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Honey Extraction Party at East Georgia State College scheduled for September 9

East Georgia State College (EGSC) will host its Honey Extraction Party Monday, September 9! The event will be held in the Rotunda area in the Luck Flanders Gambrell Building at 3 p.m. Members of EGSC's Beekeeping Club, students, faculty, staff, and the community are invited to attend. Guests will get to learn about honey, how it is made by honeybees, and collected by beekeepers.



EGSC STUDENT WITH HONEY

East Georgia State College maintains an apiary on the Swainsboro EGSC campus. The major goal of the apiary is to increase awareness about honeybees and other pollinators, as well as their importance to the environment and how to protect both them and their habitats. Since its designation as a Bee Campus USA institution in 2016, East Georgia State College has greatly increased its efforts to achieve these goals and to further promote honeybee and pollinator protection education to its students, staff, faculty, and community.



GUESTS AT THE CELEBRATION



DR. AND MRS. RAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

Community enjoys 50 year celebration with Dr. Ray

by AVERY BERRY
Dr. Ray is a name that you often hear throughout our tight-knit community. He is someone who has served this community for 50 years. On August 29, his 50 years of service was honored. The celebration took place at the Nordson Center. It was filled with past and present colleagues, family and friends, and devoted patients of Dr. Ray. You could hear laughter, and conversation, and see the joy throughout this festivity. To everyone who helped bring together this joyous occasion, thank you! Dr. James L. Ray, thank you for dedicating 50 years of your life to this community and the lives of your patients, and we are so thankful to celebrate such a wonderful man.



HOMECOMING REPRESENTATIVES

SHS to celebrate Homecoming

Swainsboro High School is preparing to crown a new Homecoming King and Queen this Friday, September 6. Senior representatives for Queen are Destiny Cuyler, Akira Marion, Madison Padgett, and Di'mya Snelling. Senior gentlemen in the running for King are Adam Kay, Kisna Patel, D'Andre Smith, and Bryson Tarver. Rounding out the Homecoming Court are freshman Lexi Hills and Lauren Thompson, sophomores Cheyanne Boyd and Kamani Clark, as well as juniors Lauri Allen and Yasmin Rios.

Museum open house scheduled for October

by MISSY ELDER
The Historic Society gets questions all the time now about when we are going to be open. This is wonderful! This means people are curious about the museum and surrounding buildings. Our next open house will be Saturday, October 12 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. No admission is charged. The photo is of the Stevens Crossing Post Office building, being set up at its new home. Come see the progress since this was taken. All the outbuildings are from around the County, dating from the 1860s to the 1920s.



STEVENS CROSSING POST OFFICE BUILDING

There are sidewalks and handicap ramps to all the main buildings. Inside the white building is the main museum with thousands of items relating to the people of our county - school photos, military uniforms, business items, a small Coca-Cola collection - all waiting for you to come look at. For more information, please call 478-763-3631.

Board of Education holds meeting

The Emanuel County Board of Education met on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 8 a.m. at the Central Office with the following members in attendance: Brandon Jones, Cherie Hooks, John Allen Bailey and Tanya Lane. Board Vice-Chair John Allen Bailey welcomed everyone calling the meeting to order. Brandon Jones delivered the invocation followed by Tanya Lane leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Brandon Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Tanya Lane seconded the motion. Tanya Lane, Cherie Hooks, Brandon Jones, and John Allen Bailey voted "yes". **CARRIED.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

1. Dr. Denise B. Warnock welcomed everyone.

DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented and approved as follows:

- Approval of FY24 Property Tax Digest & 5 Year History and Roll-back Millage Rate-Mollie Smith
- Approval of Capital Outlay Project Application FY26-Jansen Ware

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -None
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- SION EMPLOYMENTS:**
The Board approved the Renewal, employment, retired, retirement and resignations of the following certified and classified employees:
- RECOMMENDATIONS, CERTIFIED**
Smith, Cashaunda - SPED Self-Contained Teacher - SHS - 8/30/2024 - NCIC Incomplete
- RECOMMENDATIONS, CLASSIFIED**
Boyette, Carla - Food Service Worker - SHS - 8/29/2024 - NCIC Complete; Culbreth, Shirlene - Paraprofessional - SMS - 9/7/2024 - NCIC Complete; Drummer, Kiona - Food Service Worker - SPS - 9/3/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Gillis, Nicole - Caregiver - EHS - 9/3/2024 - NCIC Complete; Ellison, Brianna - Food Service Worker - TCE - 8/27/2024 - NCIC Complete; Hagins, Jeanette - Custodian - SPS - 8/26/2024 - NCIC Complete; Moore, Jerry - Bus Driver - Transportation - 9/3/2024 - NCIC Complete; Oglesby, Michael - Bus Driver - Transportation - 9/3/2024 - NCIC Complete
- RESIGNATIONS, CLASSIFIED**
Devane, Elizabeth - Read United Site Coordinator - SPS - 8/22/2024; Rountree, Tayler - Paraprofessional - TCE - 9/6/2024
- RETIREMENTS, CLASSIFIED**
Miller, Eudora - Caregiver - EHS - 11/1/2024; Screws, Sandra - Paraprofessional - Pre-K - 10/1/2024
- 2024-2025 Transfer
Torpy, Kelli - SHS Media Specialist - C/O- Student Information System/ Instructional Technology Specialist - 9/18/2024

Emanuel County Humane Society meeting to be held

by SHARI WATT
The Emanuel County Humane Society will have another open meeting for anyone interested in coming and joining. The meeting will be September 10, 2024 at 6 p.m. The location of the meeting will be at Franklin Memorial Library. We would like to invite anyone interested in helping to make a difference for our companion animals in our animal shelter and community.

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HEREFORD QUEEN BELCHER AT THE JUNIOR NATIONAL
HEREFORD EXPO

Hereford Queen Belcher travels to Nebraska

This summer, Nataleigh Belcher has been a shining star, balancing her roles as Hereford Queen and Area 4 FFA Secretary with grace and dedication. Her commitment to representing her community and state has been truly inspiring. Hereford Queen Belcher traveled all the way to Nebraska this summer to represent Georgia, showcasing her passion and getting to

know different breeders and kids with the same passion as hers. In addition to her royal duties, she also serves as the Area 4 Secretary, participating in area officer training to further hone her leadership skills. Belcher's summer has been filled with activities that highlight her dedication and hard work. She has also demonstrated a remarkable ability to lead and inspire others. Belcher's efforts

are making a significant impact on those around her, setting a high standard for excellence and commitment. As the year continues, Belcher's enthusiasm and dedication promise to bring even more exciting opportunities and achievements. Her dedication to the ECI FFA organization and the Georgia Hereford Queen Association continues to excel each day.

Wounded Warriors Retreat

13th Annual Sportsman's Banquet and Auction

Wounded Warrior Retreat, Inc. is a Georgia Non-Profit 501 C3 organization that gives to Wounded Veterans and their family to enjoy the great outdoors.

Our Mission: 'To make a difference in the lives of the wounded warriors by mentoring, promoting, supporting and encouraging spiritual healing for wounded warriors and their families while participants enjoy the many outdoor activities offered by the private hunting retreat'

The 13th annual event is hosted by the Swainsboro Rotary Club and the Emanuel County Sportsman's Club. The funds raised will go to support our country's heroes at Wounded Warrior Retreat retreats. This event will include social time, prime rib meal, with silent and live auctions.



Event Sponsorships are available at the following levels:

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- Kurt Anderson at 678-614-0593

Vyve Broadband announces Football Fridays Giveaway for September: Invites communities to catch the Vyve

Vyve Broadband, a dedicated supporter of local schools and communities, announces the launch of its Football Fridays for September. This exciting initiative celebrates the start of the school year and brings communities together through fun and engaging events. Throughout September, Vyve Broadband invites residents to visit their local Vyve office to participate in the Football Fridays Giveaway. Each week, Vyve will draw winners for exclusive Vyve swag, culminating in a grand prize drawing at the end of the month for the choice of an iPad or Bose speaker.

Diana Joyner, Regional Retail Sales Manager at Vyve Broadband, is enthusiastic about starting the promotion, stating, "Vyve is a proud supporter of the schools in the communities we serve, and we are excited to kick off the school year with this fun giveaway! We look forward to seeing everyone at our local offices and celebrating with the community." Participants can enter the giveaway by stopping by any Vyve Broadband office.

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show their support for their schools and community. Vyve Broadband delivers high-speed internet at affordable prices, ensuring reliable connectivity for all you family's needs. Whether you're gaming, binge-watching your favorite shows, or attending virtual classes and meetings, Vyve Broadband's Network provides the performance and stability you need to stay connected and productive. For more information about Vyve Broadband's services visit www.vyvebroadband.com.

