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# Doyal arrested in shooting

On Friday August 23, 2024, at approximately 3 p.m., officers of Swainsboro Police Department were dispatched to an address on North Main in reference to shots fired. The address led officers to the North Side Beverage area. On arrival, officers located a black male lying on the ground that had been shot multiple times. Officers' response time to the scene was less than a minute and they immediately began to render aide. According to witnesses and information gathered at the scene, officers determined that a physical altercation (fight) had between the



victim and others standing outside the store.

The victim, identified as Rashawn Richards, age 37, of Swainsboro, was removed from the scene by medical staff and was later air lifted to a hospital in Macon. Officers and Investigators began looking for the suspect which led to an arrest shortly after the incident of Jammal Rasheem Doyal, age 18, of Swainsboro. Doyal was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and transported to Emanuel County Jail.

information received by Swainsboro Police Department was that the victim, Mr. Richards, has underwent two surgeries and was ruled in stable condition.

This case remains investigation under by Swainsboro Police Department. Anyone having information, con-Department at 478-237-8967 or the anonymous tip line at 478-237-0800.



RENDERING OF THE EMERGENCY ROOM AFTER WORK IS COMPLETED

# Construction beginning soon at EMC

by LYNN BRINSON, tact Swainsboro Police EMC DIRECTOR OF DE-VELOPMENT

> In the coming weeks, **Emanuel Medical Center** will break ground on its Emergency Department expansion and redesign. During this construction period, patients and visitors will experience changes in the locations of the hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Emergency Department. Despite the temporary

> nity to the upcoming "Moon Tree Party," a celebration of science and nature at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center. Located on the East Georgia State College Swainsboro campus at 131 College Circle, Swainsboro, this free

> event is open to the pub-

lic and will take place on

Tuesday, September 10,

from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The Moon Tree Party will offer a range of activ-

ities designed to inspire

and educate attendees of

all ages. These include

hands-on STEM work-

shops and experiments

to spark curiosity and

innovation, immersive planetarium shows that

explore the wonders of the universe, and infor-

mative "tree talk" ses-

sions with experts from

the Georgia Forestry

Commission. The high-

light of the event is the

chance to see the NASA

Moon Tree up close and

learn about its remark-

relocations, both ICU and the Emergency Department will remain fully functional throughout construction.

Starting Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the ICU will be relocated to the second floor of the hospital. To visit a loved one in ICU during this time, visitors will proceed to the second floor via the hospital's main elevator and follow the signs to the unit. The Emergency Department will then transition to the area where ICU was previously housed. This transition is expected to be completed no later than September 10<sup>th</sup>.

These temporary changes are expected to be in place for approximately 9 months to make way for construction on the Emergency Department. It is important to note that the entrance to (Continued on page 2A)



SCENE OF THE SHOOTING



HAPPY LABOR DAY

# Happy Labor Day

Labor Day is Monday, September 2. Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend symbolizes the end of summer and the start of the back-to-school season for many Americans and is still celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with parades, picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays and other public gatherings, especially over the long Labor Day weekend.

The Forest-Blade will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, September 3. Hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Labor Day weekend!





#### PARTY INVITATION

nity," said Erin Youmans, Regional Coordinator for Magnolia Midlands GYSTC. "The planting of the Moon Tree at EGSC presents a unique

opportunity for the surrounding community to observe and learn from this living piece of space history for generations to (Continued on page 2A)

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Construction beginning soon...

(From front page) the Emergency Department will change during this time as well.

Parking for the ER will be located behind the hospital and can be ac-

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cessed from West Church Street. Signs will direct drivers to the correct entrance and parking area. A covered ramp will lead patients to the entrance for the Emergency De-

partment. Once inside the hospital, visitors and patients will find signs to guide them to the ER.

"While these changes bring with them a teminconvenience, porary

they are essential in our mission of providing our community with the highest quality of care. We appreciate the understanding and support of the community as we start this project, and we look forward to serving our patients in our redesigned Emergency Department very soon," said Mary Radford, **Emanuel Medical Center** Chief Nursing Officer. advancements With

in medical practices and the growing expertise of EMC's medical staff, coupled with the achievement of a level four trauma designation, the Emergency Department is now treating patients with more complex needs than when it was originally built. This redesign will provide essential facility improvements, ensuring that staff can continue to deliver exceptional care to the community well into the future.

When complete, EMC's expanded Emergency Department will feature additional patient rooms, a lower acuity treatment area, and dedicated rooms for behavioral health patients. The space will also be redesigned to improve efficiency with the goal of reducing the amount of time patients spend waiting to be seen and improving their experience in the ER. "To the county of

Emanuel and surrounding municipalities we would like to thank you all for your continued support and patronage. We now would like to ask that you pardon our progress during this much needed renovation to our current emergency department. In addition to seeing physical changes in the appearance we wanted to let the public know that this expansion and renovation is important for providing the best care possible to our community. With any changes made to our facility, our primary concern is patient-centered care. The goal of this

project is to improve efficiency and patient flow by changing the design of the Emergency Department workspace and patient care areas. This project is intended to result in decreased wait times and length of stays. Patient satisfaction is a priority, as we work to always provide exceptional care to our community. We strive for excellence," said Brooke J. Marsh, BSN, RN, Emergency Department and Trauma Program Manager.

Construction on the **Emergency** Department is scheduled to begin mid-September. Signs will be posted throughout the hospital to direct patients and visitors to their destinations. The hospital will continue to offer all current services throughout the construction period. For more information and to track the project's progress, emanuelmedical. org or follow Emanuel Medical Center on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

### East Georgia State...

(From front page)

come." A diverse array of tree species, including sycsweetgums, amores, Douglas firs, loblolly pines, and giant sequoias, were flown around the Moon. East Georgia State College received a loblolly pine to nurture for future generations to enjoy. This special selection underscores the college's commitment to fostering educational opportunities and environmental stewardship.

The tree was planted at the Fulford Center on May 7, 2024. The planting ceremony was attended by representatives from the Georgia Forestry Commission, Magnolia GYSTC, the EGSC Tree Campus Committee, as well as faculty, staff, and community members.

The Moon Tree Party is free and open to the public. EGSC warmly welcomes the community to join in this unique celebration of science, nature, and space exploration.

About East Georgia State College: East Georgia State College is dedicated to providing affordable access to higher education, fostering a culture of academic excellence, and preparing students for success in a global society. The Sudie A. Fulford Center at EGSC

Opened in 1995, the Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science & Technology Center is a Regional Center for GYSTC, Inc., a private, not-for-profit educational organization designed to increase interest in and enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) among elementary and middle school teachers, students, and parents in typically underserved areas in the state. Magnolia Midlands GYSTC is located on the campus of East Georgia State College. Among the many educational programs they offer, some favorites include the STARLAB Planetarium and Family Math and

serves as a hub for educational outreach and community engagement. About Magnolia Midlands Midlands GYSTC: Science Nights. Gall The Experts For A





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# R Fifty Years of Caring

It has been said that the three professions which have the greatest influence of them all on the lives of others are ministers, teachers, and doctors. Each of these occupations requires commitment, skill, unbounded concern for others, and an overarching desire to serve. A little luck along the way doesn't hurt either. Maybe that unique formula was at work when Jimmy Ray, the son of an Alabama Baptist preacher, graduated from Samford University to become a high school math teacher and choir director, then went on to graduate from the University of Alabama medical school to become an awarded family physician and an officer in the U.S. Air Force, and then went on to serve in the medical field for more than half a century. That's what you call "checking all the boxes."

In 1974, Swainsboro and Emanuel County got lucky when two community-minded citizens happened to meet a bright, young lady at a gathering in Savannah. They struck up a conversation and learned that her name was Harriett, and she was married to a doctor. At this point, businessman and hospital board member Earl Payne and High School Principal Perry Doak immediately started the recruiting process to get Dr. and Mrs. James Ray to Swainsboro. "What impressed us so much was the way the entire community worked together to make us feel like Swainsboro might be the place we had been looking for," said Dr. Ray. On August 21, 1974, Jimmy Ray moved his wife, Harriett, and young son David to Swainsboro. Dr. Wilder Smith encouraged the new physician, and the two maintained a 50/50 partnership for a period of time. In 1978, Dr. Ray purchased the facility he now practices in, and the years continued to see sustained growth in staffing and patient load. The record for baby deliveries in one year was 96 new arrivals. That's a lot of babies. Growth on the personal side was also a big story as Dr. and Mrs. Ray welcomed three more boys (Marty, Andy, and Stephen) to the family. In the years that followed, Dr. Ray worked with a long list of highly qualified staff and doctors. He cites the late Dr. Carter Meadows as a valued mentor and one of the most "medically ethical" surgeons and doctors he has ever known. The patients of Dr. Ray will attest to the one-on-one quality of his brand of medicine and his compassionate insistence that the people in his care get the very best treatment available. This standard was also reflected in the professionalism and loyalty of staff members like Carolyn Lawson, Regina Buxton, and Myra Williford, who provided outstanding patient support for decades and decades. They made you feel better by just talking to you. During different years, Dr. Joel Bray and Dr. Anthony Davis were a valuable part of the practice as well. Dr. Ray served as Chief of Staff for many years at the Emanuel County Hospital, now Emanuel County Medical Center. He also served on various bodies including the Emanuel County Mental Health Board, the Emanuel County Health Department, and the Senior Citizens Center Board. His long-serving contribution to all these entities was immeasurable. With all of the obligations and responsibilities, you would wonder if the last 50 years have allowed Dr. Ray to do anything in his spare time. Ask anyone with the First Baptist Church of Swainsboro or anyone with David Emanuel Academy. He was the cruise director, tour guide, general arranger and fixer/problem solver of most anything, and they will give you detailed stories of class trips, church trips, Happy Rovers tours, beach convoys, train trips, ski trips and cookouts he arranged and delighted in. He also served as Team Doctor for the entire athletic program at DEA and for countless spectators with medical issues as well. So, if you think these years since 1974 have been all work and no fun, then you just don't know the real Dr. James Ray. It's really very simple, when you sum it all up, his motivation, enjoyment and satisfaction all come from one place: "just making sure that people are cared for." That is his nature. It encompasses the whole experience. From the first cry of a brand-new baby to the thankful smile of a longtime patient, that's who he is, and that's why on this 50 year observance we all need to say, "Congratulations and Thanks Dr. Ray for your 50 years of caring for and serving this community, and ROLL TIDE! . . (except maybe when they're playing the Dawgs).



Working for Dr. Ray has been such a blessing in both of our lives. He took me, Gabrielle, in right out of undergrad and let me work in the front office while also getting some medical experience along the way. He then welcomed me back after finishing PA school.

Mikey's grandmother, Ms. June, working for Dr. Ray helped Mikey establish an early relationship. He then later worked along side Dr. Ray in the ICU and then at Ray Medical Clinic as his NP. His wisdom and friendship is something we will cherish forever. He has the kindest heart and will do anything to help out someone in need. He has taught us so much about treating patients and we are forever grateful to be able to do what we love and take care of our community because of the opportunities he has given us.

Gabrielle Story Ellington, PAC Michael Edenfield, FNP

In the last 50 years, Dr. Ray has not only selflessly treated thousands of patients but he has provided leadership, service, and support to our hospital and nursing home. His influence on the quality of care in our community has set the standard and has provided a foundation for our future providers to build upon.

Damien Scott, Emanuel Medical Center CEO

I can sum up Dr. Ray in one word – 'HERO'. He has been this, not only for me, but for most all his patients also. He's an old-fashioned doctor who would still do house calls. He was willing to sit down and talk with a patient before trying to treat them. You can learn a lot that way. He looked after all of 'his girls' in the office and treated us like family. If we ever had a problem, he was always ready to listen and help if he could. He came to my rescue several times through the 39 ½ years I worked for him. He and Mrs. Harriet were always like a second set of parents to all of us. They cared about not only us, but what was happening in our lives. He's been a great friend to all of my family. Whenever we've needed him, he's always been a call away. I could keep on singing his praises but it all boils down to Dr. James L. Ray being my 'HERO'.

