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Twin City awarded over \$300,000 in new grant funding

At the August meeting of the City Commission of Twin City, Mayor Matt Donaldson announced the city had been awarded \$313,279 in new grant awards.

The first grant is the FEMA Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) of \$289,279.00 for the purchase of new fire department equipment and turnout gear for the volunteer firefighters. Last year, Twin City was awarded \$428,000.00 in grant funding for the purchase of a new fire truck. The City has ordered the new fire truck, and it should be delivered late this year or early next year. The grant



MAYOR DONALDSON funding for this year will equip that new fire truck when it arrives. Over the past 12 months, Twin City has been awarded over \$717,000 in grant funding to improve the Twin City Fire Department. Mayor Donaldson said, "With the new fire

truck and new equipment for the fire truck funded, we hope these investments in our fire services will provide benefits to the people of Twin City. We are actively working to improve our ISO (Insurance Services Office) fire rating. With a lower ISO rating, this should lower the property insurance premiums for our citizens".

In the second grant award, Donaldson announced the city has been awarded \$24,000 from the USDA SEARCH (Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households) Grant. This (Continued on page 2A)



BOARD MEMBER TANYA LANE, TCE JR. BETA AWARD RECIPIENTS, BOARD MEMBER JOHN ALLEN BAILEY, BETA SPONSOR JENNIFER BEST, AND PRINCIPAL JESSICA COLLINS

BOE holds August meeting

The Emanuel County Board of Education met on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Emanuel County Institute with the following members in attendance: Brandon Jones, Cherie Hooks, Del Brown, and John Allen Bailey and Tanya Lane. Board Chair Del Brown welcomed everyone calling the meeting to order. John Allen Bailey delivered the invocation followed by Cherie Hooks leading the Pledge of Allegiance. John Allen Bailey made a motion to approve the agenda.

Tanya Lane seconded the motion. Del Brown, Tanya Lane, Cherie Hooks, Brandon Jones, and John Allen Bailey voted "yes". **CARRIED.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

1. Start of School Update-Dr. Denise Warnock
2. Student Recognition Twin City Elementary - Jr. Beta National Competition - Savannah - June 2024 - Sponsor/Teacher: Jennifer Best; Student/Staff Name: Gauge Akridge, 4th Place Songfest; Hudson Anderson, 7th Place Living Literature, 4th

Place Songfest, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Chanice Archer, 4th Place Songfest; Chloe Best, 4th Place Songfest, 10th Place Musicology, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Harley Blackburn, 7th Place Living Literature, 4th Place Songfest, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Kallen Bradlock, 4th Place Songfest, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Alyssa Bullard, 4th Place Songfest; Charla Fields, 9th Place Poetry, 4th Place Songfest, 4th Place (Continued on page 2A)



CHIEF ELLISON AND SUMNER

Sumner named 2024 District 7 Administrative Assistant of the Year

Zelda Sumner, Swainsboro Police Department Administrative Assistant, has been named the 2024 District 7 Administrative Assistant of the Year. The district awards will be presented at the Administrative Assistant's Seminar luncheon on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in Jekyll Island. During the luncheon on September 10, the overall 2024 GACP Administrative Assistant of the Year will be announced. Congratulations Zelda!

New fire chief chosen for city

At an August 15 called meeting of the Swainsboro Mayor and City Council, a final selection was made for the position of Chief of the City of Swainsboro Fire Department. Alima Mims was chosen from an original "short list" of three candidates. In a heated and sometimes controversial process, the city council was unable to make a recommendation at its August 12 meeting and deferred to the later called-meeting scenario. At that time, another stalemate result-



MIMS

ed until councilmembers finally agreed to move ahead with a 5-0 vote. According to information from City Hall, Mr. Mims is currently employed in Chatham County as a coordinator

with Search and Rescue activities with the State of Georgia. He started his career in 2001 as a volunteer and served in various roles and numerous positions subsequent to that time. Mims will report for his new position in Swainsboro on September 11, 2024, and follows retiring Chief Mike Strobridge. *The Forest-Blade* looks forward to speaking with Mr. Mims to provide a more detailed story on the new head of the Swainsboro Fire Department.

Commissioners discuss personnel policy

The August meeting of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners was held Monday, August 19, 2024, in the Emanuel County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Kawame Coleman, Hugh Foskey, Timmy Oliver, Jim Sherrod and Ricky Thompson. Administrator Guy Singletary, County Clerk Halei Lamb and County Attorney Richard McNeely were also in attendance. Chairman Foskey opened the meeting and welcomed media representatives and visitors. Following the Invocation and pledge of Allegiance, the minutes of the previous meeting and workshop meeting were presented and approved. In the first order of business, Kimberly Christian addressed the commissioners on behalf of Coleman Lake Restaurant and the possibility of authorization of Sunday sales of alcohol at that location. Ms. Christian explained that a growing number of patrons who regularly dine there on Sunday continue to express interest in the addition of alcoholic beverage service at the restaurant. Asking for guidance from the county on how to pursue the issue, Ms. Christian said she was introducing the subject at this time mainly to explore the possibility with the help of the commission-

ers. County Attorney McNeely and Administrator Singletary agreed that more research on the legal specifics would be the first step in addressing the issue. The next agenda item for the evening concerned the county's policy on leave for long- and short-term illness and other circumstances requiring extended time away from work. Administrator Singletary reported that the county's established policy for its 185 full-time employees would benefit from adjustments for more flexibility in administration and provision. The specific items of enhancement presented to the commissioners were accepted by motion and unanimous approval. The final agenda item for the meeting dealt with air conditioning and heat at the Emanuel County Courthouse. Administrator Singletary reported that major work was

required to restore full service of the HVAC system. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to the replacement of the necessary parts not to exceed a total of \$70,000. This concluded the agenda items, but Administrator Singletary, in closing, informed the group that the county budget for the coming year had been completed and would be presented for comment and adoption on August 29. The new budget will reflect a half a mill rollback to offset any increases in valuation. Following this, the Board moved into Executive Session for discussion of a personnel issue. When returning to regular order, the Board discussed renewing its contract with Administrator Guy Singletary with the provision for future renewals. The Board voted unanimously to accept such motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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BOE holds August...

(From front page)
 Performing Arts Large Group; Lawson Frye, 2nd Place Speech; Brooks Hall, 6th Place Woodwork, 4th Place Songfest; Mila Hodges, 4th Place Songfest, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Ella Jo Hooks, 7th Place Living Literature, 4th Place Songfest; Jayce Juarez-Aragon, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Addison Johnson, 7th Place Living Literature, 4th Place Songfest, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Anthony Johnson, 7th Place Living Literature, 4th Place Songfest, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Ezekiel Kearney, 4th Place Songfest; Violet Lai Tyam, 4th Place Songfest, 10th Place Musicology, 4th Place Performing Arts

Large Group; Bridgette Lopez Munoz, 4th Place Songfest, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Izzy May, 9th Place Mixed Media, 4th Place Songfest, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Kabreigh Mixon, 4th Place Songfest, 10th Place Musicology, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Ezekiel Pague, 4th Place Songfest, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Jorge Ramos-Avalos, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Addison Rich, 4th Place Songfest, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Koda Still Williams, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group, 4th Place Songfest; Audrey Tucker, 4th Place Songfest, 10th Place Musicology; Ava Underwood, 4th Place Songfest, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Hudson Ware, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group; Jayceon Williamson, 10th Place Musicology; Dilan Xochiale, 4th Place Songfest; Leyla Yeye, 4th Place Songfest, 4th Place Performing Arts Large Group

3. Personnel Numbers-Valorie Watkins
4. Transportation Update-Rusty Kea
5. Emanuel County Institute Parking Lot Addition-Dr. Denise Warnock
6. Communications/Radio-Jansen Ware
7. Strategic Waiver School System Contract for Emanuel County-Dr. Denise Warnock

DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented and approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes of the July 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
2. Approval of Financial Reports - Mollie Smith
3. Tentative Approval of FY24 Property Tax Digest & 5 Year History and Rollback Millage Rate-Mollie Smith
4. FY24-25 Fundraisers
 - a. Fundraisers have been sent to the school Administrators with modifications and approvals. Staff will need to contact their School Administrator with any questions.
5. Approval of CSRA RESA Shared Services-Hearing & Vision FY25
6. Approval of Change of Board Meeting Date-September 10 to September 17

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EMPLOYMENTS:

The Board approved the Renewal, employ-

ment, retired, retirement and resignations of the following certified and classified employees:

RECOMMENDATIONS, CERTIFIED

Carlyle, Melissa - Teacher 49% - CAS - 9/3/2024 - NCIC Complete; Tiemann, David - Social Studies - Teacher - SHS - 7/29/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Wright, Ayana - Counselor - SMS - 8/5/2024 - NCIC Incomplete

RESIGNATIONS, CERTIFIED

Durden, Molly Jan - Teacher - SHS - 8/9/2024; Oliver, Angel - Teacher - SES - 7/24/2024; Wallace, Cortney - Teacher - SHS - 7/17/2024

RECOMMENDATIONS, CLASSIFIED

Cochran, Jessie - Food Service Worker - SES - 8/12/2024 - NCIC Complete; Gilmore, Tonya - Food Service Worker, Sub Bus Driver - Transportation - 8/1/2024 - NCIC Complete; Jenkins, Shateria - Bus Driver - Transportation - 8/1/2024 - NCIC Complete; Landing, Allison - Paraprofessional - TCE - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Complete; Lopez, Erica - Paraprofessional - SPS - 8/2/2024 - NCIC Complete; Rountree, La'Tina - Paraprofessional - SHS - 7/25/2024 - NCIC Complete; Sigmon, Allie - SPED - Paraprofessional - SPS - 8/14/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Wilkes, Jessica - SPED Paraprofessional - SHS - 7/26/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Williford, Diane - Sub Bus Monitor - Transportation - 8/1/2024 - NCIC Complete

RESIGNATIONS, CLASSIFIED

Brown, Katherine - Paraprofessional - ECI - 7/15/2024; Crews, Jamie - Bus Driver Trainer - Transportation - 8/11/2024; Griffin, Rachel - Caregiver - EHS - 7/22/2024; Lovette, Felicia - Bus Driver - Transportation - 7/31/2024; Pearson, Letrice - Paraprofessional - SPS - 7/23/2024

RETIREMENTS, CLASSIFIED

Simpson, Donnie - Custodian - Pre-K - 9/1/2024

TERMINATED, CLASSIFIED

Douglas, Monyette - Food Service Worker - SES - 7/26/2024; Douglas, Visa - Food Service Worker - TCE - 7/26/2024; McRae, Evamarie - Food Service Worker - SHS - 8/2/2024

2024-2025 Transfers

Hadden, Kendall - ECI - SHS/ECI - Work Based Learning Teacher

Blundale Baptist Church to celebrate Homecoming

Blundale Baptist Church will have Homecoming Sunday, August 25, with Bro. Lamar Little bringing a message. Special guest, Kinds Cross, will be in charge of the song service. Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. and Worship Service at 11 a.m. with lunch to follow.



VETERAN AND CLUB MEMBER WATSON MOSLEY, VETERAN AND CLUB MEMBER JOHN DAVID BAILEY, VETERAN AND CLUB MEMBER, DR. BOBBY SASSER, VETERAN AND WAA COORDINATOR JOHNNY TAPLEY AND GARY MASON, PRESIDENT SWAINSBORO EXCHANGE CLUB

Tapley speaks to Exchange

On Tuesday, August 13, 2024, Johnny Tapley, local Chief Coordinator for Emanuel County Wreaths Across America spoke to the Swainsboro Exchange Club. He reported that this year Wreaths Across America will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Tapley also spoke about various projects that the Veterans of the Library have supported the past three years. A \$500 donation was presented to Tapley in support of Emanuel County WAA.



TAMRA ALLEN AND WADE JOHNSON

Mill Creek Foundation donates to Ferst Readers

Family Connection would like to thank the Mill Creek Foundation for their support of our work toward improving Early Childhood Literacy by making a very generous donation to the Emanuel County Ferst Readers program. Every dollar will go toward providing a book a month to the children enrolled in the program here in Emanuel County. These quality books get

delivered to the child every month, along with a parent newsletter, until the child reaches their fifth birthday. This community funded program is provided at no cost to the family.

Family Connection will be sponsoring our Ferst Readers Book Character Contest again this year. We are looking for creative folks with a heart for children and who know the importance of reading to them.

The online fundraiser will be throughout the month of October and those who are interested should contact Tammy Allen for more details. Last year's contestants can be viewed on the Emanuel County Family Connection Facebook page for inspiration. So, pick your favorite book character and start getting that costume together. It is a lot of fun and a great way to make a lifelong impact.

Twin City awarded...

(From front page) grant will fund an engineering study and plan for the city sewerage system. Donaldson said, "Our current system was installed in the 1980s, so we need to consider some upgrades. The new grant award will fund that study of those upgrades."

as well. These projects will be combined with the City's T-SPOST resurfacing projects of: W. Broad Street, Old Swainsboro Road, Parish Pond Road, 1st Avenue, Wilson Road, and Coursey Road. In total, these (9) roads will be resurfaced in late 2024 or early 2025. This is in addition to the (13) roads resurfaced in early 2024.

In other business, the City Commission approved adding Sandridge Road to the list of resurfacing projects. In the June 2024 meeting, the city approved to resurface Rountree Avenue and Ward Street

Donaldson said, "We are aggressively working our resurfacing plans to get our roads in a better condition. In a span of about 18 months, the City will have resur-

faced (22) roads in the city limits or about 50% of the total road miles in Twin City."

In other business, the City Commission approved the contract with Turnipseed Engineers to complete the sewer engineering study, approved the invoice for the Church Street well and pump replacement, held a public hearing for a business license application, approved the 2023 audit report, and reviewed the first draft of the recodified code of ordinances.

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The Psalmist said that "The Lord has made His salvation known." By God's faithfulness to protect and provide for the well-being of the Children of Israel "He made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations." He made His salvation known by His faithfulness and the fulfillment of His covenant with His children. That was then.

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If the world cannot see this love, we who are His disciples have only ourselves to blame. All around us are people waiting and wanting to see "love with skin on it."

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East Georgia State College welcomes new and returning students to Bobcat Villas

East Georgia State College (EGSC) is excited to announce the successful move-in of new and returning students to Bobcat Villas on August 9 and 10. The campus was abuzz with energy and enthusiasm as students and their families arrived, marking the beginning of a new academic year.

Bobcat Villas, the on-campus housing facility, welcomed hundreds of students who will call the dorms their home for the upcoming academic year. Students and their families were greeted with a warm welcome from members of the women's basketball team, who were there to lend a hand, answer questions about move-in and the college, and escort students and their families to their assigned dorms. The move-in process was smooth and efficient, thanks to the dedicated efforts of EGSC faculty, staff, and student volunteers.

The move-in days were just the beginning of a series of events planned for the first few weeks of the semester, aimed at helping students build connections and make the most of their college experience. The move-in weekend events includ-

ed a volleyball game under the stars, an Ice Cream Social, a new student breakfast, and a five-on-five basketball tournament. A series of orientation programs were held to help new students acclimate to campus life, including tours, meet-and-greet events, and fun activities.

Gage Dowling, EGSC Director of Housing, expressed his excitement for the new academic year, stating, "We are thrilled to welcome our new and returning students to Bobcat Villas. Our goal is to make sure all students have a place where they can rest, be safe, and allow them to

thrive in the classroom." Bobcat Villas offers a vibrant living experience with its modern amenities and community-focused environment. The facility features four-bedroom, two-bath suites with a common living area and full kitchen. Each suite is fully furnished with modular furniture, cable, microwave, and refrigerator. Residents also enjoy access to the L.C. "Shot" and Jean Strange Clubhouse, which includes a game room, fitness center, and study spaces.

For more information about East Georgia State College and upcoming events, please visit www.ega.edu.



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East Georgia State College made history by winning the 2024 Region 17 GCAA Women's Basketball Championship in March.

Hope Ministries to hold Living Grace groups

Hope Ministries invites you to Living Grace starting Sunday, September 1, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. at Jesus Saves Church, 138 Hwy 56 North, Swainsboro. Meetings will be every other Sunday and will last for approximately an hour and a half. There will be monthly door prizes at the end of each month. This program is evidence-based, "a discipleship small group experience for those that are experiencing a mental or emotional health challenge, even a diagnosis." There is proven research that shows Living Grace Groups help reduce symptoms and improve mental health recovery. "Come learn to thrive, not just survive."

For more information, contact Danny Coleman at 478.494.3467 or jesussavedme2k18@gmail.com.