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Emanuel retired educators attend district meeting

Last week, five members of the Emanuel Retired Educators Association traveled to Jesup to attend the annual district meeting conducted by the Georgia Retired Educators Association. The meeting was held at the Jesup Baptist Church and provided valuable information regarding the new year and officer responsibilities. The theme for the new year is HATS OFF TO EDUCATORS. EREA members attending included Verdell Brinson, Huddie Culbreth, John and Carolyn Derden, and Elease Turner. EREA's first meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, September 18, at noon at Swainsboro High School. All retired Emanuel County educators are invited to attend.

Price makes Valdosta State University Summer 2024 Dean's List

Nearly 400 distinguished and accomplished students were named to Valdosta State University's Summer 2024 Dean's List. Dean's List honors are reserved for the highest achieving students at VSU. To qualify, students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on nine or more semester hours with an institutional grade point average of 3.00 or higher. Please note that developmental studies, transient, and graduate students are not eligible for Dean's List status.

The following local student made the 2024 Dean's List: Elizabeth Price of Adrian.

9th Annual Suicide Awareness Walk

Keep Faith Fellowship's will hold their 9th Annual Suicide Awareness Walk on Saturday, September 21. Sign-up will begin 10 a.m. at Swainsboro - Varner 4-H Center and the walk will start at 10:30 a.m. with a Celebration of Life at 12 p.m. There will be food, music and guest speakers. For more information, call 478.494.7042.

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Alexander Clay, Jr., 92

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory announces the death of Mr. Alexander Clay Jr., age 92, of Twin City, on Friday, August 30, 2024, at Community Hospice in Vidalia. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 1, at 2 p.m. at Canoochee Baptist Church with Dr. Stewart Moody officiating. Interment followed in the Canoochee Baptist Church Cemetery. Family received friends during a visitation one hour prior to service.

Pallbearers were Greg Johnson, Jr., James Clay, Evan Clay, Brandon Clay, Josh Cohen, Tanner Smith, Stephen Young and Wade Trawick. Honorary pallbearers were Dustin Benson, Ryan Patterson, Blake Patterson and Bill Cranford.

Mr. Clay was born May 19, 1932, in Macon, to the late Alexander and Alice Ernest Clay, Sr. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving the United States Army and later in the Georgia Air National Guard. Mr. Clay retired from Robin's Air Force Base after 38 years as an Electronic Warfare Supervisor. He was a member of Canoochee Baptist Church and taught Sunday School for many years. Mr. Clay loved woodworking and was the owner of the Old Barn Woodshop. In his retirement, he enjoyed restoring antique furniture and genealogy. In



CLAY
 addition to his parents, Mr. Clay is preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Sarah Cranford Clay; sister, Adelaide Adams; and brother, J.T. Hickman.

Mr. Clay is survived by his daughter, Melinda Clay Johnson (Greg) of Canoochee; sons, Timothy Cranford Clay (Cecilia) of Macon, Gregory Alexander Clay (MeLisa) of Macon and Neil Channing Clay (Suzette) of Canoochee; eight grandchildren, Greg Johnson, Jr. (Melissa), James Clay (Katie), Meghan Johnson Young (Stephen), Ashley Clay Smith (Tanner), Brandon Clay (Liz), Evan Clay (Rachel), Abby Clay Cohen (Josh) and Brianna Clay; nine great-grandchildren, Trey Johnson, Joe Johnson, Hank Johnson, Jamie Kate Clay, Campbell Smith, Hudson Smith, Henry Clay Cohen, Johnson Lanier Clay and Walter Reyes Clay; sister, Jane Godwin of Texas; nieces, nephews and extended family.

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Vanessa White, 55

Vanessa White, age 55, passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2024. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, August 31, at 12 p.m. at Mosley's Funeral Home Chapel with Elder D.G. Mosley officiating. Interment followed at Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Vanessa was born July 21, 1969, in Miami, FL, to Betty Phillips White and the late Daniel White, Sr. Her school years included Earlington Heights, Allapattah Middle School, Miami Jackson Sr. High and American Sr. High. During Vanessa's high school years, she was a great cheerleader and participated in various school fundraising activities. Van, as she was called, married David Staples and joined the military with him for a brief stint as she explored her career path. She discontinued her military service to be closer to home and



WHITE
 settled into a career in customer service where she excelled capitalizing on her positive and friendly personality, infectious smile and laughter. Ms. White is preceded in death by her father; and brother, Daniel White, Jr.

Ms. White's memories will be cherished by her mother; sisters, Rosa Colebrooke (Alfred), Michele Zamor (Garbens), Krystal Wilson and Towanda White; brothers, Lamarr White and Danny White; nieces, nephews aunts and uncles.

Mosley's Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

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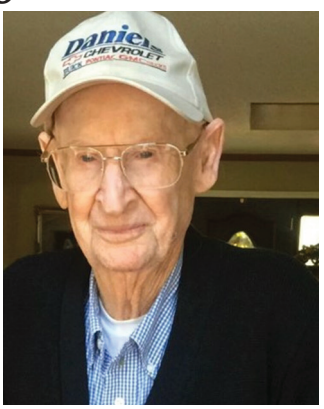
George W. "Jack" Turner, Jr., 98

Mr. George W. "Jack" Turner Jr., age 98, of Portal, passed away Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at Ogeechee Area Hospice Inpatient Facility in Statesboro. Funeral service was held Friday, August 30, at 2 p.m. in Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home Chapel in Statesboro with Pastor Don Berry officiating, assisted by Reverend Bob Conley. Interment followed at Portal Cemetery. Family received visitors Friday, August 30, from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Trey Sutton, Brian Prebenda, Tyler Prebenda, Logan Prebenda, Mike Fields, Brett Parker and Mike Tillitski.

Jack was born December 1, 1925, to the late George W. Turner Sr. and Mary Fields Turner.

He graduated from Portal High School, where he played basketball. Jack enlisted in the Army at the age of 17 and served in Company B, 16th Tank Battalion in the European theater of World War II, helping to liberate Plzen, Czechoslovakia, among other places. He also attended the University of Georgia Savannah branch, earning a letterman's sweater playing baseball for the UGA Savannah branch at Hunter Army Airfield. Jack's plan was to be a baseball and basketball coach, and though he ended up pursuing a different profession, he was the unofficial coach and mentor for dozens of local boys. He lived in Portal nearly his entire life, other than military service



TURNER
 and a brief time living in Atlanta. Jack was also an entrepreneur, owning GT Auto Parts for 67 years. He started it as a mobile auto parts business and eventually owned stores in Portal, Statesboro, Twin City, and Midville. Jack ran the business until the age of 95 and only stopped then because of complications from COVID. He loved watching the Braves and telling stories about baseball games from his youth. Jack was an active, lifelong member and deacon of First Baptist Church of Portal. Mr. Turner is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Matilou McKee; and brother-in-law, Vernon McKee.

Mr. Turner is survived by his wife, Frances Brown Turner; children, Robyn Prebenda (Brian) of Orlando, FL, Julie Sutton (Trey) of Richmond, VA and Lisa Turner of Marietta; grandchildren, Tyler, Logan and Ally Prebenda; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to: First Baptist Church of Portal, P.O. Box 477, Portal, GA 30450.

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro was in charge of arrangements.

Lester Grove Missionary Baptist Church to celebrate 22nd Pastoral Anniversary

On behalf of the Lester Grove Missionary Baptist Church family, you are invited to join the celebration of Pastor Charles Holloway and First Lady Elouise Holloway's 22nd Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, September 22, at 11 a.m. at the Vann Community Center, 105 S. Roberts St., Swainsboro. Guest speaker will be Rev. China with First Union Missionary Baptist Church in Savannah. The celebration and worship will be enriched by your presence and participation.

Holy Zion Church to hold 46th anniversary

Holy Zion Church of Metter will have their 46th Pastor and Wife Anniversary on September 15. Guest churches on Thursday night, September 12, will be Gordon Grove, Saint Matthews, Mercer Grove, Mt. Moient, Jones Temple Pentecostal House of God, House of Hope and William Chapter. Guest speaker will be Pastor Dunlap. Friday night, September 13, guest churches will be Ada Grove, Living Way,

St. John, Brinson Rock and Johnson Chapter. Guest speaker will be Apostle T.V. Outen. Sunday, September 15, Sunday School will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Worship Service to follow at 11:30 a.m. Speaker will be Mincey Phillips with guest churches Mt. Gilead, Holy Zion of Statesboro and Holy Zion of Twin City.

Pastor Johnny Ray Jones invites everyone to attend. Dinner will be served.

Send a card to someone experiencing a loss!