Regina Buxton Archer

I'm so happy to say Dr. James Ray was my mentor and employer for 32 years. His values and morals supersede any other. Dr. Ray made an impact on mine and my family's life, as well as others in our community. Dr. Ray has an amazing legacy! With admiration and respect, I'm glad to have been a part of the Ray Clinic Family!

Myra F. Williford

To describe James L. Ray in one short paragraph cannot be done. He is not only an irreplaceable doctor, but also an outstanding man, a devout Christian, and an amazing friend. He has taken care of countless patients in our little community and can astoundingly remember the details. Dr. Ray has remained dedicated to the community where he first started his medical practice for 50 years; and his patients continue to share that same loyalty to him. The bible verse comes to mind when thinking of him - "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1Peter 4:10. The knowledge he has shared with me while practicing in EMC ICU and at Ray Medical Clinic is invaluable. I will always cherish the memories that have been made, the photos that have been taken, the laughs that have been shared, and all the stories that have been told. It is a true privilege and honor to be able to serve and care for patients by his side, and to be known as "Dr. Ray's Nurse". I look forward to continuing to assist with his medical practice for the duration of his career.

With upmost respect and love - Brianna Jones Brown, RN BSN

My daddy, Earl Payne, was a member of the Emanuel County Hospital Board during the early 1970's and also a local businessman and partner in Payne- Schwabe Pontiac Buick & GMC. My uncle, Perry Doak, was the principal at Swainsboro High School during that time. Mrs. Harriett Ray was a family friend and babysitter of my daddy and aunt's cousin in Savannah. While attending the funeral of their cousin's husband in 1973, my parents, and aunt and uncle met the Rays and became friends. My daddy and uncle felt that Dr. Ray would be an excellent addition to the medical staff in Swainsboro. I remember the Rays visiting us in our home and meeting people in our community. In 1974, Dr. Ray made the decision to move to Swainsboro to begin his medical career. The Rays joined First Baptist Church, where she became my Sunday School teacher. Dr. Ray became our family physician. In 1977, my daddy suffered a medical emergency and was taken to the ER. I can remember Dr. Ray meeting us there and saying he didn't know what happened to Daddy and wanted him transported to Savannah Memorial. Dr. Ray made the

decision to ride in the ambulance with him to Savannah, which is out of the ordinary for a doctor. Dr. Ray acted as a concerned family friend and my family is forever grateful that he went above and beyond his normal medical duties. Losing my father that night was a very difficult time for my family, but knowing Dr. Ray had been with him gave us peace. I am so thankful and blessed that my parents and aunt and uncle met such a wonderful couple and were able to convince them to move to Swainsboro. Our community has been blessed with this Christian man and doctor now for 50 years! Happy Retirement Dr. Ray!

Dr. Ray is a kind, caring and compassionate person. He started in the 70's and has served at the hospital and in his community for over a decade. We have seen Emanuel County Hospital change and grow into the Emanuel Medical Center it is today, thanks to Dr. Ray and the other medical team! The five doctors and four RN's at that time would be amazed at the over 250 employees who diligently serve today! Dr. Ray has served many roles over the years, saved many lives, and truly lived the scripture, Matthew 35: 'For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me'. Saying 'Thank You Dr. Ray' to one who has dedicated his life to this community is so inadequate, so instead, I'll just close with 'We Love You, Mrs. Harriet and all your family. May God continue to bless and keep you and your family always'. Love, Elaine Black

Dr. Jimmy Ray, a true family physician. Dr. Ray has been our family doctor for as long as I can remember. He is a true definition of the family doctor. No matter what our medical needs were, we always went to Dr. Ray. My wife and I have, on numerous occasions, said "What in the world are we going to do when Dr. Ray retires?" But he is more than a doctor. He is a true Christian, and in many ways, has proved it by his lifestyle, advice, and participation. Most of all though, he is a true friend. Enjoy the coast!!
Wishing you well,

Bill and Glinda Sasser

Teresa Payne Mason

The best people are the ones who come into your life and help you to see the greatest potential in yourself. Your kindness, knowledge, dedication and leadership have impacted so many. Never underestimate the impact and difference you make and the lives you touch. Thank you for your friendship, encouragement, guidance and support. I have been truly blessed.

Mary Jo Greenway, FNP-C

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# Corinth Church to hold Homecoming

Homecoming at Corinth Church near Meeks will be Sunday, Sept. 15, at 11 a.m. Speaker for the service will be former Pastor, Rev. Tommy Veal. At 6:00 there will be a gospel sing featuring Sandra & Friends. Revival will be Monday thru Wednesday, Sept. 16-18, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.





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#### Frederick Allan Jones, 90

Frederick Allan Jones, of Tybee Island, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, August 4, 2024. A memorial service was held Thursday, August 15, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Tybee Island. Allan was born in

Raleigh, North Carolina to the late Robert Ward and Clyde Watts Jones. His family relocated to Savannah where graduated from Savannah High School. Allan then attended the University of Georgia where he graduated in 1957 with a bachelor's in business administration. After graduation, he served in the Army where he was stationed in Germany for two years. Allan married Sara Haeseler of Sardis on December 25, 1957. In 1960, he began his banking career in Waynesboro with the First National Bank of Waynesboro. Soon after, Allan graduated from Georgia Banking School, the American Institute of Banking and The Banking School of the South at Louisiana State University. In 1975, he relocated to Swainsboro where he became a Vice President with The Citizens Bank of Swainsboro. After retiring from a long career in banking, Allan became



Farm Bureau Insurance Company where he earned many awards for sales and service. He was a member of the Trinity Chapel United Methodist Church and the American Legion 154 on Tybee Island, was a frequent volunteer with the Tybee Beautification Association and a member of the Tybee Island YMCA. Mr. Jones is preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Sara

Mr. Jones is survived by his son, Allan Bradford (Catherine) Jones of Marietta; daughter, Tracey Jones (Henry) Inglesby of Savannah; grandchildren, Caroline Jones Smith, Will Jones and Jacob Jones, all from Atlanta, Sarah Elizabeth Inglesby and Phillip Inglesby, both of Savannah; and brother Robert (Ann) Jones of Blowing Rock, NC.

Fox & Weeks Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

# Letter to the Editor

an agent with the Georgia

I recently had the need to spend several days in Emanuel Medical Center and would like to comment on what a positive experience it was. Everyone I met, from the emergency room personnel through ICU, to the final check-out, was friendly, courteous, efficient and very professional. I feel Swainsboro/Emanuel County, and all this area, is so blessed and fortunate to have a medical facility of this quality right here at home. Thank you, Emanuel Medical Center, for all the excellent medical service you provided.

**Janice Bennett** 

## Local residents make Academic Achievement List at Georgia Southwestern State University

Local made the Summer 2024 Academic Achievement List at Georgia Southwestern State University and were among 502 students recognized for scholastic achievement.

To be eligible for the Academic Achievement

residents List, a student must ing, golf, or organizpreviously earn at least 12 credit hours at GSW, be enrolled in 3 to 11 hours of courses, and earn a 3.5 or higher GPA.

> Annie Hill Swainsboro

Garfield

#### Randall James Wiggins, 53 Durden Hudson

denly on Monday, August 19, 2024, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 24, at 11 a.m. at Union Grove Methodist Church in Midville with Pastor Mike Holt, Reverend Terry Joiner and Reverend Randy Carnley officiating. Burial followed in the Union Grove Methodist Church Cemetery in Midville. Visitation was Friday, August 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Durden Hudson Funeral Directors.

**Funeral** 

Randall

Pallbearers were Mitchell Powell Cody McCranie, Slayde Holloway, Johnny Hurst, Ethan Carver, River Holloway and William Nasworthy. Honorary pallbearers were Joey Burch and the employees of Flowers Bakery. Born August 18, 1971,

in Emanuel County, Randy was the only child of Jimmy R. and Betty Ann Bishop Wiggins. He graduated from Swainsboro High School in 1989 and lived in Swainsboro most of his life before moving to Metter several years ago. Randy worked for Flowers Bakeries in Statesboro, delivering to Claxton each day. He also operated a rollback part-time for Automite Wrecker Service in Metter. Randy had previously worked for B.C. Moore's, and Wallace Systems, Computer both in Metter. He loved watching NASCAR, dirt track racing, and of course, his cherished Georgia Bulldogs. Planning activities for Randy during a Georgia game never worked out well. He was a devoted fan. Randy also had a love of gadgets. Any newly invented tool or gadget for camping stuff fascinated him until he acquired it and mastered it. His golf buddies always looked forward to the of next new thing Randy had to show them. One Payton Thompson of of Randy's other loves



**WIGGINS** 

colder, the better for him. He even convinced Stacy to get married on Christmas Eve...in 24-degree weather... OUTSIDE. Randy's greatest love was his family. His mama was his best friend, and they loved watching Georgia games together. He was so proud of his daughters, Anna and Alexis, and was honored to help them move after they both recently graduated from college. Randy loved Stacy and her children and grandson (who changed him from Randy to "Grandy") with all his heart and being a part of their family brought him so much joy. His love for his constant canine companion, Roxie, defies description. Mr.

Wiggins is preceded in death by his father. Left to cherish Randy's memories are his wife, Stacy Wiggins; mother, Betty Ann Wiggins; daughters, Anna Wiggins and Alexis Wiggins; stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Jacy and Ethan Carver; stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Cody and Fallon McCranie; grandson, Douglas McCranie; aunts, JoAnn Joyner Ruth Jenkins; mother and father-inlaw, Pam and Lamar Holloway; brother-inlaw, Slayde (Marsha) Holloway; sister-in-law, Pam Holloway; and a large extended family of cousins, nieces and

nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may made to: Union Grove Methodist Church Fund, 43 Cemetery Hereford Farm Rd., Midville, GA 30441, ATTN: Dianne Spence, or Grace Community Church, 4703 Pulaski Rd., Statesboro, GA

Durden Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

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# Piney Grove Missionary Baptist hosts Annual Senior Citizen Program

Sunday, August 25, was a day of love, giving praise and thanks to God, through songs, prayers, testimonies, scriptures, poems, short talks, and rhythmic expressions as the Mission Ministry of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Cross-Green Community, Rev. Michael Thomas, Pastor, hosted their Annual Senior Citizen Program, "The Joy of Growing Old". Sis Joanne C. Brinson was the program leader. The praise service was led by Sis. Elizabeth Harrison, Sis. Joanne Brinson, Dr. Elvira G. Jackson

Dr.

Jordan. Sis. Elizabeth

Barbara



was cold weather. The

"The Joy of Growing

for their participa-

G. Harrison gave opening remarks along with Barbara Dr. the introductions of the Jordan played soft honorees. As they were music throughout the program. Other particintroduced, Sister ipants in the program Brinson pinned each honoree with a money included Dinedra M. designed Hollins, Jessica Jackson corsage, by Sister Felicia H. and Felicia Crawford. Crawford, highlight-In her closing remarks, with an angel Sis. Elizabeth Harrison chrysanthethanked the seniors a

mum. Each expressed

tion. Afterward, Pastor Thomas brought the message of the day, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" Proverbs 23:7. A delicious brunch was served to climax the day. Other senior citizens present but not pictured are Sarah M. Bryant, Dr. Elvira G. Jackson and Fannie M. Walker.

# Editorials Columns **\_** Bumpy ride for Mrs. Harris

leaves the shelter of the White House and the honeymoon of the Democratic Convention in Chicago, she will face some serious headwinds that will likely surprise her with their intensity. The worst part of it is that these threats are not coming from the Republican opposition but rather from her own ideas and proposals. Now that Joe Biden has "retired from the stage", Kamala Harris is now the clear and present danger and the only target on the range. The first round of fire will be aimed at Kamala's" opportunity economy" proposal that she has just unveiled. You don't need a degree in quantum economics to know that most folks want to avoid giving any more money to the government than they have to. But Mrs.

