognized as 2024 Georgia 4-H Achievement Scholarship recipient

On Saturday, June 22, FaithAnn Rogers, an Emanuel County 4-H recent member and Memorial Scholarship during a luncheon at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. The award was presented by Kelly Carter, Mrs. Idelle Carter's granddaughter, in whose memory the scholarship was endowed. In addition to the \$1,000 scholarship, FaithAnn also received Master 4-H'er status, the highest honor a Georgia 4-H'er can receive. FaithAnn, daughter of Brian and Ann Rogers, has been a member of Emanuel County 4-H since the 5th grade. She was a member of the Band of Gold, Beta Club, and FCCLA. FaithAnn is a very active member of First Baptist Church where she is a member of the youth group, praise band, and choir. She is a Certified Teen leader and has been a member of the County 4-H Board of Directors for two years. She is a 2023-2024 Clovers & Company cast member and has competed in 4-H Food Challenge, Pantry Pride, and Project Achievement in the Dairy



No place like Nanny's

by Dena Walden

The first cup of coffee I ever enjoyed was in the most unlikely of places. I guess in today's sense of child rearing it would be considered unlikely or just plain careless (if you were to ask some of the millennial parents not raised in the South, but I digress.) There was something so captivating about being given the free will to inundate my small, porcelain mug with ¹/₃ of a cup of that smooth, velvety caffeine followed by a 2/3 mixture of milk and sugar. Obviously that caffeine content was drowned out with the immersion of the sweetened dairy addition, but I felt like a grownup nonetheless. It's amazing how small moments like this somehow become a part of your innate sense of childhood and the pure joy that it encapsulates.

When I began the last stretch of interviews with those who are liv-



MR AND MRS OGLESBY

ing in their "Golden Years," it was the mere thought of my Nana that led me to having a conversation with Ms. Louise Oglesby. I guess it's a little ironic that I would sit down and chat with her because she actually was my Nana's sister inlaw decades ago. That is a different story all on its own, but she surely gave me such a precious moment just by being in her company and listening

to her story. Born on September 16, 1933 to parents Leila and Bennie Simmons, Annie Louise Simmons Oglesby would be reared mere yards away from the home she currently lives in right at the meeting of Noonday Church Road and Mt. Olivet Church Road. When you arrive at this little corner, you Foods and Performing are greeted by a quaint Arts categories. FaithAnn yard that is cleanly kept plans to attend Ogeechee (Continued on page 7A) Technical College and

ROGERS AND CARTER

major in Culinary Arts.

Annually, the Georgia 4-H Foundation awards more than 40 scholarships totaling over \$30,000 to recent high school graduates and students currently enrolled in post-secondary institutions through the Georgia 4-H Achievement Scholarship program. The scholarships recognize students for their involvement and success in 4-H, the classroom, and the community.

ers youth to become true leaders by developing necessary life skills, positive relationships and community awareness. As the largest youth leadership organization in the state, 4-H reaches more than 170,000 people annually through the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension offices and 4-H facilities. For more information, visit georgia4h.org or contact Emanuel County Extension at (478) 237-1226.

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Scavenger Hunt for Books Celebration

Week five was a week to celebrate our Nation's Independence and a great week to celebrate as the total number of families participating in our scavenger hunt for books reached 100! The shortened holiday week was gladly taken on by our own Forest-Blade. Emanuel County Family Connection sends many thanks to The Blade and staff for being such big supporters of our work to improve childhood literacy. Three more weeks left of following clues to those new books!



AYDEN CRABB



TAMARA ALLEN, FAMILY CONNECTION COORDINATOR AND MELVA MARSH, FOREST BLADE STAFF, SHOWING BOOKS

All the Fixin's...

(From front page) would match the \$2,500 to total \$5,000 invested. Business owner, Janna Tucker, shared, "I love Twin City... the people here, the location and the overall goodness that is here in our hometown. To open up a gift shop, cafe and choose to build our manufacturing space here was on one hand a no-brainer, but on the other hand, it takes a lot of investment in hopes that the community will support it.

We are thankful that the DATC acknowledged our efforts and awarded us with this grant! We love how our project turned out and hope it will draw attention to make passersby continue to stop in and check us and Twin City out! We hope it also

makes our citizens proud knowing Twin City has our very own drive through coffee spot and fun outside space to enjoy breakfast, lunch or ice cream."

All the Fixin's purchased the old Gramont Theatre building in March of 2023. They use the space for their pecan candy manufacturing and warehouse. The front of the shop serves as a cafe and gift shop - they have a drive through, indoor cafe seating and an outdoor patio area. They also share the space with Southern Styles, hair salon managed by Pam Johnson. Their grant project involved supporting other local businesses includes new logo signs from Idea7 based in Stillmore, new ceiling fans and sconces installed by David Graham and team, handyman work/ drive-thru construction by Brannon Bush, new

Future Generation Youth

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glass retail door installed by Ricks Glass, plants by Yardmaster, door signs by L&W Signs, rock and misc supplies by Twin City Hardware and Swainsboro Supply.

Twin City Mayor, Matt Donaldson, explained, "The Development Authority of Twin City was pleased to award one of our inaugural Thriving Twin City grants to All the Fixin's. The development authority is supporting local businesses with this new type of facade grant. Janna has been transformative in the Downtown Graymont area, and we are glad she is investing in Twin City." Photos of project are available at https://photos.app. goo.gl/8MCoB5SDzPx-UUrYt9.

Keep Emanuel Beautiful gets boost from Mill Creek Foundation

Emanuel Keep Beautiful held its meeting monthly on Thursday, June 20, in the County Commissioners Board Room of the Coleman County Office Building. A big announcement and a major step forward in the organization's plans came with notice of a grant approval from Mill Creek to assist

in KEB's funding. This assistance will enable KEB to move along with future efforts in controlling litter and ty, and continuation of involving the general public in awareness and action. Upcoming activities for the group include a "Fall Clean ing will be Tuesday, Sweep" cleanup in the Canoochee and Twin City areas, efforts to involve area schools in KEB programs, discus-

sions with various government agencies on activating a recycling program for the counthe PLEASE DON'T LITTER billboard campaign with Uncle Birdy. KEB's next meet-July 16, 2024, at the Memorial Franklin Library from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome.

Emanuel County Historic Society to hold meeting

by MISSY ELDER

The Emanuel County Historic Society will host its July quarterly meeting on Thursday, July 25, at 7 p.m. in the Varner 4-H building. It will be our usual potluck meal, so please bring a dish to share. The Veterans will catch us up on their 2024 projects and upcoming Wreaths Across America. It is truly amazing how this project has grown in our County.

The Glad Garden Club will also catch us up on their activities which include beautification of local spots and the little park tucked into the corner of Highway 80 (West Main), Tyson St. and Hwy 57 (Kite Road) intersection. We hope to see you there! For information, call 478-763-3631.



COMPATRIOT DERDEN Derden speaks to Four Rivers **Patriots**

The Four Rivers Patriots, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, held its monthly meeting Thursday night, June 20, at Chatters Restaurant in Lyons at 6 p.m. With President Steve DeWeil presiding, they had 16 in attendance. After the invocation by Chaplain Emory Fennell and the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the Pledge to the Sons of the American

Revolution, President Steve called on dual member Dess Smith III to introduce the speaker for the evening. Compatriot Dess introduced Compatriot John Derden to present his program on "Frederica, not one man Hurt". John is a member of the Wiregrass Chapter in Swainsboro and is retired from East Georgia State College where he was the History

Professor. After John's presentation, President Steve and the chapter talked about finding all the Revolutionary War Patriots graves that are buried in Toombs Montgomery and counties. After several other items were discussed, President Steve called then on Chaplain Emory Fennell to say the benediction and led the Sons of the Revolution Recessional.