Summertown Food Pantry to hold August distribution

Summertown Food Pantry at Summertown Baptist Church will be open for food distribution on Saturday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

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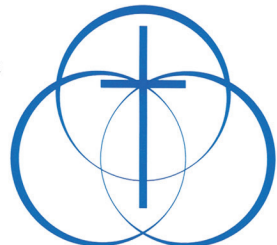
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Rebecca Hill, 85

Rebecca "Becky" Dennis Hill, 85, of Swainsboro, passed away August 15, 2024, after an extended illness. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 18, at 3 p.m. at First Methodist Church with Reverend Jim Harrell officiating, assisted by Reverend David Unkles. Family received friends one hour prior to service. Memorial service for Augusta friends and family was held Tuesday, August 20, at 11 a.m. at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2261 Walton Way.

Pallbearers were Henry Terwilliger, Shannon Mason, Tommy Kirby, Brian Key, Owen Bellamy, Jr., Dr. Randy Brown, and David Berry. Honorary pallbearers were Ralph Cowart and the staff at Southern Manor Inn of Statesboro.

Becky was born February 3, 1939, in Hartsville, SC, to the late Edward Dennis and Elsie Miller Hill. She graduated from Richmond Academy in Augusta, then went on to study at the University of Georgia and graduated from Georgia Southern University with an Early Childhood Education degree. Becky taught at the primary school for many years. While teaching at the primary school, she and others began an annual Thanksgiving Pilgrimage that is still celebrated at the school today. Becky went on to further her education, obtaining a Counselor's degree. She spent many years advising and counseling students at Swainsboro High School. It was always said she raised more children than just her boys. Becky was active in many clubs and organizations such as DAR, Garden Club, and Delta Kappa Gamma. She has always been very dedicated to her Church. After retiring, Becky moved back to Augusta where she was very active at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church. Reid Memorial has always held a very special place in her heart, and she was an Elder

Bobby Gene Amerson, 79

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory announces the death of Mr. Bobby Gene Amerson, Sr., age 79, of Adrian, on Monday, July 29, 2024, at the Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Friday, August 2, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the Tomlinson Funeral Home Chapel with Corbin Wiggins officiating. Interment followed in the Kite City Cemetery. Family received friends one hour prior to the service at Tomlinson Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Rodney Amerson, Mark Snellgrove, Justin Riner, Alan Amerson, Graham Lawson, Landon Amerson, Shawn Riner and Joel Mimbs.

Mr. Amerson was born August 12, 1944, in Swainsboro, to the late Lavousia and Louise Chalker Amerson. He was a retired mechanic. Bobby Gene loved cooking hogs and Brunswick stew and



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and Deacon there. Becky also served with Stephen Ministries where she continued to provide counseling and guidance to all who needed it. She was able to spend a lot of time with her "Grow Up Group" while living in Augusta. Becky always loved gatherings with family and friends. Becky, or "Bec," as the grandchildren fondly named her, always reminded us that she loved God, her family, and helping people. These three things have been evident throughout her life. Ms. Hill is preceded in death by her parents; the father of her children, Arthur Richard Daniels, Jr.; brother-in-law, Robert Elliott McElveen; and nephew, Robert McElveen Walker.

Ms. Hill is survived by her three sons, Richard Marlow Daniels (Lisa Ricks), Samuel Hill Daniels (Maria), and Edward Hill Daniels (Cathy); grandchildren, Rachael Daniels Callaway (Kyle), Richard Blaine Daniels (Emily), Jacob Vaughan Daniels (Jenna), Kaitlyn Suzanne, and Jacob Westbrooks; great-grandchildren, Marlowe Elizabeth Daniels, Saige Alexandria Daniels, Richard Blaine Daniels, Jr. and Bethany Ann Henry; twin sister, Sarah Hill McElveen (Sally) of Columbia, SC; brother, Edward Dennis Hill (Caroline) of Savannah; four loving nieces; and her fur baby, Beau.

The family would like to thank Ralph Cowart and the staff at Southern Manor in Statesboro for their excellent care.

Chapman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mattie Mae Parker, 87

Ms. Mattie Mae Parker, 87, of Swainsboro, passed away Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at Emanuel Medical Center following an extended illness. Funeral service was held Monday, August 19, at 11 a.m. at Greater St. James Baptist Church with Reverend Bennie Brinson officiating. Interment followed at the Swainsboro City Cemetery. Family received friends Sunday, August 18, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Ms. Parker's grandsons and nephews. Honorary pallbearers were Deacons of The Greater St. James Church.

Mattie was born November 27, 1936, in Swainsboro, to the parentage of Samuel Thomas Parker, Sr. and Mary Lou Shoemake-Parker. She attended Emanuel County High School and graduated in 1956. Mattie furthered her education at Tuskegee College in Tuskegee, Alabama, then attended and graduated from Nursing School at Swainsboro Technical. She was a Nurse in the Emanuel County area for over 30 years demonstrating her God given talents to be a servant, leader of many. Mattie accepted Christ at an early age and joined the Greater Saint James Missionary Baptist Church in Swainsboro. She was anointed in countless areas. Ms. Parker is preceded in death by her parents; surrogate mother, Minnie Bell Shoemake-Stephens-Tiller, siblings: Samuel Parker, Jr., John Willie Parker, James Otis Parker, Lee Edward Parker, Bobby Parker, Sr., and Arline Parker; son: John Eric "The Governor"



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Parker; son-in-law, Willie Karlydena Harris, Jr.; sisters-in-law, Agnes Salter-Parker and Alma Worthen-Parker; niece Tammy L. Parker; and nephew, Collis O. Parker.

Ms. Parker leaves a legacy of "cherished and loving memories" to her daughter, Rosalind M. Harris of Fort Valley; sons, Michael E. Parker of Fairburn and Milton T. Graham (Debby Ann) of Wadley; brothers, Ralph Parker, Sr. (Lutricia) and Johnny Parker of Swainsboro; sister, Christine Parker of Swainsboro; sister-in-law, Mary E.M. Parker of Swainsboro; grandchildren "(affectionately called-her Scamps)", Terrence Howard, Teresa (Charles) Trim, Tyler Howard, Moesha Williams, Teralyn Harris and Tyteunna Graham; seven great-grandchildren, Braylon Howard, Trent Howard, Tatiana Howard, Legacy Cobb, Aurora Trim, Kenyon Howard and Dior Cobb; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

William Peterson Jackson, Sr., 71

William Peterson Jackson, Sr., 71, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2024. A Celebration of Life was held Friday, August 16, at 10:30 a.m. at Bark Camp Missionary Baptist Church in Midville.

Mr. Jackson was born February 21, 1953, in Midville, to the late Jones and Susan McClendon Jackson. He attended Burke County School and matriculated at Swainsboro Technical School and East Georgia College. William received certificates in welding, roofing, wood production and agriculture. Growing vegetables was his passion. William owned Pete Jackson Farms and worked hard to keep his customers pleased. He showed and expressed love with a giving heart, going the extra mile to help anyone in need. Mr. Jackson is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ezekiel, Clarence, L.J., Ray, Milton and Seaborn; sisters, Lucille Johnson,



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Willie Mae McClendon and Dora Young.

Mr. Jackson leaves to cherish his memories with his loving and devoted wife of 50 years, Dr. Elvira Green Jackson; sons, William Jackson, Jr. (Andrea) and James Jones Jackson (Jessica); grandchildren, Andrea, Willow, Audrey, Jayden, Jaya and Winter; brothers, Walter, Leroy and Arthur; sisters, Agnes Williams and Dorothy Moore; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jogresan Mortuary, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church to observe Senior Citizen's Day

Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Cross Green - Green Community, will observe Senior Citizen's Day on Sunday, August 25, at 9 a.m. Using the theme 'The Joy of Growing Old', a beautiful program has been planned in your honor. Pastor Michael Thomas will bring the message. The sweet word is "COME", you are invited.