Harris apparently thinks that corporations will not mind when she increases the corporate tax rate from 21 % to 29% as she has just proposed. This will have the immediate effect of once again sending U.S. corporations and the jobs they provide scrambling back to Europe, Ireland, South America, India and elsewhere and sending the unemployed Americans from these companies back into the unemployment line. Next is Kamala's increase in capital gains tax that would be enacted by a change in the way gains are assessed. Tied to that is her next proposal that would establish a tax on unrealized gains and that would be accompanied by a tax on every stock transaction that takes place. Next on her list is proposing that three mil-

lion new homes be built in the country from a 40 billion dollar "investment fund" and a subsidv of \$25,000 be provided at no charge for first time home buyers who purchase these homes. That program which referred to as down payment assistance would cost 75 billion dollars and would likely be declared unconstitutional. Taken altogether, these new taxes that Kamala Harris proposes would raise five trillion dollars from new taxes collected over 10 years. The unstated danger lies in what damage would be done economically in the process of enacting these changes in an economy who's future no one can confidently forecast. Economist Ken Fisher adamantly contends that no one can predict the course of the Federal Reserve over the next ninety days. That perilous uncertainty in the banking and stock market world is a dangerous thing.

Another dangerous unknown is the longterm weakness imposed by the headlong move of Democrat's deeper and deeper dive into the shaky world of the Green New Deal and all its offshoots. EV's are not selling. Ford, GM, the Asian imports, and most of the other automotive blue chips are backing further and further away from electric vehicles. Ford figures its loss in the EV experience is now at 5.2 billion dollars. However, Mrs. Harris still clings to A.O.C, the squad, and the environmentalists who vow to outlaw gasoline-only vehicles by 2030. That is less than 60 months of productive time away. To consider

# Charles Schwabe



intrusion and intervention. There is every reason to believe that the election of Kamala Harris would simply extend the policies and the terms of advisors, department heads, cabinet members and the infamous incompetence of the Biden administration for another four years. At their national convention, the Democrats chanted that they "were not going back". If ever there was a time to seek the safety of an earlier port instead of blindly sailing into a darkening storm and an uncharted future, this is the time.

### My Daddy

This is a column that has been in my heart for many years. Hopefully, there is someone who remembers the name, Lewis S. Proctor. He was a Justice of the Peace throughout my lifetime with him. This was a small judicial position, but he served many folks in many ways. He ran for office every four years in this electable

position, but he never had opposition. Hs held court for minor offensives in a room behind Sheriff Peyton Youmans' office. Since both of our fathers spent their days in the courthouse, "Little Payton" and I found the courthouse a fun place to play; our favorite was the large formal courtroom upstairs. We held our own court when it

was not occupied and found all of our defendants GUILTY. One fine day, we overheard that Superior Court Judge, Robert Humphrey, was holding an important case in the formal courtroom. From here further, this sounds like a tale from To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Both agreed that we should take a seat in the balcony and watch an important case. Since we were small in the big seats, we were discovered midway of the trial by a bailiff who immediately took us by the hand to the office of the Sheriff. Little Payton and I were both found guilty, especially because the testimonies were quite lurid. Our punishment was that we were not

# Shirley Proctor **Twiss**

ture. Apparently, the

Democratic administra-

tion of Harris and Biden

cannot accept the fact

that the EV revolution

was a premature mistake

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blundering government

allowed to ever go into the courtroom again. When I saw the movie To Kill a Mockingbird, and saw Jem and Scout watching a trial from the courtroom balcony,

my thoughts went back to Little Payton and I. I must say, "Thank you" to Harper Lee for my alltime favorite book. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@ gmail.com.

#### Talking presidential politics with Skeeter Skates and The Ryo Morning Coffee Club

Uh! Oh! I could tell by the sound of the phone who was on the other end. Skeeter Skates, owner and operator of the Skeeter Skates Tree

Stump Removal and Plow Repair in Ryo, Georgia. When Skeeter calls, the phone doesn't just ring. It jumps. Skeeter can do that

to phones and to people. I assume most people in the stump removal and plow repair business are like that. In addition to his business responsibilities, Skeeter Skates also serves as the presiding chair of the Ryo Morning Coffee Club, a collection of Great Americans which includes Walleye, who runs the bait shop over in Red Bud; Booger Bledsoe, who operates a local roadside vegetable stand on State Route 136 near Sugar Valley; and Uncle Coot, recently retired from the porta potty transportation industry. Skeeter doesn't have much respect for anyone who can't tell a Brush Grubber Xtreme-Plus Tree Stump Remover from a 24-inch Heavy-Duty Steel Bark Spud TMW-08, or anyone who makes a living without getting grease under their fingernails, and that obviously includes me. But without admitting it, politics baffle him. That's the reason for his calls. "Hoss," he says without preamble. "Me and the boys were talking a little politics this morning and we naturally thought of you, since you know as little about politics as anybody there is. Heh! Heh!" He loves that line. "Anyhow, with the presidential conventions done," Skeeter said, "we've been talking about starting one of them Political Action Committees. You know, where you pool your money and give it to one candidate. This was Walleye's suggestion. He says it would give us direct access into the White House when we needed it. We need to be sure whoever becomes president knows about the issues concerning plow repair and stump removals, the live bait busi-

# Dick Yarbrough

on the side of the road." I noticed that Skeeter didn't include porta potty transportation among the list of issues they would want the president to be wellversed on. He said they were working on that. It has been a bit of a challenge, Skeeter admitted. After decades of transporting porta potties, Uncle Coot is a bit of an olfactory challenge. He sits downwind at the Ryo Morning Coffee Club and refuses to bath in the Oostanaula River, as has been suggested. He says he's waiting to find the Lord and then he'll be baptized in the river. Skeeter said he and the boys don't know about the Lord but there's not a Baptist preacher within 50 miles of Ryo that will go near Uncle Coot, smelling the way he does. Skeeter said that before putting their hard-earned money into a Political Action Committee, they wanted to know more about the candidates. "I know that old orange-haired boy is running again," Skeeter said. "We've discussed throwing our support to him. But if you happen to be talking to him sometime, tell him he needs to be careful about insulting people. He comes to Ryo and says something ugly about the plow repair business, he's going to get on my wrong side quick." I thought it best not to reply. Trump isn't likely to show up in Ryo, and if he

did, I suspect he doesn't

know enough about repairing plows to insult that art

form although I wouldn't put it past him to try. And then there is the fact Trump doesn't know I exist, which makes it difficult to have a conversation with him "We've also discussed that woman that's running against him," Skeeter told me. "She seems a pleasant enough person but how come she don't just come out and say she is an American, instead of a Black American or a Jamaican American or South Asian American or all that other stuff? If you talk to her, tell her that ain't going to play well in Ryo. Our feeling is you are either an American or you are not." I told Skeeter I would pass along those thoughts if and when I next saw Kamala Harris. What I didn't tell him was that might be awhile since she doesn't know I exist, either. Skeeter said he had to go. "Unlike you, newspaper boys sitting around writing fancy words that nobody reads, I have to work for a living. Them stumps ain't going to dig themselves up." I will be anxious to see who the Ryo Morning Coffee Club PAC decides to support. And if Uncle Coot finds the Lord and the Oostanaula River.

You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

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#### Abraham Lincoln was propelled to victory 160 years ago by the fall Of Atlanta destructively into a war of attrition. army

by ERIC HOGAN A mere 160 years ago, a blink of the the eye in the sweep of history, ominous too many battles. events were transpiring in our country that would profoundly affect the future. As the autumn of 1864 ruthlessly approached, the Civil War had been raging an inconclusive outcome since the 1861 surrender of Northern forces at Fort Sumter in Southern Charleston, SC. Great battles had been fought at  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  Manassas, Shiloh, Antietam, Chancellors ville, Vicksburg, and discontent in Gettysburg, and hundreds of thousands

of men had died. Republican President Abraham Lincoln was running for reelection and facing former Union General George McClellan on the Democratic ticket. There was bad blood between Lincoln and because McClellan early in the war Lincoln had chosen McClellan to be the commanding General of the large, well supplied Northern

Army. However, Lincoln quickly became frustrated with how timid McClellan was to go on the offensive and apply pressure to the Southern Army utilizing his substantial manpower and firepower advantages. The result was that after roughly a year in command, McClellan

was fired by Lincoln

generally being commanders in earlier ineffective in opposing Southern Army commanded by General Robert E. Lee and losing the Presidential campaign of 1864, McClellan criticized Lincoln's handling of the war, and claimed

most generals, and President However, both that he could have done a it better. Throughout the war, the tough army officers. had inflicted heavy effectively casualties on Northern this troops so there was a summed strain of war weariness and even some outright

Northern population. The general feeling heading into the election was that McClellan was probably going to beat Lincoln and be the Next President. The North had seized the advantage from the South in July of 1863 at the epic three day battle of Gettysburg, but the final victory was still

nowhere in sight. After going through several commanders, President Lincoln had finally found his General who could fight and lead in Ulysses S. Grant, and Grant had chosen his close friend and comrade in arms, Tecumseh Sherman to command the Union Army in the deep South.

Both Grant and Sherman had distinguished themselves as transform the Civil War aggressive, determined

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They were determined battles in the so called the war (everywhere except Virginia). Unlike Union they were

to effectively maximize the Northern advantage in manpower, firepower, and resources. successful which had gotten the attention appreciation of Lincoln. had that occasionally generated criticism from other Sherman dismissed and their relationship with his famous remark, "Grant stood by me when I was crazy, I stood by him when he was drunk, we

Sherman the nature of the war was about to change. The South had initially won battles and put the fear of defeat in the North by exploiting the brilliant tactics of very able generals such as Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson to cleverly and rapidly maneuver and position their smaller, supply starved armies over familiar terrain. Instead of continuing the unsuccessful strategy Northern used in the Virginia theater of methodically moving around and occasionally engaging Confederate Armies, fighting, and then regrouping, Grant

and Sherman decided to

Their new strategy would neutralize the ability of savvy Southern commanders adapt and improvise, and pull off improbable victories. The new Northern strategy, methodically employing all their advantages, was to keep fighting and flanking relentlessly, regardless of the tactical situation results on any given day. In essence, they would grab the Southern Army by the collar and not let go. They would give no rest to their enemy, and gradually wear down the smaller Southern army to the point that it

would no longer be an

effective fighting force.

With this in mind, Sherman ordered his army to move out of Chattanooga in early May of 1864 and took dead aim for Atlanta, a major railroad supply crossroads and the heart of the South. After Grant captured Vicksburg in July of 1863 to gain control of the Mississippi River all the way to New Orleans, Atlanta was the last bastion holding out in the deep South. Sherman's Union army had been generously resupplied over the winter and was now 100,000 strong. The opposing Southern army commanded by the quite competent Joseph General Johnston could only muster 50,000 men.

Sherman immediately engaged Johnston's army just a few miles south of Chattanooga and over the next month and a half fought a series of small battles, each followed by the flanking of Johnston's smaller army to force him to retreat to new defensive positions. Even though Johnston been had

giving ground, he had done a respectable job of keeping Sherman's army contained so they would not run wild over North Georgia. Importantly, he had also kept his casualties to a minimum in order to conserve the strength of the Southern army. By June 27 the armies had maneuvered into positions roughly 25 miles north of Atlanta near Kennesaw Mountain.

The Southern army occupied high the ground along Kennesaw and General Johnston masterfully directed the establishment of formidable defensive positions. Changing Sherman strategy, ordered the Union army to attack the center of the strong Confederate positions to go for the

knockout blow. This proved to be a mistake and the Union repulsed army was with heavy losses in a decisive Southern victory. The victory at

should have set the

Mountain

Kennesaw

stage for Johnston to mount a very effective defense of Atlanta that would have extracted a high cost in Northern blood. inexplicably, But immediately after his

smashing victory at

Kennesaw Mountain, Johnston was relieved of command of his Southern army the President the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis, in a monumentally bad decision which he was prone to make from time to time. The man chosen by President Davis

defend Atlanta was General John Bell Hood of Texas. Without question, no could dispute Hood's incredible bravery. He had been wounded several times, lost part of one leg, and had to be tied in the saddle because he still wanted to fight. But Hood was aggressive and had no patience for defensive warfare which somewhat of a necessity when your army was half the size of your opponent. Here was a classic case of wrong man,

time. Hood decided

and over the month

Peachtree Creek, Ezra

Church, and Decatur,

irreplaceable casualties.