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Gary Lamont Frazier, 46

Gary Lamont Frazier, age 46, made his transition on Sunday, June 30, 2024. A Legacy Remembrance was held Sunday, July 7, at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church.

Gary was born February 27, 1978, in Swainsboro, to Carolyn Frazier and Lamar Franklin. At an early age, he joined the Christian family at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church where he practiced singing in the choir. He attended Swainsboro High School, graduating with the Class of 1996. After graduation, Gary joined the United States Air Force where he relocated to Oklahoma City, OK for a better experience of life and well-being. He was lovingly known as "Pop" in his hometown. Mr. Frazier is preceded in death by his sister, Shemeika Phillips. Mr. Frazier leaves to

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cherish his memories and Reverend David with his grandmother, Unkles to assist. The Issiebelle Frazier Swainsboro; Carolyn (Randall) Frazier service at the church. Strowbridge and Lamar Interment followed at (Cheryal) both of Swainsboro; Mausoleum. sone, Keandre Frazier of Mooresville, NC; Paulk, Sidney Lanier, brother, Derrick Frazier Timmy Beckworth, Shane of Swainsboro; sis- Averett, Joe Nasworthy, ter, Lakayla Frazier of Robert Justice, Tommy Warner Robins; and a Battle and Scott Rosenau. host of aunts, uncles, Honorary pallbearers nieces, nephews, cousins were Battle Lumber and friends.

Mosley's Home was in charge of Rebecca Battle, The New arrangements.

Madelyne Hall Meeks, 56

Mrs. Madelyne Hall Meeks, 56, of Lyons, passed away Sunday, July 7, 2024, at Memorial Hospital following an extended illness. Memorial services will be Wednesday, July 10, at 6 p.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Hardin and Rev. Larry Perkins officiating. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Madelyn was born February 2, 1968, in Swainsboro, to the late Carlos Hall and Natalie Doye Hall. To know Madelyn was to love her. Her sweet spirit and kind heart touched many. Madelyn was an incredible salesperson, spending her entire adult life in sales. She worked at *The Forest-Blade* for many years before going to WXRS, then to Foundry Broadcasting in Statesboro. Madelyn's love for music and concerts was very obvious because she could name almost any artist when she heard a song. She attended concerts as often as she could – not only in Georgia, but Tennessee as well. Madelyn loved



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Monkey, Baby Dale and you will never work a Sassy, but the love of her day in your life. He was life was her husband, an active member of the Dale or "Daddy", as she First Methodist Church most often called him. of Swainsboro where he They shared 20 wonder- served on many commitful years together. Mrs. tees and boards and was Meeks is preceded in a head usher for 25 years. death by her parents; Paul was known for his brother, Carlos Lyn Hall; friendly and kind nature and sister, Debra Giles. and never met a stranger.

by her husband, Dale anyone he had ever met. Meeks of Lyons; son, Jer- Paul volunteered with emy Dykes of Vidalia; The Special Olympics daughter, Jennifer Dykes and was a member of of Dublin; brother, Den- the Swainsboro Country nis (Knocker) Hall of Club where he enjoyed Norristown; sister, Teresa Hall; grandchildren, Sydney, Marley and Landon; several nieces, nephews and many friends. Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. Paul Michael McDaniel, age 71, of Swainsboro, on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, at 4 p.m. in the First Methodist Church of Swainsboro with Mr. Bob Swan officiating

of family received friends parents, two hours prior to the Franklin, Eastbrook Cemetery and

Pallbearers were Ty Company Employees Funeral and their spouses, Mrs. Beginnings Sunday School Class and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ragsdale.

Born in Vidalia, Paul was the son of Preston and Brenda Jones McDaniel. He graduated from Glenn Hills High School, "Class of 70" in Augusta and went on to graduate from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1974. As an employee of Battle Lumber Company for 24 years, Paul lived the general truth that if her three fur babies, you love what you do, Mrs. Meeks is survived He never spoke poorly of



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dancing and probably hour before the service. Harris and the Will Watt McRae. Award. Paul loved his Randall was born Jan-Brenda Elizabeth Rice.

daughters, McDaniel Campbell and nephews.

Donations be made to the First Methodist Church Playground Project or Foundation.

Grady "Randall" Ray, 73

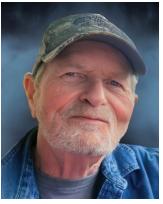
Mr. Grady Randall Ray, 73, of Swainsboro, passed away Thursday, July 4, 2024, at home surrounded by his family following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Monday, July 8, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Elder Mike Gray officiating. Interment followed in For-

playing golf with his est Lawn Cemetery in buddies every week. Dellwood. The fami-He loved music and ly received friends one

danced at least once Pallbearers were Mike with every woman in Ray, Tyler Hagan, Bo Swainsboro. Paul was Hagan, David Sherpassionate about his love man, Riley Griner and for The Atlanta Braves Billy Mason. Honorary and The Georgia Tech pallbearers were Tony Yellow Jackets. As a Mangieri, John Tapley, member of The Rotary Wayne Braswell, Ronnie Club, he held two of the Womack, Jim Dekle, Billy highest awards, The Paul Carmichael and Bruce

family and friends and uary 26, 1951, in Dougworshipped his grand- las, to Leon Avery Ray children. Mr. McDaniel and Virginia Mae Reece was preceded in death Ray. He graduated from by his parents; a broth- Swainsboro High in 1969. er, Preston Jesse Arthur Randall earned an asso-McDaniel; and a sister, ciate's degree in wildlife management from Abra-Survivors include wife ham Baldwin Agriculturof 42 years, Cathy Dickens al College. He moved to McDaniel of Swainsboro; Trinity, Texas and began Jennifer a career with Southland Trapnell Paper Company. Ran-(William) of Metter and dall worked in various Mary Elizabeth Mason capacities, mainly wild-(Wess) of Shellman life conservation. In Bluff; brother, Patrick 1987, he returned home McDaniel to Swainsboro and began (Janice) of San Antonio, work with the Emanuel TX; special sister-in-law, County Soil and Conser-Mary S. Dickens and her vation Service. Randall spouse Kathy Morgan; retired from the Swainsgrandchildren, Michael boro Parks and Recre-Caleb Mason, Harper ation Service in 2021. He Lea Trapnell, Laurie enjoyed anything wild-James Mason and Hallie life related, NASCAR Morgan Trapnell; and a and local racing. Randall host of cousins, nieces loved to swing dance Texas style, and played may golf whenever he could

Mrs. Leneise Bass the Prostate Cancer Davis, 90, of Swainsboro, passed away Thursday, Durden-Hudson July 4, 2024, following Funeral Directors was in a brief illness. Funeral charge of arrangements. services will be Wednesday, July 10, at 11 a.m.



RAY

with his golfing buddies. Everyone enjoyed his sense of humor and quick wit. Randall would laugh in most conversations with everyone. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Swainsboro. Mr. Ray is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Susan Johnson Brinson; brother-in-law, John David Bailes; and great-nephew, Jake Hagan.

Mr. Ray is survived by his brother, Don Ray (Linda) of Swainsboro; sisters, Ann Rav Kea (Gene) of Swainsboro and Sandra Ray Bailes of Adrian; special family members, Tyler Brinson and Ellie Escobar; nephew, Mike Ray (Shawna); nieces, Katie Kea Hagan (Bo), Chrissy Ray Sherman (David) and April Kea; great-nieces, Lauren Ray, Haley Hagan, Lilly Wheeler, Sara Sherman and Harper Sherman; great-nephews, Tyler Hagan and Drake Mason; cousins, Diane Dimsdale, Wayne Gaskins, Juran Ray, Buddy Ray, Steve Ray, John Ray, Lydia Land, Lynda Land and Herbert Land; and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Leneise Bass Davis, 90



God's Holy Tabernacle For All People to hold revival

God's Holy Tabernacle For All People in Twin City George, Sr. and Emma will have revival with Pastor and Overseer Servant Mack Miracle, Signs and Wonder Ministry July She attended school in 26-28. Friday and Saturday service will be at 7 p.m. and Sunday service will be at 11 a.m. Pastor Amos Handsome joins everyone to attend the Healing, South Georgia College in Renewal and Deliverance.

