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Kirkland pleads guilty to murder

On Wednesday, September 4, Kelvin Kirkland negotiated a guilty plea on one count felony murder before Superior Court Judge Tommy Smith. He received life with parole; nol pros on one count malice murder; nol pros on one count aggravated assault; nol pros on one count possession of firearm during commission; nol pros on one count cruelty to children; nol pros on one count possession of firearm during commission of crime. He is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The length of time to be served will be determined by the Department of Corrections.

Shortly after midnight on Thursday, November 10, Swainsboro Police Department was dispatched to shots fired



KIRKLAND at the address of 226 Washington Street Swainsboro. Upon arrival officers located a female lying face down next to an automobile. The individual appeared to be unconscious. First officers on scene began CPR as other officers began to arrive. Unfortunately, all efforts to resuscitate failed. Information from witnesses at the scene indicated a domestic dispute had occurred which led to multiple shots being fired leading to the

death of Johnnie Starnes, Age 52 of 226 Washington Street, Swainsboro. The suspect involved in the altercation was identified as Kelvin Kirkland age 51 of Swainsboro. Prior to officers' arrival Kirkland had fled the scene on foot believed to still be in possession of the firearm used at the scene. Swainsboro Police Department deployed its unmanned aircraft which assisted in locating the suspect in a wooded area a short distance from the scene. Kirkland was apprehended by law enforcement officers approximately 30 minutes later and was transported to the Emanuel County Jail and was charged with the following: Malice murder, Cruelty to Children, Possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime.



MAYOR GREG BENNETT PRESENTS THE SIGNED CONSTITUTION WEEK (SEPTEMBER 17-23) PROCLAMATION TO DELAINE MAGLIOLI, GOVERNOR DAVID EMANUEL - ADAM BRINSON CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION REPRESENTATIVE

Celebrating Constitution Week

In celebration of Constitution Week, The United States Constitution, America's most important document, stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms and inalienable rights. Constitution Week is celebrated annually during

the week of September 17-23 to commemorate its history, importance, and bring attention to how it serves still today. This celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, the DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicat-

ed for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Constitution Week is a great time to learn more about this important document and celebrate the freedoms it gave us.

Total Wellness Session at Fulford Center to focus on eye health

East Georgia State College's Studie Fulford Community Learning Center will host the latest edition of the Total Wellness Series on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 12 p.m. This engaging event, led by Outreach Coordinator Johanna Gay, will feature a special presentation by Dr. Bob Barrett, a distinguished optometrist from East Georgia Healthcare Center (EGHC). Dr. Barrett will provide essential insights into maintaining optimal eye health.

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Citizens address City Council

The September meeting of the Swainsboro Mayor and City Council was held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Swainsboro City Hall. Following an Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, the council agreed to amending the agenda to include time for discussion of employment issues at the Police Department. The council then heard public comments from three speakers. Mr. Shon Corley addressed the council on the need to maintain street's right-of-way and other areas where limbs and other unsafe conditions presently exist and need attention from the City. Mr. Corley also addressed the current lack of representation in Ward 5 and inquired as to the current status of Councilman Quan Foster. Next, Roger Richards addressed the council regarding hours of operation and closing times for certain establishments. Mayor Bennett responded to this saying, "we could revisit that issue". Mrs. Julia Carswell spoke about conditions in the Racetrack and Lucky Street neighborhoods citing various problems including drug activity, derelict housing, gun violence, and other criminal activity. Mrs. Carswell commented that these conditions were worsening and asked for more help from the City. The mayor responded that they would talk to the Police Chief. Mrs. Willie

Gillis appeared before the council to speak about automobiles and four-wheelers racing in this residential area as well as other dangerous vehicle operation issues in the Miller Drive and Ben Street areas of King Circle Drive. Chief Ellison verified the problem and suggested various solutions. The council agreed to pursue remedies for the problem, possibly installing speed bumps. Kevin Palmer with DPR Architects was the first item under old business and discussed the possible renovations to the Swainsboro City Hall building. Following this presentation, the council voted to accept a proposal of \$18,162 for survey and planning preparation for the project. The council next considered the installation of speed detection cameras along school zone roads. The system of automatic detection and fines operates at no charge to the city and could be programmed to provide a one-time warning before fines are lev-

ied against the owners of vehicles photographed speeding. Revenues from the fines would be divided between the city and the camera company. The council voted 5-0 to adopt the system. In new business, the council approved an inter-governmental agreement with the county to contract for services to conduct municipal elections. Next, the council considered hiring new personnel for the Police Department. Following recommendations from Chief Ellison, the council voted 5-0 to hire Gunner Brown as a new officer trainee. A new hire for the Fire Department was also agreed to by council; Justin Britt Williams was approved 5-0 for employment. In final personnel action, Jade Wadley was hired as a part-time employee for a clerk position at City Hall. At this point the council entered executive session for discussion of contract exception. No action was taken in executive session.

Albritton art exhibition opens September 19

Amber Albritton of Swainsboro will be the featured artist at The Kalmanson Gallery of Emanuel Arts Council. An opening reception will be held September 19th, from 5 to 7 p.m. The reception for the event will be hosted by The Emanuel Artists Guild and is free and open to the public. The exhibition will run through the end of October.

Originally from Swainsboro, Amber was raised in Albany, Ga. She attended the University of Georgia, Georgia Southwestern State University, and Valdosta State University. She double majored with a



ALBRITTON Bachelor of Science in psychology and political science, and also holds a master of science in marriage and family therapy.

A self-taught artist, Amber says she draws inspiration from artists

such as Frida Kahlo, and Justin Gaffrey of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. She also gathers much inspiration from nature and books. She works with acrylic, fabrics, paper, paint, and stained glass. She is active in the Emanuel Artists Guild, BUNCO, Beta Sigma Phi, and Seedling Garden Club.

Amber lives in Swainsboro with her four beloved Maltipoos, 16 koi, and "a billion bream and catfish."