Editorials Columns

An unremarkable story

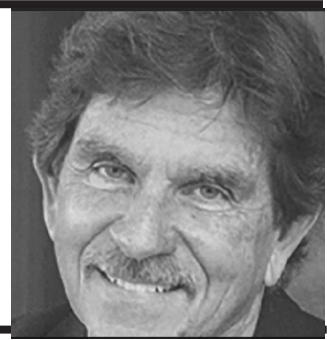
Dad Redding was a good sort of fellow to have around. He opened the store every morning before the streetlights were turned off, or the Atlanta newspapers were thrown onto the loading dock from the Seaboard Air Line train as it slowed down nearing the depot. People inside the lit-up dining cars were already having breakfast as the train coasted past the station then lurched forward with great impatience resuming its eastward race toward a spreading pink sky. It was like that every day before just before dawn. The sun would slowly peek around the corner of main street, and Dad Redding's fellow workers would

magically appear at the warehouse door just as he coaxed sausage, eggs and biscuits out of an old cast iron stove in the back of the building. Dad Redding never heard of "the human resources department", but he sure knew how to get people to work on time, especially in depression days. Nobody could open it down, but most folks figured Dad was born in the late 1860's. He was wiry and lean and had that rare quality of being able and available whenever help was needed most. He grew up on farms and worked at almost every odd job imaginable during hard times. He was full of common sense, know-how and wisdom

acquired from listening more than speaking. Dad Redding was as much a part of the town as the library and the courthouse, and he was also the jack-of-all-trades, and right-hand assistant for the owner of the town's furniture store. In addition to all of that, Dad was the trusted advisor and confidant of the eight-year-old son of the store's owner. Dad's main responsibility was managing a temperamental and distrustful old blue-gray mule who pulled the furniture delivery wagon. Oddly enough, the mule's name was Ulysses. Whether or not he was named after the Union General could not be determined, but it is interesting to note

that the name Ulysses is said to mean "wrathful or full of anger". According to sources, Ulysses, the mule, lived up to this appellation. Apparently, his disposition played some part in his eventual retirement to plowing vegetable gardens. For many years, in good times and bad, Dad Redding was a loyal employee and a trusted part of the store owner's family. In those days, Saturday was by far the busiest day of the week, and stores would remain open until nearly midnight. After a day of selling ice cream or boiled peanuts or sugarcane on the sidewalk outside the store, the owner's young son would end up worn out and sound

Charles Schwabe



asleep among the cotton bales stacked under the store's awnings. Dad Redding never left the store on Friday or Saturday nights without first retrieving the sleeping young entrepreneur from among the mounds of cotton and carrying him home on his back. Dad Redding worked at the furniture store until it closed. He lived a long time after that surrounded by a very large family.

It is comforting to remember people like Dad Redding. Thank

goodness our history is full of so many stories like this; stories of folks who can only be described as wonderfully unremarkable. God bless the simple, decent people who have lived on this earth and asked for little more than just the opportunity to live a quiet life and to do some good in whatever fashion they can. In the midst of this world we live in today, their lives are still inspirational, heart-warming and examples of why we are here in the first place.

In tribute to a special nurse who is going to make a difference

A point of personal privilege, please. Last week, the Georgia Board of Regents officially approved the Jane J. Yarbrough Nursing Fellowship at the Wellstar School of Nursing at Kennesaw State University. Jane J. Yarbrough. The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name. This is no small thing. When fully operational, the fellowship

along with a nursing scholarship in her name will fund tuition, books and fees for non-traditional students – meaning those seeking a second career – to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing as well as provide the resources for faculty to advance nursing education and research at KSU.

Longtime readers of this space know her story because I've

shared it a number of times, but I share it with you one more time. She grew up in the dark ages when young women were encouraged to become secretaries, get married, have babies and leave the business world to the guys. This, despite being a straight-A student in high school, a member of the National Honor Society and possessed with a great love

for medicine, particularly nursing. She dutifully stayed home and raised two kids while her husband began his climb up the corporate ladder at Southern Bell which eventually landed him a stint in Washington, D.C. I cannot point to an "aha!" moment at which this occurred but upon our return home it was decided that with our two children away at college, it was time for Momma to scratch that nursing itch and head off to college herself. To Kennesaw State. To nursing school. In her '40's. To say it wasn't easy would be an understatement. First, there was algebra. (If any of you nurses out there who are reading this use algebra in your daily duties, would you let me know how? And why?) Fortunately, her friend and neighbor, Jane Hoover, was a former math teacher and tutored her successfully through the years.

Also, there was one particular instructor who was convinced she was too old to undertake the pressures of the nursing profession and discouraged her at every turn. (I hope she is reading this.) It didn't work. She persevered and prevailed, thanks to her intelligence and tenacity and a lot of family support. Her dream came

Dick Yarbrough



true. The former stay-at-home Mom was now a nurse. A registered nurse. After earning her degree at KSU, she worked in the hospital as a registered nurse for a brief time, and then went on to a rewarding career as an occupational nurse for Delta Air Lines. In addition to her nursing duties, she was also the family bookkeeper, banker, shopper, chef and organizer as well as wife, mother and grandmother. She excelled at them all. She was exceedingly modest, kept a low profile and was more than willing to boost mine. At the risk of sounding trite, she was the wind beneath my wings. It was painful to see her slowly slip away, unable to remember names and places. I had always assumed that with my pedal-to-the-metal lifestyle, I would go first. Of course, things don't always work out the way we plan. One plan that did work was her family's decision to honor her journey from a young wife who put her dreams aside for her family to someone who had the courage to go to college, get her degree and then go on to a career at a time when many of her contemporaries were winding down theirs.

What better to do than to go back to the place that changed her life, Kennesaw State University and the Wellstar School of Nursing? And what better way to honor her than by providing assistance to those who seek a career change and a desire to join the nursing profession, where there is such a critical need? The Jane J. Yarbrough Nursing Scholarships will allow deserving students to do just that. More than that, the Jane J. Yarbrough Fellowship will allow a chosen faculty member to look at issues from improving teaching skills to enhancing relationships with local hospitals to researching how to attract more people to enter the profession and remain a part of it. The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name would be slightly nonplused at all the attention she is getting. But it is deserved. She is going to make a positive difference for generations to come, just as she made a difference while we had her with us. Rest in peace, Jane Yarbrough, RN. You have earned it. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dick-yarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

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Another busy year for Beta Sigma Phi

by VANESSA DEVANE, TREASURER, XI DELTA PSI CHAPTER, BETA SIGMA PHI

Beta Sigma Phi is an international women's organization that was founded in 1931 during the Great Depression by Walter W. Ross. Its mission then was to provide women with a sense of purpose through social, cultural, civic and service activities. Though times have changed for women, the mission and purpose are still basically the same. It is a non-collegiate sorority with over 200,000 members in chapters around the world, Beta Sigma Phi is dedicated to helping women build lasting friendships, develop their leadership skills, and make a positive impact in their communities. The organization operates on the principles of Life, Learning, and Friendship. Members are encouraged to pursue personal growth and education through various cultural programs and social events. Service is also a key component of Beta Sigma Phi, with members participating in charitable activities and fundraising events to support causes that are important to them. More often than not the Xi Delta Psi chapter here in Emanuel County includes community service projects and fundraising as two of its primary activities. All monies donated are put before a vote by the club members. If a motion is made and passed, Beta Sigma Phi will make these donations. The Xi Delta Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was founded in Emanuel County in 1978 and currently has 30 members. The local chapter is quite fortunate to still have several members that were instrumental in the chartering of the Xi Delta Psi Chapter in its beginnings. In our community the chapter focuses on reaching out to and seeking local organizations and institutions that receive minimal financial assistance from local, state and even federal funding and rely heavily on local donations to keep themselves up and running. Several of those will be mentioned sub-

sequently in this write-up. The chapter has several recurring projects each year and often find additional needs that come up during the year. The Xi Delta Psi Chapter spans 9 months of each year with a few projects that span the entire year. Like all years, the chapter stays quite busy and the 2023-2024 year has been no different. The following summary of activities will give an example of what a typical year is like. In September of 2023 made a donation of \$250 to the Sudie Fulford Community Learning Center, a part of East Georgia State College. This donation is multi-faceted. The Learning Center is generous enough to allow Beta Sigma Phi the use of the facility for one of its two monthly meetings. The Center offers an educational library and reading room and a large classroom type area that can accommodate 50+ participants among many other things. They often offer activities in the summer for children while they are out of school. This is just a small part of all the things that the Learning Center can and/or does provide. In October, 2023, the club made a donation of \$150 to His Fellowship Ministries. This was introduced to the Twin City area by Windy Durden. His Truth Fellowship Center is located in Twin City. His Truth Fellowship Center aims to create a warm and welcoming space for all people, encouraging spiritual growth and genuine connections with God and each other. Mrs. Durden has also brought to the Twin City area a project called His House. His House has a very unique approach to aiding women with addiction issues. His House recognizes that every addiction and mental health struggle is unique. They offer personalized treatment, from intervention to sober living, to help individuals forge a path to health and recovery. Their approach combines spirituality, patient education, and individualized treatment. Qualified staff create a safe space where patients learn about the ef-

