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Riner finishes sixth in world debut

Cooper Riner, a dedicated young golfer from our area, recently showcased his remarkable skills at the 2024 Under Armour World Championship, held from July 17-21 at the impeccable Reunion Resort in Florida. Competing against a field of 86 top junior golfers from around the globe in the boys' 15-18 age group, Cooper achieved an impressive sixth-place finish, marking the best showing of his career to date—in his world debut, no less.



COOPER WITH TWIN BROTHERS, BROOKS AND CANNON

Path to the Championship
Cooper's journey to this elite tournament began with his participation in the Junior Tour Powered by Under Armour. By excelling in (Continued on page 2A)



EMARSH MAKING PRESENTATION Emanuel Medical Center receives Stabilization Grant

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) has awarded Emanuel Medical Center (EMC) with a Rural Hospital Stabilization Grant to support the upcoming expansion of the hospital's Emergency Department. In addition to the Stabilization Grant, EMC has also recently received a Rural Hospital Support Grant from the DCH and State Office of Rural Health. Both grants are instrumental in advancing the hospital's mission of providing high-quality, accessible medical care to residents of Emanuel County and the surrounding areas.

to help this department continue to thrive and grow for years to come." Eight Georgia hospitals, including EMC, were awarded \$875,000 each from the Rural Hospital Stabilization Grant. Additional support for the Emergency Department project will come from the Georgia HEART Rural Tax Credit Program, which allows Georgia taxpayers to direct their state income tax dollars to Emanuel Medical Center.

state income tax dollars to Atlanta, we can invest them right here in our community, helping our families, friends, and neighbors," said Brinson, who administers the Georgia HEART program locally. For more information about Georgia HEART, contact Brinson at 478-289-1274 or lynn.brinson@emanuelmedical.org, or visit georgiaheart.org. Construction is slated to begin on the Emergency Department remodel and expansion in the coming months. Follow Emanuel Medical Center on major social media outlets to follow along with the project.

COMING SOON...

EMANUEL MEDICAL

PROMPT CARE

Edenfield named Institutional Advancement and Admissions Coordinator at East Georgia State College

East Georgia State College (EGSC) is pleased to announce that Krissy Edenfield has been named the Institutional Advancement and Admissions Coordinator for the College. Edenfield will be responsible for the creative development, design, production management, and administration of materials for use in promotional and advertising initiatives that support marketing campaigns and the recruitment and retention of students.



EDENFIELD

"Krissy will play a key role in the College's branding and marketing initiatives. It is so important to have a consistent brand that represents the college, the students, and the community," said Harley Smith, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "She will use her talents to help promote the college to student and parents in our area and showcase the great things EGSC has to offer."

Edenfield is a native of Swainsboro, Georgia, and has a passion and precision in creative processes. She has worked in a variety of marketing avenues/platforms (magazine and newspaper, apparel, print materials, digital and print marketing mediums, web design, photography, video/motion graphics, signage/vehicle wrap concept and design) with 17 years of graphic design experience. Of those years, 12 were in advertising, marketing and with design agency industries where

she used her knowledge and expertise in graphic design, marketing, print and photography. "I am blessed to be able to do what I love and love what I do. Not many people can say that about their line of work," said Krissy. "I am excited about the opportunity to support design, communication, and marketing initiatives that will serve to further the mission and success of East Georgia State College."

EMC's Emergency Department Manager, Brooke Marsh, and Director of Development, Lynn Brinson, recently met with leaders of the DCH State Office of Rural Health and other rural hospitals from around the state to present plans for the redesign and expansion of the local Emergency Department.

"The expansion of our Emergency Department is vital to meeting the growing needs of our community, and we are deeply grateful for the support we have received from the State Office of Rural Health," said Marsh. "Our goal is to expand and renovate our current space, enhancing its appearance, efficiency, and workflow to reduce wait times and length of stays in the Emergency Department. With the funding received through these grants, we can make these much-needed improvements and purchase essential equipment to ensure we are able to provide the best care possible to our community. It is my mission



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Riner finishes sixth.
 (From front page) regional league matches and performing admirably at last year's national championship, Cooper made the cut line for worlds. His consistent scoring average met the required av-

erage of 44 or better, earning him to a spot on this grand stage. **Tournament Conditions and Course Details**
 The world championship was contested on the challenging Watson Course

at Reunion Resort, renowned for its challenging design and demanding play. The course's layout tested Cooper's skill and mental fortitude with meticulously crafted holes that required precision and strategy.

Opening day was a solid showing. He had 3 birdies, 11 pars, and just four bogeys for a score of 72. He shot 72 again on Day 2. Although he shot one less birdie than the day before, he made par 3 more times. Cooper also cut his number of bogeys in half to improve his gameplay as a whole.

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East Georgia State College hosting Financial Aid Day August 1

"Food, Fun & Financial Aid!"

East Georgia State College (EGSC) is hosting a Financial Aid Day: "Food, Fun, and Financial Aid" on Thursday, August 1, 2024. The drop-in event will be held on the Swainsboro campus from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The purpose of the event is to assist incoming and returning students complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students who attend will also be able to take a campus tour, a tour of Bobcat Villas

residence halls, and ask questions they have about the application process and the EGSC campus. The event is open to the public and attendees will get to enjoy outdoor fun, food, and giveaways. To RSVP for the event, visit ega.edu/admissions/admissions-events.html. RSVPs are not mandatory but encouraged. For more information, contact the EGSC Financial Aid office at finaid@ega.edu

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Warnock gives updates to Exchange Club

Ken Warnock, Director of the Swainsboro/Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce spoke to the Swainsboro Exchange Club on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. He gave an updated report that included the current status of economic development in Emanuel County, the opening of the Nordson Center and airport improvements.



EXCHANGE CLUB PRESIDENT GARY MASON AND WARNOCK

Week 7 had them on the move!

Family Connection had the Sleuths hunting for their new books with clues about "new roads" and "sweet rides" even though the participants won't be driving age for several years. It was all in the fun to get the families to the secret business for week 7- Daniels Chevrolet! Many thanks to Daniels who are strong supporters of Family Connection and the work we do to improve childhood literacy.



VIRGINIA AND ROBERT PALUMBO

So far, with one more week to go, we have had 102 families participate in this fun project to get kids excited about reading over the summer months. Families are reminded that we will have the end-of-hunt party at the Library on Saturday, July 27, from 10 to 11 a.m. Books that were missed will be available along with refreshments, and t-shirts for those who were successful in at least two hunts.



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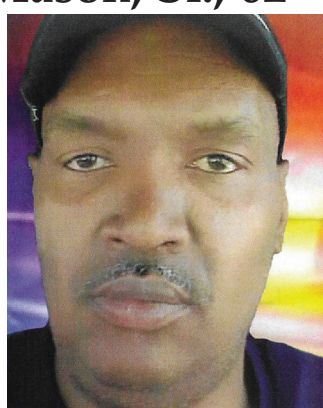
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Your contribution will go directly to programs and services for children and are tax deductible as provided by law. For more information, contact Brooke McBride at 478.455.3034 or Carol V. Donaldson at 912.481.1702.

Cpl. Dennis Mason, Sr., 62

Dennis Mason, Sr., age 62, entered into eternal peace Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Memorial Health Medical Center in Savannah. A Life and Legacy Celebration was held Saturday, July 20, at 11 a.m. at the Swainsboro Auditorium with Pastor Chad Wiggins officiating.

Dennis was born April 1, 1962, in Swainsboro, to the late Jim Worthen and Sarah Mason Shivers. He attended Emanuel County schools. After many years of service, Dennis retired from Swainsboro Police Department and Georgia National Guard Army. He was employed by CLT Trucking and enjoyed fishing. Cpl. Mason is preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Jimmy Worthen, Terry Worthen, George Worthen, Marvin Worthen, Tommy Worthen, Ella Worthen,



CPL. MASON

Leroy Worthen, Helen "Toby" Bell, Alma Parker and Albert Worthen.

Cpl. Mason leaves to cherish his memories with his loving wife, Freda Mason; daughters, Kirby McLeod and April Mason; son, Dennis Mason, Jr.; stepdaughter, Catrina McLeod-Eason; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; seven siblings; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Boyd Palmore, 77

Mr. Boyd Palmore, 77, of Swainsboro, passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at Emanuel Medical Center in Swainsboro. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 20, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Methodist Church in Swainsboro with Reverends Tom Tidwell, Hugh Baxter and Tim Price officiating. Interment followed at Swainsboro City Cemetery. The family received friends Friday, July 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Brad McKenzie, Steve Page, Johnny Peebles, James Flanders, Randall Kersey, Rex Durden and Roy Black. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Masonic Lodge #244.