Editorials Columns

Football, flying geese and fans

Finally, the waiting is all over. Labor Day, the traditional end of summer, is behind us. We are now officially in the throes of the rapidly approaching “national contest”. Sides have been chosen. The percentages and predictions have been made, and changed, and made again. All that remains now is for the battle to begin, the winner chosen, and then for the country to struggle to come together in civility and respect when it’s all over. That’s a tall order. We have been here before, and as we get closer and closer to November, the arguments and debates will pit friend against friend, brother against brother-in-law, and everybody down at the job will be against the new guy. Families

will feud, and the division across the land will grow greater, but in the end, the simple truth is that this nation will have to accept a winner. Whether you like it or not, one will win, and the other will lose when the National Championship is decided on January 20, 2025. Wait... what did you say? You thought this was about politics? Well heck no, we ain’t talking politics, son; we are talking Football, serious Football! It is the real deal, and it is finally ON! This past Saturday morning, I witnessed the best pre-game show you could ever imagine. As I sat on the porch, seven seriously overweight Canadian geese at low altitude skimmed right over the top of my house honking like

a bad saxophone recital, and barely missing my chimney. It was an undeniable sign! Ok. I admit it. It wasn’t like a formation of F-15s, streaking over the Tate Center and Sanford Stadium, but I had the feeling the geese really knew something about symbolism. As they disappeared into the pine trees, Kirby Smart started his game day interview on ESPN radio about Saturday’s game. Those geese knew something, alright, and it had to be a harbinger of things bigger than the moment. To some folks, those flying garbage cans might have just seemed like obnoxious, out-of-control migratory tailgaters, but I quickly understood what was really happening. This “fly-over” was in tribute

to the least appreciated participant in the whole football experience. What other reason could there be for these seven rowdy, uninvited flight risks to suddenly appear? It was in honor of the worst kind of over-dedicated, way too enthusiastic, nearly delirious and lovable sports fan that we all ever knew. The one that always shows up 20 minutes late holding up everybody else with hot wings stuffed into his jacket and something alcoholic in a Dasani water bottle. Yep, you know the one. And even though they will swear they quit years ago, they will eventually pull out a pack of no-filter Camels. But if you fuss at them for smoking, they will pout all day or want to fight somebody. They say they

Charles Schwabe



have Herschel Walker’s “super private” cell number, but they can’t use his real name when he calls. You put up with them and all of that because they still tell the best jokes that everybody already knows word for word, but still almost chokes to death laughing at. The game just wouldn’t be the same without them, and mostly because there’s just nobody making memories like that anymore. Fans and friends are important. More than that, they are absolutely essential to the whole experience. Sort of like voters are to that other competitive

process. But the big difference is that fans do what they do because it’s honest, and they love it. Too bad that doesn’t carry over into politics. Well, that just about does it for this short look at Fall, Fans and Flying garbage cans. Life is short, and there’s a lot to enjoy around us this time of year, without wasting time on that “other contest” that’s going on. Friday night will be here soon, and the geese will be flying again on Saturday. You might be Democrat, or you might be Republican, but one thing we can all still vote “yes” on, is Football!

Sing a song to the precious days of September

Oh, it’s a long, long while from May to December. But the days grow short when you reach September. Truer words were never spoken – or sung. I wish I had written those words, but they come from playwright Maxwell Anderson for the Broadway production of Knickerbocker Holiday in 1938. The play didn’t last long but

the song, appropriately known as September Song, has endured. Check your calendar. We are nearing the final quarter of the year 2024 and the days do grow short when you reach September. The sun is setting earlier. We will have had roughly 13 hours and 7 minutes of daylight on the first of this month and almost 3 minutes less at the

end and going down every day thereafter for the rest of the year. September is a meaningful month to me. My dad was born in September. A hard-working railroad man without much formal education, he was and is the wisest man I ever knew. You can’t teach common sense in school. To him, right was right, wrong

was wrong and no amount of rationalization could change that fact. I know. I tried. September is also when we lost our shining star. Zack Wansley, my oldest grandchild, collapsed and died in 2008 while on a training run in preparation for an upcoming marathon. He was 20. An unrepentant Georgia Tech Yellow Jacket in a family full of Georgia Bulldogs, Zack excelled at everything he did, athletically and academically. He was the epitome of the term scholar-athlete. And, suddenly, he was gone. His parents know the cause. I don’t. I don’t need to know. It doesn’t change anything. September 11, 2001, like December 7, 1941, is a day that will forever live in infamy. While we may always remember where we were when terrorists attacked us, may we never forget what happened. Some 3,000 people died that day. A lot of people in this world don’t like us, and we need to accept that fact. Our bigger enemy is our apathy. September is also when school used to start back. Usually the first day after Labor Day. When and why that all changed, I have no idea. The schoolteachers in my family were back in the classroom in late July and the kids in early August. I don’t know about you, but trying to get

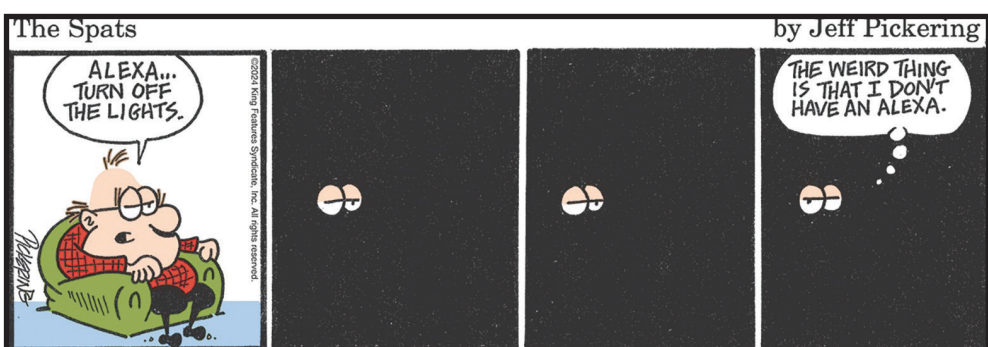
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me to understand the difference between a hypotenuse and a hippopotamus in August would have been a steep challenge for the best of teachers. September is when football gets into full swing. Or it used to. Now high schools around the state are starting their seasons in August. I remember in the dark ages when the college season began in mid-to-late September. I also remember wearing a coat and tie to Sanford Stadium while the Woman Who Was To Share My Name wore a corsage. It was the thing to do. September 22 marks the beginning of Autumn. At 8:44 a.m., EDT, if you want to be precise about it. That’s when the leaves begin to change and an appropriate time to ask ourselves if we have changed, too. When September Song talks about the days growing short when you reach September, it is not referring to the month of the year, it is talking about the September of our lives. Some of us are approaching it. Some of us are there. For some of us, September has passed, and we are nearing or into our December. Wherever you are on that continuum, don’t

take life for granted. It is too precious. And unpredictable. I find myself fretting over things that occurred in the yesterdays of my life and anxious about what the tomorrows have in store. I have to stop and remind myself there are two things I can’t change — yesterday and tomorrow. What has happened, has happened. I can learn from it perhaps, but I can’t go back and undo it. As for tomorrow, I have no guarantee I will be granted a tomorrow. That says to live within this day and live it the best I can. September Song ends with these words: “Oh, the days dwindle down to a precious few. September November. And these few precious days I’ll spend with you. These precious days I’ll spend with you.” I can think of no better way to start this September or to end this dialogue than by saying thank you, dear reader, for allowing me the opportunity to share these precious days with you. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dick-yarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

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Family Connection teaches new apple recipe to 3rd graders

Family Connection taught Charlie Cart cooking classes in Ms. Susan Stephenson's 3rd Grade STEAM classes at SES last week. Approximately 200 students learned about different varieties of apples and got to taste them. Then students assisted in pre-

paring grilled cheese sandwiches with sliced apples in them. The overwhelming majority loved this new healthy sandwich idea. Students were able to identify all the food groups that were represented in this delicious sandwich and also learned the health

benefits of its ingredients. Many stated that they planned on asking if they could help prepare it at home. Family Connection Coordinator, Tammy Allen stated "mission accomplished". Family Connection volunteers were Petite Garrett and Wanda Ellis.



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STUDENTS ENJOYING THEIR SANDWICHES



TCE STUDENTS WITH SMOKEY THE BEAR

Georgia Forestry Commission visits TCE

On Thursday, August 22, the Georgia Forestry Commission visited the second-grade classes at Twin City Elementary School. The students had been learning about fires and the importance of fire safety. The Georgia Forestry Commission brought along Smokey the Bear to greet the students, too. The students learned about the equipment used to fight forest fires and what to do if they spot one. Thank you to Smokey and the Georgia Forestry Commission for visiting TCE.