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Levie Ann George, 74

Levie Ann George, age 74, passed away Monday, June 24, 2024. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, July 6, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Stillmore with Pastor Walter George officiating.

Levie was born December 26, 1949, in Stillmore, to Tobie Lue Wynn George. Metter and earned an associate's degree from Douglas. Levie worked as a nurse for 30 years at Baptist Village in Waycross. She moved back home where she continued working as a caregiver for her mother for 15 years. Ms. George is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Willie James George, Caulie George and Tobie Sherman George, Jr.; and sister-in-law, Bettye George.

Ms. George was blessed to enjoy her son, Patrick Bernard Fitzgerald George;



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grandchildren, Jadon Mathew Tyrone George, Shandreka Brown (Antonio) and Rachea George; great-grandchildren, ShiAmber Brown, Aleeah Brown, Sylvia Brown, Nigeria Palmer, London Palmer and Queen Morgan George; sisters, Patricia Ann Burse (Wallace) and Joanne G. Merritt-Hobbs (Anthony); brothers, Walter George and Joe Mack George (Irene); sister-in-law, Levon George; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Home was in charge of have been enjoyed by arrangements.



at Promise Connection Church, 303 North Green St., Swainsboro. Interment will follow at the Swainsboro City Cemetery. The family received friends Tuesday, July 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are Alex Smith, Deric Williams, Dexter Smith, Quintin Davis, John Ross and Detron Hammond. Honorary pallbearers are Anthony Williams, Christopher Smith, Xavier Davis, Joshua Turner, Marcus Smith and Jacoby Smith.

Leneise was born August 5, 1933, to Joe Bass, Sr. and Ethelyn Strobridge. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Leneise was also an artist, homemaker, a marvelous cook and loved to travel. She crafted handmade quilts, crocheted hats and scarfs, did knitting and drawings. Leneise drew her own designs for embroidery, making lovely artwork and her Funeral drawings and paintings many. She also enjoyed landscaping her yard with beautiful flowers, lovely rose bushes and budding trees. Leneise worked as a Wal-Mart associate and got to meet lots of nice people and made some cherished new friends. She retired in 2020 after 20 years of service. Mrs. Davis is preceded in death by her

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parents; husband, Lee Samuel Davis; sons, Calvin Williams and Samuel Davis, Ir.; brother, Joe Bass, Jr.; sister, Magnolia Jackson; close family and cousins, Irene Wadley, Dorothy Humes, Eddie Jones Robert Strobridge.

Mrs. Davis is survived by her daughters, Etha Lin Bell (Donnie), Dorothy Young, Lannie Williams, Celesta Worthen (Rodney), all of Swainsboro, twin daughters, Georgia Williams Davis of Swainsboro and Julia Williams (Eddie) of Augusta, Allie Williams of Atlanta and Deneise Turner of New York, NY; grandchildren, Alex Smith (April), Pamela Ross (John), Dexter Simmons, Chris Simmons, Deric Williams (Katie), LeKisha Hammond (Detron), Anthony Williams, Erica Williams, Brianna Phillps, Quintin Davis (Eboni), Xavier Davis, Chaniqua Worthen, Keashaun Worthen and Joshua Turner; 18 great grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter; several nieces, nephews and many close friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Editorials Columns ______ National "Just because I want to" Day

This week, the week after July 4th, is one of the busiest times of the year. Oh yes, it's a wellknown fact. You might think it's the slow, sleepy days of summer, but actually, there is a festival of celebrations constantly going on among those who enjoy celebrating the celebrations that celebrate the endless supply of reasons to celebrate. This phenomenon probably got started as a consolation prize for those folks who just can't get enough of a good thing. I'm guessing last week these folks couldn't get enough

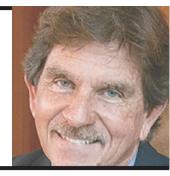
fireworks, hotdogs, and pets in patriotic costumes. So, in the spirit of celebrating just for the sake of celebrating, we are listing some of the smaller scale celebrations out there. In July, we have dozens of special days and celebrations. For example, National Picnic Month kicks off the list. This self-explanatory celebration extols the importance of honoring the wonderful tradition of picnics by "having a picnic". What better way to bring out our basic instincts of eating outside and oneness

with nature complete with ants, poisonous plants and ravenous animal friends in the forest? On July 11, you can celebrate "Educational Awareness Month". Most teachers and students will celebrate this observance, I would imagine, by having an "I'm so glad I'm not in school" party. Following this, is July's "Community Month" Awareness which can be appropriately celebrated by honoring the community with a picnic and an out-of-school party. Next comes" National Environmental Awareness

Month" during July where awareness of our environment can be celebrated by picking up the trash from the picnic, while you enjoy the beauty of the outdoors because you are celebrating education by not being in the classroom. Confusing, isn't it? This is the reason that July 12 is "National Simplicity Day". In a stroke of genius, this actual celebration reminds us that the true joy of living is not in what we have, but what we don't have. I feel better already! A description taken from National Simplicity Day literature

Charles Schwabe

says, "in the complicated world that we inhabit today where mobile phones, laptops and other modernday gadgets mean that we very rarely experience true peace and quiet to gather our thoughts, what better excuse to leave the technology at home and experience the feeling of truly being in the moment". Sounds to me like the "Simplicity"



folks need to simplify their core belief statement just a little. The good thing about all these special National celebration days is you can have one of your very own absolutely free. So come up with your reason to celebrate and have a star-spangled good time. I'm working on mine right now. How bout "National Send a Dog to College Day?

Junior -Senior Prom

The school term has ended. Seniors have graduated. Juniors are looking forward to being in grade twelve and enjoying the festivities of their senior year. However, the year 1951 changed the traditional passage of junior to senior and formal prom. These upcoming seniors would be the last class to complete SHS in eleven years. The Class of 1951 had completed all credits needed for graduation, so these eight

students were the senior class of 1951. Small, but certainly should be honored the same as other seniors. My junior classmates were perplexed, but we recognized that the Class of 1951 should treated with the usual honors. Our answer was to give a square dance instead of the traditional formal. This would be held at the new 4H Club House. After convincing Mr. Glenn, the class officers began to make plans. There would be a live

band, carnival food and barn-dance attire. This was already sounding like fun for all. Searching for a band that we could afford was a challenge. I found it when I heard the Pope Henry Band from Soperton being advertised on the car radio. Bobby Sasser and I were class officers and set out to find this band that seemed just right for our square dance party. We reached Pope Henry on the phone, and he scheduled his band to play for us. Happy and excited we looked forward to the party. The 4H Clubhouse was decorated, and we were all dressed up in barndance outfits. Mr. Varner was there to call the square dance and keep the fun going. When the band arrived, we were surprised to see one man and three large middle-aged ladies with the high hairdos of the era getting out of their car and unloading guitars and fiddles. "That

Shirley Proctor Twiss

is not a band! It is the Gillis-Henry Gospel Quartet from Soperton! I've seen them before," shouted a surprised classmate. I looked at Bobby and Bobby looked at me. How had we made such a mistake, and how could we correct. We hurried out to stop them and explain



our mistake. They laughed at our distress and said, "We are a Gospel Quartet—but not tonight. We are here to play square dance music for you. It was an unforgettable evening with perfect music and fun for all. The SHS Senior Class of 1951 will always be a special memory.