Boyd was born August 15, 1946, in Swainsboro, to the late Raymond B. Palmore and Nell Raiford Suggs. He graduated from Swainsboro High School in 1965, and married his high school sweetheart, Frances, in December of the same year. The next year, they welcomed their first child, Kevin. Boyd had a few jobs through the years until becoming an insurance agent, which became his career. They welcomed their second child, Denise, in 1971. After retiring from selling insurance, Boyd became co-owner of B & K Electronics in



PALMORE

Swainsboro. He enjoyed watching M*A*S*H, Gunsmoke and Bonanza. Boyd was a member of the Swainsboro Masonic Lodge #244. He loved spending time with his grandkids. Boyd and his wife loved traveling and going to church together during their marriage. Mr. Palmore is preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Frances Hammock Palmore.

Mr. Palmore is survived by his son, Kevin Palmore (Alivia) of Swainsboro; daughter, Denise Wilkerson (Chris) of Swainsboro; brother, Ralph Palmore of Millen; sisters, Iva Suddards (Alan) of Augusta and Cindi Hall of Waynesboro; grandchildren, Laura Rowland (Josh), Wesley Wilkerson, Meagan Palmore, Sara Palmore and Tyler Palmore; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Jane Wilkinson-Bunch, 60

Jane Wilkinson-Bunch, age 60, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. The family received friends at Lakeside Funeral home in Woodstock on Sunday, July 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. followed by the memorial service at 3 p.m. The family received friends Monday, July 22, from 3 to 4 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. Graveside service followed immediately after visitation at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Rev Casey Shaw officiating.

Jane was born February 9, 1964, in Dublin, to Douglas L Wilkinson, RPh and Sara Bellamy Wilkinson. She graduated salutatorian from David Emanuel Academy in 1982. Jane's entrepreneurial spirit started early in life. She started her career in her family's independent pharmacy, Plaza Pharmacy, where she eventually helped operate a number of Durable Medical Equipment companies. From there, she started a national billing, consulting, and speaking company that she owned and operated for over 37 years and worked with hundreds of clients all over the country. Jane was a lively, colorful, fun-loving person and never met a stranger. She loved being with her



WILKINSON-BUNCH

friends and family whenever she could. Jane loved to laugh and make others laugh. She was an amazing grandmother and loved spending time with her grandchildren and spoiled them rotten. She loved cooking, wine festivals, boating on the lake, glamping, hosting friends and meeting with her clients. Mrs. Wilkinson-Bunch is preceded in death by her father, Douglas L Wilkinson, RPh. Mrs. Wilkinson-Bunch is survived by her mother, Sara Bellamy Wilkinson; husband, Doug Foulke; son, Robert Murry (Julie); daughter, Brianna Braverman (Sean); sister, Teresa Wilkinson Meyers; grandchildren, Hudson, Hallie and Jacob Murry; nephews, Cameron Meyers (Heather), Micah Meyers, Jacob Dillon Meyers and Zach Meyers; and several cousins and aunts and uncles.

Chapman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Deborah Kay McCoy Edge, 63

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory announces the death of Ms. Deborah Kay McCoy Edge, age 63, of Cobbtown, on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at Oxley Park Health & Rehab in Lyons. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 21, at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Tomlinson Funeral Home with Donald "Sport" Hooks officiating. The family received friends Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Tomlinson Funeral Home.

Deborah was born July 20, 1960, in Florida, to the late Quincy McCoy and Barbara Futch Reeves. She was a retired convenience store manager. Deborah loved playing Yahtzee and Bingo, as well as watching movies. She was a wonderful, loving and giving woman who loved being around people, especially family and friends. Many neighborhood children still to this day call her grandma. Deborah was an outgoing person, and this continued after she began to reside at Oxley Park, quickly becoming one of the friendliest and most beloved patients there. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Edge is



EDGE

preceded in death by her brothers, Bruce Reeves, James Reeves and Dean Mccoy, and sister, Chris Tina McCoy.

Mrs. Edge is survived by her daughter, Misty Bird (David) of Cobbtown; grandchildren, Dylan Bird and Maci Cobb (Dustin), both of Cobbtown; a specially loved child she claimed as her own grandchild, Kayden Williams; niece, Sonya Hall of Glennwood; nephew, Michael Reeves of Daytona Beach, FL; brothers, Billy Dean McCoy of Vidalia, Jessie McCoy (Nita) and David Anderson (Carrie), all of Lyons; sisters, Brenda Jones (Bob) of Ruby, SC and Elizabeth Ahl of Alma; and numerous extended family members and many friends.

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Richard Larson Madison, 80

Richard Larson Madison, age 80, departed this life on Friday, July 12, 2024, at Piedmont Hospital in Augusta. A Celebration of Life was held Friday, July 19, at 12 p.m. at Piney Grove Baptist Church with Elder Terrance Madison officiating.

Richard was born February 22, 1944, to the late John Madison, Sr. and Mary Walker Madison. He attended the public school system. Richard was always a hard worker and was skilled in many areas. He worked on farms, roofing, sawmill company, phone company and performed other services in the community for many years. Richard enjoyed gardening, hunting and woodworking. Mr. Madison is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Joe Louis Brown, Benjamin Madison, Robert Madison, Louis Madison, Sr., Willie Madison and



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Jessie Madison; sisters, Dorothy Madison and Ellen Cooper.

Mr. Madison leaves to cherish his memories with his brothers, Joe Louis Madison of Tampa, FL, John Madison, JR. of Swainsboro, Jimmie Madison of Savannah and Willie (Sonny) Madison of Newport News, VA; sister, Mercie Madison of Swainsboro; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jewel M. Hudson, 92

Jewel M. Hudson, age 92, passed away Monday, July 15, 2024. A Homecoming Celebration was held Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m. at Jefferson Memorial Gardens in Louisville with Pastor Earl B. Williams, Jr. officiating.

Jewel was born May 14, 1932, in Brooks County, to the late Charlie B. Miller, Jr. and Hattie Brice Miller. She received her elementary and high school training in the Brooks County School system, graduating high school from Morven Rosenwald. Jewel continued her education by earning her Bachelor of Science in education from Savannah State College and furthered her studies by completing graduate work at Fort Valley State College and Georgia Southern University. Jewel retired from Jefferson County School system after completing 30 years of service in education. She joined Farris Madison



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Hudson in holy matrimony on July 22, 1956, and to this union, they had five children. Ms. Hudson is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; two sisters; and in-laws.

Mrs. Hudson leaves to cherish her memories with her children, Farris (Verna) Hudson, LaZelda Williams, Farlyn Hudson, Shawana (Donovan) Lewis and Phrashunda Hudson; five grandsons; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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James Larry Hall, 75

Mr. James Larry Hall, 75, of Swainsboro, passed away Friday, July 19, 2024, in Augusta. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 23, at 11 a.m. from the chapel of Tomlinson Funeral Home with Reverend Tommy Henry and Reverend Rusty Moore officiating. Interment followed in Antioch Church Cemetery. The family received friends at Tomlinson Funeral Home Monday, July 22, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Pallbearers were Joe Watson, Jake Hudson, Billy Carmichael, Terry Lamb, Joel Harrison and Asa Garrett.

Larry was born July 5, 1949, in Swainsboro, to the late Hoke and Burma Chapman Hall. He was retired from Custom Furniture. He was deeply loved by his family and friends. Larry enjoyed nothing more than spending quality time with his loved ones, using birthdays and any holidays as a reason to bring everyone together. He had a calm and confident presence and a great "dry" sense of humor. Larry didn't laugh easily but when he did, it brought joy to all those around him. When he was a young man, he enjoyed the outdoors, often hunting and fishing on weekends. Larry had a great interest in American history. He was an avid reader, specifically about World War II and the American Civil War, amassing a small library on the subjects. Larry was a passionate



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sports fan and a loyal supporter of the Atlanta Braves, the Georgia Bulldogs, and his beloved ECI Bulldogs. He loved to get together to watch a big game with a tailgate menu and never missed an ECI football game, either attending in person when his health permitted or listening on the radio. In 1988, Larry met the love of his life, Dianne. They married in 1997 and remained devoted to each other until his death. Larry gained three children in that marriage and his greatest legacy will be his children and grandchildren whom he loved dearly. Mr. Hall is preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Gail Hall Pavlakos.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Hall; children, Tara Hudson, Sandi Harrison (Joel) and Brent Hudson (Alison); grandchildren, Sydney Herringdine (Austin Hunter), Jake Hudson and Anna Hudson; cousins, Joe and Linda Watson.