fects of addiction on the mind, body, and spirit. Together, they develop effective treatment plans tailored to each person's needs. His House focuses on the underlying struggles within the mind, body, and spirit that contribute to addiction. Their comprehensive approach aims to prevent relapse and provide lasting freedom from addiction. His House began with three residents and has grown to eighteen. These are both very worthy and much needed causes. Beta Sigma Phi was pleased to be able to help in any way possible and applauds Windy Durden for her taking on these projects and bringing them to our community. November of 2023 led the club to Herrington Homestead, one of the Georgia Sheriffs Youth Homes that is located in Nunez. There are five Sheriff's Youth Homes in the state of Georgia. Most everyone knows that Herrington Homestead is a great asset to our community. The mission of the youth homes is giving disadvantaged boys and girls an opportunity to free themselves from abuse, neglect or abandonment. The children range in age from quite young to high school age students. The residences are a sanctuary of structure, love and care. The Youth Homes provide a place for children to call home, where they can feel comfortable and safe, a place where they have a chance to thrive. Without Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes, many of these children would still be living in turmoil and chaos. Since Christmas was nearing, the club made a \$300 donation to help Herrington Homestead provide Christmas gifts for their residents and/or to be used in whatever way it was best needed.

The club's service project for December of 2023 was a donation to The Sunshine House Regional Children's Advocacy Center. Beta Sigma Phi learned The Sunshine House had suffered severe cuts in funding and grants from both the state and federal levels. Without the help of donations, they were in jeopardy of possibly having to cut back on personnel and other important necessities. At that time the club made a \$300 donation to what all sisters felt was a very worthy cause. Most of the club's members are mothers and/or grandmothers, so the well-being of children is a very important to all of the Xi Delta Psi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi sisterhood.

In January of 2024 a bit of an out of the ordinary project was discussed by club members. It came to the attention of the members that an individual in our area had some very special needs. Due to medical and privacy issues no name nor details will be discussed.

The club can say that between personal donations from the sisters and a donation from the club a fairly sizeable monetary donation was made to this individual in an effort to help offset expenses associated with their condition. The chapter elected to call it a Love Offering Project. Situations like this do not occur often but all of the sisters were in favor in this particular case.

In February 2024, the organization learned about fascinating and very informative and important educational project called, "Ag to Classroom". Ag to Classroom refers to Agriculture in the Classroom, an educational initiative that aims to increase agricultural literacy among K-12 students. Here are some key points about what this program does. The National Agriculture in the Classroom provides K-12 educators with engaging resources related to agriculture. This helps students understand the source and value of agriculture in people's daily lives. The program also offers materials, lesson plans, and activities for integrating agriculture into the classroom. Students at all levels had to opportunity to do things such as planting seeds and watching them grow into plants that provide food both for people and animals included in agricultural work. Many students got to see farm and agricultural animals such as cattle, pigs, chickens and the like. These are just a few instances of what Ag to Classroom does. Beta Sigma Phi made a donation of \$200 to David Emanuel Academy to assist them in keeping the program in place in their school. All schools in Emanuel County received donations from other local civic organizations. No school in the county was left behind. It is a very notable project in bringing awareness about the hard work involved and the importance of agriculture in so many different ways. Beta Sigma Phi was proud to be able to be a part of this program through this donation.

In March of each year, the Chapter does all that it can to help with the extreme needs of the Emanuel County Humane Society and the Animal Shelter. It is well known that there is overwhelming number of stray dogs in the community. The animal shelter is always full and, in many instances, beyond capacity. The shelter does all that it can to find homes for these strays. Often, they partner with various networks in other states in an attempt to find home for these animals. Fortunately, some of the animals have found homes as far away as New England and other areas around the country. Having large and loving hearts, the volunteers at the shelter work diligently to

avoid the necessity to euthanize any of the animals housed at the shelter. Unfortunately, euthanization is at times, the only alternative. Beta Sigma Phi was pleased to be able to make a \$100 donation. They also donated dog and puppy food "doggy toys", gently used blankets, towels, and rugs for the animals at the shelter. The sisterhood of the chapter join the Humane Society in urging all pet owners to spay and neuter their pets, thus reducing the number of strays in the county. At times, local veterinarians provide these procedures at reduced costs. They are to be commended for their help in assisting The Humane Society and The Animal Shelter as are those who do adopt pets for the shelter.

April is the time that The Xi Delta Psi Chapter dedicates its time to celebrating the founding date of Beta Sigma Phi International. A formal gathering is organized by the club. This year The Founder's Day celebration was held at The Sudie Fulford Community Learning Center. The celebration includes a catered sit-down dinner for all members, and a several others. It is a time of observing all Beta Sigma Phi directives and bylaw requirements as well as reflecting on the past years' activities and accomplishments. The local chapter covers the costs of securing the location for the gathering as well and all the fundamental necessities that accompany the occasion. This is also the time that the club usually announces its choice of a woman in our community who goes above and beyond the call of duty by way of her good deeds, her philanthropy and contributions to her community. Unfortunately, this year there was a conflict in timing and the announcement was made at a later date. This year's Lady of the Year is Mrs. Carolyn Durden. A celebration for her was held at a later date and details of that event will be coming soon. Former Ladies of the Year are also invited to attend Founder's Day. This year the sisters were grateful to be joined by, Ann Peebles (2000), Bobbie Daughtry (2009), Mary Ann Smith (2015) representing herself and Missy Elder (2015), the first and only to date Co-Ladies of the Year, Juanita Porter (2019), Lisa Bertoch (2021) and Teresa Smith (2023). It was truly an honor to have these women with the Chapter's members to celebrate this special time.

In May the Chapter makes a donation to The Franklin Memorial Library. This donation also honors sisters that have become grandmothers during the year. This donation is made expressly for the purchase of children's books and is \$10 for each new grandchild. As time has passed the

number of grandchildren has become fewer. Several years ago, a motion was made that when the number of grandchildren born during the year is less than five that the club would make a continuous donation of \$50. The motion passed unanimously. This year there was one new grandchild added to the Beta Sigma Phi family. Kim Hooks was blessed with a granddaughter, her first grandchild. The minimum \$50 donation was made to the library in honor of this wonderful event. The library is kind enough to put a bookplate inside the cover of the new book(s) purchased with the name of the honoree and her new grandchild.

Most club business is done during the nine active months of the Beta Sigma Phi year. However, the organization is please for the past five years to be involved in the hosting of the year-round meetings of Emanuel County members of The Veterans of Foreign Wars. Their meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at Franklin Memorial Library. The chapter divides into small groups of two to four sisters and provides an array of breakfast items as well as juices, paper products, utensils etc. The library provides coffee at each meeting. When we began participating in this project there were only about 10-12 members of the veterans group. The number now has grown to between 50-60 members. Beta Sigma Phi is very proud to be a part of this endeavor. It is a wonderful way to show our appreciation and to honor these men and women who bravely fought for all the freedoms that we here in Emanuel County and all Americans enjoy to this day.

As one can see, The Xi Delta Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi stays very active. Most things are done more behind the scenes but still, many projects are tackled and accomplished. Hopefully this will allow the public to have a better idea of what Beta Sigma Phi signifies and what these women do. The Xi Delta Psi Chapter members and are all proud of their accomplishments and truly enjoy being able to enjoy doing things that benefit our community.

Now the club is just weeks away from beginning its 46th year since the chapter was chartered. All the members gather at the beginning of the new Beta Sigma Phi year for a social event to enjoy reminiscing about their summer and reuniting for another year. At this time, they also discuss the recurring projects and brainstorm about new projects they may add to the list for the coming year. All of the sisterhood look forward to another busy and rewarding upcoming 2024/2025 year.