For updates on current programming at the gallery and Emanuel Arts Council, like and follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

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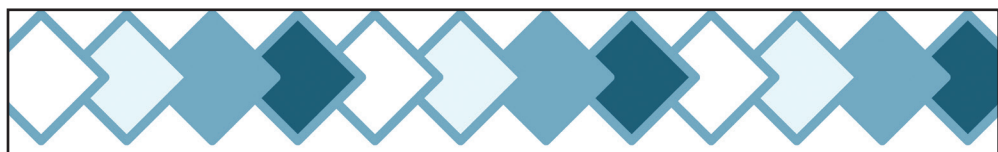


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Mt. Olivet Baptist Church to hold revival

Mt. Olivet Baptist near Garfield has set revival services for September 22-25. Brother Randy Graham, pastor, will kick off the event at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning following Sunday School at 10 a.m. Brother Jim Harrell from Nunez Baptist Church will be guest speaker each evening at 7 p.m. and special music has been planned for each service. There will be no Sunday night service.

Brother Graham urges all to attend and be uplifted during this special week of prayer, music and fellowship. If anyone has any questions, Brother Graham can be reached at 478-484-0548.

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.

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 Louise 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.

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church to hold Annual Fall Apple Fundraiser

The annual Fall Apple Fundraiser at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church is underway. Varieties include Gala, Red Delicious, Yellow Delicious, Rome, Granny Smith and Winesap for \$40 per box or \$20 for 1/2 box. Approximate delivery date is October 21. To place an order or for further information, contact Cissy Peebles at 478-237-6185.

Voices United to hold annual Youth Explosion

Voices United annual Youth Explosion will be held September 29, at 3 p.m. at St. James Baptist Church. Featuring Voices United, special guests will be Gordon Grove Youth Adult Choir, The Merrell Sisters, The Anointed Tribe of Judah, Kiyah (Praise Dancer), GCP Pearls, Rountree Grove Youth Choir, and much more. Refreshments will be served and President Matt Howard invites everyone to attend and help their youth celebrate God through music and dance.



Thank You!

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Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter to hold meeting

The Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet September 19, at 3 p.m. at the Sudie Fulford Learning Center located on the campus of the East Georgia State College. The program, The Rail System in Emanuel County, will be presented by Connie Page. We look forward to seeing all members.

Wilson Howell receives Kindness Award

by ASHLEI BOATRRIGHT

Several years ago a donor contacted the Head of School at David Emanuel about promoting kindness on campus. Through their generosity we are able to recognize one student at our monthly All School Chapel service who was caught in an act of kindness. Teachers nominate students through the month and one person is chosen from the stories.

At our All School Chapel service in September, third grader, Wilson Howell was recognized. He is truly one of the best boys we know. He always has a smile, a hug, a helping hand and a joke. He takes his jobs seriously and works hard to be a good student and flock tender. This year, Wilson has taken on the job of waterboy for our football teams. The boys lovingly call him, "Coach Wilson" and enjoy having him as



WILSON WITH HEAD OF SCHOOL HAYLEE FREE

their "hydration specialist".

The teacher who submitted Wilson said that he noticed she wasn't feeling well, made a trip to the office to get her some medicine and made sure she had her water too. He went the

extra mile when he noticed that she needed some TLC.

That story is not unusual for Wilson. He is always looking to lend a helping hand. DEA is thankful for Coach Wilson and the joy he shares! Congratulations!

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.



GOLDEN, MARTIN WITH HER GRANDDAUGHTERS AND JOHNSON

Good Shepherd donates to SHS

Teresa Martin of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Swainsboro recently presented a check and school supplies to Swainsboro High School. Assistant Principal Steven Golden and School Counselor Jamie Johnson accepted the donation on behalf of the school. SHS is thankful for community partners!



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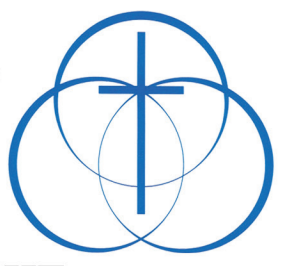
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Cecil Strong, Sr., 78

Cecil Strong, Sr., age 78, passed away Saturday, August 31, 2024. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, September 7, at 11 a.m. at Piney Grove Baptist Church. Interment followed at St. Galilee Missionary Baptist Church cemetery.

Cecil was born and raised December 28, 1945, in Tift County, to the late Grant Strong, Sr. and Brightie Strong. After graduating from Matt Wilson High School, he attended Savannah State College where he majored in Biology with a Chemistry major and received his bachelor's degree in 1968. Cecil's master's degree was confirmed jointly with Savannah State College and Armstrong State College in 1975. He furthered his educational studies at Georgia Southern University and the University of Georgia. While at Savannah State College, Cecil met the love of his life, Roberta Billups, and they were joined in holy matrimony on August 8, 1971. His work experience began in Tift County at Matt Wilson High School where he taught math, science and health, and coached baseball during his tenure there from 1968-69. After one year of teaching, he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1969, at Ft. Gordon and in Germany, serving 22 years in the Army and Air National Guard. In 1971, in conjunction with his military career, Cecil became a biology teacher at Swainsboro High School. There, he served as the Science Department Chair for 18 years, and after dedicated



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service, having received accolades as Teacher of the Year, he retired in 1999. Cecil continued to be an active member of the community and held lifetime memberships with the Georgia High School Association, National Association of Educators and the Georgia Association of Educators. He also served as a past president of the Emanuel Association of Educators. Cecil also served as Chairman of the Credential Committee of the Georgia Association of Educators. Mr. Strong is preceded in death by his parents; six brothers, Kurt, Andrew, Grant, Jr., Clinton, Sellers and Ed; and four sisters, Lessie Mae, Classola, Marie and Ruby Jean.

Mr. Strong leaves to cherish his memories with his loving wife of 53 years; sons, Dr. Cecil (Dr. Sonya) Strong II and Dr. LaKeshia Strong; five grandchildren, Davin (China) Powell, Dasmin Sky (David) Spanio Ramos, Chyra, Coei and Christian Strong; one great-grandchild, Oaklynn Powell; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Jogresan Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jessie B. Hodges, 97

Jessie B. Hodges, age 97, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 2, 2024, at her daughter's home in Conyers. A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, September 8, at 3 p.m. at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Midville with Rev. Michael Thomas residing.