August

Confederate army was in shambles. Sherman had tightened the noose and begun the siege of Atlanta and sent part of his army south to Jonesboro to cut the last remaining railroad supply line from Macon. The Confederates made one last futile effort to fight at Jonesboro before Hood ordered what was left of his battered army to withdraw from Atlanta on September 1, and the next day Atlanta surrendered.

destrov Confederate depots supply Atlanta to keep them from falling into Union hands. They set fire to 81 loaded ammunition cars which created quite a fiery spectacle that attracted a large local audience. Unfortunately, this was but a preview of what was to come. Sherman

Hood had his men

made Atlanta headquarters but when he left to head for Savannah on November 15, he ordered the burning of Atlanta as famously depicted in the movie, GONE WITH THE WIND. about 400 of the more than 3000 buildings that comprised the City of Atlanta survived. As he left, Sherman noted, "Behind us lay Atlanta,

his target, Sherman

began "The March to

the Sea". As Sherman's

smoldering and ruins, the black smoke rising high in the air and hanging like a ball over the ruined city." With Savannah now

Georgia virtually unopposed, they destroyed all buildings, factories, or supplies that had anything to do with the Confederate government or the Southern aristocracy, whom Sherman blamed for the war. Freeing slaves was also a priority. An interesting historical

anecdote involves the

cut their way across

Ponder family that had a sizable house outside Atlanta and owned 65 slaves before the war. Their house was burned and among the freed replace Johnston to slaves was a young boy named Henry Ossian Flipper, who in 1877 became the first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Military academy at West Point. Even though they militarily successful, the Northern

casualties during the summer of 1864 suffered by Sherman's army in Georgia and Grant's army fighting Lee in Virginia, had been the worst of the war. The Northern public was tired of war, morale was low, and President Lincoln's re-election in November of 1864 was wrong place, wrong in serious doubt. The September 2<sup>nd</sup> news that to take the offensive Atlanta had been taken by Sherman's army was of July he ordered his the singular galvanizing depleted army to attack event that propelled Lincoln to an election the Union army at victory. After the fall of Atlanta, the Northern sustaining thousands of public breathed collective sigh of relief because they knew that the South could not hold out much longer

and the war would soon be over. As we know, "The March to the Sea" was completed with the capture of Savannah on December 1864 after the small Confederate defense force knowing their situation was hopeless abandoned the City and fled to South Carolina. Sherman was inspired to write a famous letter to President Lincoln presenting the City of Savannah to him as a Christmas present. The citizens of

were

was soon to be burned to the ground. The Mayor of Savannah, Richard Arnold, and other dignitaries including some fair maidens, wisely decided greet and charm the Union army and offer the key to the city in hope of forbearance. Sherman and his top officers were given the most luxurious accommodations that Savannah could provide. Who knows? Maybe

horrified that their city

Savannah

still thankful today that Savannah was spared the fate that befell Atlanta. Eric Hogan is a retired real estate developer and

Sherman had tired of

destruction. But we are

graduate of Georgia Tech and Mercer University Law School and resides in Tybee Island, GA, the beach community of Savannah.

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WATT AND SHERROD

# Watt speaks to Exchange

Jim Sherrod, club member, invited Shari Watt to come speak to the Swainsboro Exchange Club on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. Watt shared information about her work at the Franklin Memorial Library and at the Swainsboro/Emanuel County Humane Society. She also talked about the Veterans of the Library group, in which she serves as coordinator for the group. The Club congratulated her on all the good work she does in our community.

# Gray donates to WAA

On Monday, August 26, Milton Gray, President of the Citizens Bank of Swainsboro, presented a \$500 check to Emanuel County Wreaths Across America. It was greatly appreciated and will be utilized to honor deceased veterans who have no surviving family or friends.



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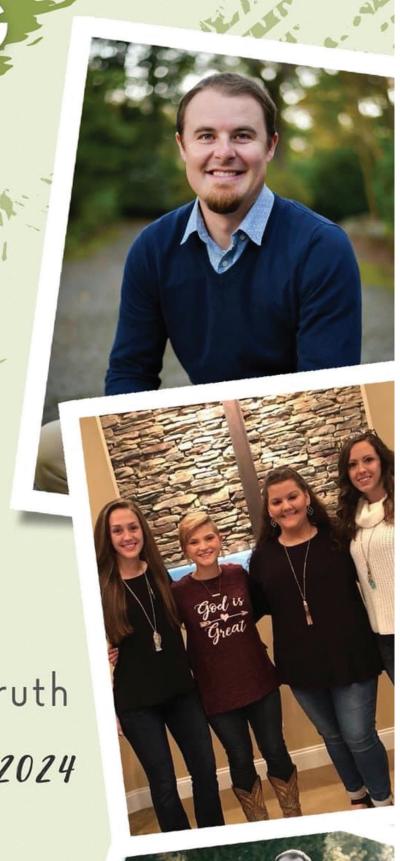
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# Dr. Funk speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Swainsboro weekly meeting Tuesday night, August 20, at the Rustic Grill at 7 p.m. With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, they had 21 in attendance with three guests, Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz, Johnny Tapley and Dr. Jacob Funk. A Leanna's strawberry cheesecake donated by Cassie McIntyre was won by Johnny Tapley. Paul Cerpovicz won the Domino's pizza donated by Domino's, Cassie McIntyre won a jar of Paul Cerpovicz' greenwood honey, and Jim Clapham won a yard decoration provided by Dianna Wedincamp. The program was hosted by Cayla Scarboro who introduced Dr. Jacob Funk, a recent addition to the medical staff of East Georgia Health Care. Dr. Funk is a Chiropractor, recently relocating Swainsboro from Colorado, to help provide better care through an integrated health care experience at the EGHC Chiropractic and Wellness Clinic. Dr. Funk discussed Chiropractors as complementary and alternative medicine health care providers who treat conditions affecting the body's musculoskeletal system, including bones, muscles, ligaments, and nerves. They focus on



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itself through a variety of non-invasive, drug-free treatments. He often performs spinal adjustments to improve spinal motion and function, using his hands or a small instrument to apply force to a spinal joint. This can increase blood flow and nerve conductivity to the joints and muscles, which can help relieve pain. Adjustments can also help improve range of motion in joints that are restricted or not moving properly. He also noted they use stretching, exercise therapy, and massages in their treatments. Dess Smith introduced Johnny Tapley who gave us a short presentation on Wreaths Across America. The local

Veterans at the Library group, along with the DAR and SAR, will join with other community groups to place as many wreaths as they can on veterans' graves in the 168 cemeteries in Emanuel County. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club presented a \$500 check to Johnny to help support the program.





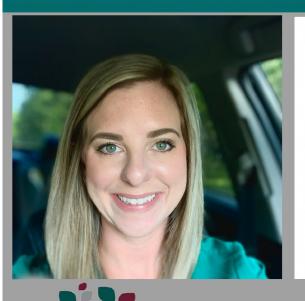
SUTTON, PROCTOR AND FREE

# Proctor receives Anna Wells Memorial Scholarship

Emma Proctor, DEA graduate and freshman at Georgia Southern University, has been awarded the 2024 Anna Wells Memorial Scholarship. This award recognizes students who display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others, a strong work ethic, leadership qualities, and who exhibit grit when faced with hardship.

Pictured with Emma are Andy Sutton, Assistant Head of School/Guidance and Haylee Free, Head of School. Emma is the daughter of Mitch and Tammy Proctor

# PruittHealth Hospice Partner Spotlight



# Meet Nurse Case Manager: Olivis Mullis

My name is Olivia Mullis and I have worked with Pruitt Hospice as a Nurse Case Manager for 5 years and have been nursing for 12 years. I have a passion for hospice because I've seen the difference the art and compassion of hospice brings to the end of life. I live locally in Swainsboro and I am married to Tyler Mullis. When not nursing, I am a boy mama to two sons, Sawyer who will soon be 2 and Noah who is 5. We attend Dellwood Baptist Church and our family loves the beach and being outside. I look forward to serving my community and hospice patients in many more years to come for Pruitt Hospice.

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### EMC Nursing Home welcomes Mills

The halls of the Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home have a new ray of sunshine beaming through them with the addition of Missy Mills as the Activities Director for the facility.

"I started this position in June. I was a teacher at DEA, and I had just graduated from Georgia Southern with a degree in public administration and sociology," Mills said. "I thought I was going to continue to be a teacher until God opened some doors for me."

That calling was coming from the EMC Nursing Home and it presented Mills with an exciting opportunity and a new challenge.

"I thought, 'This is what I prayed for,' and I came in here with an open mind and having no idea what to do," Mills said. "I just fell in love with the residents and realized that this is their home, and God has me here to brighten their life and see the world beyond just being in a room all day."

It's impossible to not have a smile on your face when you are spending time with Mills, and she has brought that joy to the residents of the nursing home. Mills is greeted in the morning by excited and inquiring minds, wanting to know what the next activity is going to be.

"For me, my job is the fun job," Mills said. "It takes a village to run this place, everybody's job is important. I'm the fortunate one, they look at me for fun. This lady is not taking care of me, not telling me what to do or what not to do,



it's 'what are we going to do today?""

Mills said she presents the residents with a number of different activities including exercising, playing games, going outside, or cooking. The activities help the residents enjoy the simple pleasures in life while also having independence.

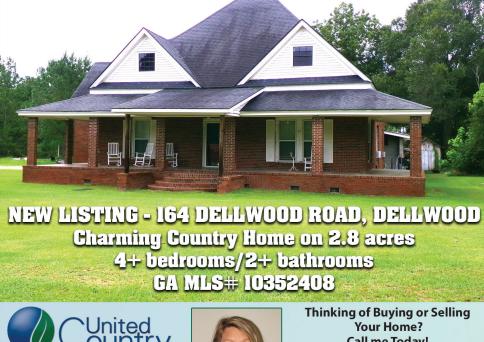
"We go on our country rides, we go to Dairy Queen, we've cooked croissants, we've made banana pudding," Mills said. "A big thing is bingo; they take bingo very seriously. The community helps out a lot with donations for our bingo store. The residents can go and shop at the bingo store from the money they earn from bingo."

For Mills, the joy she derives from her job comes from the joy she sees in her residents. "To see them light up, I forget I'm working. I love it here every day. It's an amazing feeling to see how much the

simple things we can take for granted brings them every day. The most important thing is making sure that they are happy, that they feel like they have a say, that they feel independent. We are working here in their home, and we want to make sure it feels like a home. They need to be able to do the things they want to do."

Mills recognizes that for many of the residents, the EMC Nursing Home is where they will spend the rest of their lives, and she takes it as her responsibility to make those years the best that they can be.

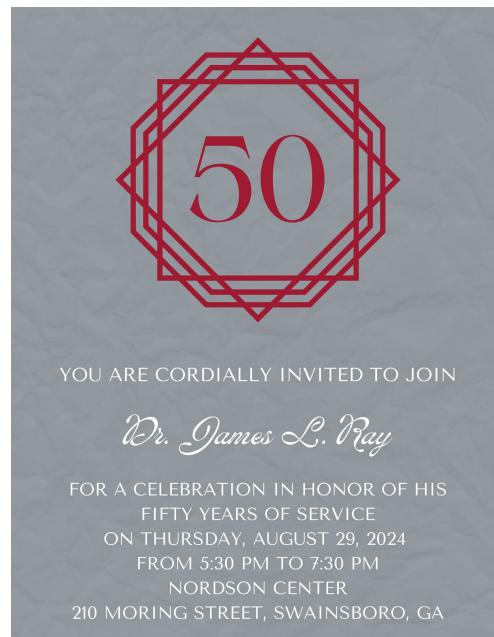
"That is my goal, is to be a dream maker," Mills explained. "For some of them, this is their last home, I want to make sure that they have done some things on their bucket list that they want to do. It takes all of us here, and I am very thankful for my work family."