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Veterans donate to 'Shop with a Cop'

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the Franklin Memorial Library Monday, August 19, at 9 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, they had 61 in attendance. Beta Sigma Phi members, Darlene Canady and Lisa Parham, provided breakfast consisting of sausage biscuits with jelly, pigs in a blanket, pastries, cantaloupe, grapes, strawberries, pineapple, watermelon, along with orange juice, apple juice and coffee. After the prayer by Veteran Emory Fennell and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag, Chair Johnny asked Councilman Julian Sconyers to introduce retiring Chief Randy Ellison. Chair Johnny then presented a check from the Veterans at the Library for \$500 to be used for the Swainsboro Police Departments 'Shop with a Cop' program at Christmas. The donation came from the profits from the recent Veterans Cup Golf Tournament. Johnny also presented Chief Randy with a police car and Lamborghini car that was signed by all the veterans at this morning's breakfast. Two new veterans

attended this morning, Alisha Belle Sturgis and Rick Dell Bivens. Sturgis is a veteran of the U.S. Army serving from February 2015 to February 2023. She was stationed in Orlando, FL and was deployed to Kuwait. Sturgis served in the 143rd ESC in HHC. The highest rank she obtained was E-5. Veteran Bivens served in the U.S. Air Force from April 8, 1980, to April 9, 1988. He was stationed in Lackland, TX, Sheppard A.F.B., TX, Scott A.F.B., IN, Spangdalem A.F.B. Germany and MacDill A.F.B., Tampa, FL. Library Director Windy Ward then presented to the Veterans

a donation continuous each week by All the Fixins donating a donut each week to a "Veteran at the Library" who has a birthday starting August 26. Chair Johnny then asked Terry Reynolds, director of the local Wounded Warriors Organization, to update about the upcoming 13th Annual Sportsman's Banquet and Auction that will be held at Beaver Creek Plantation, 3698 Hwy. 80 East, Twin City, Thursday night, October 10, 2024, at 5 p.m. Advance tickets are required and can be obtained by contacting Terry Reynolds at 478-494-3758, Richard Driggers at 912-290-1108, Nick Kraus at 912-687-

6781 or Kurt Anderson at 678-614-0593. This event will include social time, prime rib meal, with silent and live

auction items. All the proceeds go directly to the local Wounded Warriors group which is a Georgia Non-profit

501 C3 organization that gives opportunity to Wounded Veterans and their family to enjoy the great outdoors.



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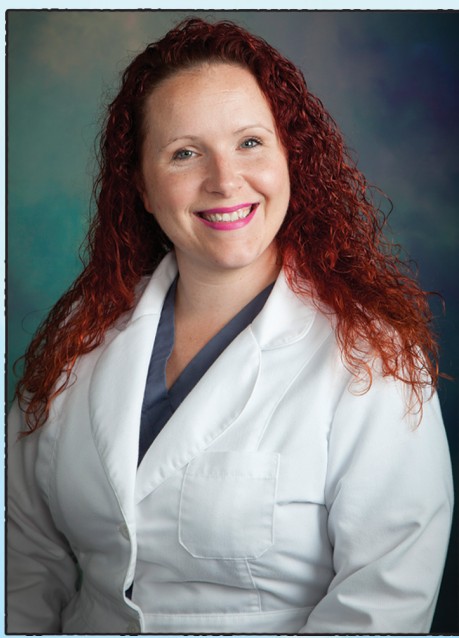
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Going strong

by BRITNEY CRABB

From a vision to a two-bedroom house, to Jesus Saves Church “forever home” A.K.A. the Church at the caution light, we are blessed to have recently celebrated five years as not just a congregation, but as a family. The amount of love and support we have received during the building of our forever home and moving forward, has greatly exceeded our expectations. We have been humbled and remain grateful to our community and all y’all’s support since relocating to our forever home.

Jesus Saves Church has grown in many ways, but the most important is our growth in our relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the past two years, as of August 1, some of our documented numbers include: Church membership at 115, 108 baptisms, and to God be the glory, 172 public confessions of faith.

Outside of our normal 11 a.m. Sunday worship and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study, we have many other groups and activities that our Church family, as well as our community, look forward to. Some of these include Sunday morning prayer breakfast, men’s group starts at 8:30 a.m. and women start at 9 a.m. We have a weekly fellowship meal served at 5:45 p.m. every Wednesday before

Bible study. We have a monthly senior bingo night, women’s “SWAG” gatherings, tribe and brotherhood. We also have a fast-growing children’s church program and a great group of youth active in our youth program. We have recently started “The Man Church” - a men’s discipleship group that meets every Sunday evening at 4 p.m. Starting September 1, we will have a biweekly discipleship gathering that is focused on mental and emotional awareness and learning the tools that can help grow our focus on Christ. We also have groups that volunteer in prayer drives, jail ministry and so much more.

None of our growth and accomplishments as a church would be possible without the love and support of you all, our community. Of course, all glory goes to Jesus, but when He laid on your heart to give, that’s what you did. From all of us at Jesus Saves Church, we want to thank our community for all your past, present and future support. Whether you supported us financially, through prayer or simply sharing a post on Facebook, we could not have gotten this far without you.

If you have yet to visit us, we invite you to do so. Here at Jesus Saves Church, you are not just welcomed, you are wanted. We are looking forward to what God has in store for us in this next five years. Remember, Jesus loves you.

East Georgia State College’s Group 1080 presents: Smartphone Photography Exhibition at Kalmanson Gallery

East Georgia State College’s student-formed art group, Group 1080, was featured in an exhibition showcasing the work of 13 talented students from the summer term 2024 Smartphone Photography class led by Professor of Art and Art Club Advisor, Desmal Purcell. The works were on display at the Kalmanson Gallery of Emanuel Arts Council. The exhibition marked the students’ first showing in an external gallery, following a successful event at the East Georgia State College (EGSC) Student Gallery in June.

bringing together art enthusiasts and the local community to celebrate the creative achievements of these budding photographers. The students were thrilled to share their work in a professional gallery environment, showcasing the power and versatility of smartphone photography. “Group 1080 has created an exhibition that showcases the power of smartphone photography. The wide range of subject matter found in the potent compositions within the exhibition emphasizes the creative power of Group 1080,” said Desmal Purcell.

About East Georgia State College:

East Georgia State College is dedicated to providing a high-quality education to a diverse student body, fostering creativity and academic excellence in a supportive community. The college offers a variety of programs and extracurricular activities designed to en-



STUDENTS AND GUESTS ENJOYING EXHIBITION

hance student learning and personal growth. About Emanuel Arts Council: Emanuel Arts Council, Inc. (EAC) has been a cornerstone for the arts in

Emanuel County for over forty years. The EAC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose purpose is to empower and grow the community through cultural programs in all areas

of the arts. The EAC offers a range of opportunities for everyone to become active in a vibrant art scene. The EAC operates through membership, donations, fundraisers, and grants,

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Emanuel 4-H'ers attend 81st Annual State 4-H Congress

by JAKYN TYSON

Georgia 4-H celebrated excellence during the 81st Annual 4-H State Congress as top 4-H'ers from around the state gathered in Atlanta July 23 - 26. State Congress includes the state-level Project Achievement and Leadership in Action contests, as well as recognition of youth development professionals, supporters, and public officials for their contributions to the success of 4-H in Georgia.

Three Emanuel County 4-H'ers competed at State Congress this year, including Sam Williams in the Festive Foods for Health project, Lauren Sapp in the General Recreation project, and Paxton Dixon in the Wildlife & Marine Sciences project. Williams and Sapp both placed third in their projects, while Dixon placed fourth.

Students who place first at state-level competitions in Georgia 4-H earn the title of "Master 4-H'er." During State Congress, more than 200 delegates competed in 50 Project Achievement areas and eight delegates com-

peted in the Leadership in Action contest; one individual from each project area and two Leadership in Action competitors received Master 4-H'er status. Special event Master 4-H'ers from the 2023-24 program year were also recognized at State Congress.

More than 48,000 youth participated in Project Achievement last year through 4-H programs at the county level. This essential Georgia 4-H program element empowers young people with leadership, creativity, public speaking, and record keeping skills that will last a lifetime. At the high school level, students choose a project of interest from a list of areas that include agriculture, human development, performing arts, communication, engineering, and workforce preparation. They subsequently research the topic, create a detailed presentation, and participate in related community service and civic engagement activities. State Congress competition also includes individual interviews with qual-

ified professionals who engage with 4-H'ers about their project work.

Georgia 4-H recognizes stakeholders who provide guidance and support to Georgia 4-H throughout the year at State Congress. Laura Mirarchi, 4-H Agent in Troup County, received the Ryles Rising Star Award and Dr. Nick Fuhrman, accepted the Friend of 4-H Award on behalf of the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources during the 4-H Leadership Banquet. Longtime Georgia 4-H supporter and advocate Jay Morgan received the 4-H Green Jacket Award and Patrick Willis, Berrien County 4-H Agent, received the William H. Booth Award at the 4-H Annual Banquet. Additional William H. Booth Award finalists include Lauren Boykin, Bulloch County 4-H Agent; Wanda McLocklin, Barrow County 4-H Agent; and Dinah Rowe, Heard County 4-H Agent.