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth E. Brown, 90

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory announces the death of Mr. Kenneth E. Brown, age 90, of Wadley, on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, July 19, at the Wadley Methodist Church with Rev. Chad Watkins officiating. Interment followed in the Wadley Cemetery. The family received friends Friday, July 19, at the Wadley Methodist Church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Pallbearers were his grandchildren, Nicholas Brown, Kenny Brown, Davi McGowan, Jeff Brown, Ben Brown and Aaron McGowan. Honorary pallbearers were Wadley Methodist Men.

Mr. Brown was born in Emanuel County to the late Mack L. and Ruth Lamb Brown. He was a member of the Wadley Methodist Church and the Stonewall Lodge 98.



BROWN

Mr. Brown was United States Navy Veteran.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Shirley Brown; sons, Randy Brown and Jerry Brown; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and brother, Jim Brown

The family invites friends to make memorial contributions to the Wadley Methodist Church if they so desire.

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Rollie Kirkland, Jr., 83

Rollie Kirkland, Jr., age 83, departed this life on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at Twin City Nursing Home. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, July 20, at 3 p.m. at Mosley's Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Chad Wiggins officiating.

Rollie was born March 25, 1941, to the late Rollie Kirkland, Sr. and Emma Edison. He was a huge Georgia Bulldogs fan and enjoyed watching them play and always had faith they would clinch the win. Rollie's family was most important to him and it was essential that he set a good example for them, showing that through his character and hard work. Rollie was employed by Brown Farms. Mr. Kirkland is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ruthie Mae Parrish Kirkland; daughter, Liza Kirkland; grandson, Alex Kirkland; and



KIRKLAND

sisters, Cara Lee Watson and Eliza Kirkland.

Mr. Kirkland leaves to cherish his memories with his children Emma Jean (Jake) Butler of Swainsboro, Annie Ruth (Pete) Kirkland of Oak Park, Frankie Mae (Gary) Kirkland of Millen, Lillie Bell (Mitchell) Kirkland and Josephine Kirkland, both of Swainsboro; five grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



CANOOCHEE BAPTIST CHURCH

Canoochee Baptist Church to celebrate Anniversary and hold revival services

Canoochee Baptist Church will celebrate its 128th Anniversary on Sunday, August 4, 2024.

The morning worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with special music by Heartfelt followed by Pastor Mark Wiggins preaching the morning message.

A covered dish meal will be served in the social hall following the worship. All are encouraged to attend and bring someone to enjoy the day

of worship and fellowship.

Revival services will be held Sunday evening at 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. with Evangelist Jeff Stark preaching. Special music will be provided each night. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Canoochee Baptist Church is located on the Canoochee Garfield Road in the heart of Canoochee, Ga.

Summertown Food Pantry distribution

Summertown Food Pantry at Summertown Baptist Church will distribute food on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 8 a.m.

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THE ANOINTED VOICES

93 Annual Georgia Dioceses Assembly to begin July 31

The 93rd Annual Georgia Dioceses State Assembly of the house of God, which is the Church of the Living God, Pillar and Ground of the Truth, will convene at Williams Grove Holiness Church, 301 West M.L.K. Jr. Blvd. Swainsboro. The services will begin on Wednesday, July 31, through Sunday, August 4.

On Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m., Elder Gladys Whicker will deliver the opening message. Elder Antwone Wallace will preach on Thursday night. Friday Night,

Elder James Blair will deliver the message and Saturday morning at 10 a.m., Overseer Jerry Bartley will deliver the message. The services will climax on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. with the annual address by Bishop Bertha Jones, Presiding Prelate.

Guests to be featured for the week will be the Anointed Voices of McRae and the Georgia Diocese Mass Choir under the direction of Sis. April Woods and Elder Cindy Barber of Rhode Island/Massachusetts Diocese.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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The best deal out there

If you were born between 1946 and 1964, you are an official member of the “baby boomer” generation. Your parents belong to what has been termed the “greatest generation”. It is important to understand that those ladies and gentlemen didn’t earn that recognition just because they got married and produced all of us baby boomers. Not by a long shot! They were great because they worked, sacrificed, fought and died to make this world safe for democracy by whipping Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini in World War II. They were also great because they came up in hard times imposed by a “soup kitchen and bread line” economy,

also known as the Great Depression. They learned how to squeeze a nickel so hard the buffalo hollered. They learned how to make do and how to do without. They also learned a trick called “do it yourself”, not to look clever, or show off, but because back then it was sinful and just plain lazy to pay for something you could make or do yourself. That was a different world. If you’re a boomer, you know it from the stories your parents told. Nowadays, that do-it-yourself DNA is almost extinct, but there are still a few around who cannot be cured of the inherited DIY bug. My wife has learned that the eight most-feared words in

the English language she could hear from me are, “I need some stuff from the hardware store.” She knows that means I’m starting another project which will have questionable success and an undetermined schedule. I can’t help it. I come from a long line of *do it yourselfers*. I have fond memories as an 8-year-old of going to Powell’s Barbershop on Saturday mornings and sitting in one of the worn brown leather chairs listening to the grownups. When the price of haircuts went up to 50 cents, that all ended. My father brought home a used electric hair trimmer that buzzed demonically like something in

Count Frankenstein’s laboratory, and the era of free homemade crewcuts began for me and my brother. In all fairness, I will admit that soon after this, my salary for cutting the grass did benefit slightly. From my early days, I was hooked on DIY. This was encouraged and facilitated by tips from the world’s best teacher, and I became fully indoctrinated into the idea of doing whatever I could do for myself. Of course, today, our society shakes its head in disapproval of all that. Today, the less you do for yourself, the better it is for the global pay scale. Today, we have people who will do just about anything for you that you

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foolishly imagine you could do for yourself. For example, we have people who call themselves *influencers*. They will tell you what you should like and what you shouldn’t like. We have *organizers*. They will tell you what to do and what not to do. There are people called *deputy assistants*. They do, I guess, whatever the chief assistants don’t feel like doing. We also have an occupation called a *life coach*. I’m not exactly sure what they do, but if you need

someone to show you what to do with life, don’t pay for it. Save your money, because some people still do that for free. They’re called parents. My last comment on the value of “doing it yourself” would be this: Free advice is worth exactly what you pay for it, and the best deal in this world is thinking for yourself. That might require a little effort, but it’s absolutely free, and in the long run, nobody can do a better job at that, than you.

Correcting the Record on the Vietnam Generation

For those of you with some walking-around knowledge of what goes into this space each week, you know that I write what I mean and mean what I write. But today, I am going to walk back something I said a few weeks ago because I didn’t say it well.

My column about the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association’s production of a film entitled, “Truths and Myths About the Vietnam War,” a 47-minute documentary produced with

Emmy award-winning film producer David Naglieri, introduced by actor Sam Elliott and currently running on the YouTube channel (To view, go to the website AVVBA.org.) brought a lot of reader response from those who served in Vietnam. Like most anything having to do with those tumultuous times, the responses ran the gamut.

One called the film “revisionist history conducted by the right wing.” Another found the film so meaningful,

he intended to write a Letter to the Editor. Some veterans told of being vilified for their service. Others had no bad experiences. One reader said Vietnam wasn’t a war, it was a conflict. He was a minority of one. Everybody else called it a war.

So, where did I screw up? In introducing the column I compared, the Greatest Generation of World War II with what I referred to as the “Not So Great Generation” that followed. That was a generalization that was

inaccurate and unfair and several readers reminded me of that.

I was referring to the draft dodgers who burned their draft cards and left the country rather than serve it. I was thinking of the headline-grabbing antiwar activists and the counter culturalists, the San Francisco hippie community, protesters like Abbie Hoffman and the Chicago Seven, Tom Hayden and Jane Fonda, the riots (aka, “peaceful demonstrations”) on college campuses, in major cities and at the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago. I realize now they were the minority.

I had that brought home in a response I received from a former colleague in Atlanta, Charles Van Rysselberge, now living in Gainesville. He shared a 16-minute film clip of a presentation by Marine General Anthony C. Zinni in 2012 at a gathering of Marine and U.S. Army veterans in San Francisco. You can find it on www.youtube.com (“2012 Salute to Vietnam Veterans – General Anthony C. Zinni.”) Like the AVVBA film, I highly recommend it to you.