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ECI hosted Swainsboro Friday at Rountree Stadium, defeating the Tigers 24-21 to improve their record to 2-0. With the win, the Bulldogs broke into the top ten in Class A division 2 at number 10 this week. The Bulldogs put points

on the board on both sides of the ball during the game. The defense

while the offense provided 15. With kickoffs into the endzone and punts pinning the Tigers

deep in their own ter-

ritory, the Bulldog special teams and kicker/

punter Oisin Matthews

was another factor in

the Bulldogs' win. The Bulldogs defense got their first turnover on the Tigers' first drive of

the game. Tyler Foreman intercepted a Swainsboro pass to put the offense

in business at the Tiger 40. ECI was forced to

punt to end the short

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raced down the home

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scored nine



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# Bulldogs win county battle against Tigers



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quarter lead to 9-0. Both offenses added a touchdown in the second quarter. Chase Johnson turned the corner for a Bulldog touchdown on a 10-yard run for score. Quin Brown called his own number for a 3-yard run for the Tiger touchdown to make the scored 17-7 late in the second quarter. The Bulldogs were looking to extend their lead at the end of the half. A Jackson Kennedy to Daon Bethea 38-yard pass and catch set the Bulldogs up at the Tiger 11-yard line with a few seconds left in the half. The Tigers took a little momentum into the locker room, blocking the FG as time ran off the clock. The Tigers built on that momentum to

begin the third quarter, scoring on their opening drive. Brown called his number again from two yards out with the Bulldogs holding on to a 17-14 lead. The Bulldogs missed a FG on their first drive trying to extend the lead on their only possession of the third quarter. The Tigers went ahead for the first time in the fourth quarter on another Brown touchdown run for a 21-17 Swainsboro lead. With the momentum and lead on the Tiger side of the field, the Bulldog defense put points on the board. MJ Williams scooped up a Tiger fumble and took it back 50 yards for a Bulldog touchdown, to put ECI back in the lead

24-21. Starting at their own 20, the Tigers failed to reach midfield and turned the ball over on downs with just over a minute left in the game. The Bulldogs ran out the clock, taking the county battle against the Tigers in a hard fought 24-21 win. Tyler Foreman led the Bulldogs on the ground with 90 yards on 10 carries. Jackson Kennedy passed for 73 yards with Bethea leading the receivers with 55 yards, grabbing two balls.

The Bulldogs host McIntosh Co. on September 6 at Rountree Stadium to begin their eight-game region schedule. Both teams should be rested, having this Friday off.

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# Boulineau leads Lady Tigers to a pair of wins

by HUGH HENDRIX One thing that the Swainsboro fast pitch team quickly learned this year is that every softball team in their new region (Region 3, 1A D-1) has solid pitching. Last Tuesday's game at Ambuc Park in Savannah against St. Vincent's Academy was a prime example. Starting in the circle for Swainsboro was Chloe Boulineau and starting for St. Vincent's Academy was Loki Thompson. Both pitchers threw a complete game, and they combined for 23 strikeouts on the evening. On this particular evening, however, Boulineau was just a little bit better than her counterpart and she picked up the win by tossing a one hit shutout and striking out 12 Saints batters on the way to a 4-0 Tiger victory.

Runs were scarce in the game, but Swainsboro took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning when Izzy Baird scored on an Ariel Tapley sacrifice fly and Jalaya Freeman scored on a passed ball. The only other scoring in the game was in the top of the fourth inning when Gracie Beneteau doubled in

two insurance runs for



BOULINEAU

the Lady Tigers. Sara Smith led Swainsboro batters with two hits and a walk in her four trips to the plate.

After a 12-0 loss to Vidalia last Thursday, August 22, Swainsboro traveled to Treutlen County on Monday, August 26, for a non-region matchup. Boulineau was again sharp in the circle. She limited the Lady Vikings to zero runs on just two hits

on the way to another 4-0 Tiger victory. Kayla Crabb, Berklie Bishop and Boulineau each had two hits on the evening. Gracie Beneteau, Kyleigh Hostilo, Bishop and Crabb drove in one run each for the SHS Lady Tigers.

Swainsboro currently

and struck out 14 batters

stands at five wins and five losses on the season and will host Savannah Christian Wednesday, August 28, at 6 p.m.

# DEA Eagles defeat Grace Christian by ASHLEI went to the offensive Junior RB/DB with four

BOATRIGHT

David Emanuel Academy Eagle Football has started a new era with a brand-new coaching staff. The Eagles, led by Head Coach TC Guyer and Assistant Coach Natavus Robertson, hosted the season opener Friday, August 23, playing and defeating Grace Christian.

The team is looking strong as we begin the season. Coach Guyer says, "They are doing the work, I'm just watching over and making sure the fire spreads." The Eagles were certainly fired up heading into Friday's game. Heading into halftime, the score was 4 -0 with the Eagles on top.

Our players of the game this week come as no surprise. Senior RB/LB, #7 Clayton Hood, came in as our Ware's BBQ MVP with six carries, 153 rushing yards, three rushing touchdowns, one reception, 30 receiving yards, one receiving touchdown, six tackles, four TFL, one QB pressure and one caused fumble. Offensive players of the game

line #9 Jaxson Wiggins -Senior Guard, #76 Jonah Boatright - Junior Center, and #21 Brody Fleming - Junior Guard with a collective - 318 total offensive yards, two passing touchdowns, five rushing touchdowns, zero sacks allowed, and zero QB pressures allowed. Defensive player of the game is none other than #1 Tucker Free, Sophomore LB with six tackles, two QB pressures, two fumble recoveries and one caused fumble.

Special teams' player of the game went to #17 John-Nathan Martin,

Junior RB/DB with four tackles and one caused fumble on kick off and one kickoff return for 23 Yards. Practice player of the week is #3 Jace Farmer, Freshman QB.

When the clock ran down at the end of the fourth, DEA came out on top with a final score of 52-21. David Emanuel is looking forward to many more wins under the leadership of Coach Guyer and Coach Robertson. They worked hard with our Eagles through the summer and continue to put in work daily.



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Photo by Crystal Hammock HOOD (LEFT) EXCITED AFTER THE PLAY





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# Tigers' grit tested: Comeback falls just short in county showdown

YOUNG This Friday, past the place to be in Emanuel County was Roundtree Stadium as our beloved Tigers took on the Emanuel County Institute Bulldogs in their annual county matchup. The winner of this game would earn bragging rights for the whole year. The atmosphere was electric, with the stadium packed on both sides as the Tigers and Bulldogs took the field.

The Tigers won the coin toss and elected to put their defense on the field first. Swainsboro's defense came out strong, showing their prowess from the very start. On the first two plays, Aiden Foskey applied strong pressure on the quarterback, forcing him out of the pocket to throw an incomplete pass. On the next play, the Bulldogs attempted a run, but Foskey was there again, stuffing the play in the backfield for a loss. The Tigers forced a three-andout, making the Bulldogs

When the Tiger offense took the field, they demonstrated their capability to move the ball against ECI. Bryson Tarver and

bulk of the load in the first quarter. Quarterback Edenfield connected on some nice passes for big yards. However, an early interception forced the Tigers' defense back onto the field. In games like this, turnovers can heavily swing momentum. The Bulldogs briefly took advantage of that momentum, but the Tiger defense stood tall and forced another punt. This time, the Tigers were pinned deep in their own territory, starting from the one-yard line. Despite their efforts, a mishandled snap led to the first score of the night—a safety, giving the Bulldogs a 2-0 lead. This safety shifted the momentum further in the Bulldogs' favor. They capitalized by driving down the field to score their first touchdown of the night with about two minutes left in the first quarter. These are the kinds of challenges one expects in a rivalry game. The Tigers, down but not out, continued to fight, still managing to move the ball but were forced to punt early in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs, feeding off the home crowd's energy, drove down the

field again to score another touchdown, extending their lead to 15-0. After successfully converting a two-point conversion, the score stood at 17-0. Late in the second quarter, the Tigers' offense took the field again and began methodically moving the ball down the field with a series of big plays. Penalties briefly derailed the drive, but they quickly bounced back. Sophomore wide receiver Ricardo Lockett stood out early and throughout the game. Lockett made an impressive leaping grab on a pass from Edenfield, putting the Tigers in scoring range. Later in the possession, running back Brown punched the ball into the end zone for the Tigers' first touchdown. After adding the extra point, the score was 17-7. As the second quarter closed, the Bulldogs attempted to drive down the field and extend their lead with a field goal, but senior Jylerris Williams blocked the attempt, end-

In the second half, the Tigers emerged with renewed energy and Senior determination. quarterback Bryson Tarver broke out on a long run, putting the Tigers

ing the half.



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#### RUNNING BACK QUIN BROWN EVADES ECI DEFENDER WITH A POWERFUL STIFF ARM, SHOWCASING STRENGTH AND AGILITY

in Bulldog territory. The Tigers capped off this drive with a touchdown, closing the gap to 17-14. The defense responded by flying around the field, making plays, and holding ECI to a missed field goal attempt late in the third quarter.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Tigers took control of the game, taking the lead 21-17. The Tigers fought back through adversity and a series of penalties. However, late in the fourth quarter, a questionable fumble led to a scoop-and-score for the Bulldogs, putting them back in the lead at 24-21. The Tigers fought back but were unable to capitalize, suffering their second loss of the season.

After the game, I spoke with Coach Roberts, who had this to say: "I'm really proud of our guys for fighting back the way they did. To be down 17-0 and come back and take the lead shows a lot of fight. They have shown a lot of fight for the last two weeks. I think we grew up some in the second half. When we get these young kids some more experience and confidence as the season progresses, we have a chance to be pretty good."

This loss puts the Tigers at 0-2 on the season. It's not the start they were looking for, but they have high hopes. They're back

at home this Friday on Tiger Field. When I asked Coach Roberts about this week's game, he said, "We have to have a great week of preparation and practice and build on the progress we have made the last two weeks. Metter is coming in here as a top 10 team in their classification after a big win last week. When you have great days of practice to stack on top of one another, it sure helps you to play with more confidence. That's what we have to do to start winning football games."Tiger Nation, continue to support our young men throughout this season. See you all Friday night at Tiger Field.

# DEA Varsity Lady Eagles take the win over Vidalia Heritage

GAMECHANG-**MEDIA** Aubrey Scott put on a strong contact performance as she collected three hits in four at bats, as David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles 2024 defeated Vidalia Heritage Academy Varsity

Eagles 16-2 on Thursday, August 22. Scott singled in the first inning, and singled twice in the second inning. David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles 2024 got on the board in the top of the first inning after Scott singled, scoring one run,

Kaley Flowers singled, scoring one run, Bailey McNure doubled, scoring two runs, and an error scored one run. The Lady Eagles scored eight runs on seven hits in the top of the second inning. Flowers grounded out, scoring two runs, Kate Yeomans singled,

scoring one run, Carrie Johnson grounded out, scoring one run, Emily McRae singled, scoring one run, an error scored two runs, and Flowers singled, scoring one run. The Eagles extended their early lead with three runs in the top of the third thanks to RBI singles by Johnthekwikshop.comthekwikshop.com son and Kyli Bell. Scott earned the win for

rendered zero hits and two runs (zero earned) over three innings, striking out six and walking one. Libby Clark took the loss for Vidalia Heritage. The right-handed pitcher went three innings, giving up 16 runs (five earned) on 14 hits, striking out none and walking none. The Lady Eagles accumulated 14 hits in the game. Flowers drove

the middle of the lineup, leading DEA with three runs batted in. The cleanup hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. Bell and Payton Peebles each collected multiple hits for the Eagles. Peebles and Scott each stole multiple bases. The Lady Eagles stole six bases in the game. Copyright © 2024 GameChanger Media, Inc. All rights reserved.