Atlanta veterans attempt to set the record straight on Vietnam War

Let's face it. The Vietnam War was not our finest hour. The Greatest Generation that took on Germany and Japan in World War II and prevailed came home and spawned a Not-So-Great Generation who put self above country.

How the U.S. got sucked into the conflict between North Vietnam and South Vietnam going back to the mid-'50s, I will leave to your own research and study, but sucked in we were. It started with some 9,000 troops sent to South Vietnam during the Kennedy administration. By 1967, that number swelled to over 400,000, prompting many of the Greatest Generation's Not-So-Great Generation to hightail it to Canada, aka, "draft dodgers." By the end of our involvement in 1975, some 58,220 Americans had lost their lives.

Hard to believe it has been a half century since all this took place and yet in some cases, the war is still being fought by those who were involved. One such group is the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association. My friend, Atlanta banker Rod Knowles, is a member of the group and shared with me the organization's efforts to correct the public misperceptions about Vietnam and

to combat the narrative of a war that was unwinnable.

A catalyst was American filmmaker Ken Burns' 10-part series on Vietnam. Knowles and many others who lived the experience - Burns did not felt the series was skewed against the war and those who fought in it. So, the AVVBA put together their own version of events and produced a film entitled, "Truths and Myths About the Vietnam War, a 47-minute documentary produced with Emmy award-winning film producer David Naglieri and introduced by actor Sam Elliott. The production debuted on AVVBA YouTube channel this past February. I urge you to watch it. (To view or download the film, go to the website AVVBA.org.) The Atlanta Vietnam Veteran's Business Association says that myths about the war, many of which have been proven wrong by developments since the war's end, continue to be perpetuated by misinformed elements of academia and the news media. Much of the information surrounding the history of the Vietnam War is incorrect or incomplete and much of the additional information that has become available in recent years has not been widely disseminated. Therefore, Knowles says, the purpose of the film is to honor those who served in the

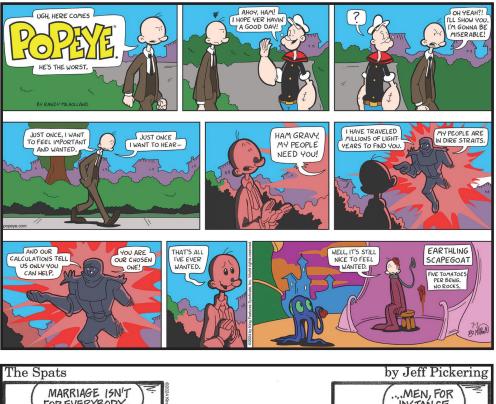
Dick Yarbrough

Vietnam War "by providing factual information to address the decades of misinformation that has presented a skewed historical perspective of the war." For example, today's antiwar crowd deny returning soldiers from Vietnam were poorly treated, including no examples of them being spat upon. That is an outright lie. A neighbor of mine tells me of returning from Vietnam and being spit upon on the streets of (where else?) San Francisco. You will be repulsed at the actions of John Kerry, former senator from Massachusetts and later secretary of state, who testified in 1971 about American soldiers raping, torturing and beheading Vietnamese and then, in 2001, passing those comments off as merely "quotes from an angry young man." What a disgusting human being. One of the most puzzling incidents shown in "Truths and Myths About the Vietnam War" was a report by CBS newsman Walter Cronkite who on Feb. 13, 1968, called the Tet offensive a "major success" both for the U.S. and the government of South Vietnam and that the Viet Cong had been soundly defeated. Thirteen days later, on Feb. 27, he said the exact opposite, that



the war was a stalemate and "unwinnable," causing Pres. Lyndon Johnson to say, "If I've lost Walter Cronkite, I've lost Middle America," and choosing not to run for reelection. What changed Cronkite's mind in 13 days? Only he would know, and he is no longer available for

Editorial Cartoons





g explanation.

"Truths and Myths About the Vietnam War" required about seven months to complete production and another five months for Sam Elliott to make the introduction because of delays by the Screen Actors Guild strike that prevented actors from doing anything until the settlement in November 2023.

Kudos to the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association for taking the initiative to present another side of the story about Vietnam, a project endorsed by such luminaries as James Livingston and Patrick H. Brady, both Medal of Honor recipients in the Vietnam War.

Rod Knowles says one of the aims of the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association is to promote the positive image of Vietnam veterans, their dependents and the widows and orphans of deceased Vietnam veterans. I say mission accomplished.



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Pursuant to Article 13 section 13-7 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Swainsboro dated May 5, 1997, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the conference room inside the rear entrance of the City Hall of the City of Swainsboro, GA at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 24, 2024.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider a petition by Michelle Moore for a variance to operate a boarding house located at 307 South Main Street, which is zoned C-8 and could allow this use with a variance.

> Bruce Kirby, Secretary Planning Commission, City of Swainsboro

PUBLIC NOTICE

Until further notice, all county commission meetings will take place at the Emanuel County Courthouse instead of the John C. Coleman Hotel. However, the meetings will remain on the third Monday of every month at 6 PM. The location change will go into effect with the next regular meeting, which will be this coming Monday, July 15th.



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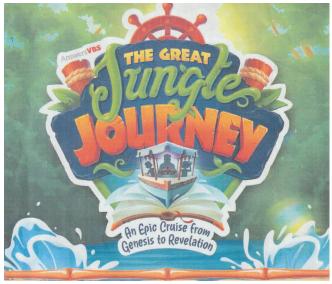


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2ND CHANCE MINISTRIES New Beginnings Worship Center to hold revival

New Beginnings Worship Center, 915 W. Main Street, Swainsboro, will have revival Friday and Saturday, July 12-13, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 14, at 11 a.m. with 2nd Chance Ministries. Pastor Tim invites everyone to attend.



VBS FLYER New Beginnings Worship Center to hold VBS

New Beginnings Worship Center, 915 W. Main St., Swainsboro, will have Vacation Bible School Saturday, July 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. There will be a bounce house and waterslide so take your swimsuit and a towel. They hope to see you there!

Mt. Olivet to host Homecoming

Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, located at 1593 Mt. Olivet Church Road, Garfield, will host Homecoming Services on Sunday, July 21. The church, established 118 years ago in a brush arbor across the road from its present location, has a rich history of being a beacon and guiding light to the community. Many of the church members are descendants of the original founders and extend a warm welcome for everyone, including family, friends, members past and present, along with anyone who has never been to make plans

to attend this celebration.

The morning service will begin at 10:30 a.m. The Will & Dorie Show, from Jenkins County, will provide music. Following the service, a noon meal consisting of side dishes to compliment fried chicken, will be served in the church fellowship hall. Mt. Olivet pastor Randy Graham says, "Please join us for this day in the Lord's house! We look forward to seeing everyone and reminiscing and worshipping together! Please come, bring a friend and a hearty appetite for a blessing and a great meal!"



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JULY YARD OF THE MONTH Cowart home named Yard of the Month

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Seedling Old Garfield Road, ful. Nominations for personally work so Yard of the Month are welcomed for each month. The Seedling Garden Club wants to honor homeowners and organizations that

diligently with pride and love to maintain their yards. Please call in your nominations to 478.494.6754 or 478.494.2752.



Hunters Safety Course to be held

Ridgeway Lodge #104 of Garfield will be hosting a Hunters Safety Course on July 20, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 124 Hall Street in Garfield. The course will be conducted by Georgia DNR free of charge and will be limited to 25 attendees. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, and door prizes will be given out. Please go online to gooutdoorsgeorgia.com and register with event ID #42719.

No place like...