General Zinni is a retired four-star U.S. Marine Corps general and former Commander in Chief of the United State Central Command

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who did two tours in Vietnam. Here is what he told those assembled that evening about what I had referred to flip-pantly as the “Not So Great Generation.”

“We” — meaning the Vietnam Generation of which he was a part — “don’t have to apologize for anything. We are as much the greatest generation as the one that preceded us. We not only fought this ten-year war with confused political direction, we won every battle we were asked to win.” After Vietnam, he said, “We went on to rebuild our military, won the Cold War, faced down the Soviet Union and created the greatest economy this nation has ever had.”

“Our generation did as much if not more for our nation as any generation. We saw more combat than our fathers did in World War II,” Gen. Zinni told those assembled. “The average ‘grunt’ saw 240 days of combat in a one-year tour. The veterans of World War II saw 40 on average.”

Referring to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, the gen-

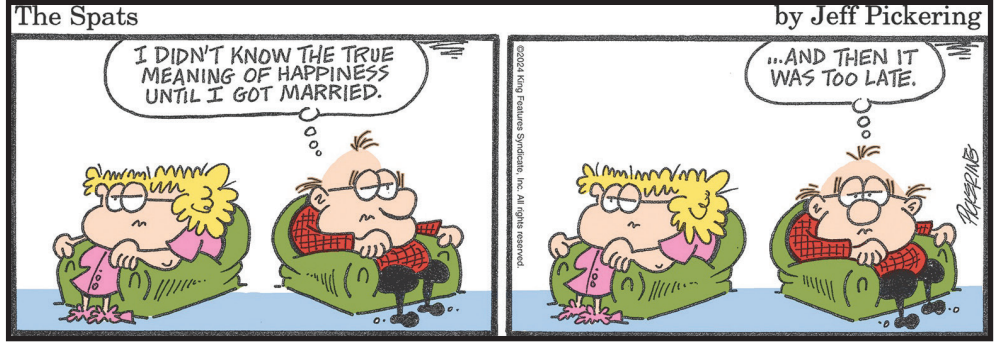
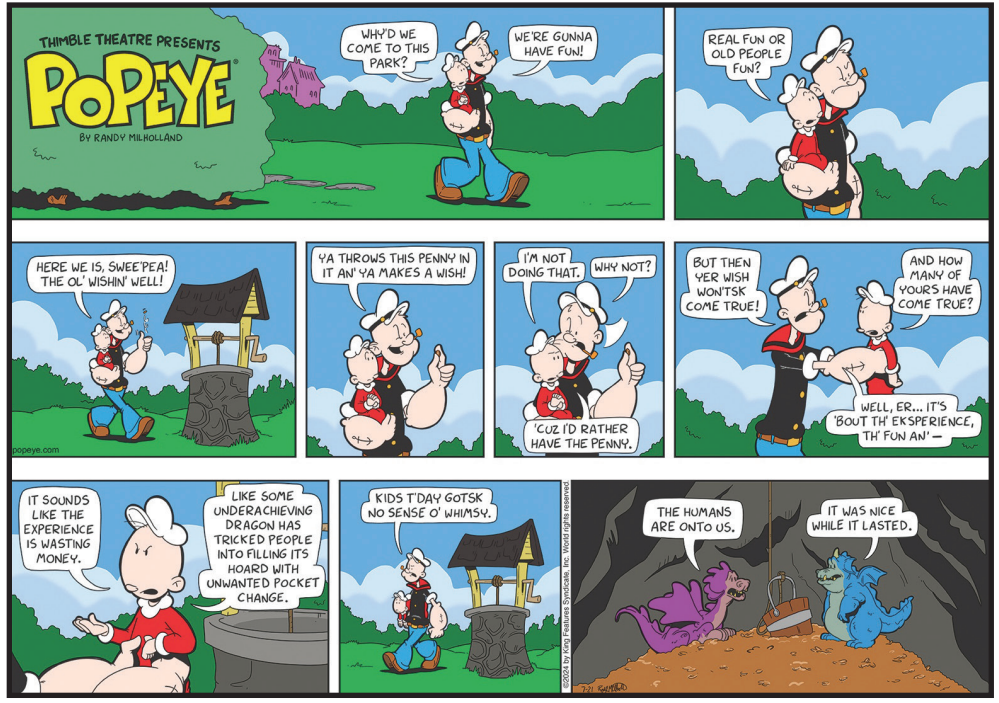
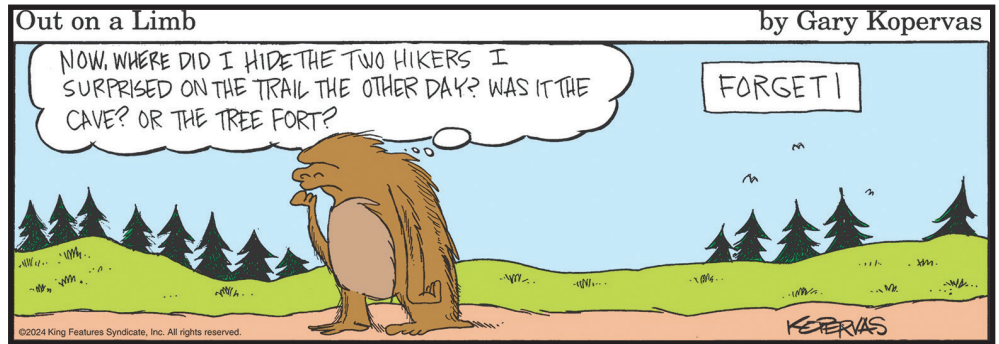
eral noted how young his generation was and “how innocent we were.” Among the 58,000-plus names listed on the Wall is a 15-year-old soldier, five 16-year-old soldiers and a number of 17-year-olds. The average age on the Wall is 23. By contrast, the average age in World War II was 26.

Gen. Zinni concluded that his generation came out of the war (and, yes, he referred to it as a war, not a conflict), “young but wise beyond our years. We never lost our dignity or our honor. We are as much the greatest generation, and we are as much the proudest generation as any of those that went before us. No one can take that away from us.”

I thank Mr. Van Rysselberge for sharing Gen. Anthony Zinni’s remarks with me, making an impressive case as to why the Vietnam Generation can refer to themselves as the Greatest Generation, too. Indeed, they can, and I stand corrected.

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STC ranked #2 in Forbes Advisor

Southeastern Technical College (STC) ranked #2 in the latest Forbes Advisor for best online certificates in management.

"I am thrilled and honored to see the Management and Leadership Specialist Certificate Program at Southeastern Tech recognized as the second-best management program online by Forbes Advisor. This accolade is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our instructor Tina Jernigan and our students and reinforces our commitment to providing top-notch education and leadership training," said Gina Robison, STC Dean of Business Technologies and Human Services.

Forbes reports, "We ranked 193 accredited, nonprofit colleges offering online undergraduate management certificates in the U.S. using 12 data points in the categories of credibility, affordability, student outcomes, and student experience. We pulled data for these categories from reliable resources such as the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, private, third-party data sources, and individual school and program websites."

Schools were scored based on the following metrics: Student Outcomes – graduation rate within eight years of normal time, Pell Grant recipient gradua-



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tion rate, retention rate, Pell Grant graduation rate versus overall graduation rate, ability to transfer certificate credits to a degree program; Student Experience – student-to-faculty ratio, socioeconomic diversity, program's coursework (excluding student orientations, field experiences, and labs) available 100% online, the proportion of undergraduate students enrolled in at least some distance learning courses; Credibility – fully accredited; and Affordability – per-credit tuition rate.

Mrs. Jernigan has taught in the Business Management and Business Technology departments for more than twenty years at Southeastern Tech. She has been nominated for the Rick Perkins Instructor of the Year four times by her peers for her significant con-

tributions to education. Jernigan is also STC's lead advisor for SkillsUSA.

"Wow! It is an honor to be #2 on the Forbes Advisor list for 2024. It is awesome that the program and College are being recognized. The best part of being an instructor in this program specifically is that I know my students have opportunities to find jobs in their fields of study, and many already work locally in our communities – earning good wages. This year, I am particularly proud that my enrollment increased by twenty-two percent. I love teaching, and I hope that in some small way, I have positively impacted students' lives," said Jernigan.