Jessie was born April 27, 1927, to the late Agnes Hope Phillips, and was later adopted by Fred and Ronie Cox of Emanuel County. She fell in love with her schoolmate, Warren "Babe" Hodges, Sr., and they married June 1, 1944. Jessie worked in the food and nutrition department at Summertown Elementary School which allowed her to do some of the things she loved the most, cooking and serving others. Her love for gardening, fishing, shopping and traveling brought joy to her life and she often



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spent her days enjoying the sun and caring for her beautiful plants and flowers. Mrs. Hodges is preceded in death by her husband; three sons; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hodges leaves to cherish her memories with her daughters, Marion Mills and Martha Parker (Gerald); six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; one daughter-in-law; nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

David "Speck" Hall, 66

Mr. David "Speck" Hall, 66, of Swainsboro, entered his heavenly home Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at his residence surrounded by family and friends. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 7, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Andrew Flowers and Reverend Tim Price officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church cemetery. Family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, September 6, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Mason Hall, Hunner Hall, Jacob Faircloth, Tyler Hackle, Brandon Hackle and Clint Hall.

Speck was born February 4, 1958, in High Point, NC, to the late William A. Hall and Shelba Jean Hopkins Hall. He worked for WBM Construction until retirement. Speck was a hardworking simple man; you could always find him in the shop doing something. He loved old cars, fishing, building thing, and animals, especially his birds. Speck enjoyed



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having family and friends over and having cook outs. He was a cut up, and you knew you were family when he started picking at you. Mr. Hall is preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Ricky Hall.

Mr. Hall is survived by his wife, Barbara Hall of Swainsboro; sons, Josh Hall (Randi) of Kite, B. J. Braswell and Bradley Braswell (Christa), both of Swainsboro; daughter, Cindy Hackle of Swainsboro; brothers, Darrell Hall (Sharon) of Metter and Scotty Hall (Valarie) of Swainsboro; sister, Rene Harper of Abbeville; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Ellen Johnson Barrett Rowland, 69

Ellen Johnson Barrett Rowland, 69, of Swainsboro, passed away Thursday, September 5, 2024, at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta after complications due to a long battle of cancer. Memorial service was held Monday, September 9, at 10:30 a.m. at Hawhammock Baptist Church with Pastor Cail Pressey officiating. Family received friends from 9 to 10 a.m. prior to the service at Hawhammock Baptist Church.

Ellen was born July 28, 1955, in Brunswick, to the late Ritchie Ward Johnson and Mathilda "Tilly" Refuge Johnson. She was the youngest of three girls (Mary Jane and Vicky). Ellen graduated from Brunswick High School in 1972 and moved to the Swainsboro area shortly after graduating with her late husband, Danny Barrett. She had one son, Denver "Denny" Barrett II. Ellen enjoyed bowling in her younger years, where she won multiple trophies and awards as both an individual and mixed doubles bowler. She also enjoyed riding motorcycles and spending any spare time with her family. Ellen was the manager at Hardee's in Swainsboro for 17 years. She ran the old location where the courthouse is now and opened the new location that just shut down a few weeks ago. Ellen left Hardee's around 1991 and went to work at Swainsboro High school as a Paraprofessional. She worked there until the late 1990's, then went to work with the Department of Rehabilitation until she retired around 2015.

Ellen's mother, Tilly, was born in Belgium and came to America as a war bride during World War II. She brought Ellen and her sisters up in the



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Catholic Church. Ellen attended St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in Brunswick when she was younger. She also attended Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Swainsboro for several years. Ellen started attending Hawhammock Baptist Church around 1996 and has been a member there ever since. There is nothing she loved more than serving with her church family. You could find her at church helping in any way she could up until her health would not allow her to go anymore. Mrs. Rowland is preceded in death by her parents; and first husband, Denver "Danny" C. Barrett.

Mrs. Rowland is survived by her husband, Mike Rowland of Swainsboro; son, Denver "Denny" C. Barrett, II (Alison) of Twin City; step-daughter, Melba Waters (Tracy) of Statesboro; grandson; Bryson C. Barrett; step-granddaughter, Taylor Waters; sisters, Mary Jane Vanderauwermuelen (Johnny) of Belgium and Victoria Moody of Bogart; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to: Hawhammock Baptist Church Awana Program, 27HawhammockChurch Road, Swainsboro, Ga 30401.

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Facebook, no Instagram, no wokeness, no PC, no MSNBC, no Fox, no CNN and no streaming smart phones, just one short newscast on one of your three channels and a reliable newspaper. We just didn't know how good we had it. I'm sorry, what's that you say? Google? Nope, a google was a funny face you made at the little girl in the desk behind you. Back in the day, we had something called libraries. Those are places where many books are kept, and books are things with many, many pages and lots of good, factual information and valuable, entertaining stories. It was all free, and still is. There's one catch, though. You have to learn to read and write and pronounce words correctly to be part of the literate world. But that's

free also, and it comes in real handy when you actually have to get out there and start talking to real folks and communicating your thoughts in the real world.

Nowadays, the people in the "advanced" countries of the world are drowning in a cascading flood of information. Most of that "cascade" is totally useless and does nothing but wash away the time and energy you should be devoting to other things that really matter. Recently, we have learned of the latest and greatest thing on the information horizon: Artificial Intelligence. Proclaimed as the reordering of the world's total sum of collected information, AI is beginning to catch a little heat for having somewhat of a dark side. It now seems that

everything from job resumes to counterfeit software to fake medical prescriptions and campaign meddling by foreign countries, and who knows what else are being manipulated with the help of artificial intelligence. A recent article in the Wall Street Journal told of job applicants at national companies who are hired to work remotely by the AI process without ever speaking to a live human being. AI is exploding among banking, retail and communication companies as a major cost-cutting trick. The problem, however, comes along when the evolving power of artificial intelligence is left to run free without the involvement of human judgement. That can be a serious threat to the basic system of the

Charles Schwabe



world's business. (Just ask the space voyagers on board with HAL-9000, (the evil computer who thought he was a person.) Also causing concern is the prediction that the demand and the cost of power required to support the massive computing infrastructure of AI will soon outpace anything we have ever seen before.