GRAY, TAPLEY AND MASON

Swainsboro Rotary holds meeting

The Swainsboro Rotary club met at the Rustic Grill for their weekly meeting on Monday, August 26. The meeting was called to order by President Zack Proctor, followed by the invocation and reciting the four-way test. A discussion followed about the upcoming Wounded Warriors banquet to be held at Beaver Creek Plantation

on Oct 10, 2024. This fund raiser is supported and assisted by local Rotarians. Milton Gray introduced the speakers for the meeting. Gary Mason and Johnny Tapley gave a presentation on the Wreaths Across America and how that project was started. This organization puts wreaths on veterans' graves during the holiday season. They rec-

ognized 1,650 deceased veterans in Emanuel County last Christmas and hope to do more this year. This is a way to honor the veterans and show appreciation for all they have done for us and the sacrifices made by them. The meeting was adjourned after this presentation, and the next meeting will be on Monday, September 9, 2024.



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East Georgia State College honors employees at Appreciation and Recognition Program

Each year at East Georgia State College's (EGSC) fall workshop, faculty and staff come together to meet about the upcoming academic year. During the workshop, the annual EGSC Employee Appreciation and Recognition Program is held.

During this year's workshop in August, outstanding faculty and staff were acknowledged. Employees achieving service milestones were presented awards for their dedication and years of service. In addition, STAR Staff Awards and Distinguished Faculty Awards were presented to faculty and staff who have gone above and beyond for students.

Also, at this year's program, the EGSC Police Department honored Daniel McCoy who recently retired from the College. Officer McCoy was presented with a shadow box that contained an EGSC badge and other memorabilia from his service at EGSC. EGSC Police Chief Trey Drawdy then promoted Senior Officer David Wright to Sergeant. Representatives from local public safety agencies attended the promotion ceremony.

Following the promotion ceremony, the Service Milestone Awards were presented for years of service. For 25 years of service, Melvin Nunn was recognized. Johnna Eaton received an award for 20 years of service. For 15 years of service, Daniel Mancil was recognized. Natasha Goss, Ren Denton, David Chevalier, Treva Johnson, Theresa Davis, Clair Wright, Charlene Blankenship, and Nickolas Kelch were all recognized for their 10 years of service to EGSC. For five years of service, Julie Strickland, Harley Smith, Michael Wernon, William Waters, Troy Riley, Ranceince Pollett, Rendell Cordova, and Bonnie Nash were recognized.

The next awards presented at the event were the awards for STAR Staff of the Year and Distinguished Faculty Awards. The recipients of these awards were chosen by the head of their department.

In the STAR Staff of the Year category, 10 full-time staff members were recognized. In the President's Unit at EGSC, Casey Fountain was recognized for the Institutional Advancement Department, Randall Gallant from the EGSC Police Department, and Da'mon Andrews from the President's Office. For the Academic Affairs Unit, Theresa Davis was recognized from the CHOICE Program and Jeff Waller from the Academic Center for Excellence. From the Student Affairs Unit, Brandon Kight from Financial Aid, Jessica Jones from the Admissions Department, and Sherrie Helms in Student Affairs were all recognized for their achievements. Danielle

Renew from the Business Affairs Department and David Steptoe from Plant Operations were recognized by the Business Affairs Unit at the College.

The Distinguished Faculty of the Year Awards were presented to three outstanding faculty members who are dedicated to student success. Johnna Eaton received the Distinguished Faculty of the Year Award. Jessi-

ca Todd was presented with the Teaching Excellence Award. The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award was given to Ren Denton.

EGSC's success as an institution is strengthened by its dedicated faculty and staff who are focused on helping every student achieve a college degree. EGSC would like to thank the faculty and staff for their hard work each year.



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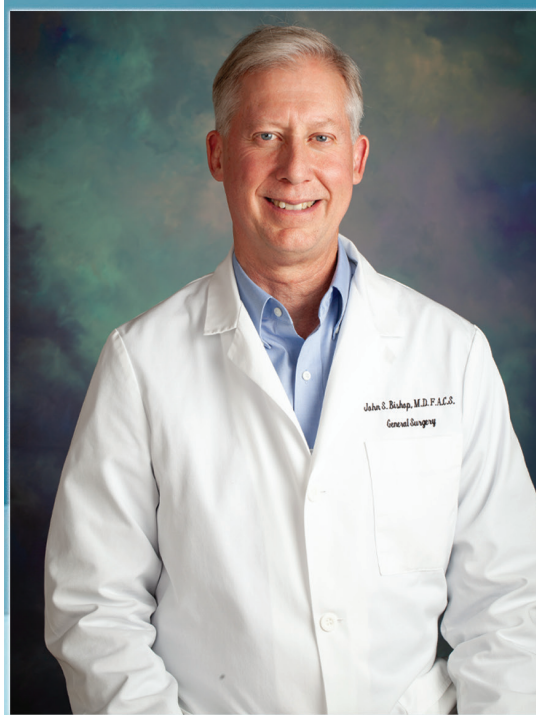


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Family Connection cohosts Grandparents Day Celebration at Franklin Memorial Library

On Saturday, August 31, Family Connection provided breakfast for the Grandparents' Day Celebration for the families who attend the free event. Grandparents were treated to breakfast casseroles, muffins, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, and juice prepared by Family Connection. Hostesses present were Petite Garrett, Wanda Ellis, Pam Carr, and (not present), Tammy Allen. The library provided beautiful crafts for the children to make to give to their grandparents in celebration of the special day. Everyone had a wonderful time.



GRANDPARENTS AT THE EVENT



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Stop the violence a huge success

On August 24, A&O Men's Center and Elder Keith McKinney sponsored a rally at the Boneyard Pavilion to bring public safety, school administrators, government officials and a crowd of local citizens together. Stop the Violence, Bullying and Gang Shootings, was the theme of the "Summer Bash" and Emanuel County School Superintendent Denise Warnock, Deputy Sheriff Nick Robinson, Sergeant Josh Bedgood, City Administrator Herman Middlebrooks and others were on hand to discuss the related problems and issues. In thanking local supporters, Walmart, Jendyke Manufacturing, Famous Credit, Custom Furniture and Chapman Funeral Home, Elder McKinney stated that more than 70 local school students rededicated their lives to Christ during the day's events.



AUGUST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

TCE recognizes August Students of the Month

The August Students of the Month were recognized on Friday, August 30, in the TCE media center by the counselor, Ms. Nikki Green. Their teachers chose them for exemplifying the character trait of respect. They received a certificate, a prize, and a token from the school's book vending machine. Afterward, they enjoyed a donut with their families.

Back-to-School Touch-a-Truck was a huge success



Excitement filled the air as the Back-to-School Touch A Truck event in downtown Swainsboro kicked off on August 3. Kids of all ages were thrilled to meet the local safety officers as their vehicles were lit up and sirens blaring. Not only were our local police and fire represented, but Georgia State Patrol and East Georgia State College had cars in attendance. The city public works contractor, Clearwater Solutions, was also there with several pieces of heavy equipment. East Georgia Healthcare provided a medical unit and LRS Towing also came out with a tow truck sparking the interest of community children. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club treated the kids with popcorn and cotton candy. Your Downtown Development Authority of Swainsboro provided free snow cone tickets to the Frosty Frog. Tickets were handed out by staff, board members, and community volunteers. Free drinks donated by Harvey's Supermarket of Swainsboro and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Statesboro were enjoyed by all in attendance. It wouldn't be a Back-to-School event without school supplies! The Franklin Memorial Library, with friends and Veterans of the Franklin Memorial Library, collected and distributed school supplies to our kids. Swainsboro Kiwanis Club and several other participants were set up that day passing out school supplies. Successful events like these are only possible through generous donations and sponsorships from various civic groups, local businesses, and community volunteers. Nothing is more rewarding than seeing a child's face light up from excitement! We hope all students and staff have a great school year.



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Lady Dawgs honor Seniors

by RON WEATHER-FORD

The ECI softball team hosted region opponent Portal on Senior Night. The Lady Dawgs celebrated those five seniors defeating the Panther 12-0 in 4 innings. Five seniors recognized for their four year career as a Lady Dawg student athlete were Kayanna Thompson, Jayna Kearson, Kinley Grimes, Abbey Marsh, and Maddie Funderburk. The Bulldogs put 3 on the board in the first to take an early 3-0 lead. They extended their lead to 9-0 in the bottom of the third plating 5 more runs. They ended the game in the fourth scoring 4, to run rule the Panthers 12-0. Jayna Kearson's 3 hits, 2 doubles and Mary Katherine Durden's 2 hits led the Dawgs with multiple hits. One stat that stands out for the Lady Dawg pitching staff is that op-



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SENIORS MADDIE FUNDERBURK, KAYANNA THOMPSON, JAYNA KEARSON, ABBEY MARSH, AND KINLEY GRIMES

posing teams best by swinging away. Mary Katherine Durden (5), and Charley Mitchell (4) have yielded a total of just 9 walks in the 16 games played this season. Durden pitched the 4 innings

against Portal allowing 1 hit, 0 walks while striking out 7 Panther batters. Durden and her defense held Portal to just 2 baserunners with a single in the third and on an error in the fourth.