Southeastern Technical College's online Management and Leadership Specialist Certificate program gen-

erally takes three semesters. The curriculum includes five required courses: Principles of Management, Leadership Performance Management, Employee Training and Development, and Employment Rules and Regulations.

The fully online platform of Southeastern Tech's Business Management program, like several programs at Southeastern Tech, provides significant advantages for students. Eliminating the need for commuting or relocating closer to campus, the program is more convenient for students who are pursuing an education while managing family responsibilities and/or working full-time jobs. Online courses require discipline and time management skills from students, but they offer the flexibility to balance educational pursuits with existing commitments. Students may still meet with Mrs. Jernigan in person and are encouraged to meet on campus for study groups if they desire to do so.

The STC Business Management program offers six technical certificates of credit, a degree program, and a diploma program.

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On Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at 10 a.m., the Senate Study Committee on the Preservation of Georgia's Farmlands, chaired by Sen. Billy Hickman (R-Statesboro), will hold its first meeting.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, July 30, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the Continuing Education Building, Georgia Southern University, 10449 US Highway 301, Statesboro, GA 30458

This event is open to the public and will be live-streamed on the Georgia General Assembly website.

About the meeting

During the first meeting, the committee will hear from numerous guest speakers, including Dr. Kyle Marrero, President of Georgia Southern University, Katherine Moore, President of Georgia Conservancy, Inc., Dr. Asli Aslan, Director of Georgia Southern Institute for Water and Health, Heidi Jeffers, Director of Georgia Grown Innovation Center, Bill Worthington, Agribusiness Teacher at Ogeechee Technical College and Tyler Harper, Commissioner of Georgia Department of Agriculture. The committee is tasked with studying the conditions, needs, issues, and problems related to the preservation of Georgia's farmlands and recommending any action or legislation.

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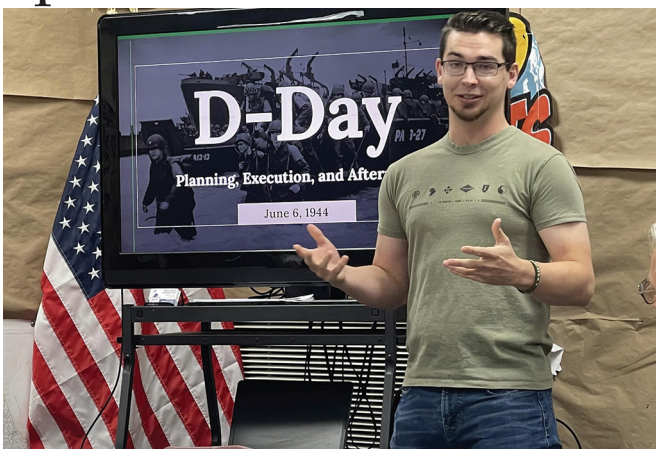
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Novak speaks to Veterans

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the Franklin Memorial Library Monday, July 21, at 9 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, they had 53 in attendance. Rev. Dr. Veteran James Mason's Church provided breakfast including scramble eggs, cheese grits, sausage, ham and some finger licking good barbecue, and Shari Watt provided orange juice, grape juice, cranberry juice and coffee. Chair Johnny recognized retiring Fire Chief Mike Strobbridge for his outstanding service to our community for the past 40+ years and presented him with a VETERANS autographed Fire Truck. Chair Johnny and Veteran representative Shari Watt then presented the Library Director, Windy Ward, with a check for \$600 to be used for a Library youth project that was raised from the recent Veterans Cup Golf Tournament. Chair Johnny then introduced the program for the morning, History teacher from ECI, Christian Novak. Christian's presentation was on the things we might not know about the June 6, 1944, D-Day at Normandy, France. Johnny did mention that veteran Doyle Tatum, 99 years old, was at Normandy Day 2. Two new veterans attended the meeting, Adam Bowden and Craig Walters. Bowden served in the U.S. Navy from July 3, 1996, to Jan 21, 1997, serving on the U.S. CV-67 JFK. He was also stationed at Mayport, FL. Bowden's highest rank was E-2. Walters served in the Georgia Army National Guard for over 20 years from 1968 to 1988, serving with Company A, 878th Combat Engineer Battalion and other Companies in the 878th. His service included deployments to Egypt, Oman, Republic of Georgia, and the Dominican Republic. Walters' highest rank was SFC E-7.



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Local golfers shine at 2024 Summer Nationals

Five young golfers from our area recently showcased their skills at the 2024 Summer Nationals hosted by the Under Armour Junior Tour. The prestigious tournament took place from June 19-23 at the PGA National Resort's Champion Course in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. The event attracted more than 90 elite players from across the country in the 15-18 boys division, creating a highly competitive field for these talented athletes.

He came out strong in the first round and birdied two holes to finish with a score of 84. The second round proved tougher for Paxton; a couple challenging holes set him up for double bogeys, contributing to a total score of 93. Despite the tough second day, Paxton's effort, participation in, and experience from such a competitive tournament will undoubtedly help his golf game in the future.

The same can be said about Ethan Fields, who rounded out the group with a 78th finish. He logged a birdie and 7 pars on Day 1 and pored another 7 holes on Day 2 to record final scores of 89 and 99 between the 36 holes.

All five golfers' scorecards can be found printed with this story.

Qualifying for the Worlds

Cooper, Richard, and Layton's outstanding performances earned them spots in the 2025 Under Armour Junior Tour World Championship. This event is set to take place from July 17-21, 2025 at the beautiful Reunion Resort in Florida. The tournament will feature top junior golfers from around the globe, providing an even greater platform for these young athletes to demonstrate their skills.

Team Efforts in the Par 3 Scramble

In addition to their individual successes, the boys also participated in the Par 3 Two Person Scramble. Cooper and Paxton teamed up to tie for 35th place with a highlight being Cooper's remarkable hole-in-one on Number 4. Meanwhile, Ethan and Richard paired up and finished tied for 56th place, alongside Josiah Hardee of Atlanta. Layton Terwilliger played a supportive role as their caddie.

Emanuel County Well Represented

The participation of these young golfers in such a respected tournament underscores their talent and dedication to the sport. Their achievements at the 2024 Summer Nationals not only highlight their individual skills but also bring pride to our community. We look forward to their continued success on the greens and their upcoming performances at the world championship next year.

Impressive Performances

Leading the pack from our local contingent was Cooper Riner, who secured a commendable sixth place. Cooper performed consistently throughout the tournament, demonstrating his prowess and potential on the national stage. His performance improved on the second day, especially on the back nine, where he scored fewer bogeys and one less double bogey compared to the first round. Between the 36 holes in two days, he birdied 4 holes and made par 18 times. He shot 79 on the first day of play and shaved off 3 strokes for a total of 76 on Day 2.

Richard "Peanut" Braddy followed closely behind Cooper when scoring was finalized, finishing in 11th place. Richard's game was marked by precision and tactical decision-making. He maintained a consistent performance over the two-day outing as well, finishing with scores of 79 and 80. His play was characterized by a steady 19 pars, with a few bogeys and the occasional double bogey affecting his overall score. Despite these challenges, his ability to secure birdies on two key holes demonstrated his potential and competitive spirit.

Layton Terwilliger also performed admirably, securing the 23rd spot. Layton's performance highlighted his growth and adaptability. Like Cooper, he improved on Day 2 by reducing his number of double bogeys and maintaining a higher number of pars compared to the opening round. His overall scores for the two-day outing were 85 and 80 respectively.

Paxton Dixon, Cooper's brother, placed 52nd, showing determination throughout the

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROSIE LEE NOBLES, 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 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.

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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 objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before **JULY 29, 2024**.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF TOMMIE KAY M. JOHNSON a/k/a KAY M. JOHNSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0083
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES 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**.