(From front page) as well as small yard trinkets that give it even more character. You instantly feel that you've arrived at your own grandmother's house, but it's the warm welcome that Ms. Louise gives you that makes you feel even more like you've arrived at the home of someone who shares the same DNA as you. I truly think that's what makes people like her so remarkable. She makes the ones who cross her threshold feel as though they are right where they should be at that given point in time, and she has such a calming presence that makes one instantly feel welcome in her home.

Raised with her older brother, she developed the nickname of "Lou" and was called that by those who knew her well. Ms. Louise had the quintessential childhood when it came to what she and her neighbors down the dirt road did for fun. She told me that they were all fortunate enough to have bicycles to which they spent many a day riding down those red, dusty roads. On the rare occasion that those bikes were parked, she and her friends loved to play marbles out in the yard. They always found something to entertain themselves with, contrary to what this generation of kids are used to doing. When asked if she would consider herself a good child or a naughty child growing up, she responded that she believed she was a good one because, "When I was told something, I knew to do it so that'll keep you good." I often wish that more of our young people had this same kind of outlook nowadays. Graduating from high school in Garfield, Ms. Louise is a part of a rare group who remembers what the old school house looked like because she was able to attend all of her school years right there. There were only 13 members of her graduating class, and according to her there may only be two including herself who are still living. As most love stories of their day go, Ms. Louise began dating her future husband shortly after high school. Rufus "Buddy" Oglesby won her heart right from the very beginning. During their courtship, she described how he ended up joining the service because, "Back then it was hard to get any kind of job working on the farm for somebody. It wasn't a John Deere tractor. It was a mule and a plow." Therefore a career in the military was almost inevitable. During one of his times of leave, they made the decision to marry. They exchanged vows during a weekend trip to her brother's house in South Carolina, and as fate would have it Buddy would ship out the following week to be deployed to Korea due to the start of the Korean War. It was during this conflict that Mr. Oglesby was injured. While on the mend in a hospital in Japan, he was eventually sent back to the states, ending up in Fort Bliss, Texas. It seems that there is a common theme between couples of this time. None sought out grandiose, elaborate affairs to signify the beginning of their new lives together. They simply wanted to join themselves as one; husband and wife in the holiest state of matrimony. Mr. Rufus and Ms. Louise would even-

tually go on to have three

children; Randy in 1952, Joy in 1955, and Angie in 1964. Throughout their 50 years of marriage, they would see six grandchildren born. It was during this time that Ms. Louise was given the name Nanny, and it is one that she takes the utmost pride in. You can see it written all over her face as she speaks about them, but she really glows when she begins to chat about her great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She giggled as she told me that she has lost count on how many she has but that it was a good problem to have. I guess perhaps that's why they're called grand because the happiness they bring is al-

most indescribable. When couples seek to marry and speak their vows to one another, the ultimate promise is put on the back burner and rightfully so. What marriage starts out with the idea of possibly one spouse losing the other one? Not many if I had to guess, unless it happened to be a union built upon extenuating circumstances. However, most build their lives praying that departure from one another is many, many years down the road. Almost like a storybook, Ms. Louise would have that day arrive in 2000 when she said her goodbyes to her beloved husband, Rufus. He had spent three and a half months struggling with an illness that eventually he would succumb to. When asked what she would say was the secret to a successful marriage, she replied, "I think first off you have to trust one another." This was a sentiment shared throughout the previous two interviews. As stated earlier, 50 years was a lifetime with one another but still not long enough when it comes to saying goodbye to the one you've loved for as long as you can remember.

In navigating life without her husband, Ms. Louise developed more independence not only because she had to but because she knew that there would be things to do that she wanted to do on her own such as taking care of her yard. It's funny how simple tasks like making sure your yard is neatly cut, watered, and maintained can end up being so important to a person. It was in the process of doing such tasks that her life was changed forever. She has always had a close bond with her grandson David Ellington, but it wasn't until this pivotal moment took place that she would realize just how much she would grow to count on him and appreciate him. As she had often done, Ms. Louise had spent an afternoon overlooking her yard. It was at the conclusion of her tasks when she realized that she wanted to get some much needed creamed corn out of her storage house freezer.

DAVID, GABRIELLE AND NANNY After grabbing the vegetable, she began to make her way to her back door. She always tried to carry her phone in her pocket due to the fact that her grandson liked to keep in contact with her regularly to make sure that she was okay. Thank God that she did so because as she walked under her carport to step up to the door, she tripped and fell. Her foot had caught in the blocks which sent her backwards towards the ground. She hit her head and fortunately she was able to reach for her phone to contact David. Between a few others and him, they were able to get her into a chair and then on to the hospital. After arriving at the hospital, she found out that she had broken her hip. This injury proved to be life changing for her. In her words, "One of the worst things that bothers me is that I can't get out and do. See I kept my yards. I cut my grass. I trimmed my shrubs. I was the yard man, ya know. I did it all, and that was my pleasure out there doing. I'd rather be out there doing than sitting in this house." I could see it on her face and hear it in her voice just how much it truly bothers her not to be able to do those types of activities anymore, especially having to get someone else to do them for her. I guess right now in this phase of life that I am in (and by the grace of God still am able to be fully independent) I cannot fully comprehend the gravity of knowing that the simple tasks you once enjoyed doing would slowly slip from your grasp. This would lead into the answer of wanting to know what has been the most challenging aspect of getting older as well. As one gets older, they find it easier to look back and define some of their proudest moments. When I asked Ms. Louise what she would consider her proudest moment(s) to be, this is when she responded by saying, "Well, I have always been proud of my children and what they have accomplished. They can make you proud. They can make you sad, and they can make you proud." As a mother myself, I can understand these thoughts now. I guess until a person reaches these mile-

stones, you cannot comprehend them until you're in them. According to Ms. Louise, "You know what? You just can't really comprehend that they've got to that point. You know. You want them to grow, but you want to keep them close." I enjoyed hearing her reminisce about always having a big calendar and making sure to jot down all of the important dates and moments that were to come. This led to her sharing with me one of the best parts about growing older and that was, "all these grandchildren." I asked her were they as grand as I have alway been told they were to which she lit up with the biggest smile and said, "Oh, yeah! Have you seen our newest addition?" She was referring to the birth of Davie Dean who is the daughter of her grandson David and his wife Gabrielle. Speaking of this young man, we began to talk about how hard of a worker he is and how considerate, dependable, and trustworthy he is. I agreed to every comment that was given about someone who you could tell meant a great deal to her. Her response was simple but magnificent, "That's mine." Don't we want our parents and grandparents to refer to us that way? It doesn't have to be some grand gesture or speech heavily laden with sappy vocabulary declaring some cliche relationship that they may have with us. She is a proud grandmother declaring that her grandson is hers, and in my humble opinion it doesn't get much better than that. Speaking of David Ellington, it was at this moment I asked her who she would consider to be the person who has made a big impact on her life. "I guess it would have to be David because he has been here with me longer than any of the children have." He lived with his nanny for several years after high school and into his early twenties. It was during this time that he made sure she was looked after. Not only that, but his presence after her accident and breaking her hip was more than a God send. Ms. Louise, being a typical grandmother, made sure that he had supper on the table every night and that whatever she could do to help him



'NANNY' WITH DAVID AND DAVIE DEAN

she tried her best to accomplish. He stepped in, stepped up, and stayed. What a gentleman and even better grandson!

When I found out that one of Ms. Louise's favorite songs is Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone), I couldn't help but make the comparison between her and the lyrics. "And like a flood, His mercy reigns. Unending love, Amazing Grace." Grace. Sweet, amazing grace. When I look at her and listen to the gentleness in her voice, you cannot help but see a picture of grace and a true, Southern lady. She built a life for herself. She's experienced loss. However, she's also experienced love, not just love from her spouse but love from those that she watched grow up and turn around to help her in her own time of need. In ending our interview, I thanked her tremendously not only for allowing me the opportunity to talk to her but also for giving me time to press the pause button. For that hour I felt as if I had been given a moment with my Nana again. I know that

she's been long gone, but because of her kindness and sincerity Ms. Louise gave me that grandmotherly comfort and love that I have missed for over a decade now. I hope to be able to go back and visit with her again soon because it's true as they say, "There's no place like Nanny's, and there's no one like Ms. Louise."