There is an old saying that reminds us that too much information can be a bad thing. While it may be a little too early to totally condemn AI or any of the other advancements of this "brave new world", it is definitely not too early to require that our gov-

ernment makes sure that the "human factor" be firmly in place as a dominant and absolute piece of the planning, regulation and administration of artificial intelligence. The advent of the Internet has shown us that the future will produce changes we cannot always imagine, predict or prefer. Unfortunately, we can't recreate the simpler world of 1960, but we can still rely on the standards that have gotten us this far. It might be simplification of the issue, but the authenticity of human intelligence still gives me much more faith in the future than anything artificial.

The drill continues in the Okefenokee Drag-Mining controversy

Since we last discussed efforts to drill in our Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge for titanium dioxide so that mankind will never experience life without toothpaste whitener, nothing has changed – except a lot. What hasn't changed? Gov. Brian Kemp; state Senate Majority Leader Steve Gooch, R-Dahlonega; Rep. Lynn Smith, R-Newnan;

and bureaucrats in the oxymoronic Environmental Protection Division continue to see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil of this audaciously bad idea that has garnered overwhelming public condemnation. What has changed? Twin Pines Minerals, an Alabama-based company dedicated to ensuring that our teeth

are always whiter than white by drag-mining 580 acres on the edge of our Okefenokee, is sucking financial wind at the moment. On the personal property taxes for their equipment, they owed Charlton County \$611,000 in principle plus \$52,000 in penalties and interest, for a total of \$663,000. They made a first installment of \$300,000 and still owe

\$363,000. On their real property taxes, Twin Pines owed \$30,000. The county had to file liens against them before they finally paid up. That small fact doesn't seem to matter to the intrepid public servants on the Charlton County commission. One commissioner who strongly supports the teeth-whitening effort is employed by Toledo Manufacturing Company and married to the owner's niece. Toledo Manufacturing is owned by Joe Hopkins, a timber baron and a political power in the state. Toledo owns 30,000 acres immediately north of the Twin Pines Land. Hopkins has led the opposition to the Okefenokee Protection Act, which had the support of over half the members of the Georgia House but never got a hearing in Rep. Lynn Smith's Natural Resources Committee. Toledo is also on record as opposing our Okefenokee as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the 1990s, DuPont leased 23,000 acres from Hopkins in an effort to do exactly what Twin Pines is trying to do now. That effort failed, thanks to the intervention of then Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt and Gov. Zell Miller. The rumor is that Chemours Corporation, which was spun-off from DuPont in 2015, will buy out Twin Pines if the permits to drill are

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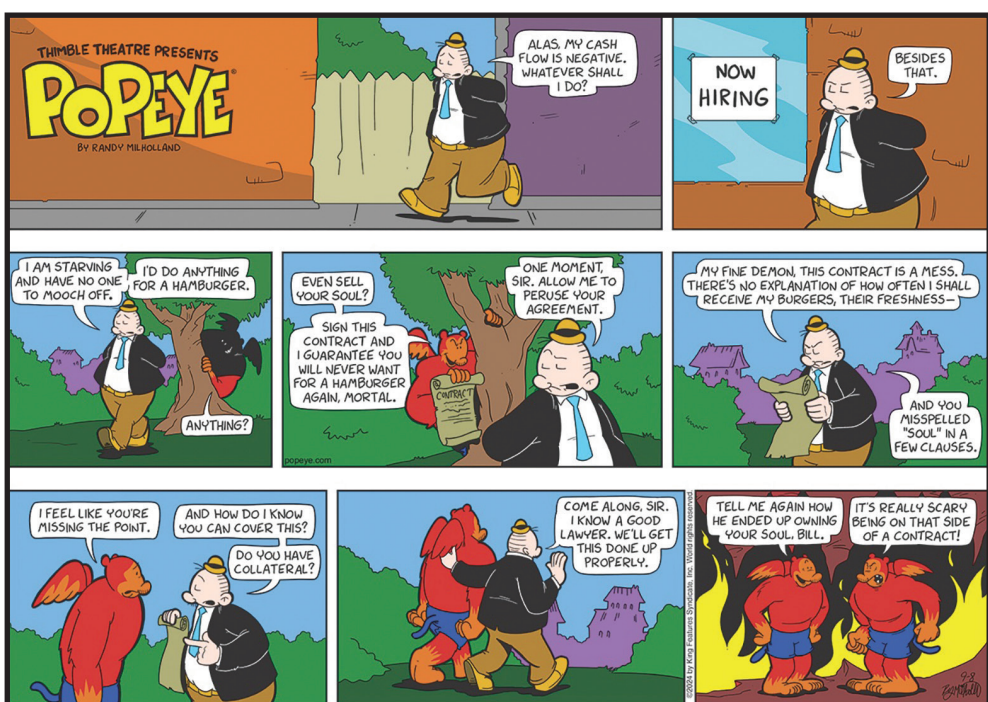
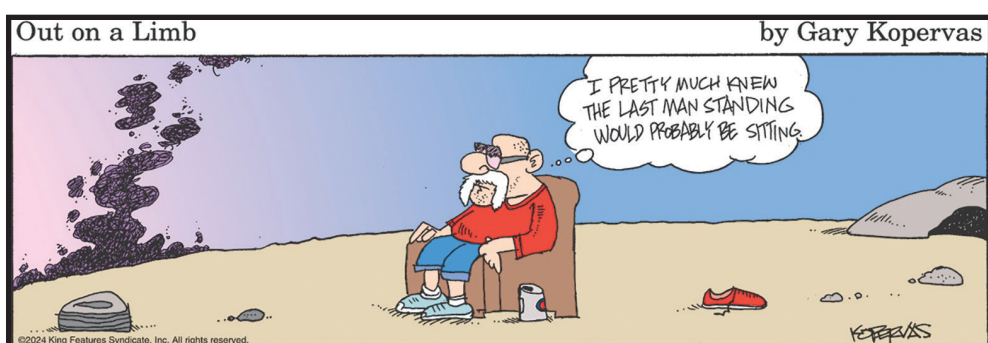
approved by the state EPD, or maybe even before. The more things change, the more they remain the same. Only we don't have Bruce Babbitt or Zell Miller around to help us today. If Chemours does take over the effort, it is going to take public pressure to dissuade them from drag-mining our Okefenokee. Already, 19 investors/financial service companies with nearly \$800 million of assets under management have sent a letter to Chemours CEO Denise Dignam urging the company to publicly commit to not drilling in our Okefenokee. However, unless you are a major stockholder or an influential politician, your letter will never cross her desk, although you may get a "Thank you for writing. Your opinions are important" bug letter from a designated underling. I would suggest you go to the Chemours website, www.chemours.com, and hold your nose past the self-serving platitudes ("We are guided by a commitment to do what's good for people and the planet") and to the "Contact Us" menu at the top. You will be asked for your name and email and then the most important box: Inquiry. That is where you tell them to do the right thing and promise not to drill in our