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Swainsboro High School students awarded with Academic Honors from College Board National Recognition Program

Four SHS students were awarded by the College Board for their strong performance in school and on assessments through the National Recognition Program. This honor recognizes first-generation students, in addition to rural and small town, Black, Indigenous, and Hispanic/or Latino students. The program opens college access for more students because many institutions use the awards for their recruitment efforts.

Jakayla Coleman received the African American recognition, Kylee Farley received the Rural/Small Town recognition, TyKerria Phillips received the First Generation and Rural recognitions, and Kimberly Vazquez-Duque received the First Generation, Hispanic, and Rural/Small Town recognitions.



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and recognize them for the great work they've been doing. We're proud of their strong academic performance in the classroom and on College Board assessments," said Angela Hooks, College & Career Coach. "There's so much that makes our students unique, and this honor reinforces their individuality and

achievements as assets for their future."

Every year, students can verify their eligibility on BigFuture® during their sophomore or junior year. At the start of the next school year, students receive their awards for their communities to celebrate them and colleges to recruit them as they head back to school for their

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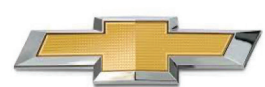
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Bulldogs return with a 13-7 win in overtime

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

The ECI Bulldog football team and fans traveled to Rochelle Friday, August 16, for the season opener against the Wilcox County Patriots. The two teams have played each other in the state playoffs with ECI taking both games, in 2007 for the state championship and again in 2012 in the semifinals. The Bulldogs made it three in a row, with a 13-7 overtime win Friday night.

"Playing the first game of the season in a hostile environment against a spread no-huddle team was tough enough, but the fact that they had a scoop and score on the second play of the game, had us reeling early," commented head football coach, Chris Kearson. "I will say our kids never panicked and found a way to get us back into the game in the first half and it was a defensive game until the end of regulation. We got plenty to work on as we wrap up our non-region schedule this Friday at home."

As a side note, this might not be the last time the Bulldogs and Patriots see each other this sea-

son. The top four teams in region 3 and region 4 will face each other in the first round of the state playoffs in November.

The Bulldogs got the ball first in Friday's game and gifted the Patriots seven points with less than a minute into the game. A Bulldog fumble on the second play of the game resulted in a 34-yard defensive touchdown by Wilcox to put the Bulldogs down 7-0. The Bulldogs got on the scoreboard on their third possession of the game. On third and a yard, Ab Marsh broke through the middle of the defense and raced alone for a 40-yard touchdown. Oisin Matthews' kick split the uprights to tie the game at 7-7 in the first quarter. Between two stiff defenses, dropped passes, fumbles, and penalties that would be the last score for either team for the next three quarters, ending with a 7-7 tie at the end of regulation. The Patriots got the ball first in overtime. Their offense did the one thing that you can't do in overtime when each team starts the drive at the 15-yard line. Wilcox fumbled on the third play, resulting

in a Bulldog recovery to end their try for a score. On the third play of the Bulldogs' try for score, they decided to go for a Matthews field goal. The Pats were offside for two consecutive plays trying for a block which put the ball on two-yard line. The Bulldogs put the offense back on the field and won the game on a Tyler Foreman run to win the game in OT 13-7. The Bulldog defense had another good game. Including the three-quarter scrimmage against Vidalia and this game against Wilcox, they have yet to yield a point the last seven quarters. The Bulldogs rushed for 179 yards during the game. Leading the ground game were Ab Marsh, seven carries for 90 yards and Tyler Foreman 62 yards on 18 carries. Jackson Kennedy was 5-10 for 47 yards spreading the ball around to five different receivers.

The Bulldogs will host Swainsboro this Friday in the home opener at Rountree Stadium in the last non-region game. The next eight games will be region contests.



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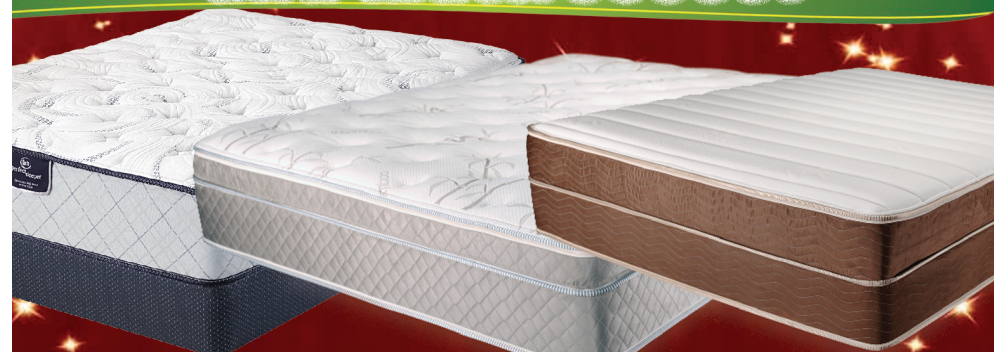
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The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:
101 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA

An optional pre-bid conference will be held at 3:00 PM on September 3, 2024, at the Emanuel County Commissioner's Office (101 North Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia). Project scheduling, coordination requirements, and questions of interpretation will be addressed at this time.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Base Bid. Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, will be required of the successful bidder. Bonds must be written by an acceptable Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the Department of the Treasury, Circular 570, latest edition.

NOTE: Contractor and all subcontractors must obtain a business license in Georgia, be fully insured, and be a Licensed Contractor in the State of Georgia.

INSURANCE: Contractor shall maintain the following insurance (a) comprehensive general liability, including blanket contractual, covering bodily injuries with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and property damage with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and (b) commercial automobile liability, including blanket contractual, covering bodily injuries with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and property damage with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident (c) statutory worker's compensation insurance, including \$1,000,000 employer's liability insurance (d) employee dishonesty and/or crimes coverage with respect to personnel of Contractor having access to County buildings, with limits of no less than \$50,000 per occurrence. All insurance shall be provided by an insurer(s) acceptable to the County and shall provide for thirty (30) days prior notice of cancellation to the County. Upon request, Contractor shall deliver to the County a certificate or policy of insurance evidencing Contractor's compliance with this paragraph. Contractor shall abide by all terms and conditions of the insurance and shall do nothing to impair or invalidate the coverage.

The successful bidder shall secure and pay for all permits, assessments, charges or fees required in connection with the proposed construction. Answers to all questions shall be provided a minimum of 72 hours prior to the time of the bid.

All work to be performed under this project must be completed within 180 consecutive calendar days following receipt of Notice to Proceed.

Emanuel County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, including without limitation, the right to reject any and all nonconforming, non-responsive, unbalanced or conditional bids and to reject the bid of any bidder whom the Owner believes would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that bidder whether because the bid is not responsive, the bidder is unqualified, or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

Qualified Bidders may obtain digital copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, Specifications, and upon a non-refundable payment of \$150.00 for each set at the Statesboro office of EMC Engineering Services, Inc. Please contact Stacy Turk at (912)764-7022, stacy_turk@emc-eng.com.
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Emanuel County Commissioners

Lady Dawgs start out region play 2-0

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

The Lady Dawg softball team played their first two region games last week, winning both games against Claxton and Metter. The Tigers got on the board first to lead 1-0 in the top for the first. Jayna Kearson got the ball rolling for ECI in the game against Claxton, blasting a two-run shot over the left field fence in the first inning for a 2-1 lead. Dot Russell, the homerun leader at three, drilled one over the fence in the third to put the Bulldogs up 3-1. ECI plated three more runs in the bottom of the third to take a 6-1 lead. Both teams put on a run on the board in the sixth to make the final score 7-2. Leading hitter for ECI was Jayna Kearson with three hits, three RBI, HR. Four other Bulldogs had one hit each including Russell's HR in the third. Mary Katherine Durden toed the rubber for the game, scattering nine hits while striking out 11 Tiger batters. The Lady Dawgs took the trip down 23 to take on new region foe Metter. ECI defeated the Tigers 4-2 to pick up their second region win of the season. The Bulldogs got some two-out magic in the third inning to score the first run. With Dot Russell on after a double, the hot hitting Jayna Kearson hit a triple to score Russell. The Tigers matched that run in the bottom of the third for a 1-1 tie. Kearson got her second RBI of the game in the fifth inning with a single scoring Durden for a 2-1 Bulldog lead. With the scored tied 2-2 in the top of the ninth inning, Jayna completed her four RBI day with a single, scoring Abbey Marsh and Durden to defeat the Tigers 4-2 in extra innings. Multiple hitters for the game were Kearson four hits, with Russell, Hillman, Marsh