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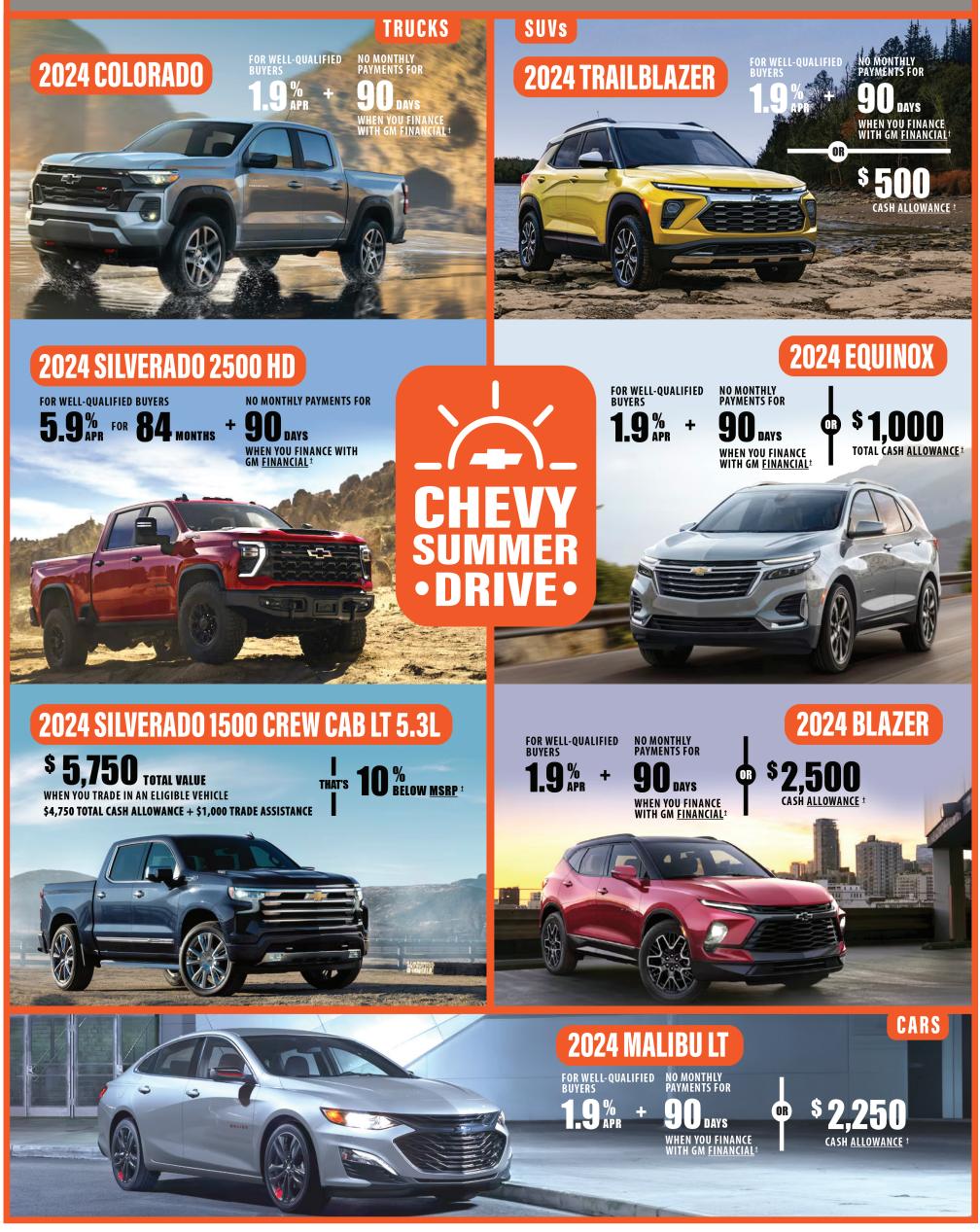
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TURPENTINE TOOLS USED IN THE 1900'S Elder speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, July 2, at the Rustic Grille Restaurant at 7 p.m. With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, they had 17 in attendance including Missy Elder and George Elder. The chocolate cake, donated by Dwight Watt and baked by Petite Garrett, was won by Jim Clapham and President Cheryl won the Domino's pizza donated by Domino's. The program was host-

ed by Jim Clapham, who introduced Missy Elder and George Elder, who run the Emanuel County Farm and Home Museum. Missy gave a presentation about Naval Stores and the turpentine industry in South Georgia. She noted the name 'turpentine' comes from the biblical terebinth (cypress Missy turpentine). showed tools that were used to create the catface cut for pine tar harvest, the various types of cups used to collect

the pine tar, the gutters used to direct the tar to the cups and the paddles used to remove the tar from the cups. She explained how the turpentine still, which looks like a moonshine still, extracts the clear turpentine and leaves the thick pitch. George showed solidified rosin after the pitch hardens, explained how it was used in the baseball pitcher's rosin bag and how it was used to make rosin-baked potatoes.



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three days. When they found him, he was in the temple talking with the doctors and asking them questions at twelve years of age. When his parents found him he asked them them did not they know he must be about his Father's business?

So now os the time that wr must get busy. Not to do our own thing, but to take care of the business of the Lord. For you are not your own, you are bought with a price It's the price of the blood of Jesus. Now is the time. It's time to love and Now hate for God is love. It's time to forgive and restore relationships. It's time to make peace and not war.

Discern the times see what's Going on in the world. Let's love one another and live in peace. Now is the time.



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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).

Ashane Stevenson Austin, 36, arrested 7/5/24; Disorderly con-

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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.

duct; SPD Kambritt Tikiyonna 25, Baugh, arrested 7/7/24; Failure to maintain lane/DUI-less safe-alcohol; SPD

Keemoyre Bostic, 34, arrested 7/2/24; Probation violation-felony/Probation violation-felony; ECSO

Adrian Jacquez Brihm, 19, arrested 7/4/24; Public intoxication; SPD Amanuel Jay Claxton, 43, arrested 7/3/24; Seatbelt violation/DUIless safe-alcohol/City probation violation; GSP Efrem Paul Davis, 37, arrested 7/4/24; DUI-less safe-alcohol/ Holding/supporting wireless telecommunications device; GSP

Nabrosky Willie arrested Floyd, 32, 7/5/24; Probation violation-felony/Hold for Toombs Co.; ECSO

Christopher Sanquan Gardner, 31, arrested 7/3/24; Child support lockup order; ECSO

29, 20**24**

Mark Harrison Grimes, 40, arrested 7/3/24; Schedule II controlled substance-possession of; ECSO

Laurie Page Haltom, 33, arrested 7/1/24; Failure to maintain lane/ Trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine/ Possession and use of drug related objects/ Possession of firearm or knife during commission of or attempt to commit certain felonies: ECSO

Tommie Lee Harmon, 59, arrested 7/4/24; Disorderly conduct; SPD

Armando Hernandez, 31, arrested 7/2/24; Disorderly conduct; Oak Park PD

Milton Lowe Jackson, 66, arrested 7/4/24; Public intoxication; SPD Jackson Johnson, 17, arrested 7/7/24; Disorderly conduct; ECSO

Dominique Lawrence

license suspended/ revoked/Speeding in excess of maximum limits; GSP Veronica Ann Kelly,