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STATE OF GEORGIA EMANUEL COUNTY

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 to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR GUARANTEED RATE, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, 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 ACCURATE 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, 53RD G. M. DISTRICT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF KATHLEEN ROAD A DISTANCE OF 126.20 FEET

SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THE INTERSECTIONS OF CHARLES STREET AND KATHLEEN ROAD IN THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 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. D. MCLEOD, REGISTERED SURVEYOR, DATED MAY 20, 1975, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 296. 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 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 the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as 111 KATHLEEN RD, SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA 30401 is/are: ROBBIE T ROBERTS JR or tenant/tenants. 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 A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010169597 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341-5398.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF STEVE EDWARD RINER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0059
PETITION BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WAIVER OF BOND AND/OR GRANT CERTAIN POWERS NOTICE

JESSE LYN RINER has petitioned for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or for the grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261 in regard to the above estate. 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 **AUGUST 12, 2024**.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All

objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of George Randall Holder, 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 9th day of July, 2024.
Chasity H. Newsome, Executrix of the Estate of

George Randall Holder, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Eli Mark Vaudreuil Plaintiff, Corey Vaudreuil Civil Action File No. 24CV156 Defendant, NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Kory Vaudreuil, Defendant
Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking name change of Eli Mark Vaudreuil [state the relief sought] was filed against you in said court on July 10, 2024, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on July 10, 2024 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Kell Sweet plaintiff, whose address is P.O. Box 627 Swainsboro, Ga 30401 and answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Witness the Honorable Robert Reeves, Judge of said court. This the 10th day of July, 2024
Kristin C Hall
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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 (ECSCO); Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); Probation Office (PROB); or East Georgia State College (EGSC).

Possession of meth/ Probation violation; SPD
 Roderick Antonin Butler, 45, arrested 7/18/24; Hold for Johnson Co.; ECSCO
 Bryan Allen Cobb, 34, arrested 7/20/24; Possession of schedule II controlled substance; ECSCO
 Rayshawn Jermaine Darrisaw, 27, arrested 7/18/24; Housed for Johnson Co.; ECSCO
 Jamaury Jacolby Dixon, 21, arrested 7/19/24; Fleeing or attempting to elude/ Failure to yield/ Speeding/ Reckless driving; ECSCO
 Rachel Ann Duehring, 22, arrested 7/18/24; Driving while license suspended/ revoked; ECSCO
 Jimmy Otis Edenfield, 42, arrested 7/22/24; Aggravated assault (x2)/ Cruelty to children 3rd degree/

Battery; ECSCO
 Grady Ashley Evans, 63, arrested 7/17/24; Public drunk/ Criminal trespass/ Probation violation – felony; SPD
 Douglas Gerod Franklin, 26, arrested 7/17/24; Fleeing or attempt to elude/ Speeding/ Possess of marijuana less than oz; SPD
 Jacob Bryce Gamel, 28, arrested 7/17/24; Hold for Jefferson Co.; ECSCO
 Bobby Demetris Gardner, 40, arrested 7/18/24; Probation revocation; SPD
 Tyrone Gordon, 37, arrested 7/20/24; Hold for Chatham Co.; ECSCO
 Tommy Wayne Hopkins, 52, arrested 7/18/24; Probation violation – felony; ECSCO
 Terrence Guy Johnson, 31, arrested 7/16/24; Bench warrant; ECSCO

Charles Lee Jones, 38, arrested 7/18/24; Warrant served; SPD
 Deshaun Malik Jones, 26, arrested 7/19/24; Probation violation; ECSCO
 Charles Lambry, 38, arrested 7/21/24; No brake lights or turn signals/ Driving while license suspended/ revoked; SPD
 Crystal Lawanda Lockett, 36, arrested 7/18/24; Aggravated assault family violence/ Cruelty to children 3rd degree; SPD
 Robert Lee Merrill, 49, arrested 7/18/24; Hold for Johnson Co.; SPD
 Orionna Sasomi Miles, 22, arrested 7/20/24; Driving while license suspended/ revoked/ Speeding/ Suspended tag/ No insurance; GSP
 Jonathan Milligan, 44, arrested 7/21/24; DUI less safe; Seatbelt

violation/ Open container; GSP
 Jaquai Demar Multunas, 30, arrested 7/20/24; Public drunk; ECSCO
 Cierra Murphy, 30, arrested 7/20/24; Driving while license suspended/ revoked/ Open container/ DUI less safe/ License: felony with a vehicle; ECSCO
 Amy Miranda Pittman, 44, arrested 7/19/24; Theft by taking – felony/ Criminal trespass/ Burglary-1st degree – felony; ECSCO
 Martin Ventura Rodriguez, 29, arrested 7/17/24; DUI less safe/ Driving while unlicensed/ Windshield/ window/ wiper requirements; GSP
 Eddie Roy Roundtree, 68, arrested 7/20/24; Hold for Toombs Co.; SPD
 Nicholas James

Sellers, 44, arrested 7/19/24; Burglary 1st degree – felony/ Hold for Vidalia PD; ECSCO
 Robert Emanuel Troupe, 63, arrested 7/20/24; DUI refusal/ Tag lights required; GSP
 Aldrin Escalante Velazquez, 21, arrested 7/21/24; Driving while unlicensed; ECSCO
 Jason Glenn Wilkerson, 43, arrested 7/16/24; Probation violation – felony; ECSCO
 Laquan Brazil Williams, 30, arrested 7/16/24; Bench warrant/ Hold for Burke Co./ Possession of schedule I controlled substance/ Possession and use of drug related objects; SPD
 Marquis Cornelius Wright, 45, arrested 7/21/24; DUI less safe/ Seatbelt violation/ Hold for Toombs Co.; GSP

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

July 12
 Officer responded to N. Racetrack St. in reference to a domestic.
 Complainants stated that while their juvenile sons were walking on Watson St., they observed an open mailbox with marijuana inside it with a written note displaying \$80.
 Officers were dispatched to Family Dollar in reference to a female stealing. C/p stated offender concealed items in her handbag and left the store.
 Officers responded to WalMart in reference to an ex-employee causing a disturbance. Complainant advised offender was yelling cuss words and knocking things off shelves. As officer was speaking with c/p, offender walked up yelling and causing a public disturbance, at which time she was arrested and transported to EmCo Jail.
 Officer was dispatched to Lewis St. in reference to com-

plainant stating someone was in his yard attempting to shoot his door. Officer observed a vehicle with four occupants attempting to duck down in the seats as he rode by, at which time he turned around and the vehicle attempted to leave. Officer activated his emergency lights and informed the occupants why he was there. After investigating, officers found out that the occupants in the car were waiting on a male subject to come out of the residence. Offender advised he was trying to speak with c/p in reference to him breaking into his apartment. Officers went to c/p's residence and c/p attempted to no cooperate.
July 13
 Officers were dispatched to William Rountree St. 911 advised they could hear a male asking who complainant was on the phone with and she began decoying the phone call. C/p came out with a bag and stated offender started acting funny like he was on drugs and refused

to let her look at her phone. C/p stated she was fine and offender had not done anything to her but she wanted to leave. It was determined that offender was wanted by the Board of Parole and Pardons and was transported to EmCo Jail.
July 14
 Officer took a report of a stolen firearm. Complainant stated he was at a gathering on Prosperity Dr. and advised his pistol was stolen.
July 15
 Officer observed a vehicle driving erratic and too fast for conditions, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer asked the driver for his license and he stated he left all of them at home, then stated he did not have a valid license and was driving like that because he was late for court. Officer could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Offender asked officer is his girlfriend could come out and get the baby and he was advised she could. Offender was asked to step out of the vehicle and was acting very nervous, like he was

going to run., so he was detained. Marijuana was found in the vehicle.
 Officer was dispatched to Powell ST. in reference to a report of vehicle damage. Complainant stated her neighbors were having their yard mulched and a piece of wood struck her vehicle, shattering the back window.
 Officer took a report and complainants stated their son criminally trespassed and snatched c/p's phone. C/p stated offender was released from jail and shoved the door into c/p. Officers went to Moring St. to apprehend offender. Offender started to get loud and verbally combative with officer as he was detained. As offender was being escorted to officer's unit, he engaged in pulling away from officer. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail and said he needed medical attention. Officer transported him to EMC and he threatened officers and was very verbally combative and abusive to everyone he came in contact with. Offender received a good bill of health and was transported back to EmCo Jail.
 Officer took a report in reference to theft by deception. Complainant stated he had been in contact with an individual from Power Alex LLC in regards to buying a dump truck and wired half the money to include \$23,495. C/p advised he called the

individual and asked where the dump truck was at to be told it would arrive on July 8. C/p stated when it did not arrive, he called the individual again but did not get an answer and has yet to get in contact with him.
July 17
 Officer was dispatched to E. Pine St. in reference to a report about the odor of marijuana and suspicious activity. Officer met with the apartment manager who stated a lot of her elderly residents have went to her complaining about the smell of marijuana coming from several apartments. C/p also stated there has been a lot of vehicle activity in the complex.
 Officer responded to a walk-in report and complainant stated there were transactions made on her bank account and cashapp account totaling \$754, with \$549 of it being failed transactions, that she did not make.
 Officer was dispatched to Kentucky Fried Chicken in reference to someone that would not leave the property. Complainant stated two of his employees got into an argument and offender would not leave after being asked to do so. C/p advised offender that she was fired and not to go back on the property and officer advised her not to return.
July 18
 Officer was dispatched to N. Coleman St. in reference to harassing. Complainant stated offender had been harassing and threatening her and has threatened to have c/p's son shot and to have c/p's house shot up. C/p stated offender has a key to her apartment and has stolen several items.
 Officer responded to