# David Emanuel Academy MS Eagles roll past Vidalia Heritage Academy

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David Emanuel Academy Middle School Eagles won big over Vidalia Heritage Academy 10-0 on Thursday, August 22. The MS Eagles got on the board in the top of the second inning after Mary Bess Fields singled, Layla Clark walked, Milly Farmer hit into a double play, Rayleigh Faircloth hit an inside the park home run, and Evie Moore doubled, each scoring one run. The MS Eagles scored five runs on three hits in the top of the third inning. Carrie

by GAMECHANGER Johnson singled, scoring one run for DEA. Sophie one run, Sophie Young drew a walk, scoring one run, Blakely Brinson drew a walk, scoring one run, Bailey Duckworth hit into a fielder's choice, where two runs scored. Rayleigh earned the win for DEA. The starter surrendered zero hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out eight and walking one. Marlee Johnson, Rayleigh, Kate Yeomans, Carrie, Evie, Mary Bess, and Lara McNure each collected one hit the Eagles. Rayleigh, Carrie, Sophie, Evie, Bailey, and Mary Bess each drove in

led the Eagles with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying six walks for the game. Mary Bess and Lara each stole multiple bases. David Emanuel Academy MS Eagles ran wild on the base paths, tallying seven stolen bases for the game. They were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Evie made the most plays with eight. Vidalia Heritage Academy turned one double play in the game.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF

IN RE: ESTATE OF HIRAM SILAS PRICE, DECEASED **ESTATE NO. 24E0099** PETITION FOR LETTERS OF AD-MINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WILSON has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of HIRAM SILAS PRICE 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 SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

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

Judge of the Probate Court By: Jeanie Hooks Clerk of the Probate Court P. O. Box 70 Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 (478) 237-7091

Telephone Number NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CRED-GEORGIA, EMANUEL

All creditors of the estate of Roberta Cecile Vautier, 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 31st day of July, 2024. Frederic Robert Alain Vautier, Executor of the Estate of Roberta Cecile Vautier,

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF **GEORGIA** 

IN RE: ESTATE OF MAE LIZZIE THOMAS, DECEASED **ESTATE NO.** 19E0047

[For discharge from office and all li-IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Per-

sonal Representative [Strike any paragraph if not applica-

TO: KELVIN WASHINGTON, BRAD WASHINGTON, CHARLES WASH-INGTON, CRAIG WASHINGTON List here all interested parties having unknown addresses to be served by

publication] and (all and singular the heirs of said decedent,) (the beneficiaries under the will,) and to whom it may con-

This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or

before SEPTEMBER 3, 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 vour 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

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CRED-ITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL

COUNTY All creditors of the estate of Mae

Jean Chalker, 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 7th day of August, 2024.

Connie Chalker, Executrix of the

MAE JEAN CHALKER, decedent Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CRED-ITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Betty W. Moore, 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 7th day of August, 2024. Betty Michelle Willis, Executrix of the Estate of Betty W. Moore, decedent Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.

P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401

**ESTATE NO.** 24E0052

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF **EMANUEL COUNTY** STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF EVELYN STORY, **DECEASED** 

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF AD-MINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: SARAH LOUISE STORY BAR-

FIELD has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of EVELYN STORY 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 SEPTEMBER 9,

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

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

Telephone Number IN THE PROBATE COURT OF **EMANUEL COUNTY** 

STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE LESTER JONES, DE-

CEASED **ESTATE NO. 24E0106** PETITION FOR LETTERS OF AD-

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

JERRY JAMES JONES has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of GEORGE LESTER JONES deceased, of said countv. (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

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granted without a hearing. DON E. WILKES Judge of the Probate Court By: Jeanie Hooks Clerk of the Probate Court P. O. Box 70 Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 Address (478) 237-7091 Telephone Number

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF **EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA** In Re: Samuel David Sapp

Civil Action File No. 24CV188 Minor child(ren)

NOTICE OF PÉTITION TO CHANGE NAME GEORGIA, Emanuel County Notice is hereby given that David

filed this petition to the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia on the 8th day of August, 2024. praying for a change in the name of minor child(ren) from Samuel David Sapp to Samuel David Wright, and

Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.

This 7th day of June, 2024. Dana Wright

Named Above:

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF **GEORGIA** Juwaun Coke

Wai Sum Venus Ng Civil Action No. 24CV89 NOTICE OF SUMMONS SERVICE BY PUBLICATION TO: Wai Sum Venus Ng, Defendant

Youa are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Divorce [state the relief sought] was filed against you in said court on August 8, 2024, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on August 8, 2024 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Juwaun Coke, plaintiff, whose address is 621 Freedom St. Swainsboro, GA 30401 and answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days 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

Witness the Honorable Tommy J. Smith, Judge of Said Court. This the 8th day of August, 2024. Clerk of Superior Court

in the complaint.

NOTICE

Emanuel, County

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF

EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF

IN RE: ESTATE OF) ISABELLE RIGGINS, DECEASED **ESTATE NO.** 24E0012

IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed. [For use if an heir is required to be served by publication]

TO: Ollie R. Thomas, Gloria Jones, Unknown Heirs of December Thomas, Unknown Heirs of Freddie Thomas, Unknown Heirs of Carl Thomas, Unknown Heirs of Anna Jane Turner, and Unknown Heirs of Beulah Waite

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 September 16, 2024, BE NO-TIFIED 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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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF **EMANUEL** 

IN RE: ESTATE OF DONNIE RAY TANNER, DECEASED All creditors of the estate of Donnie Ray Tanner, deceased, late of Eman-

render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Donald Tanner, Executor of the Donnie Ray Tanner Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness This 13th day of August, 2024.

uel County, are hereby notified to

RICHARD M MCNEELY Attorney for Donald Tanner, Executor of the Donnie Ray Tanner Estate Richard M. McNeely, P.C.

P. O. Box 767 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (478) 237-4225

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF **EMANUEL** IN RE: ESTATE OF TOMMIE KAY M.

JOHNSON, DECEASED. All creditors of the estate of Tommie Kay M. Johnson, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Hope Fagler, Administrator of the Tommie Kay M. Johnson Estate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.

RICHARD M. MCNEELY. Attorney for Hope Fagler, Administrator of the Tommie Kay M. Johnson Estate Richard M. McNeely, P.C.

This 13th day of August, 2024.

P. O. Box 767 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (478) 237-4225

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF IN RE: ESTATE OF DORSEY PEE-

BLES, DECEASED. All creditors of the estate of Dorsev Peebles, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Linda Renfroe Hutcheson, Executor of the Dorsey Peebles Estate, at P. O. Box 767. Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.

This 13th day of August, 2024. RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Linda Renfroe Attorney for **Executor of the Dorsey Peebles** 

**Estate** Richard M. McNeely, P.C. P. O. Box 767 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (478) 237-4225

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF **EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA** IN THE INTEREST OF:

K.B. SEX: F DOB: 04/23/2020 C.S. SEX: M DOB: 03/29/2023 Minor Children Under the Age of

CASE# NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO: LAMYRA CARLYLE, DEMAIN SMITH, KIERRIAN BRINSON, and Any Unknown biological/legal/putative father of the above-named children born to Mother, LAMYRA CARLYLE, at AU Medical Center in Augusta, Richmond County, Geor-

gia for C.S. and at East Georgia

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boro, Bulloch County, Georgia for

K.B. You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced child; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated AUGUST 14, 2024, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time

prior to the Final Hearing. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the 24TH day of OCTOBER 2024, at the EMANUEL County Courthouse in SWAINSBORO, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., for a FINAL HEARING and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. Prior to the Final Hearing a Provisional Hearing on the petition will be held before the Court on OCTOBER 10 ,2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Juvenile Courtroom at the EMANUEL County Courthouse,

SWAINSBORO, Georgia. The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel.

You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the child unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, vou file:

(a) A petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and (b) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Emanuel County Juvenile Court.

The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Provisional Hearing will become final at the Final Hearing unless the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication fails to appear at the Final Hearing on the petition, the Findings of Fact and Interlocutory Orders made will become final without further evidence and will be governed by the Juvenile Court Code as if made at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing, the Interlocutory findings and Orders shall be vacated and disregarded, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion.

The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. A copy of this petition may be ob-

the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile

tained at no charge from the Office of

day 2024. Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile

Court.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND

DEBTORS All creditors of the estate of GRADY

RANDALL RAY, decedent late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This the 12th day of August, 2024

Donald M. Ray, executor/executrix of the estate of Grady Randall Ray, decedent. 1076 Hawhammock Church Road Address of Executor/Executrix (912)278-4917

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF

KAMARI CANADY, MINOR **ESTATE NO. 24E0109** NOTICE Date of mailing, if any\_

Telephone

Date of second publication, if any 08/28/2024 TO: LEMANS ANDREW CARTER

You are hereby notified that MARY DAVIS CANADY has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian(s) of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of the Petitioner(s) as temporary guardian(s), must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten(10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your obiections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees.

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appointment of the Petitioner(s) as

Telephone Number STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF **EMANUEL** IN RE: ESTATE OF KATHY W JORDAN, DECEASED.

All creditors of the estate of Kathy W Jordan deceased late of Fman uel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M McNeely, attorney for Andy Walden Executor of the Kathy W. Jordan Es tate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro Georgia 30401, according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate. This 15th day of August, 2024.

RICHARD M. MCNEELY. Attorney for Andy Walden Executor of the Kathy W. Jordan Richard M. McNeely, P.C. P. O. Box 767

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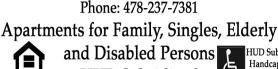
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# Jail Report

The following persons

have been booked into Emanuel County Jail, according to Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey on warrants Brewer, obtained by one of several local law enforcement agencies, designated by each name: Drug Task Force (DTF); Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); Georgia Department of Pardons and Parole (GAPP); Georgia State Patrol (GSP); Emanuel County Sheriff's Office (ECSO); Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); Probation Office (PROB); or East Georgia State College (EGSC).

Damon Ray Branham, 29, arrested Possession of meth; ECSO

Angelica Bright, 29, arrested 8/20/24; Probation violation; **ECSO** 

John Henry Clark, 51, arrested 8/25/24; Probation violation – felony/City Court bench warrant; ECSO Christopher Lamar

Cody, 43, arrested 8/23/24; Bench warrant felony; ECSO

Shaune Curtis David, 37, arrested 8/24/24; Open container/Seatbelt violation/Failure maintain lane/DUI less safe; GSP Brian Anthony

8/22/24; Probation violation – felony; ECSO Jam'mal Rasheem Doyle, 18, arrested 8/23/24; Aggravated

Dewberry, 36, arrested

assault; SPD Richard Tyrell Ellison, 33, arrested 8/24/24; Fleeing or attempting to elude/DUI less safe/ Driving while license suspended/revoked/

Failure to maintain lane/Improper stopping on roadway; GSP

William Gary Epperson, 20, arrested 8/22/24; Probation violation - felony; SPD Jacob Christian Gaddis, 30, arrest-

ed 8/23/24; Hold for

Michael

Dekalb Co.; ECSO

Ionathan

arrested Harbin, 20, 8/19/24; Theft by receiving stolen property/ Bench warrant – felony/ Purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution or sale of marijuana - felony/Possession of firearm or knife during commission or attempt to commit certain felonies/Criminal trespass;

Prentis Andre Harden, 54, arrested 8/19/24; Theft by shoplifting/ Probation violation – felonv; SPD

Denosha Naycole Harris, 23, arrested 8/19/24; City probation violation; SPD Trevion

Deontae Heard, 20, arrested 8/20/24; Possess of marijuana less than oz; SPD Zlatko Jaksic,

arrested 8/19/24; DUI less safe; GSP Colby Lamar Johnson,

39, arrested 8/20/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/ Impeding flow of traffic/Open container; **ECSO** Angela Denise Keaton,

38, arrested 8/22/24;

Possession of meth; **ECSO** Erica La'enya Leslie, 18, arrested 8/19/24; trespass/ Criminal Terroristic threats and acts/Simple battery; **EGSC** 

Fabiola Amaydani Lopez Castillo, 28, arrested 8/21/24; Driving while unlicensed; SPD

Quindarrius Malik Mack, 26, arrested 8/21/24; Driving while licenses suspended/

revoked/Distract driving; SPD Bruce Randy Madison,

59, arrested 8/24/24; Public drunk; ECSO Robert Daniel

Marchman, 32, arrested 8/22/24; Probation violation; ECSO Ionathan Matthew Mosby, 45, arrested 8/19/24; Possession

meth/Trafficking

cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana or meth/ Possession and use of drug related objects; **ECSO** Richard Dawain Nevels, 32, arrested 8/20/24; Driving while

suspended/

**OPPD** Duston Ryan Osborn, 37, arrested 8/23/24; Child molestation (x3)/ Probation violation - fel-

revoked/No insurance;

license

ony; ECSO Jerald Wib Richter, 65, arrested 8/21/24; Driver to exercise due care/Failure to maintain

Transmission of photos/ videos depicting nudity/sexual conduct (x2); **ECSO** Erik Manuel Rodriguez, 37, arrested

lane/Open container/

Joshua Slater Riner,

30, arrested 8/25/24;

DUI less safe; GSP

8/22/24; Probation violation – felony; SPD Marlisa Ann Stavely,

27, arrested 8/19/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/ Failure to maintain lane; **SPD** Rickie Antonio Washington, 24, arrested 8/21/24; Holding/

supporting wireless telecommunications device/DUI less safe/ Seatbelt violation/ Failure to stop at stop sign/Possess of marijuana less than oz; GSP

Andrew Clay Whitmore, 30, arrested 8/23/24; Probation violation – felony; ECSO

#### Swainsboro Police Reports. with the

Officers Swainsboro Police Department (SPD) reported...