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. Let me know what they say.

Since our state leaders continue to show us the Fickle Finger of Fate, I would urge you to contact our federal elected officials. But forget Republican Cong. Buddy Carter in whose district our Okefenokee is located. Remember, he publicly railed against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's opposition to the drilling project. This, after he had signed a letter along with six Georgia Democrats urging the Dept. of the Interior to make the Okefenokee a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Like baseballer Billy Martin in the famous beer commercials, Mr. Carter seems to feel strongly both ways. He was also the recipient of \$2,500 of Joe Hopkins campaign dollars this past election cycle. I have been around politics long enough to know there is a lot of nod-nod, wink-wink going on between the governor's office and the local timber barons and the EPD and I resent them treating us like simpletons as if we didn't know that. This is not their Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. It is ours. Yours and mine. I plan to stay on this issue. I hope you will, too.

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A lasting impression: Meet inspiring teacher, Jordanna Williams

Mrs. Jordanna Williams was chosen as the 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year and Emanuel County Teacher of the Year. Beginning her teaching career in Toombs County teaching Pre-K at Lyons Primary School, she only taught there a year before being offered a job at Emanuel County Pre-K. Mrs. Williams taught Pre-K in Emanuel County for two years before then moving to first grade. She is now in her 12th year of teaching and is still teaching first grade at Swainsboro Primary School.

"I am married to Matthew Williams, and we have two daughters, Gabbi who is 16 and Annie Parker who is 9. I am from Swainsboro, born and raised. I began my teaching career in Toombs County teaching Pre-K at Lyons Primary School. I only taught there one year and then was offered a job back home here in Emanuel County where I am happy to be today," stated Williams.

Mrs. Williams chose this profession because she couldn't think of anything more rewarding than getting to play a part in the success of children. Also, growing up around the school with her mom and sister being teachers, played a big part as well. "Being able to love the students, support them, learn their likes and dislikes,

and using all of those things to teach them is special. I always feel like I learn more from them than they learn from me." Williams commented.

"I have truly been blessed by some amazing educators in my school career. My mom and sister both played a very influential part of the person and teacher I am today. Some others that made a lasting influence on me include Mary Pate Gay, Jane Durden, Rylan Smith, Melanie Frye, Tracey Mercer, and Selena Reynolds. They have all taught me so much both inside the classroom and out," added Williams.

"SPS is home to some of the absolute best teachers and staff. They are compassionate, caring, loving, and definitely some of the hardest working people I know. We are truly a family at SPS," Williams commented.

Mrs. Williams loves to read, saying "there is no better feeling than getting lost inside a book". She also loves to shop, go to the beach, cook, and hang out with friends.

Now that you've met the teacher and read her story, read her Q/A's below to further understand Jordanna Williams' incredible values of teaching and how she's changing and inspiring young lives in our community.

What have you found most rewarding in your career?

Williams: The students. They are the "why" behind everything I do. Being able to be even a small part of their life and educational journey is a reward in itself. When I think back on my childhood, some of my best memories include school and my teachers. I just hope to be that for my students as well and want them to know how much I loved them and wanted them to succeed.

Do you feel that each of your students have left a lasting impression on you?

Williams: Absolutely! I knew from being a mom that your heart can grow to love each child, but when I started teaching, I had no idea it would be able to grow and love every one of my students as if they were my own children too. Each child that I have taught has been special to me in his/her own way. They will always take up a special place in my heart, even long after the year is over.

What advice would you like to give to new or upcoming educators?

Williams: One thing at a time. It is easy to get overwhelmed in the list of things to do each day, but just take it one thing at time, do your best at it, and then come back then next day and do it all over again.

How does it make you feel to see the success that many of your previous students have become?

Williams: While I haven't had the chance to see a group of students graduate yet, I am



WILLIAMS WITH HUSBAND AND DAUGHTERS

always excited to see my current and previous students be successful inside the classroom and out. I love to watch them play sports, dance or whatever extracurricular activities they do. I am also always proud of their academic achievements as they advance up Tiger Trail. I love when my students that have moved on to second grade come back and see me and share their achievements and progress with me. I also love seeing photos online of them at awards ceremonies or in clubs or whatever it may be.

If you could tell your past students or future students one thing that you hope will stick with them

all throughout life, what would that be?

Williams: You can do hard things. I am a firm believer that we can do whatever we set our mind to. Even if we fail, we can learn from it and try again. The only things we cannot do, are the things we never attempt. This applies not only to work inside school, but anything we do in life.

What's a favorite memory or some of your favorite memories that you have from your time as an educator?