WalMart in reference to complainant wanting to make a report about her ex-boyfriend threatening her. C/p stated her ex became irate and threatened her and her family by stating he would kill them and is concerned for her safety.
 Officer was dispatched to Best Western in reference to a stolen cell phone. Complainant stated that while in the pool, his phone was stolen.
 Officers were dispatched to Pine St. in reference to a dispute in an open lot across from the Fire Dept. Officer observed two females arguing back and forth with each other. Offender stated she was passing by when she noticed some kids in the open lot trying to fight and three of them were her grandchildren. Offender advised she knew the kids were attending a Summer Camp at the location and she pulled in to tell them to stop before someone got hurt and noticed there was not any adults outside supervising them. Offender stated when she pulled in one kid ran inside and complainant came outside and started accusing her of trying to run over the kids. C/p stated the kids were outside having free time during camp and one ran inside and stated offender almost ran them over so she went outside and made contact with offender and they began having words.
July 19
 Officer was dispatched to EMC ER in reference to a male subject being cut multiple times. Victim stated he was walking home when three unknown young males pulled out something and cut him and ran away.

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Officer responded to

Sheriff's Reports

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July 11
Deputy responded to Fair Ln. in reference to a dispute. Complainant advised he was walking his dogs and offender drove by on her golf cart at a really high speed with two children. C/p stated he has been having issues with offender for some time and wants it to stop. Deputy advised c/p of the process to seek in revolving this matter. Deputy then spoke with offender who stated c/p cussed at her when she drove by and that they have history together and don't get along. Offender was advised to stay away from c/p.

July 15
Deputies responded to Dellwood Main St. in reference to complainant stating the ex-husband of her friend/victim was driving by her house yelling her was going to shoot her and kill her while victim was there.

July 16
Deputy received a report for a stolen debit card. Complainant advised she lost her cashapp card about 3-4 weeks ago and noticed it had been used at Dollar General and Hall's in Twin City. C/p went to Dollar General and they pulled video footage to find a male subject using c/p's card.

July 17
Complainant stated offender was dismissed from rehab on July 16 for breaking the rules and would not leave the property. C/p advised offender got intoxicated and was causing problems. Deputy responded to the location and contacted Jefferson County Jail due to them mandating offender to the program. Deputy was advised to place offender under arrest and transport him to EmCo Jail and they would pick him up. Deputy made contact with offender who was intoxicated, sweating

profusely, unable to walk on his own and slurred speech. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

July 18
Contact was made with offender on Buckeye Dr. where a probation warrant was successfully executed for his arrest. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Contact was made with offender on Hwy 192 where a probation warrant was successfully executed for his arrest. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail. Deputy observed a vehicle fail to yield on McLeod Bridge Rd., nearly causing an accident, at which time he attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The driver turned on Overstreet Rd. reaching a speed of 100 MPH in a 45 MPH zone. The vehicle made it to Ben Blvd. and continued to flee, driving recklessly. Deputy briefly lost visual of the vehicle then observed it as it missed a driveway. The driver

gave up and stopped his vehicle. Deputy ordered offender to get out of the vehicle and was assisted to the ground after being advised several times to get on the ground. When offender was asked why he didn't stop, he stated he did not see deputy with flashing lights behind him. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

July 19
Deputies responded to Heron Rd. in reference to a theft incident. A female subject was captured on a home security system entering onto the property and taking a kayak boat paddle. It was later determined that the offender and a male subject used the kayak to travel down the river. The same subjects were later observed on another security camera attempting a burglary of a residence on Egret Pl. and were caught in the act of burglary by deputies. During the investigation, Det. And deputy located

both suspects, along with the stolen property. Both suspects were transported to EmCo Jail.

July 20
Deputies responded to Sunset Inn in reference complainant yelling someone was trying to hurt him and stated he took meth.

Deputy was flagged down at Thompson's Mini Mart in reference to a TPO. Complainant advised offender went to his workplace and he avoided her then saw her taking pictures of his truck and license plate. Offender then went inside the store and told the clerk that c/p was a bad person and he didn't have a license. Clerk then advised offender told her c/p was stalking her and wouldn't leave her alone. Offender then left the area and c/p wanted a report due to them having a court hearing on an active TPO and wants offender to stop going around him.

Deputy responded to

Rainbow Ridge to assist with a call in reference to an individual thinking someone was trying to kill him. Offender stated he wished to go to the ER for a mental evaluation and was escorted by deputy. After being placed in deputy's unit, meth was observed on the rear bumper of a vehicle in the yard. While waiting on the Inv., deputy heard offender beating on the window of his patrol unit. Deputy spoke with offender and he advised the meth belonged to him. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

A report was made in reference to messages that were sent to complainant from offender. C/p stated offender is her biological grandfather and has been sending her messages from Wilcox State Prison where his is incarcerated. C/p stated she does not want offender to communicate with her due to the crimes he committed.

Grand jury returns 16 true bills, 2 no bills

The July 2024 term of the Emanuel County Grand Jury reconvened on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, with the Honorable Robert S. Reeves presiding. The grand jurors elected Justin Allen to serve as foreperson, Aaron Claeys to serve as assistant foreperson, and Vicky Patick to serve as clerk. The grand jurors and the bailiff, John Allen Bailey, were sworn by Judge Reeves as to their duties.

The District Attorney's Office presented 18 bills of indictment to the Grand Jury, and the Grand Jury returned 16 true bills and 2 no bills.

- True bills included:
- Blake Lee Librizzy: Burglary in the first degree
 - Kevin Terrell Brown: Unlawful acts of violence in a penal institution (x3)
 - Dewannes Ronta Butler: Unlawful acts of violence in a penal institution; Aggravated battery
 - Susan Diane Atkinson and Lee Lewis Librizzy aka

- Jig: Possession of meth w/intent to distribute; Fleeing or attempting to elude police officer (x2); Driving with expired license; Driving under the influence; Possession of marijuana, less than ounce; Driving the wrong way on a one-way roadway; Possession of meth (Atkinson); Possession of drug related objects (Atkinson)

Kobe Juan Jackson: Driving under the influence; Failure to maintain lane; Possession of firearm by first offender probationer

Javier Rayquan Lakes: Unlawful acts of violence in a penal institution; Aggravated battery

Terry Leonard McMillan: Unlawful acts of violence in a penal institution; Aggravated battery

Deshaun Tyreese Lewis: Unlawful acts of violence in a penal institution; Aggravated battery

Jeffery Wayne Waters: Sale of meth

Tyler David Bedgood: Aggravated battery; Aggra-

- vated assault (x3); Criminal trespass; Possession of firearm by convicted felon

Bryan Aaron Willis: Exploitation of children (x6)

Tishaun Shaquez Williams: Possession of controlled substance w/intent to distribute; Possession of marijuana w/intent to distribute; Theft by receiving stolen property; Possession of firearm during commission of a felony

Jammal Doyle: Aggravated assault; Aggravated battery

Samuel Lee Morgan: Impersonating an officer (x2)

Anastasia Kayhola: Terroristic threats (x2)

Janice Marie Wadley: Aggravated stalking

No bills included:

Christopher Nakia Jones aka Pooh: Possession of schedule II controlled substance

Patrick Myles Kersey: Terroristic threats; Obstruction of officer; Driving under the influence (less safe)

Four sentenced in Superior Court

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

Melissa Dekle negotiated a guilty plea on one count exploitation of an elderly person. She was fined \$500 with 10 years probation. Defendant is sentenced for a

total of 10 years, to be served on probation. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the Defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The above sentence includes a behavior incentive date of 7/3/27 in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 17-10-1.