The Dawgs have two games on the schedule this week. Yesterday, Tuesday, September 3, they hosted the Indians from Vidalia and end the week in Pembroke on Thursday to take on Bryan Co.



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Lady Eagles roll past Fullington Academy

by GameChanger Media

David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles easily dispatched Fullington Academy Varsity Trojans on Tuesday, August 27, 11-5. The Lady Eagles got on the board in the top of the first inning after Payton Peebles singled, Kaley Flowers grounded out, and the Trojans committed an error, each scoring one run. The Lady Eagles extended their early lead with two runs in the top of the third, thanks to RBI errors by Bailey McNure and

Kate Yeomans. Aubrey Scott earned the win for David Emanuel Academy. The pitcher allowed three hits and four runs (one earned) over four innings, striking out nine and walking four. The starting pitcher went six innings, allowing 10 runs (six earned) on 13 hits, striking out three and walking one. Kyli Bell collected the save. The Lady Eagles tallied 13 hits in the game. Bell and Flowers each collected three hits for DEA. McNure, Peebles, and Flowers each drove in two runs. Scott collect-

ed two hits in four at bats.

Gibson and Jadyn Rose Nipper were tough to handle back-to-back in the lineup, as each drove in one run for Fullington Academy. Izzy Ross went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead the Trojans in hits. Fullington Academy had patience at the plate, tallying six walks for the game. Morgan Causey and Gibson led the team with two walks each. The Trojans stole four bases in the game.

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Lady Dawgs in the heart of region schedule

by RON WEATHER-FORD

The ECI softball team has mostly played out their non-region schedule and by publishing date have played at least one game of their two games against region opponents.

The Lady Dawgs lost just their second region game in the last 3 years a couple of weeks ago to Screven Co. ECI, Screven Co. and Metter currently lead the region with one loss each.

ECI played a double header region game on August 20 against McIntosh Co. in Twin City. The Lady Dawgs made short work of the Buccaneers defeating them in 3 innings 15-0 in the first game and sent them back to Darien with a 17-1 loss in 4 innings in the second game.

Freshman Charley Mitchell toed the rubber, allowing a total of just 2 hits, pitching both games while striking out 11 Buccaneer batters.

Multiple hitters during the double header were Kayanna Thompson and Abbey Marsh with 4 hits, Kinley Grimes, Lola Walden and Jayna Kearson 3 hits. Senaria Hillman, Jenna Grace Roberson and Mitchell ended the two game set with 2 hits each.

On August 20 ECI



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DURDEN, PICTURED HERE, AND MITCHELL HAVE YIELDED JUST 9 WALKS IN 16 GAMES

traveled to Sylvania to take on Screven Co. The Gamecocks edged the Dawgs in a pitchers' duel 2-1. The two pitchers allowed a total of just 8 hits during the game.

Mary Katherine Durden pitched for the Lady Dawgs allowing just 4 hits. Abbey Marsh 2 hits, Dot Russel and Kayanna Thompson had the 4 hits against the Gamecocks.

The Lady Dawgs played in their last scheduled tournament on Saturday, August 24,

taking on two 5A teams in the Coastal Georgia Classic at Georgia Southern.

ECI lost both games to the larger schools, dropping a close one to Effingham 6-5 before losing to Greenbriar 9-1.

Effingham and ECI both had 10 hits in the first game with Jayna Kearson blasting a homerun at the Lady Eagles' Field to lead at the plate along with Senaria Hillman also with 2 hits.

The Lady Dawgs had just 3 hits during the

game with Kearson hitting her second HR of the tournament along with Lola Walden and Abbey Marsh getting the other two hits.

Monday August 26 had the Bulldogs in Lyons taking on Toombs Co. ECI avenged an early season loss to the Bulldogs with a 7-2 win.

Extra bases was on tap for the Lady Dawg batters with 3 triples and 3 doubles. Kayanna Thompson showed her power and speed on the bases with her 3 triples. Kinley Grimes hit 2 doubles while Senaria had the other double.

Mary Katherine Durden held Toombs to just 2 hits, no walks while striking out four.

Tuesday, ECI traveled to Portal for another region match-up. The Lady Dawgs came home from the Turpentine Capital with a 12-0 win in 4 innings against the Panthers.

Jayna Kearson's 3 hits, 2 dbls, and Mary Katherine Durden 2 hits led the Dawgs at the plate. Durden also held the Panthers to just one hit during the 4 inning game.

Results last Thursday's region game against Jenkins Co. on senior night elsewhere in sports pages.

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The hearing will be held for the purpose of discussing the proposed FY 2024 budget. At this meeting, the Mayor and Council will receive both written and oral comments about the Annual Operating Budget for the City of Adrian, Georgia.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the City Hall during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5. It will also be posted at the City Hall, the Community Center and will be available for viewing on our website, cityofadrian.org.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing.

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to adopt the FY 2024 Budget at their regular monthly meeting on October 1st, 2024. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center Annex located at 107 Nora Blvd.



SHS MINI-CAMP PARTICIPANTS

SHS hosts Mini-Camp

Swainsboro High School cheerleaders hosted more than 100 future Tiger cheerleaders at the SHS Mini-Camp. The campers learned cheers, band dances, jumping techniques, tumbling, and stunting. This event holds special meaning, as many of our current SHS cheerleaders used to attend this camp when they were younger. The support of our community ensures the success and growth of this event every year! Campers will perform at the Tigers' pregame against Savannah Christian on Friday, October 11, at 6:45 p.m.

Lady Eagles walk-off in nail-biter against Thomas Jefferson Academy

by GameChanger Media

It came down to the wire on Thursday, August 29 as David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles grabbed the victory in walk-off fashion, 8-7, over Thomas Jefferson Academy Varsity Jaguars. The game was tied at seven in the bottom of the eighth when Aubrey Scott doubled, scoring one run. The Lady Eagles came back to win despite trailing 5-0 in the third. Thomas Jefferson Academy Varsity Jaguars got on the board in the top of the first inning after David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles 2024 committed an error, and Thomas Jefferson Academy scored on a wild

pitch, each scoring one run. The Jaguars added one run in the second after Caroline McNeely singled, then added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Addie McClellan homered to left field, and Chelsey Miller scored after tagging up, each scoring one run. The Lady Eagles tied the game in the bottom of the seventh, thanks to a double by Addalyn Terwilliger, and an error. Scott earned the win for David Eman-

uel Academy. The pitcher allowed three hits and two runs over three innings, striking out two and walking three. Kyli Bell stepped in the circle first for DEA. The starting pitcher gave up five hits and five runs over five innings, striking out three and walking three. The Lady Eagles collected 13 hits in the game. Bailey McNure led the Lady Eagles with three hits in four at bats. Terwilliger and Kaley Flowers each drove in two

runs for DEA. Scott and Emily McRae each collected multiple hits. David Emanuel Academy turned one double play in the game.

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TIGERS RUNNING BACK SHOWS ATHLETICISM HURDLING METTER DEFENDER

Swainsboro Tigers dominate on Senior Night, secure first win of 2024 season

by ROOSEVELT YOUNG

Last Friday, the Swainsboro Tigers faced off against the Metter Tigers, seeking their first win of the season after an 0-2 start. The night at Tiger Field was particularly special as it was Senior Night, with senior participants in football, cheerleading, and the band receiving recognition.

The game kicked off with a newly focused Swainsboro team. The Tigers opened the game by receiving the kickoff, with

Jerrilus Williams returning it for a big gain that put Swainsboro in Metter territory. The offense then methodically marched down the field, led by senior quarterback Bryson Tarver and senior running back Quinn Brown. The six-play drive culminated in a touchdown by Tarver, putting Swainsboro up 7-0 after an extra point by kicker Peyton Mason. The opening drive showcased a determined offensive line that set the tone for the rest of the game.

What was particular-

ly exciting to watch was the Swainsboro defense, which dominated from the very first play. Senior defensive tackle Sam "Trey" Turner made an early impact by penetrating the line to make a stop in the backfield, with a swarm of Tigers joining in. The defense quickly forced a three-and-out, and on third down, sophomore defensive back Gazmone Gardner intercepted a pass just before it hit the ground.

Taking advantage of the excellent field position,

the Tigers set up Peyton Mason for his first field goal attempt of the season, which extended their lead to 10-0.

Before the half, the Tigers added six more points, heading into halftime with a 16-0 lead.