Jones,

55, arrested 7/5/24; Battery/Obstruction of law enforcement officers-misdemeanor; SPD Edward John Malphrus, 46, arrested 7/1/24; Probation violation-felony / Methamphetamine-sale

24,

7/6/24; Driving while

arrested

of; ECSO Timothy Blake Morrison, 33, arrested 7/5/24; Financial transaction card fraud; SPD

Jonathan Matthew Mosby, 45, arrested 7/1/24; Possession and use of drug related objects; ECSO

Meet Kartikbhai Patel, 24, arrested 7/4/24; DUI-less safe-alcohol/ Failure to vield; SPD Rashawn Timothy Richards, 37, arrested 7/4/24; Public intoxication; SPD

Michelle Lee Strickland, 43, 7/3/24; arrested Methamphetamine-sale of/Schedule II controlled substance-possession of; ECSO

Randall Bernard Strowbridge, 55, arrested 7/2/24; Probation violation; ECSO

Wanda Renee Toler, 54, arrested 7/4/24; Schedule II controlled substance-possession of/Bench warrant-misdemeanor; SPD

Athan Kane Waters, 30, arrested 7/4/24; Batterv (FV)-1st offense/Cruelty to children-3rd degree-allow child to witness forcible felony/battery/family violence/Simple battery; SPD

Haley Renee White, 23, arrested 7/5/24; Methamphetaminepossession of/ Possession and use of drug related objects/ DUI-less safe-drugs/ Possession of firearm or knife during commission of or attempt to commit certain felonies/Affixing materials that reduce or increase light transmission/ reflectance of windows/ windshields; ECSO

Kayla Nicole Wilds, 38, arrested 7/5/24; Theft by taking-misdemeanor; Oak Park PD

Ken Barry Wilds, 42, arrested 7/3/24; Simple battery-family violence/ Simple battery-family violence; ECSO

Clevie Gerome Williams, 63, arrested 7/7/24; Driving while license suspended/ revoked; SPD Kristi Carol Worthington, 48, arrested 7/6/24; Theft by shoplifting; ECSO

Samuel Anthony Worthington, 47, arrested 7/6/24; Child support lockup order; ECSO

Da'Marion Jemelle Youmans, 19, arrested 7/5/24; Theft by taking-felony; SPD

of the undersigned, the party/

and to whom it may concern: HOPE FAGLER has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of TOMMIE KAY M. JOHNSON a/k/a KAY M. JOHNSON 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 29, 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 held on 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

ASSIGNS AND dated 11/30/2021, and Recorded on 12/06/2021 as Book No. 527 and Page No. 356-371, EMANUEL County, Georgia records, as last assigned to PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$139,860.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the EMANUEL County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2024, the following described property: TRACT ONE: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS, SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN THE 53RD G. M. DISTRICT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, CITY OF SWAINSBORO GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT #5, BLOCK F, OF THE CASTLEWOOD SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT PREPARED BY J. D. MCLEOD, SURVEYOR, ON AUGUST 2, 1971, WHICH IS HEREBY INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR A MORE FULL. COMPLETE. AND ACCUBATE DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY. SAID PROPERTY FRONTING ON KATHLEEN ROAD A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET AND RUNNING BACK ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE 253 74 FEET AND ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE 273.1 FEET AND BEING 141.5 FEET IN THE REAR. SAID PROPERTY BEING BOUNDED, NOW OR FORMERLY. AS FOLLOWS: NORTHWEST BY KATHLEEN ROAD; NORTHEAST BY LANDS OF MARY THIGPEN, ET AL; SOUTHEAST BY PROPERTY OF RALPH FOSKEY AND PROPERTY OF SEAN WILLIAMSON; AND ON THE SOUTHWEST BY PROPERTY OF WADE BEDDINGFIELD, ET. AL TRACT TWO: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING, SITUATE, AND BEING IN THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO 53BD G. M. DISTRICT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AS AT Α POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF KATHLEEN ROAD A DISTANCE OF 126.20 FEET SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THF INTERSECTIONS OF CHARLES STREET AND KATHLEEN ROAD IN THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO, POINT SAID BEING THE BEGINNING. POINT OF THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 46

DEGREES 06 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 245.19 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 42 DEGREES 07 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 40 DEGREES 4 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 253.74 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 49 DEGREES 36 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 50 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT IS DESIGNATED AS THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF LOT 6, BLOCK F OF THE CASTLEWOOD SUBDIVISION BY PLAT BY J. MCLEOD, REGISTERED D. SURVEYOR, DATED MAY 20, 1975, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE296. SAID PLAT BY REFERENCE HERETO IS INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR A MORE FULL, COMPLETE, AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY. BOTH TRACTS TOGETHER ARE IDENTIFIED BY THE EMANUEL COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AS MAP

S38, PARCEL 023 AND HAS THE ADDRESS OF 111 KATHLEEN ROAD. SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has

been and is hereby declared due

parties in possession of the subject property known as 111 KATHLEEN RD. SWAINSBORO GEORGIA 30401 is/are: ROBBIE T ROBERTS JR or tenant/ten ants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens,

encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code: and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as Attorney in Fact for ROBBIE T ROBERTS JR. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT DFRT INF OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE 0000010169597 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341-5398

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed,

the petition may be granted without a hearing. DON E. WILKES Judge of the Probate Court By: Jeanie Hooks Clerk of the Probate Court P. O. Box 70 / 125 S. Main Street Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 (478) 237-7091 Telephone Number

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF

BETTY W. MOORE, DECEASED **ESTATE NO.** 24E0026 NOTICE IN RE: The Petition to Probate

Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed. TO: CHRISTOPHER LANCE

> MOORE This is to notify you to file objec-

P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND GEORGIA, CREDITORS 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 30401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF **EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF** GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF NOBLES. ROSIE LEE DECEASED ESTATE NO. 24E0081 NOTICE

IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed. TO: KAWANNA WILLIAMS

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 JULY

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tion, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before JULY 29 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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF **GEORGIA** IN RE: ESTATE OF TOMMIE KAY M. JOHNSON KAY M. JOHNSON, a/k/a DECEASED **ESTATE NO.** 24E0083

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF **ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

STATE OF GEORGIA EMANUEL COUINTY

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Re: Estate of Frances M. Stroud All debtors and creditors of the Estate of Frances M. Stroud, deceased. late of Swainsboro. Emanuel County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands and payments to Linda Sue Stroud, Executor of the estate, 200 Dellwood Rd Swainsboro. Ga 30401 according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 24th day of June, 2024. Executor: Linda Sue Stroud 200 Dellwood Rd Swainsboro, Ga 30401

Notice of Sale Under Power. State of Georgia, County of EMANUEL. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by ROBBIE T ROBERTS JR MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC to REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, AS GRANTEE, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR GUARANTEED RATE, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES. LLC (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC may be contacted at: PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, 3043 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 200, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361, 866-549-3583. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To

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Sheriff's Reports_

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

July 1

Deputy met with victim in reference to a theft on a construction site. Items missing are a concrete mixer, mortar mixer, four wall planks, two wheel barrels and a single axle trailer. Estimated total on stolen items is appx. \$4,700.

July 2

Deputies responded to Glenwood Rd. in reference to a domestic. Complainant advised she and her son/ offender had been arguing and he threatened to put his hands on her. C/p advised offender

the had been staying with *iff's* her for about a year and does not have a job and she's tired of arguing with with him and wants to him to leave. C/p was advised of the eviction ing process. Deputies spoke xer, with offender who vall advised they two were pararguing and he was trying to call someone to pick him up.

Deputy responded to Mill St. in reference to prowling activity. Complainant advised she noticed the door to her outdoor freezer and shed were open.