Williams: Field trips are always a favorite. So many kids do not have the opportunities to get out of

Swainsboro and see

some of the things we learn in a real-world setting. Their genuine excitement is priceless. Another favorite memory is hatching chickens in our classroom. The students got to participate in a lesson on parts of an egg as well as basic needs of chickens, then got to put the eggs in an incubator and watch them over 21 days until they hatched. They absolutely LOVED it. Also, any time I have the chance to read aloud to my kids, especially Junie B. Jones chapter books, is always a favorite time of mine. They love it and are eager to hear all about the character and her mischief every day.

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Swainsboro Exchange Club rededicates the Freedom Shrine

On Tuesday, September 3, Members of the Swainsboro Exchange Club gathered at the Emanuel County Courthouse lobby area for the purpose of rededicating the Exchange Club's Freedom Shrine located there. This date was selected in order to commemorate and celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Paris which ended all hostilities in the American Revolutionary War, thereby securing our liberty from Great Britain.

Gary Mason, the acting President of the Exchange Club, made opening remarks, and introduced Mike Lisenby as the speaker at the ceremony.

Lisenby, a member of the Exchange Club, served to administer the rededication, stating that the Freedom Shrine is an assemblage of about 30 documents that pertain to our freedoms as citizens of the United States. The documents are laminated on wooden frames for presentation in the Shrine. He noted that the Exchange Club has placed Freedom Shrines in many locations in Swainsboro, including public schools, universities, and court rooms.

In his talk, he reviewed The Declaration of Independence published in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776; The United States Constitution signed on September 17, 1787 and resulting in the First United States Congress meeting in 1789 in conjunction with President George Washington; and, The Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution, ratified by the states in 1791.

After that, he turned to two other documents: The Articles of Confederation, and the Treaty of Paris. He mentioned that many historians point to the fact that the Articles of Confederation, the document that allowed for a political way to prosecute the Revolutionary War, were held by many to facilitate a successful end to the war. By way of example, he mentioned that the Second Continental Congress was instrumental in facilitating the efforts of George Washington as Commander in Chief, and the Continental Army. He also pointed out that the Revolutionary War had begun in 1775 and was not over until the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

At this point, Lisenby mentioned two men instrumental in the successful conclusion of the war. These men were Henry Laurens, a founding father, and his son, John Laurens, a war hero.

Lisenby provided a brief portrayal of Henry Laurens by reviewing these points:

President of Second Continental Congress in 1777, when the Articles of Confederation were published; signer of Articles of Confederation; minister to The Netherlands, securing necessary funds and loans to prosecute the war; prisoner of war captured by the British and held in the Tower of London, until 1781; and signer of the Treaty of Paris ending all hostilities.

For context to Henry Laurens imprisonment, he emphasized that he, himself, had been to the Tower of London, and seen its dungeons, torture chambers, and execution sites. He noted that King George III, the ruling monarch over Great Britain, had issued a death warrant for anyone committing treason, and that Henry Laurens was accused of treason.

Lisenby then spoke about John Laurens by reviewing these points:

Aide De Camp to George Washington, the Commander in Chief; soldier fighting in the front line in three major battles in 1777 and 1778 [known for his bravery and gallantry]; attempted liberator of Savannah, commanding a light infantry regiment; soldier fighting in Charleston during the city's siege; prisoner of war in May of 1780 when Charleston fell; freed prisoner of war exchanged for British Officer in November of 1780; Minister to France in 1780 [with Benjamin

Franklin, convinced Louis XVI to provide access to French Fleet which secured Chesapeake Bay, integral to winning the Battle of Yorktown]; Lieutenant Colonel in leading a division against a fortified British position in The Battle of Yorktown; as charged by George Washington, drafter of terms of surrender to be signed by the British Commander, Cornwallis [the terms that John Laurens drafted included the exchange of Cornwallis for his father, still imprisoned in the Tower of London]; Lieutenant Colonel fighting under Nathaniel Greene in South Carolina; and, lastly, a casualty of war losing his life on August 27, 1782, when, in a skirmish, he was shot from his saddle and killed, as one of the last casualties of The Revolutionary War.

For context for the importance of the French Fleet at Yorktown, Lisenby pointed out that, in the absence of the French Fleet, Cornwallis and his army likely would have been able to evacuate and save his army, because the British Fleet, a sizeable force, would have had access to Chesapeake Bay and its ports.

For context to the importance of the Battle of Yorktown, he emphasized that this was a decisive victory. He noted that the Americans lost 389 casualties, and that British had about 8,500 casualties, including 7,400 missing and captured. This effectively ended any chance that the Americans would not gain independence. But, Cornwallis, even though he surrendered his army, did not have authority to end the war. That required The Treaty of Paris in 1783.

At this point, Lisenby turned back to Henry Laurens, the Founding Father and the father of John Laurens. He pointed out that Henry Laurens went back to Paris, France, on almost the exact anniversary of his son's death in combat, in order to sign the Treaty of Paris. John Laurens



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had died on August 27, 1782, and the Treaty was signed on September 3, 1783. Of course, if one remembers back to the start of this article, The Swainsboro Exchange Club meeting rededicating The Freedom Shrine was held on September 3, 2024.

To end the talk, Lisenby reminded the club members that, in last year's Freedom Shrine

Rededication at East Georgia State College, Dr. David Sheckler, the President of the College, encouraged the audience to go to Washington, D.C. to see the originals of the documents in the Freedom Shrine. In referencing this, Lisenby noted that the Capitol Rotunda in Washington D.C houses a painting of Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown, and that

the painting is 12 feet by 8 feet. He said that the painting was done by John Trumbull, himself a revolutionary war fighter.

In closing, The Swainsboro Exchange Club hopes that you see and appreciate these Freedom Shrines, and that this serves to demonstrate the underlying importance to our freedom and independence.