Both the offense and defense continued to play a physical game throughout the night, leading to a few injuries for Swainsboro. However, these injuries provided valuable opportunities for younger players to gain experience. The Tigers main-

tained their dominance over Metter, adding more points along the way. One of the game's most electrifying moments came late in the fourth quarter when sophomore quarterback Marco Danford broke loose on a 60-yard touchdown run. Swainsboro added seven points in the third quarter and 14 in the fourth.

Not to be outdone, the defense continued to showcase its talent, with junior safety L.J. Morgan breaking up two passes. Metter managed to

score a late touchdown in the fourth quarter, but Swainsboro's physicality and style of play prevailed as they capped off Senior Night with a commanding 37-7 victory.

This win marks the first of the 2024 season for the Tigers. They'll look to continue their winning ways this Friday against Appling County, their Homecoming opponent. Tiger Nation, come out and pack Tiger Field to support these young men as they strive to keep the momentum going!

Eagles edged out by two in Friday's away game

by ASHLEI BOATRIGHT

The David Emanuel Academy Eagles fell short of the Crisp Academy Wildcats by a score of 26-24 on Friday. The Eagles headed into Friday's game with a winrecord against the Wildcats of 7-2. Confidence was high, coming off of lastweek's win against Grace Christian.

The Eagles started strong with a 59 yard touchdown run by Senior RB/OLB, Clayton Hood. Junior QB, Richard Braddy played an impressive game with 130 passing yards for three touchdowns and no interceptions. Freshman WR, Ben Griner, helped regain the lead for the Eagles late in the fourth quarter with a 47 yard touchdown reception. After the Eagles regained the lead, they suffered a devastating two-point loss due to a miracle play by the Wildcats

in the final seconds of the game.

In a new tradition at DEA, we are naming players of the week in multiple areas.

Week two's Practice Player of the Week is Junior DL/LB/OL #54 Bryan Beasley. Special Teams Player of the Game is Junior WR/LB #6 Sailor Powell with 3 kickoff returns for 90 yards, and 4 punt returns for 17 yards. Defensive Player of the Game is Senior DL #25 Peyton Lee with 9 tackles, 4 QB pressures, and 2 passes batted down. Offensive Player of the Game is Freshman WR #11 Ben Griner with 3 receptions, 59 receiving yards, 1 touchdown, 1 carry and 5 rushing yards. Our Ware's BBQ MVP for week 2 is Junior QB #4 Richard Braddy with 130 passing yards, 3 passing touchdowns and 41 rushing yards. Cheerleader of the Week is Freshman Lyla Martin. She is someone

who is 100% committed to her squad and supportive of her team - always willing to help and making sure things are getting done behind the scenes. She understands the role of a cheerleader and does her best to fulfill it. Our cheerleader of the game for this week is actually the whole entire Varsity Cheer Team. These girls cheered their hearts out in Cordelle, GA this past Friday night! They kept the fans stomping and cheering and the boys hyped in a very tight ballgame. They brought energy and the extra drive our boys needed to continue to fight. It was true cheerleading in action! Great job Eagles!

The Eagles are looking forward to coming back stronger this week against opponent John Hancock Academy in a home game. Kick-off will be at 7:30. Join us in Stillmore as we yell, "Go Eagles".

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Memories are made of this

by JIMMY E. LAWSON

Jimmy E. Lawson, son of two sharecroppers, Annie Lois Edenfield and Alonza Lee (Lonzy) Lawson, born in 1935 on family land south of Swainsboro, west side of what was Hwy 1. The two room house with a kitchen and eating area burnt to the ground when I was six months old. Had it not been for my uncle Morris Lawson, the four of my family would be living on the ground under the big live oak that my grandma Lawson planted from a sprig. My Uncle Morris also bought my dad a brand-new car, '37 Ford two-door coupe. Grandma and Grandpa lived at the Roland Place and him and the older girls and boys sharecropped the land. Also helping farm the land was a lady who went by Aunt Rosey Culbert and her four youngins, Willie, Edwin, Rosa Lee and Susie, who were all very dependable and hard workers. They could pick Grandpa's cotton in half a day. I loved her and the kids, and we ate lots of meals she cooked in her shack of a house kitchen and at Grandma's. The farm was on the Stillmore Road across from the Hooks' Farm. Mother said her and Uncle Ted went to school in an old schoolhouse just up the road from the farm. They then went to the Stillmore School, then to the old two-story grammar school building. Now learning the Roland Place in the late 30's, I remember the move went from the Roland Place via the Old Swainsboro to

Nunez Road that came out close to Wes Lawson Road off of Hwy 80 North.

My most cherished memory of the J.C. Coleman place was Uncle Ted, Ray, Snook, Jake, Slick, Willie, Edwin and Luther Kemp in the two-mule wagon heading to the Hoopie Rive to wash out sacks so Grandma and Aunt Rosie could (after a day or two on the clothes-line), hand sew the sacks into cotton sheets. No tobacco growing yet, not until the Neal Place. Lots of land but poor soil. So, a smile came on Grandpa's, Grandma's, Ted's and Aunt Rosie's faces after Grandpa found out that Mr. Jenkins was putting up the Neal Place for sharecropping to eight mules or more and Grandpa had eight plowing mules broken to the plow and wagons. I heard him say only one time, "Thank you Lord". Grandpa's family and his helpers finished gathering his second crop, then it was time to get all the corn, hay and livestock to the Neal Place. There were no tobacco barns on the Neal Place for tobacco growing so Grandpa and Mr. Jenkins came to an agreement that if he would let Grandpa cut the logs from the Neal timber, he and his family would build one. I think one of my fondest memories of growing up was at the Neal Place. I was still in my early teens, still playing with all our cousins, older and younger, the crane grindings, the candy pullings and the peanut boils. Grandpa had a mighty fine still in the back of the place close to the Canoochee

- spring fed still and all. Grandma walked Billy, Slick and myself to it many times. The Police Department in Swainsboro wanted grandma to work on one of her off nights. By working the police job, selling corn liquor and cotton and tobacco sales, Grandpa was able to buy Booger Coleman and his wife's place. There is not enough ink to cover all the events and happenings there. We moved to the Coleman Place in 1942-43 and it took a while with eight mules, cows, milk cows, hogs, dogs, cats chickens, sweet potato banks, pantry with jar after jar of canned foods, a smoke house that had ham and shoulders hanging, cane grinding mill, syrup, wash pots, watering troughs, sprouts from the monster fig tree, mulberry sprouts, muscadine sprouts, on and on.

Man 'ole man be The Rolling Store. Two eggs got you a Baby Ruth, Almond Joy or 10 peanut butter logs. Two eggs got Grandma a small package of goodies or a small tin cup of Garrett snuff. Four eggs got a big spool of thread or Grandpa a plug of Brown Mule chewing tobacco. After the move and the dust settled, I knew where every hen was laying and what day The Rolling Store came by. Lord, I miss those days.

The first year of tobacco seed bed, a snuff can of seed (not the small ones like Grandma carried in her apron) cost Grandpa a \$50 bill. All seeds back then came out of Florida. The tobacco growers like grand-



LAWSON AND FAMILY

pa met the seller on the courthouse square with their money. No credit cards, no IOU's back then and that was a lot of money for seeds. They were top-notch seeds. Grandpa was one of the top five farmers in Emanuel County, along with Mace Henry, John Ivy Brinson, Mr. Canady in the Nunez area, and Olin Roundtree.

The Korean War was lurking in, and I went to the Army first for a year. I wanted to get to Korea and fight so bad, but brother Charles was there fighting. As close as I could get was Formosa, which is Taiwan now. No brothers or sisters could be in the war zone together back then. It came about after the four our five brothers in WWII got killed while fighting in the same battle. So, I joined the Air Force. I am a Korean Vet, '53 and '54, as a Corporal in field artillery and a Senior Master Sergeant. A First Sergeant my final year of service, and Active Reserves. I was First Sergeant on the 12 AForce Combat Support Group with two tours in

Vietnam in Fire Action in between the Korean and Vietnam Wars in bombers and fighters - 25 years in all. I want the folks and Vets to know I served my country proudly and would do it all again if I could.

In the 50s, I wrote a song, "Words, tune and notes", with the help of the R.C.A. Music Studios in Ft. Worth, TX. I had my own band, "Melody Rock-a-Billy" men. A five-piece acoustic with myself on drums and guitar, Kenneth on lead guitar, Matt on up-right bass, Pops on country fiddle and Gene on rhythm guitar and lead singer. I paid for it to be recorded on a 78-vinyl record and sent it to Sun Records in Nashville, TN. Their stable of upcoming recording stars at the time was Elvis, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, Dean Martin and others. They sent my record back saying "Can't use you or your song". A let-down, but I kept my band intact, playing all the roadhouses honky-tonks, stockyard bars and dance halls, and so on. My men and I

opened shows for Hank Thompson and The Brazo Valley Boys, Ray Price and Cherokee Cowboys, Red Foley's Trio. I got to drum for Ray Price as his drummer. Didn't make it but me and my men were still there behind the stage...what an honor for me. Never received a penny or monetary for my recording, but one of Sun Records' singers, Dean Martin, recorded it and it was his first hit record. I called Sun Records and asking where about my Royalty for my song you had Dean record and their response was, "You didn't have it notarized, legalized or anything, so it belongs to Sun." Couldn't pursue it as I was stationed in an all-desert AB in Northern part of Africa.