August 16 Officer was dispatched to the area of Modoc Road, Seventh Street, and Center Street in reference to a call about a female that had been jumped. Contact was made with a female subject who stated that her daughter had been in a fight. She stated that two other females had followed her daughter and her boyfriend to their home and started a fight with her. When she saw her daughter being jumped, she decided to join in. 911 got the caller back on the line and they stated that the offender asked her if she wanted to see her baby. She stated that when they

arrived at the residence,

the offender started pull-

ing the driver out of the

vehicle. The boyfriend

then began punching

her in the head.

Officer was dispatched to the Sunset Inn in reference to a report to be made a woman leaving her boyfriend and damaging his vehicle in the process. Complainant stated that his girlfriend was the mother of his three kids and that she left him sometime that morning. He went out to his vehicle and the windshield wipers were torn off the vehicle and there was a dent in the

passenger back door. Officer conducted a

traffic stop on a vehicle for a window tint violation. When the vehicle finally stopped, the offender jumped out and demanded to know why he was stopped. The offender's information also showed that his license was suspended for a DUI. Offender was arrested.

Officer was called to SPD in reference to a walk-in report. The victim stated that he had just pressure washed the Days Inn and that the man who was supposed to pay him refused to do so. Victim needed a report made in order to pursue civil action.

Officer was dispatched to Allen Street in reference to a call about a busted window. C/p stated that someone had busted his back windshield on his vehicle. He stated that he heard a noise in the early hours of the morning along with his dog barking, but he did not notice until after work when he heard the glass falling while he was driving.

#### August 17

Officer responded to East Moring Street for a report of a stolen firearm. C/p stated that his firearm was stolen from his truck.

Officer was dispatched to the area of North Main Street in reference to a semi-truck striking

a power line. The driver was out of the vehicle upon arrival and the power line was wrapped around the truck.

#### August 18

Officer was dispatched to Braswell Blvd in reference to a report of vehicle damage. The victim stated that he arrived home, and a chicken was jumping at his car and scratched his driver and passenger doors.

Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that failed to stop at a stop sign. The driver stated that he was just trying to get to his girlfriend's house to help her move some furniture. Officer learned that the offender had a suspended license for failure to appear.

Officer responded to a dispute. C/p stated that the offender was dragging his dogs down the road. She also stated that she told the offender to sit down and let the dog's rest. The offender started yelling and cussing at her. The dogs looked in good health, they just needed water and rest. Let it be known that a deputy saw the whole incident and stated that the offender did nothing wrong.

#### August 19

Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle failing to maintain its lane of traffic. The driver was found to have a suspended license and was arrested.

Officer responded to a

call at Peachtree Street in reference to a c/p stated that a handbag was stolen from a variety shop. C/p gave a description of the offender who was later located and placed under arrest.

Offender who was known to have an active failure to appear warrant was spotted near Gumlog Road. Offender was arrested.

August 20 Officers were dispatched to East Pine Street for an argument. Offender was very upset and screaming would not calm down. She stated that while inside, she and c/p were arguing when he hit her with a bat in the side of the head. C/p stated that he gave offender a place to stay for two days, and he came down the stairs and she was swinging the bat and he grabbed it from her and she grabbed his colostomy bag and he pushed her off ad she hit her face on the tv stand. Two witnesses told officers the

same story. 911 dispatched officers to South Main Street in response to a report to be taken on an entering auto and theft. C/p stated that the offender took a section of the dash that had two cellphone holders along with two iPhone chargers.

C/p came into SPD to file a theft report. She stated that the offender pawned a Play Station 5 and had not paid on his payment plan since February.

Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with a headlight out. There was also no insurance on the vehicle. Citations were issues and the vehicle was towed.

Officers noticed a vehicle with no lights and dark tinted windows. When approaching the vehicle, officer smelled a sting odor of marijuana, and a search was conducted. Marijuana was found and driver was arrested.

August 21 Officer noticed a vehicle that was speeding and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was found to have a suspended license. Car was handed over to a licensed driver.

Officer conducted a

traffic stop on a vehi-

cle who was weaving in traffic and failing to maintain lane. The driver did not have a license and was arrested. Officer observed a subject using their cell phone while driving

and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was also found to have a suspended license. He was arrested. Detective was given an

email report of a possible scam involving an elderly victim. The victim was recently engaged. He had never seen the offender; communication was only through text. He was advised to

block the offender, but he did not want to listen.

SPD called out that a woman had called and reported that there were two females trying to fight her at Walmart. She stated that the other females had left the premises but identified them. She said that they threatened her because one day while they were shopping at Roses, she told the manager that

they were stealing. Officer observed a vehicle with no working headlights and conducted a traffic stop. The driver advised that they must be messed up because the dash was showing that they were on. It was found that the driver had warrants through the state of Florida and no license.

Officer was at SPD in reference to a report. C/p stated that he had a seven-month lease and was moving due to the landlord selling the house. He stated that when he went to get personal belongings, the front door was wide open, and the lock had been popped. His belongings

August 22

dispute.

Officer ran a tag on a vehicle that came back with no insurance and suspended registration. Vehicle was towed.

had also been stolen.

Officer observed a vehicle a taillight out and conducted a traffic stop. The driver did not have a license and the vehicle was towed.

stated she and her hus-

band were arguing while

moving furniture around

the house and offender

stated dumping clothes

out of her dresser draw-

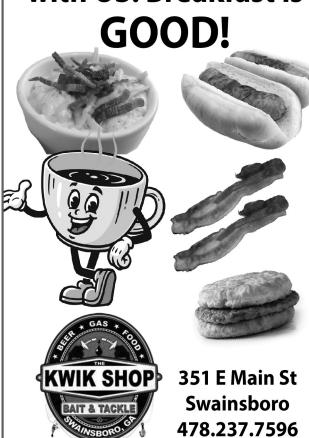
ers onto the floor and

cursing her, at which

time she threw a bucket

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# Sheriff's Reports.

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

#### August 19

Deputy met with complainant and victims at ECSO in reference to harassing communication. C/p stated that she and offender were previously in a relationship and separated appx. three weeks ago due to offender being physically abusive. C/p stated that since the separation, offender has been harassing her and made statements of wanting to fight with c/p and her family members.

August 21 Deputies responded to Old McLeod Bridge Rd. in reference to complainant being followed. C/p advised both offenders were threatening her at the store then proceeded to follow her home and she turned into a random driveway and offenders passed by. August 22

Deputies were dispatched to Walnut Rd. in reference to a dispute where complainant stated she was abused by offender on two different August 23

Complainant attending the ECI football game and upon leaving, found that someone damaged her vehicle. C/p stated she spoke with an individual that stated he saw a male subject kicking her passenger door, then got into a Jeep and left.

#### August 25

Deputies responded to Central St. in reference to a dispute. Complainant advised she was walking and encountered offender who began to follow her while cursing and threatening her. Offender had left the scene but was located a short distance away and deputies asked about the incident and offender stated he and c/p dated but had split up and c/p got mad and threw a razor knife at him because he told c/p'sneighbor that c/p steals. Offender was found to have warrants and was placed under arrest and

Deputies were dis-

at him, and he slapped her in the face. August 26 Deputies responded to Ray Henry Rd. in reference to someone in complainant's yard. C/p stated he heard a noise under his garage, then his shop. C/p advised he grabbed his rifle and went to check it out and transported to EmCo Jail. saw a shadow of a man running across his pond patched to Wilson Rd. in dam, then heard a door reference to a domestic shut and a car speed off.

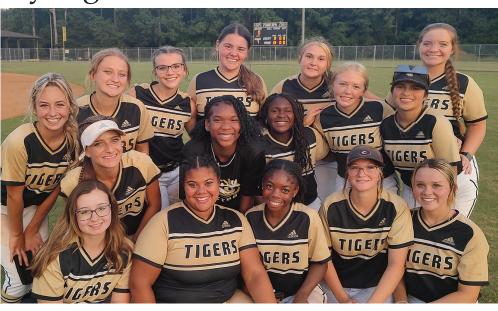
# 2024 Lady Tigers Softball

by HUGH HENDRIX Last Tuesday, August 13, the Lady Tigers hosted the Johnson County Trojans and came roaring back to win the game despite trailing by a score of 9-3 going to the bottom of the fifth inning. Johnson County came out swinging and took an early 5-0 lead. In the bottom of the second inning, Swainsboro was able to capitalize on a couple of Johnson County errors and scored three runs to get back into the game. Swainsboro then gave those three runs back to Johnson County in the top of the fifth inning as the Trojans stretched the lead to six.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, the Lady Tigers loaded the bases on the strength of a walk, an error, and a hit batter. At that point, the Lady Tigers' bats came to life as five of the next seven batters collected a hit on the way to a nine-run inning

to take a 12-9 lead. The Lady Tigers scored one more run in the sixth to secure the 13-9 comeback win. Leading hitters for the Lady Tigers were Gracie Beneteau (2-4, 3 RBI), Sara Smith (2-5, 3 RBI) and Chloe Boulineau (3-3, 2 RBI). Boulineau also came in to pitch the final five innings of the game and pick up the

In the last two games, however, the Lady Tiger's bats went cold. Last Thursday, August 15, Swainsboro welcomed an undefeated Toombs County team to Tiger Field for their first region match-up of the season. Toombs County pitcher Casey Cantwell and Swainsboro pitcher Chloe Boulineau each pitched a complete game with the two combining for 20 strikeouts in the game. Boulineau came out with the upper hand in the strikeout battle, 11 to 9, but Cantwell and the



#### **LADY TIGERS**

Lady Dogs came out of the game with the win. In seven innings, Boulineau allowed seven runs (3 earned) on eight hits and two walks while striking out 11. The Lady Tiger offense was led by left fielder Gracie Beneteau (3-4), third baseman Kyleigh Hostilo (1-3, RBI), and catcher Cassidy Jordan (1-2, HBP). The dif-

ference in the game was

defense. The young Lady Tiger defense committed three costly errors which led to four unearned runs in the 7-1 loss.