RUSSELL THROWS A STRIKE TO THOMPSON FOR AN OUT



KEARSON BELTS A 2-RUN HR IN THE FIRST INNING

and Durden ending the game with two hits each. Durden pitched all nine innings for ECI, allowing seven hits while striking out six with no walks. Friday and Saturday found the Bulldogs in the annual Crisp County Tournament. The Lady Dawgs played three of the largest schools in the state in, facing 6A Lowndes, Camden, and Tift Co. The Bulldogs started out the tournament Friday defeating Camden County 6-3. Later on Friday, they lost a squeaker 5-4 to Lowndes Co. and ended the tournament with a 7-1 loss on Saturday to Tift Co. The Lady Dawg pitchers, Mary Katherine Durden and Charley Mitchell were around the plate for the tournament, allowing just one walk between them. Durden pitched 11 innings, allowing 17 hits, striking out 14 batters during the two days. Mitchell stood in the circle for six innings, giving up five hits with three strikeouts. Leading hitters during the tournament were Jayna Kearson six hits, Kinley Grimes three hits, with Dot Russell, Senaria Hillman, Lola Walden, and Kayanna Thompson ending the weekend with two hits each. The Bulldogs have two region games this week. Tuesday, they host McIntosh Co. and Thursday will travel to Sylvania to take on the Gamecocks. They will be in another tournament on Saturday when they play at Georgia Southern in the Coastal Georgia Classic.

DEA Middle School Eagles roll past Thomas Jefferson Academy

by **GAMECHANGER MEDIA**

David Emanuel Academy Middle School Eagles won big over Thomas Jefferson Academy 17-2 on Tuesday, August 13. The Eagles jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Kaley Flowers hit an inside the park home run, scoring three runs, Evie Moore singled, scoring one run, and a steal of home scored one run. The Eagles scored seven runs on four hits in the top of the second inning. Rayleigh Faircloth

tripled, scoring one run, an error scored one run, Marlee Johnson singled, scoring one run, Mary Bess Fields doubled, scoring one run, an error scored one run, and Lara McNure tripled, scoring two runs. The Eagles scored five runs on three hits in the top of the third inning. Rayleigh tripled, scoring one run, Lorelee Scarboro grounded out, scoring one run, Carrie Johnson singled, scoring one run, and a dropped third strike scored two runs. Rayleigh earned

the win for the Eagles. The hurler gave up one hit and zero runs over two innings, striking out five and walking one. #10 took the loss for Thomas Jefferson Academy. The starter went two innings, giving up 12 runs (five earned) on eight hits, striking out two and walking two. Kaley appeared in relief for David Emanuel Academy MS Eagles. David Emanuel Academy MS Eagles collected 11 hits in the game. Kaley provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led David Emanuel Academy MS Eagles with three runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 1-for-2 on the day. Marlee and Rayleigh each collected two hits for DEA. Milly Farmer led the Eagles with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying five walks for the game. Layla Clark stole two bases. David Emanuel Academy MS Eagles were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Evie had the most chances in the field with six. #0 led Thomas Jefferson Academy with one run batted in. #10 led Thomas Jefferson Academy with one hit in one at bat.

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NOTICE							
The Emanuel County Board of Education does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at Emanuel County Board of Education Central Office, 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401 on August 29th at 8:00am and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.							
CURRENT 2024 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY							
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Sheriff's Reports

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

August 10
Complainant called the office and stated that someone had damaged his fence and gate and let all of his goats out. He stated that all of the goats had returned except for two.

August 12
Deputies responded to a dispute between a male and a female over a cell phone. C/p stated that a man took her phone and would not give it back. Offender showed proof of ownership of the phone and c/p deleted her information from the phone. C/p also stated that the offender had

beaten her and it was on camera. Footage showed offender pulling her by the hair, but she did not want to press charges.

Report was made in reference to a subject who was broke down on HWY 1 North at the Jefferson County line. Subject was further reported to have fired off two rounds while on the side of the road. He stated that he fired off the rounds because he was angry about being broke down.

Deputies responded to Parrish Pond Rd in reference to a single vehicle roll over. Victim stated that something ran out in front of him, and he lost control of the vehicle and

rolled over.

August 13
Vehicle was recovered from Pendleton Springs Rd and was determined to be stolen out of Montgomery County. Vehicle was unoccupied with the engine running. It appeared that the driver lost control and was unable to remove the vehicle from the ditch.

August 15
Deputies responded to Sycamore Lane in reference to a custody dispute between a mother and father. The father advised that the two did not have a court ordered time that each parent has the child but for the last 6 months, they had a verbal agreement.

August 16
Vehicle was reported and found abandoned with no valid insurance on Canoochee Rd.

August 17
Deputy responded to Ward St in reference to aggressive dogs in c/p's yard. C/p stated that she walked out to her vehicle to make sure her windows were up and stated that her brother's large dogs were loose and were barking and growling at her. She stated that one of the dogs had history of attacking her sister.

August 18
Deputies were dispatched to the county jail due to a report. Contact was made with c/p

about a possible scam happening to her. She explained that her mother received multiple messages on her Facebook about the c/p stealing a phone in Dallas, Texas. Many of the messages were about c/p asking people for money as well as her stealing money.

Deputy was dispatched to East Broad St due to a civil dispute. Upon arrival, both parties were separated and resolved the issue themselves. Later in the evening, deputies were called back to the same location due to the offender banging on c/p's door. Offender was visibly irate and screaming. When c/p came out of the house, he was

asked what had changed since the first time deputies arrived. He stated that he had no contact with other c/p after his first dealings with him, but the offender tried to take matters into his own hands. Both parties were calmed down and were separated.

Report was made in reference to a verbal dispute turned physical between both stated parties. Alleged suspect was determined to be the primary aggressor. C/p stated that the suspect butted her face and had also thrown a pet dog on her in the course of the altercation. C/p had signs of injury to the face. Offender was arrested



CHIEF ELLISON DISPLAYS SIGNED CARS

Chief Ellison recognized by Veterans at the Library

Veterans at the Library Chair Johnny Tapley presented Chief Ellison with a police car and Lamborghini car signed by all the veterans at the weekly meeting on Monday, August 19.

"I would like to take this moment to thank all of my friends from Emanuel Veterans Group for recognizing my retirement from service. This group represents the true meaning of patriotism, and it has been my honor to be a part of some of the projects this fine group has hosted. Again, I am humbled and truly blessed for such good friends," commented Chief Ellison.

One sentenced in Superior Court

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

Gerrie Jarod Brown negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of schedule I controlled substance. He was fined \$250 with 8 years probation, enter and complete DRC; one count possession of marijuana with 12

months probation; one count obstruction of an officer with 12 months probation; one count DUI (reduced) reckless driving with 12 months probation; one count reckless stunt driving with 12 months probation; one count operating unregistered vehicle with 12 months probation; one count operating vehicle with-

out insurance with 12 months probation; one count failure to wear seatbelt with \$15 fine. 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.

Howard speaks to Four Rivers

The Four Rivers Patriots Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held their monthly meeting Thursday night, August 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Chatters Restaurant in Lyons. With President Steve DeWeil presiding, they had 18 in attendance. President Steve called on Chaplain Emory Fennell to lead the Pledge to the U.S. Flag, the Pledge to the Sons of the American Revolution and the invocation. President Steve then asked EFLR Vice President Dess Smith III to introduce the speaker for the evening, Veteran Laura Howard. Laura is from Screven County and her husband, Wayne Howard, is President of the Brier Creek Chapter SAR and a veteran of the U.S. Army and the



HOWARD

Georgia Army National Guard serving in the 118th Field Artillery in Savannah. Laura's presentation was on 'Women's Contribution to the Military and our Country'. She talked about

women who served from the American Revolutionary War through the present-day War's. President Steve then asked Chaplain Emory to lead the SAR Processional and the closing prayer.

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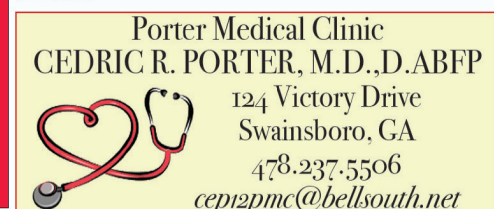
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