T. GOODMAN, PALMER, CERPOVICZ AND PRESIDENT C. GOODMAN

Palmer speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, September 3, at the Rustic Grill at 7 p.m. With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, they had 17 in attendance including one guest, Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz. A pound cake donated by Bobbie Daughtry and baked by Petite Garrett was won by Wanda Ellis and Dianna Wedincamp won the Domino's pizza donated by Domino's. The program was presented by Kiwanian Jeff Palmer, Senior Credit

Analyst at Morris Bank in Dublin. Jeff talked about the increase in the number of online scams as our money increasingly moves around electronically. The banks are responding by using multiple layers of authentication, especially with large and unusual transactions. He talked about account takeovers, "check washing," and even "blackmail" scams. A vast majority of scams can be handled by using common sense and remember "if it appears to be too good to be true, it probably is." Hints provided

by Jeff included: change passwords often and make them hard to guess, don't share any sensitive or personal information unless you can verify who is asking, hang up on suspicious callers and watch for "spoof" calls, don't open up suspicious links in email, shred sensitive information before discarding, and check bank account and credit card balances often. The Franklin Memorial Library has a table set up in their lobby that has a number of pamphlets about various scams and how to avoid them.

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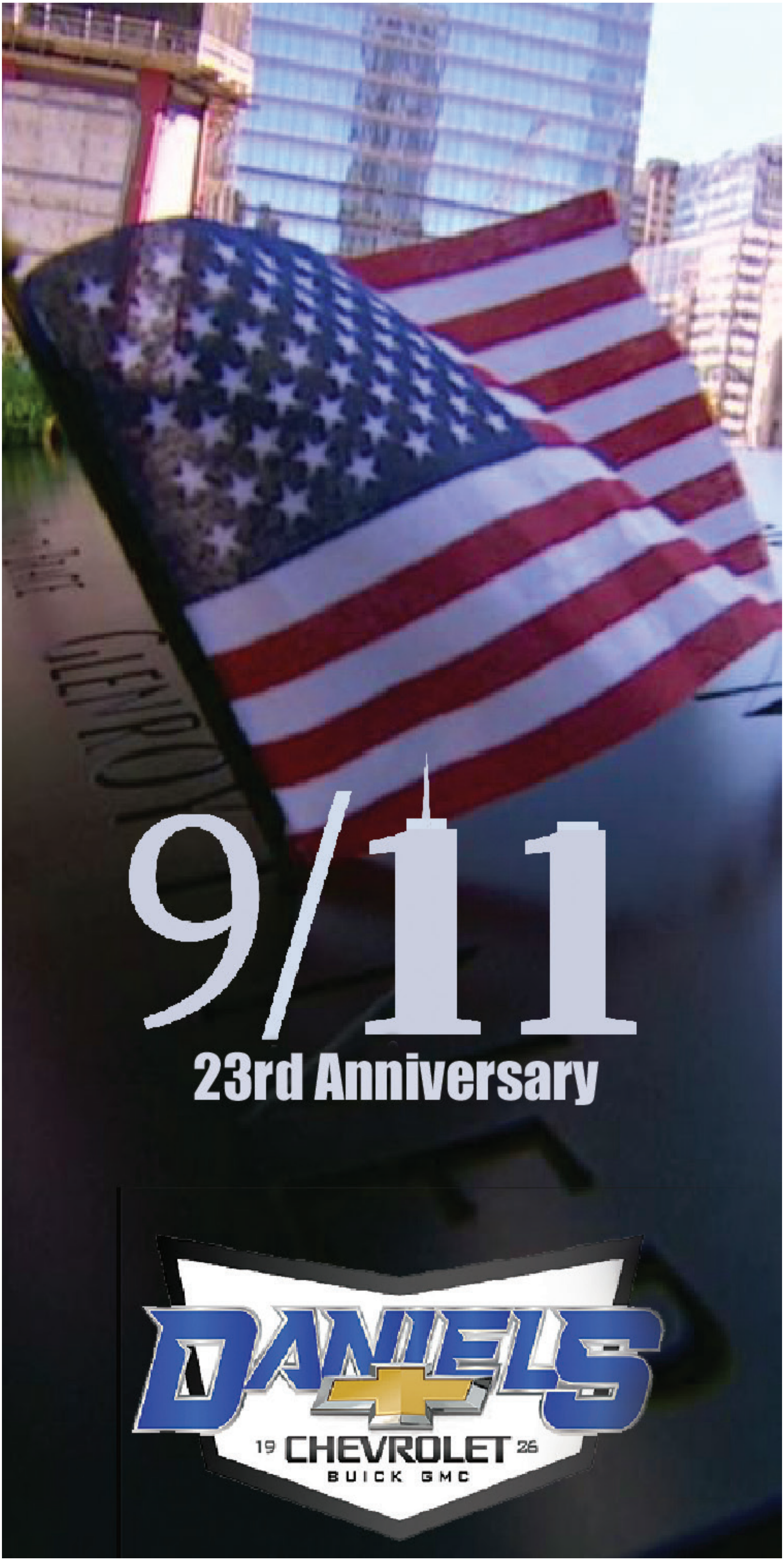
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Sherrod, Thien to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sherrod of Midville proudly announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brittany Sarah Sherrod to Jacob Daniel Thien, son of Linda Thien of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Joseph Thien of Nashville, Tennessee.

The bride-elect is a 2013 honor graduate of Emanuel County Institute and a 2017 graduate of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia. Brittany is currently employed with American Airlines as a flight attendant in Dallas, Texas. Miss Sherrod is the granddaughter of Judy Chapman and the late Robert Chapman of Swainsboro, the late Johnny Ray Brinson of Swainsboro, and Helen Sherrod and the late James Arthur Sherrod Sr. of Midville.

The future groom is a 2014 honor graduate of Edmonson County High in Brownsville, Kentucky and a 2017 graduate of ATP Flight School. Jacob is employed with American Airlines as a



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pilot in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Thien is the grandson of Connie Patterson and the late Larry Patterson of Glasgow, Kentucky, the late Henry Joseph (Joe) Thien of Glasgow, Kentucky, and the late Dorothy Prock

and Howard Prock of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The wedding is planned for January 17, 2025 with a reception to follow. Formal invitations will be sent at a later date.