In closing, I want old cousin Jimmy to go to his grave letting all my family, here and elsewhere, know that they were loved by me with all my heart and that's the way it has been since I've been old enough to know what love was and is. Sweet good-byes and rock-solid love.

Sheriff's Reports

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

August 24

Deputies responded to N. Old Reidsville Rd. in reference to a drunk man urinating on the porch. Upon arrival, deputies discovered the man does not live at the residence and the owners don't know him. Offender had slurred speech and could not stand without falling and was arrested for public drunk and transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputies responded to Bird Flanders Rd. in reference to complainant stating she let her granddaughter use her car to go to work and wanted her to bring it back. C/p advised she wanted a report in case her granddaughter didn't bring it back.

August 25

Report was made in reference to a follow-up in reference to an ongoing investigation concerning complainant and offender. C/p stated she discovered offender hacked into several of her accounts including Cashapp, Venmo, Email, Facebook, and Instagram.

Deputies responded to Hwy 1 North in reference to niece/victim's ex-boyfriend

hacking into her Live 360 to find victim's location and tried to upgrade it to the gold version to have better location pinpoint. C/p stated she knows it was offender due to the request coming from victim's account when she was right in front of her when it happened. Offender was arrested at a different location due to this incident and prior incidents.

August 26

Deputies responded to Hwy 23 North in Garfield in reference to a welfare check. Dispatch advised they received an emergency crash alert from the location and upon making contact with a female, she was screaming the number '45' several times and the line got disconnected. Upon arrival, units discovered offender in the backyard holding a toddler. Upon making contact, with the female/offender who was very hysterical, she advised her husband was trying to kill her. Deputies observed offender pass out and called for EMS and offender started talking gibberish and seeing things around her. Deputies then observed signs of possible narcotic use as offender kept rambling

on and falling to the ground, at which point she stripped off her clothing in the backyard and continued screaming. Offender then took off running toward the roadway and deputy's vehicle, snatching on the doors in attempt to get in. Deputies were then able to restrain offender and take her into protective custody and transported to EmCo Jail. Deputy made contact with the child's father through the grandparents and released the child into their custody. Child's father gave consent via phone to search his truck that was running in the yard with the driver door open and advised offender was not on any prescribed medication but does smoke marijuana sometimes.

August 27

Investigator observed a vehicle on Hwy 57 without a functioning tag light, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. The driver pulled over and immediately exited the vehicle and approached Inv. and was instructed to remain seated in his vehicle. Driver appeared confused and asked if I wanted him to sit on the ground. Inv. then performed a

terry frisk for weapons and had offender return to his vehicle. While speaking with offender, Inv. detected a strong odor of marijuana and a faint smell of alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Offender provided his driver license, and Inv. explained the reason for the stop. Inv. asked offender about his alcohol consumption, and he stated he drank one earlier. Inv. then asked if there was any marijuana in the vehicle and he admitted to having a small amount on his person and handed it to Inv. Offender was then advised that his vehicle would be searched and had the passengers exit the vehicle. Inv. asked offender to perform field sobriety tests, and he agreed. During the search, deputies discovered another clear bag of marijuana under the passenger seat and the passenger claimed ownership of the bag. Offender was transported to EMC to collect a blood sample but due to the delay in medical staff assistance, offender was not charged with DUI. He was cited for failure to exercise due care, tag light requirements, no insurance and possession of marijuana less

than ounce.

August 29

Report was made in reference to assisting SPD with a vehicle chase that would later lead to further investigation of the vehicle being reported stolen in the area of Oak Grove Chapel Rd. and Red Bud Rd. Alleged suspect who was reported to be in possession of the vehicle fled on foot from responding units upon crashing the vehicle.

Complainant called ECSO and stated she had not heard from her brother in about four months and the last time she talked to him he was in Clearwater or Tampa, FL, and it's not like him not to check in with her. Investigator stated he would check through TLO.

August 30

Deputies were dispatched to Canoochee Rd. where complainant stated he placed an order at Domino's, and it was never delivered. Another deputy went to Domino's and the manager let him see the system that showed orders for the night and c/p's phone number nor address were in the system. C/p stated the money had been taken out of his account and he was advised

that would have to go through civil court.

August 31

Deputies responded to Hwy 1 North where complainant stated she was there due to her brother having her check on a storage unit of his deceased brother's car being in there. Noone was to go in the storage unit until they were done with the courts but the car had been removed by deceased brother's girlfriend and towed to a Deer Creek Dr. address. C/p stated you could see where the lock had been cut from the storage unit. C/p was advised this would be a civil matter.

September 1

Deputies responded to Cowford Bridge Rd. in reference to complainant stating a man from down the road was shooting and a couple of shots hit in their yard.

Deputies responded to Marlynn Dr. in reference to complainant stating he cut down some tree branches about four days prior and when he got home, his refrigerators were knocked over. C/p stated his neighbor that lives on adjoining property got upset about three branches and started an argument.

Jail Report

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

Terroristic threats and acts/Failure to comply/Stalking; TCPD
 Arshane Stevenson Austin, 37, arrested 8/31/24; Public drunk/Failure to comply; SPD
 Berneika Lashea Brown, 31, arrested 9/2/24; Probation violation; ECSSO
 Harry Lopez Casiano, 37, arrested 9/2/24; SPD
 Bailey Renne Collins, 18, arrested 8/27/24; Harassing communications; EGSC
 Tommy Ny'Derion Dawson, 23, arrested 8/26/24; Theft by receiving stolen property-felony; SPD
 Lucas Jimenez Diaz, 20, arrested 9/1/24; Failure to maintain lane/Driving while unlicensed/Leaving scene of accident/DUI under 21; GSP
 Charles Christopher

Doleman, 56, arrested 8/28/24; Theft by shoplifting; SPD
 Jockelle Laymoine Gaines, 24, arrested 8/26/24; House for Burke Co.; ECSSO
 Gantry Lashawn Habersham, 47, arrested 8/26/24; Probation violation; ECSSO
 Jeremy Wesley Hall, 34, arrested 8/26/24; Probation violation-felony; ECSSO
 Jamell Tarae Hall, 33, arrested 8/28/24; Simple battery-family violence; SPD
 Nicholes Harrell Harrison, 32, arrested 8/29/24; Public drunk; ECSSO
 Chelsey Symone Howard, 26, arrested 8/31/24; Probation violation/Fleeing or attempt to elude/Failure to comply/Seatbelt viola-

tion-child (x2)/No license on person/Seatbelt violation-adult/Fail to yield after stopping at stop sign (x2); SPD
 Kobe Juan Jackson, 27, arrested 8/27/24; Court production order; ECSSO
 Dante Jerrell Johnson, 37, arrested 8/28/24; Bench warrant; ECSSO
 Kizzy Lashell Jenny Johnson, 27, arrested 8/31/24; DUI less safe/Failure to maintain lane/Seatbelt violation-adult; GSP
 A l e x a n d r i a Shambrellmonay Lawson, 28, arrested 8/29/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked; OPPD
 Kayla Louise Mitchell, 31, arrested 8/26/24; Cruelty to children 2nd degree-negligently causing excessive physical or mental pain/Public indecency-1st or 2nd con-

viction/Criminal attempt to commit entering auto; ECSSO
 Sylvester Fred Mullins, 51, arrested 8/26/24; Probation violation-felony; ECSSO
 Jayjay Cody Pace, 29, arrested 8/29/24; Possession of meth/Tampering with evidence/Possession and use of drug related objects/Possession of firearm by convicted felon; ECSSO
 Cleveland Phillips, 45, arrested 9/1/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/DUI less safe/Failure to stop at stop sign/Seatbelt violation-adult; SPD
 Maurice Dwayne Pullens, 36, arrested 8/28/24; Probation violation; ECSSO
 Jessica Olivia Richardson, 35, arrested 8/31/24; Driving while

license suspended/revoked; SPD
 Christopher Recardo Smith, 33, arrested 8/29/24; Bench warrant (x2); ECSSO
 Catrina Denise Stewart, 49, arrested 8/30/24; DUI less safe/Hold for Candler Co./Failure to maintain lane/Too fast for conditions; ECSSO
 William Eugene Thompson, 48, arrested 8/31/24; Disorderly conduct/Public drunk; ECSSO
 Kelly Hezekiah Williams, 18, arrested 9/2/24; Possess of marijuana less than oz; EGSC
 Scott Allan Williams, 43, arrested 9/2/24; Possession of meth/Foregery-1st degree/Driving while license suspended/revoked/Tag/registration requirements; ECSSO