Deputy was advised of a vehicle owner having a warrant, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Upon talking

with the driver, deputy ran his license and confirmed the active probation warrant. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

July 4

Deputies responded to Ed Youmans Rd in reference to chickens being stolen. C/p stated that he sold chickens to the offender but told the offender that he would sell all the chickens except two that were in the pen. While loading the chickens, the offender stated that he would like to have a dip net, and c/p gave him one. C/p went inside of his house as the offender was leaving and later

went back outside and noticed the two chickens were gone and the dip net was lying beside the pen. The offender stated that he agreed to buy all the chickens and everything that went with them. He stated that he never agreed for c/p top keep any of the chickens.

July 5

Deputies were called to Swainsboro PD. Upon arrival, c/p stated that her children's father was not returning them as court ordered after his allotted time. She also stated that she had let him take the children earlier then ordered for the holiday. *July 7*

Deputies responded to an irate person at Hereford Circle. Upon arrival, contact was made with all parties. C/p stated that her son became irate with her and punched holes in her bedroom door with the tip of a vape box. Due to the fact that deputies have been to this residence multiple times for the same call, the offender was placed under arrested for disorderly conduct. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail. C/p stated that she did not wish to pursue further criminal action, but she did want to get the offender mentally

Swainsboro Police Reports.

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

June 28

911 dispatched officers to respond to South Main Street to meet with a complainant stating somebody went into her room while she was away on vacation and stole important documents. Officer responded and met with c/p who stated that she had been gone for a week and when she returned to her room, she noticed that her deceased son's birth certificate, her own birth certificate, and the title to her vehicle were missing. She said that she suspects the cleaning employee or maintenance may have stolen them.

A call came through at SPD requesting an officer meet with a female in the parking lot of Leanna's in reference to a report. C/p stated that she had pulled into a parking spot and was sitting in her car when a man backed into the parking spot beside her. When he opened his door, it hit the rear driver side door. Minor damage was observed. call at Enmarket in reference to an intoxicated male. The employee stated that the male came into the store intoxicated and bought more alcoholic beverages and went to the back parking lot to drink it. Offender was arrested for public intox-

ication. Officer was contacted by c/p about a domestic dispute between the two. C/p stated that the offender always tried to put him out after he pays the bills. Offender was contacted and she stated that c/p gave his money to his kids, and she was tired of him. Adderall was found at the location and all evidence was collected.

June 30

911 dispatched officers to Crump Street in reference to a domestic and stated the male was throwing items in the vard. C/p stated that her grandson was throwing his child's mother's items along with the child's into the yard. He then trashed the house and started busting the windows. A short time later, he returned and attacked his grandmother. After detaining and arresting the offender, a white powdery substance was located around his nostrils and dried saliva on his cheek. A small amount of marijuana was located on his person as well. Officer responded to Hardee's in reference to a woman beating a toddler. Officer arrived on scene and entered the location and noticed two females, a male, and a toddler sitting at a table. The caller stated that every time the toddler cried the offender would beat the kid in the back aggressively while saying "Shut

up I don't have time for you." Officer then spoke with the mother of the child and the offender. The mother was only focused on who had called the cops on them. The mother stated that no one had touched the toddler then later stated that the step-grandmother popped the child on the buttocks, not the back. Redness was located on the toddlers back, but no other marks. Other witnesses stated the same thing as c/p.

July 1

Officer arrived at SPD in reference to someone wanting to make a report on an accident that had occurred. She stated that she was driving a few nights prior and stopped at a stop sign and hit the curb. She claimed that this caused damage to her bumper cover. Later, her story changed, and she stated that the accident happened at a red light. She then said that this did not happen in June, that it happened in March.

Officer was dispatched to Walmart in reference to a woman stating someone had stolen some money from her. The victim stated that she used self-checkout to purchase some items and received cash back in the amount of \$20. then, she went through the exit and realized that she did not have a \$20 bill anymore. C/p advised that he and his girlfriend got into a verbal dispute over a game console and c/p thought he heard the slide to a gun. He thinks that the offender was threatening him. Offender advised that c/p is just mad because they got into an altercation and the police keeps getting called for no apparent reason. Offender advised that she does have a firearm that she keeps in her bag, but it is put away and that it is protection for travel.

Officer responded to Jerome Street in reference to a complaint about an alleged physical altercation that took place at a different location. C/p advised that two parties jumped on her at Center Street over a chicken sandwich. She stated that during the altercation she lost her cell phone. She stated that she believes the offender wanted to fight because she is accusing her of wanting her "man".

July 2

Officers were dispatched to a call in reference to a down power line at the corner of Dawson Street and Herrington Street. Upon arrival, a trash truck was spotted with a power line down behind it. Georgia Power was notified of the situation.

Officer was dispatched to Stevens Drive in reference to family members having a dispute. Victim stated that the offender came into the yard of c/p's residence and wanted to fight. Victim stated that he has told offender several times that he does not want to fight him and walks away, but he would not leave him alone. 911 dispatched officers to North Main Street in reference to damage to the front door of the business. Upon arrival, c/p stated that the offender hit his front door with his car. The offender stated that he just had his brakes worked on and that they were not working properly. He stated that when he pulled up, he applied the

brakes and had to pull the emergency brake to stop. There was on broken glass on the window.

evaluated.

Officer was inside Enmarket when the manager came to speak to him in reference to a shoplifting that happened earlier in the day. She stated that she wanted to trespass the offender and provided footage. She was advised that if she saw the offender again, to call 911. Offender was located and he stated that he would go back and pay for what he had taken. Manager stated that she did not want to press charges, but still wanted to trespass the offender. July 3

Officer responded to the intersection of Hwy 56 North and East Main Street in reference to an unoccupied vehicle in the roadway at the stop sign. Vehicle was towed.



Josie - more than anyone or anything in the world!" began his text message. "Can't wait until I see you this evening. Will be there if I don't go to the ball game with Rob. Love, Steve."

It didn't take Josie long to erase the message and text her friend Ruth asking if they could get

together for dinner. She had trouble understanding that kind of love. And so does God. We say one thing to Him and then live a life that is entirely inconsistent with His understanding of love and what He expects us to do if we love Him.

"You who love the Lord," said the Psalmist, "hate evil!" That is a very straight forward, simple statement. It is one of Scriptures If/Then challenges that God puts in our

pathway. Put another way we might ask, "If we don't hate evil can we truly love God? And, if we hate evil, how will our lives show

those around us that we do? Loving God means that we will do whatever is necessary to align ourselves with His plan and

purpose for His world. We will work with Him to reach out to those around us with a heart full of His love to show them His grace and mercy. We will be uncomfortable if we know of someone, somewhere who needs something that we have that we can share with them that will bring hope and

healing to their lives. People who lie abandoned in convalescent homes and children who

are abused through no fault of their own and individuals who crave a smile and a hug need to know that "we love the Lord." They will if we reach out.

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June 29

911 dispatched officers to Booker Street in reference to a female damaging the vehicle of the c/p by throwing a brick through the back windshield. C/pstated that the offender left the Starblazer and went back to his residence. An argument began between them over another female. She then threw the brick through the window and left in another vehicle. While officers were still speaking with c/p, offender called c/p and he put it on speaker for officers to hear. She threatened to go home and "strap up" to come shoot his house up and then admitted to busting his windshield. Offender was arrested.

911 dispatched officers to the area of Dawson and Sycamore Street for a female covered in blood and screaming. Upon arrival, officers could hear the woman screaming (yelling at another person). Contact was made with the woman, her husband, and their 4-yearold son. The woman stated that her husband did not do this to her, but she refused to provide any information. The woman was turned over to EMS and then taken to SPD. Officer asked victim to pull her shirt collar down, on her chest there was a visible bite mark found. The other woman had a laceration that was needing treatment.

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