On Monday evening, August 19, the Lady Tigers hosted the Statesboro Blue Devils. Again, Swainsboro got pretty solid pitching but failed to put runs on the board. Kayla Crabb and Chloe Boulineau combined to allow six

runs (3 earned) over seven innings of work. They allowed seven hits and three walks while striking out seven. The Lady Tiger offense managed just five hits on the night and lost by a final score of 6-1. Gracie Beneteau led the Lady Tigers going 2-3 on the evening. Izzy Baird, Chloe Boulineau and Ariel Tapley also



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Some years ago the cover of Time magazine asked an intriguing question on its cover: "What ever happened to ethics?" The subtitle continued saying that we have been, 'Assaulted by sleaze, scandals and hypocrisy, America searches for its moral bearings." There is little doubt that there has been a loss of moral sensitivity and responsibility. That is very obvious. It is difficult to

watch television and not be offended by the language or scenes of indecency. A new language has been introduced that has no respect

for God or godly principles. The only way to solve this problem of moral decay or it can be reversed would be through a national revival If those of us who profess to trust God's Word and believe in the fact that He will do what He says He will it is not unreasonable that evival will come. A spiritual awakening will visit our nation if we have enough faith, persevere in prayer and regain a sense of the

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# Aubrey Scott's clutch hitting propels DEA Varsity Lady Eagles to victory over Twiggs Academy

by GameChanger Media Aubrey Scott drove in four runs on three hits to lead David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles past Twiggs Academy 21-2 on Monday. Scott singled in the first inning, scoring two runs, and doubled in the fourth inning, scoring two. The Lady Eagles jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Scott singled, scoring two runs, an error scored two runs,

Kate Yeomans doubled,

scoring one run, and Brook Fleming singled, scoring one run. The Eagles added to their early lead in the top of the second inning after Payton Peebles singled, Bailey McNure doubled, and Yeomans singled, each scoring one run. The Lady Eagles added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Twiggs Academy committed an error, Addalyn Terwilliger singled, and Yeomans singled, each scoring one

run. DEA scored eight runs on six hits in the top of the fourth inning. Kyli Bell doubled, scoring one run, an error scored one run, McNure hit a sacrifice fly, scoring one run, Yeomans singled, scoring one run, an error scored one run, and Scott doubled, scoring two runs. Bell earned the win for David Emanuel Academy. The right-handed pitcher allowed four hits and two runs (one earned) over four innings,

striking out six and walking three. The Lady Eagles tallied 20 hits in the game. Number seven hitter, Yeomans, showed the depth of David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles lineup, by leading them with four hits in four at bats. McNure, Terwilliger, Bell, Peebles, Emily McRae, and Kaley Flowers each collected multiple hits for DEA.

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# David Emanuel Academy MS Eagles defeats Twiggs Academy

by GameChanger Media Mary Bess Fields drove in four runs on one hit to lead David Emanuel Academy MS Eagles past Twiggs Academy 16-2 on Monday, August 26. In the fifth inning, Mary Bess hit an inside the park grand slam. The Middle School Eagles got on the board in the top of the first inning after Rayleigh Faircloth tripled, scoring one run, an error scored one run,

Marlee Johnson tripled,

scoring two runs, and Carrie Johnson grounded out, scoring one run. The Eagles added to their early lead in the top of the second inning after Sophie Young singled, Rayleigh singled, Twiggs Academy committed an error, Evie Moore hit into a fielder's choice, and Marlee singled, each scoring one run. The Eagles added one run in the third. Layla Clark grounded out, making the score 11-2. Rayleigh

earned the win for David Emanuel Academy MS Eagles. The righty gave up zero hits and zero runs over four and one-third innings, striking out 11 and walking none. Kaley Flowers stepped in the circle first for the Eagles. The hurler allowed zero hits and two runs over twothirds of an inning, striking out one and walking six. The Eagles piled up 14 hits in the game. Marlee went 3-for-3 at the plate

to lead the Eagles in hits. Rayleigh and Carrie each collected multiple hits for David Emanuel Academy. The Middle School Eagles didn't commit a single error in the field. Evie had the most chances in the field with 13.

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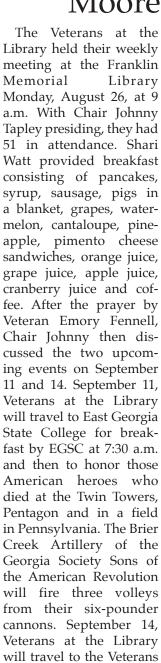
# PUBLIC NOTICE OF C ANCELLATION

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-291 notice is hereby given that the Oak Park Election scheduled for November 5, 2024 is canceled. The following candidates have qualified for office:

> Post 2- Janie Soto Post 3- Penny Jones Post 4- Amanda Jones Post 5- Mayra Hernandez

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# Moore speaks to Veterans



Responders

Memorial Park to honor



CHAMPLIN AND BECKWORTH

those 24 American heroes who are honored by the 24 U.S. Flags flying on the fence. At 10 a.m., their names will be called out, followed by the "tolling of the bell" and then at the end a three-round volley by the Brier Creek Artillery Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. Veteran Bob Nobles will then play taps on his bugle. Two new veterans attended this week's meeting, Mike Champlin and Rodney Beckworth. Champlin served in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1972. He was stationed at Warner Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Georgia and Warren Air

Force Base in Cheyenne,

Champlin's highest rank was Sergeant. Beckworth served in the U.S. Army and the Georgia Army National Guard from 17,1960 January January 17, 1968. He was stationed at Fort Bliss, TX, Fort Jackson, SC, Fort Stewart and Fort Gordon. Beckworth's highest rank was Sergeant E-6. Librarian Shari Watt then introduced speaker for the morning, Susan Moore. Moore spoke about scams on the internet through e-mail and how to watch for them. She also talked about the same problems with cell phones and what not to say and to be sure to just hang up.

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SERVICE LINE INVENTORY FOR THE CITY OF TWIN CITY, GEORGIA

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Twin City, Georgia at City Hall, P.O.Box 980 or 112 South Railroad Avenue, Twin City, Georgia 30471 (Shipping Address Only-No Mail Received at Street Address) until 12:00p.m. local time, Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. No submitted bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.

A Utility Contractors License is not required for bidding. The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment and labor necessary to determine service line material on all water services 2 inches in diameter and smaller. Time allotted for contract is 120 consecutive calendar days for

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The project is proposed to be funded with a State Revolving Fund loan. All SRF requirements apply.

Drawing and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the City of Twin City, Georgia and at the offices of Turnipseed Engineers in August and Atlanta, Georgia.

Copies of the plans and specifications must be obtained from Turnipseed Engineers, 4210 Columbia Road, Building 3,

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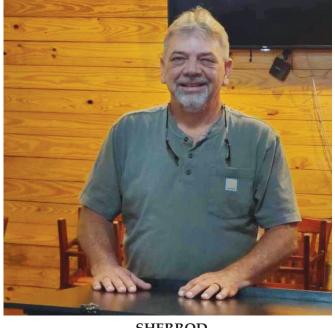
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# Sherrod speaks to Twin City Lions Club

The Twin City Lions Club recently held their monthly lunch meeting at the Lions Clubhouse in Twin City. The delicious meal was provided by All the Fixin's from their Twin City location. Lion John Bussell invited Emanuel County Commissioner Jim Sherrod to be the guest speaker. Commissioner Sherrod updated the members on many areas of county business including the millage rate, the new county building being built on West Moring St. in Swainsboro, changes to the Mitchell Building and renovations to the John C. Coleman Hotel in downtown Swains-



boro and may other areas. "We appreciate Mr. Sherrod and all our county commissioners

for serving the citizens of Emanuel County," said club member Brandon Jones.



JOHN TAPLEY, DEL BROWN AND GARY MASON

# Pinetucky Country Meats donates to Wreaths Across America

Del Brown, owner of Pinetucky Country Meats, requested that Chair Johnny Tapley and Gary Mason with Wreaths Across America go to his store so he could present a very gracious check in support of Emanuel County Wreaths Across America. This donation is greatly appreciated and will be put towards wreaths for deceased veterans who have no one left to acknowledge their gravesites and the sacrifices they made for our nation. Pinetucky Country Meats is located in downtown Swainsboro at 224 W Main Street.

#### Every donation helps to save a life!

The adoption fees for the dogs listed weekly are happily sponsored by the Emanuel County Humane Society. The fees paid by the Humane Society amount to approximately \$150.00 per dog. Your donations continue to make this possible. If you find it in your heart, please donate to the Emanuel County Humane Society P.O. Box 443 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401.









ATTENDEES SALUTING THE TWO U.S. FLAGS AS TAPS ARE PLAYED BY VETERAN BOB NOBLES



TWO U.S. FLAGS ADDED TO MEMORIAL PARK FENCE

# Elliott family watch as two new U.S. Flags are erected at the Veterans and 1st Responders Memorial Park

The Veterans at the Library assembled at the Veterans and 1st Responders Memorial Park Friday, August 23, at 10 a.m. to add two more U.S. Flags to the fence out front. These two Flags, the 23rd and 24th, represent two Georgia Army National Guard Soldiers that both died in Bagdad, Iraq on July 31, 2024, in two separate incidents in non-combat related incidents. Spc. Owen James Elliott, 23, of Twin City, died Wednesday, July 31. Elliott was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery Regiment based in Savannah. That unit began a Middle East deployment in December, focusing on Air defense artillery. Spc. Travis Jordan Pameni, 23, of Douglasville, died in Bagdad, Iraq after an incident at another location on the same day. Pameni was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, based in Lawrenceville. That unit began a mission at an undisclosed location in the Middle East in April. The Veterans at the Library started honoring deployed veterans that have died while serving their country after 11 Marines, one Navy Corpsman and one Army soldier were

killed by an ISIS-K suicide bomber outside the Kabul airport at Abbey Gate while helping to oversee the humanitarian evacuation mission of thousands of Americans and Afghan allies on August 26, 2021. The 14th U.S. Flag was erected to honor Spc. Bishop E. Evans, a Texas Army National Guardsman who drowned April 22, 2022, while attempting to save two migrants who appeared to be drowning in the Rio Grande near Eagle Pass. Next, the 15th and 16th U.S. Flags were added to honor the two U.S. Navy Seals Team III that drowned while climbing aboard an unflagged ship that was carrying illicit Iranian-made weapons to Yemen. Navy Seal 2nd Class Nathan Gage Ingram and 1st Class Christopher J. Chambers were lost in the rolling high seas off the coast of Somalia. The 17th, 18th and 19th U.S. Flags were added to honor three Georgia Soldiers that were killed in Jordan on January 28, 2024. All three soldiers were members of the 718th Engineer Company (U.S. Army Reserve), 926th Engineer Battalion, 926th Engineer Brigade, Fort Moore, (Benning) Georgia. The three soldiers killed are Sgt.

William Jerome Rivers Carrolton, Kennedy Ladon Sanders of Waycross, and Spc. Breonna Alexsondria Moffett of Savannah. They were killed along with 40 other service members that were injured following an uncrewed aerial system (drone) attack at a military base near the Syrian border (Tower 22) and impacted their container housing unit. The 20th, 21st, and 22nd U.S. Flags were added to honor two New York Army National Guard members and the one U.S. Border Patrol agent that were killed when the UH-72 Lakota helicopter they were flying crashed near Rio Grande City, Texas on March 8, 2024. They were Chief Warrant Officer II Casey Frankoski, Chief Warrant Officer II John Grassia and U.S. Border Patrol Agent Chris Luna. In attendance the event were the parents of Owen Elliott, Sandie and James Elliott. Als, in attendance were Owens grandfather, Freeman, and Owens sister-in-law, Savannah Elliott. All 24 U.S. Flags are flying for American Heroes killed or who died in the line of duty, serving and protecting our country. 'LET US NOT FORGET".





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He make sure they have the best grazing so they can eat healthy and well.

attended and defended his father's sheep. So if there is any doubt in your mind how you are going to make it or how you are going to survive, be

So that's the way we live as sheep. Because David was a Shepard, he

This psalm allows you to identify your leader, your provider, your

defender, your Shepard. All you have to do is choose and identify your Shepard. David said, "The Lord is my Shepherd". Then the remainder of

the psalm tells us what the Shepherd does for his sheep. He feeds them,

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