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

August 22
 Officer ran a tag to find it had no valid insurance and suspended registration, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Vehicle was towed.
 Officer observed a vehicle without a working taillight, at which time she initiated a traffic stop. The driver advised she did not have a driver's license and provided a GA ID card.
 Officer transported offender to EmCo Jail from SPD for a probation revocation during city court.
 Probation hearings were being done and offender violated his probation and revoked to EmCo Jail for 14 days.
August 23
 Officer was dispatched to Harmon Rd. in reference to a suspicious person knocking on doors stating he was with Pest Control but didn't have on a uniform or vehicle. Offender was located on Solomon ST. with a very strong odor of alcoholic beverages coming from his person and stated he was drinking the night before. Offender was asked for his ID and stated he was just going to keep moving. Offender was advised he was called in and with a strong odor of alcoholic beverages coming from his person he could be arrested for public drunk. Offender then provided his GA ID and stated he was going door to door seeking yard work. Officer then asked him about going door to door stating he was with Pest Control and he denied saying that. Officer made contact with a few residences that offender stated asked him to clean gutter and such and they stated he gave them bad vibes and did not want him back on their property.
 Officer responded to D&I in reference to shots fired. Upon arrival, officers were attending

to victim who suffered from a gunshot wound in his lower abdomen. EMS arrived and transported victim to EMC.
August 24
 Officers responded to EMC ER in reference to an assault. Officers spoke to complainant who stated that earlier in the night, offender hit her in the face and hit her with a rod. Officers were then dispatched to King Circle Dr. in reference to a domestic. Offender stated c/p cussed at him and they had a disagreement, then she left.
 Officer was dispatched to King Circle Dr. in reference to a domestic. Complainant stated he and his girlfriend had an altercation and it escalated to the point of offender attempting to hit him with a vehicle and slashed all four tires on his vehicle.
 Officers responded to Dollar General in reference to a shoplifter. Complainant stated offender left in described vehicle and provided the

tag number. C/p also offender grabbed make-up off the shelf and more unknown items and placed them in her purse and pockets. Offender then went to the front to pay for some other items then left the store, setting off the alarm. Contact was made with offender who stated she was at home so officers made contact with her and served her a criminal trespass warning.
 Officer was dispatched to Mojo's Car Wash in reference to damage to a vehicle. Complainant stated she went through the car wash and her vehicle was dented and scratched badly. One of the employee's watched the camera and stated the damage was not on her vehicle when she entered the car wash.
August 25
 Officer observed a vehicle with no working tag lights and drive out tag with no date, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Driver was asked for her license and stated

she left them at home and provided her name and DOB but was hesitant. Officer ran the info given by offender and the picture did not match the driver. Offender was asked to step out of the vehicle and advised she gave false info to officer. She then gave her real name and DOB. The VIN was ran to find it had no insurance or registration.
 Officer was dispatched to Maryland Fried Chicken in reference to damage to property. Shift Manager stated offender hit and knocked over the voice intercom speaker at the drive thru.
 Officers were dispatched to Dollar General in reference to a shoplifter. Complainant stated offender grabbed a bag of dog food and walked out.
August 26
 Officer was dispatched to Presbyterian Apts. in reference to a report of entering auto. Complainant stated she observed her glove box open and center console

had been opened and her belongings were scattered throughout the vehicle. Upon further investigation, officers found that five other vehicles at the complex had been entered with the same circumstances.
 Officer responded to S. Green St. in reference to stolen property. Complainant stated her phone was stolen and began getting emails that her Cashapp being used to send money out.
 Officer observed offender with a firearm, looked at officer as he shook his pants in an attempt to conceal the firearm. Officer drew his firearm and began to give verbal commands for offender to keep his hands where they could be seen. Officer was able to retrieve the firearm from offender's pants leg and gave the serial number to 911. Firearm came back stolen from Swainsboro and offender was arrested and transported to EmCo Jail.

Two sentenced in Superior Court

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

Kobe Jackson, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count possession of firearm by

convicted felon. He was fined \$500 with 10 years, 5 years to serve, bal. prob.; failure to maintain lanes with 12 months to serve; nol pros on one count DUI. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 10 years, with the first 5 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the

defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of his sentence. Upon service of 5 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).
Randall Brown, repeat offender, negotiated a

guilty plea on one count possession with intent to distribute. He was fined \$1,500 with 40 years, 10 years to serve, bal. prob.; one count possession with intent to distribute with 40 years, 10 years to serve, bal. prob.; one count possession with intent to distribute with 40 years, 10 years to serve, bal. prob.; possession of drug related objects with 12 months to serve. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 40 years, with the first 10 years to be served

in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. Upon service of 10 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(c).

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public Facilities Authority will hold a special called meeting on September 16 at 5:30 PM to hear results/recommendations from Davenport on a competitive bond sale. This meeting will precede the regularly scheduled board of commissioners' meeting, which will take place on the same date at 6 PM inside the courthouse.

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STC Foundation empowers futures through Fall scholarships

Southeastern Technical College (STC) has awarded a number of student scholarships through the STC Foundation. Thirty-two students received scholarships as the STC Foundation continues to bolster student financial aid support.
 "On behalf of the Southeastern Technical College Foundation, it is an honor to award scholarships to these very deserving students. Through the generosity of our Foundation donors, our scholarship recipients receive a boost to continue in their programs of study on their paths to successful careers," said Blythe Wilcox, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement. "Congratulations to all

the Fall 2024 scholarship recipients! Other scholarships are awarded throughout the year."
 The following students from Emanuel County have been awarded scholarships for the Fall 2024 semester: Yadira Demillon - Memorial Health Meadows Hospital Scholarship; Abigail Goodman - Part-Time Student Scholarship; Melanie Purcell - General Scholarship; Mercedes Williams - Shot and Jean Strange Scholarship; Takayla Williams - General Scholarship; Zaren Williford - Memorial Health Meadows Hospital Scholarship.
 "The STC Foundation would like to thank our donors who make these

scholarships possible. Not only are they helping STC students achieve their goals, but they are also helping to create a more skilled workforce for our local communities," said Wilcox.
 The mission of the STC Foundation is to partner with donors to support and invest in the students, faculty, and staff at STC, with the primary funding for the scholarships coming from donors. To meet the increasing needs for higher education, resources such as scholarship support are necessary for many students to continue their education.
 "We are exceptionally proud that STC donors also include 100% participation from our STC

employees giving to the Foundation campaign for well over 15 years," said Wilcox.
 Students will be recognized at a scholarship banquet in February. The annual STC Foundation Appreciation BBQ each October and the STC Scholarship Banquet in February give students opportunities to meet Foundation donors, Foundation trustees, and community leaders.
 The Foundation's 2024 campaign has so far raised \$285,000 this year. The Foundation hopes to increase that total to assist more students.
 For more information on scholarships available for STC students, visit www.southeasterntech.edu or call (912) 538-3147.

Legals

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS 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 Estate of MAE JEAN CHALKER, decedent Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of 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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF EVELYN STORY, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 24E0052

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: SARAH LOUISE STORY BARFIELD 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, 2024.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE LESTER JONES, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 24E0106

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

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 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, 2024.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

Civil Action File No. 24CV188 In Re: Samuel David Sapp

And _____

Minor child(ren)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, Emanuel County Notice is hereby given that David & Dana Wright the undersigned, 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 from _____

to _____

Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 7th day of June, 2024.

Dana Wright Petitioner

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

Civil Action No. 24CV89 Juwaun Coke

v. Wai Sum Venus Ng

NOTICE OF SUMMONS SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Wai Sum Venus Ng, Defendant Named Above:

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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

NOTICE

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

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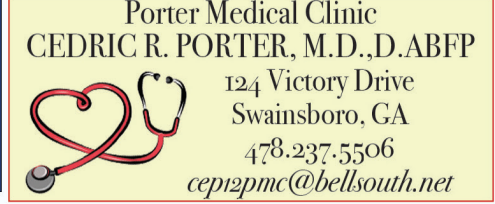
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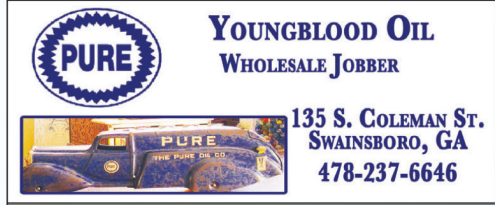
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