Tyrease Lanier negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of cocaine WID (reduced) simple possession of cocaine. He was fined \$150 with 8 years probation; nol pros on one count possession of marijuana; nol pros on one count driving while

license suspended; nol pros on one count obstruction; nol pros on one count defective tag lights. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 8 years, to be served on probation. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the Defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

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

Dean Black, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count trafficking cocaine. He was fined \$200,000

with 30 years, 20 years to serve, bal. prob; one count possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. He was fined \$1,000 with 40 years, 20 years to serve, bal. prob. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 40 years, with the first 20 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the Defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

Upon service of 20 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Rebecca Wilkerson negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of meth w/intent to distribute. She was fined \$50 with 5 years probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 5 years to be served on probation. The above sentence may be served on probation

provided the Defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

Rebecca Wilkerson negotiated a guilty plea on one count theft by taking. She was fined \$50 with 5 years probation; one count interference with government property with 5 years probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 5 years, to be served on probation. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the Defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

Whenever we go to a physician for care we are normally greeted by someone who takes our "vital signs" and then asks us to describe our "symptoms" - our reason for wanting to talk with a physician. These symptoms or vital signs are indicators - early warning signs of a deeper or more serious condition that describe an illness that requires some sort of treatment.


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One of the most influential saints of God was C. I. Scofield. He is the author of Scofield Study Bible - no doubt one of the most widely used and perhaps more influential than any other study Bible ever published.

"Shortly after my conversion," he once wrote, "I saw a picture of Daniel in the den of lions. His hands were behind him and the lions were circling him. The one thing I was in fear of was that I might go back to my sins. But as I stood before that picture, a great hope and faith came into my heart. I said, 'Why these lions are all about me - my old habits and sins - the God that shut the mouths of the lions for Daniel can shut them for me.' And He did!"

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Possible future politician attends influential Rural Renaissance event

Quintus Williams, a prominent young leader and a potential future politician in Emanuel County, recently attended the Rural Renaissance event organized by Brandon Byrd and the New Georgia Project. The event, focusing on the power and potential of rural communities in Georgia, brought together influential voices from surrounding counties to discuss key issues and strategies for empowering rural areas.

Williams described the experience as profoundly impactful, stating, "This was a very powerful experience. I was able to grasp and retain a lot of valuable information from various community leaders." The event highlighted several critical areas essential for the empowerment and advancement of Black

communities in rural Georgia.

Key topics discussed included Economic Empowerment - emphasizing the importance of financial support and resources to foster economic growth; Decision Making Authority - advocating for increased representation and authority for black individuals in decision-making positions; Education and Awareness - stressing the need for education on essential topics such as voting rights and civic engagement; Community Trust and Self-Belief - encouraging communities to trust and believe in their potential and capabilities; Unified Power - recognizing the strength in numbers and the importance of solidarity within the community; Addressing Classism - tackling the issues of

classism within the Black community, focusing on bridging the gap between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'; Transparency and Knowledge Sharing - highlighting the need for transparency and the sharing of knowledge among community leaders.

Williams noted the significance of having more meetings like the Rural Renaissance to foster dialogue and collaborative efforts for rural development. "Getting young people to run for office and ensuring our voices are heard through voting are crucial steps in increasing the power of rural Georgia," he said.

The event also addressed pressing issues in rural communities, such as the need for livable wages, affordable housing, and the power of the vote. Williams

echoed concerns about economic plans that lack resources, the importance of attainable resources, and the necessity of standing together rather than competing against one another.

Attendees from surrounding counties brought strong voices and opinions, contributing to a rich discussion on the future of rural Georgia. The event underscored the urgency of tackling issues like economic inequality, political representation, and community solidarity.

As a rising figure in Emanuel County, Quintus Williams continues to advocate for the growth and empowerment of rural communities. His participation in the Rural Renaissance is a testament to his commitment to creating positive change and fostering a



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brighter future for all. The Rural Renaissance event has set the stage for meaningful discussions and actions towards empowering rural communities in Georgia. Rising leaders like Quintus Williams are at the forefront of these efforts, striving to bring about significant and lasting change for a brighter future.

Williams quote, "Be on the lookout; maybe one day I'll be on a ballot near you!"



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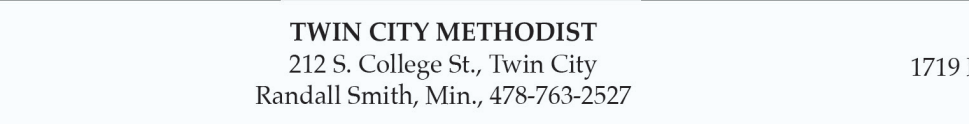
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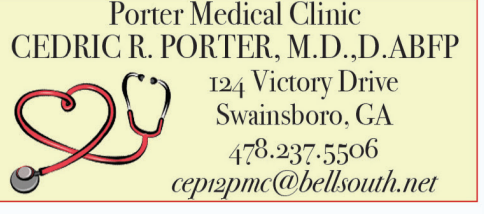
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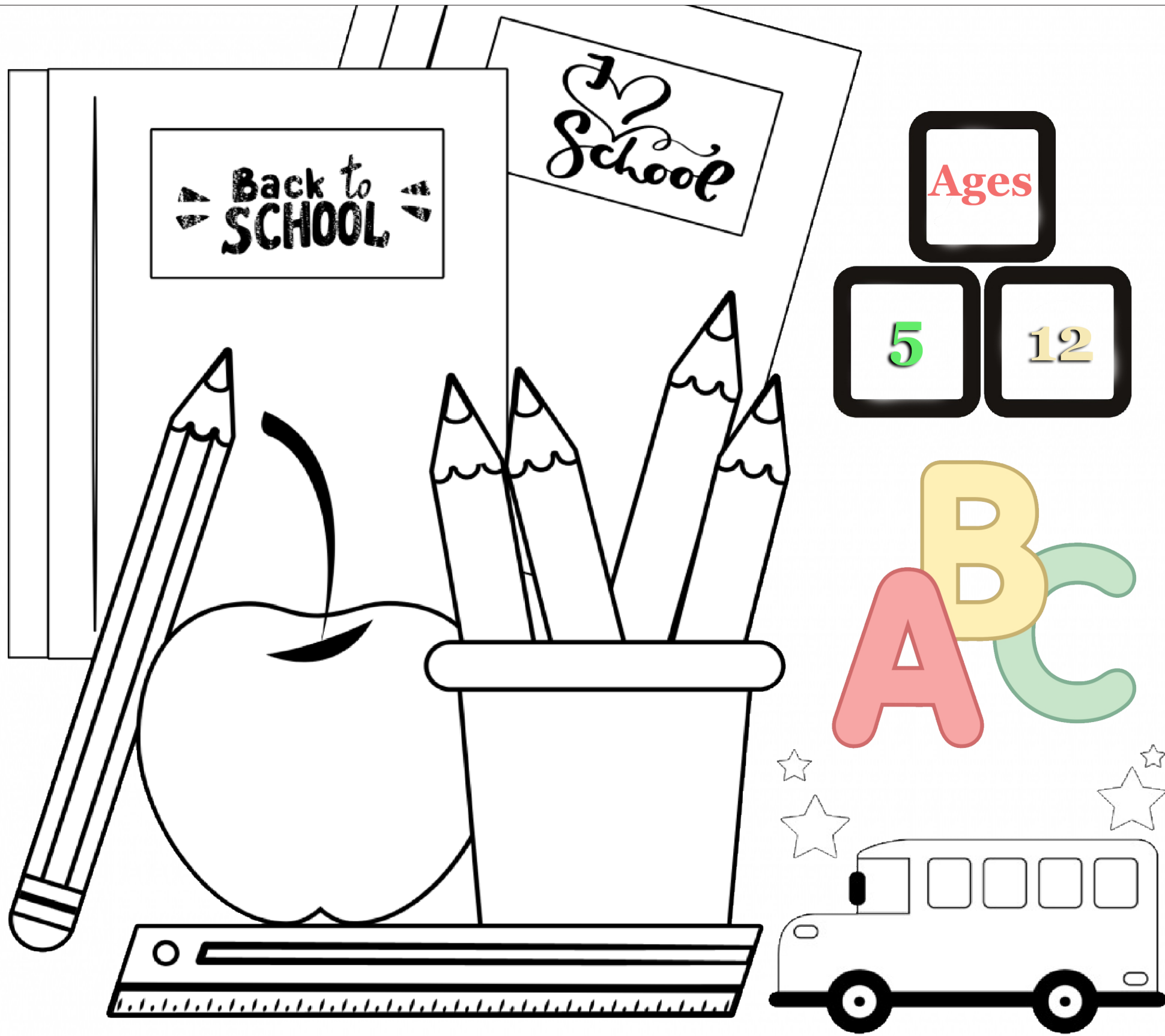
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