LUKE, LAKE, SALLIE MAE AND TRACY

Seedling Garden Club announces September Yard of the Month

The Seedling Garden Club proudly announces that the September 2024 Yard of the Month is the home of Tracy and Luke Scott; son, Lake Woods; daughter, Laynie Scott; and fur babies, Sallie Mae, Gizmo and Pattie Lou,

located on Rosedale Circle in Swainsboro. The Scotts enjoy working in their yard, especially in the summer, to help Emanuel County stay beautiful. The Seedling Garden Club wants to honor homeowners and organizations that

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Laura Beth celebrates 1st birthday

Laura Beth "LB" Poole, daughter of Sierra and Dylan Poole of Canoochee, turned one year old on Friday, August 16. She celebrated her Hawaiian themed Luau birthday party on Saturday, August 17, at her Mema's house, Annie Laura Henry, in Swainsboro. LB and guests enjoyed the pool, a waterslide and bubbles. Guests were served hot dogs, chips, dip, veggies, fruit, cake and ice cream.

LB is the granddaughter of Brenda and Mitchell Henry and Barbara and Bob Poole.



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Rayleigh Faircloth leads Middle School Eagles past Citizens Christian

by GameChanger Media

Rayleigh Faircloth struck out 10 batters as the righty led David Emanuel Academy Middle School Eagles past Citizens Christian Academy 5-0 on Thursday, September 5. Rayleigh allowed two hits and zero runs over six innings while walking one. The Eagles opened the scoring in the first after Evie Moore singled, scoring one run. The Eagles added one run in the third. Evie walked, making the score 2-0. Kaley Flowers went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead DEA in hits. The Eagles were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Evie made the most plays with 10.

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Tigers push through Homecoming struggles, ready for redemption

at Thomson

by ROOSEVELT YOUNG

Homecoming is always a special time during the high school football season. A celebration of community, tradition, and school pride. It's a chance for people to come together, tailgate, and reconnect with old friends. The energy in the air is unmistakable, with the crowning of the homecoming king and queen. The marching band playing fan-favorite tunes, and the stands buzzing with excitement.

This past Friday night was no different for the Swainsboro Tigers, except this year's homecoming brought a familiar foe back to town, the Appling County Pirates. The last time these two teams met at Tiger Field was Halloween night in 2003, when Swainsboro came out on top 21-10.

The game began with the Tigers kicking off to Appling County, and from the start, it was clear this would be a hard-fought battle. Appling has made deep playoff

runs in recent years. But right out of the gate, the Pirates were met with resistance. Despite an early first down off a screen pass, Appling's drive was stalled by a few key penalties, setting the stage for the Swainsboro defense to shine. Senior defensive lineman Wendell McLeod (#61) made a crucial play, breaking through the line and disrupting the Pirates' handoff, causing a fumble. Junior Marcus Watkins (#33) was quick to recover, giving the Tigers their first momentum shift of the night.

Swainsboro's offense took the field with a balanced attack. Senior running backs Quinn Brown and Bryson Tarver each contributed with short-yard runs, but the Tigers' opening drive stalled on a fourth-down conversion attempt. The Pirates took back over, but the Tigers' defense remained resilient, stopping them just short of a first down and forcing a punt deep into Swainsboro territory.

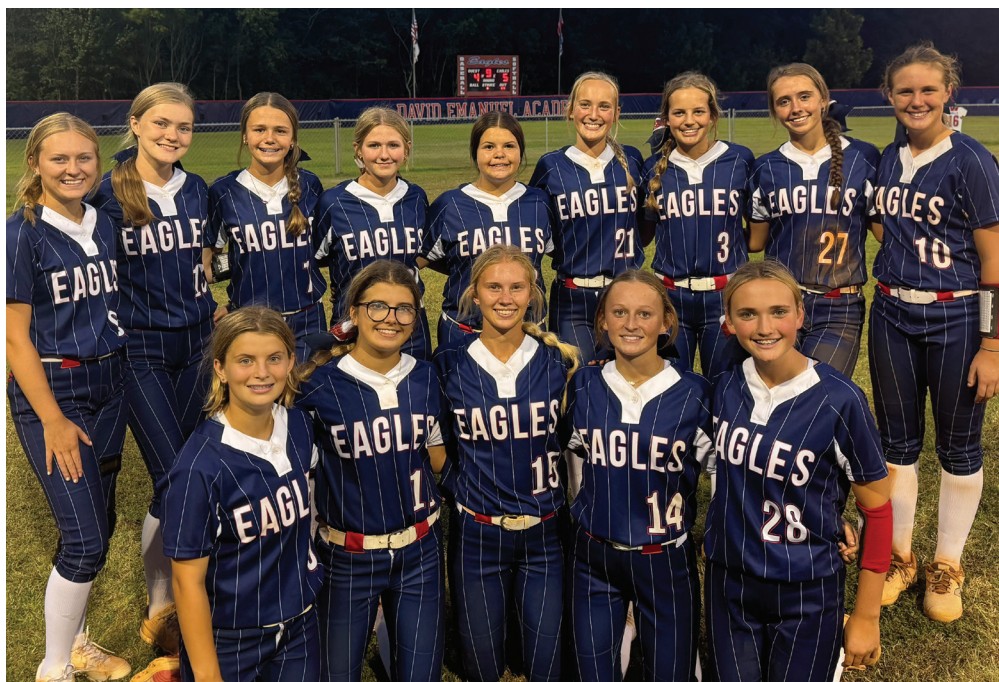
However, Appling County's defense proved

just as formidable. On a critical third down, the Pirates sent an all-out blitz that resulted in a sack and a fumble recovery, setting up their first score of the night. It wasn't easy for Appling, though the Tigers made several key stops near the goal line before the Pirates finally broke through on a third-down play.

For most of the night, Appling County showed they were a well-rounded team, controlling the clock and eventually putting up 32 points. On defense, they stifled the Tigers for the majority of the game. Still, Swainsboro found some late-game spark, with sophomore Shannon Benjamin scoring two touchdowns, one on a 9-yard reception and another on a 45-yard catch to close the gap. Both thrown by junior Quarterback Kason Edenfield. The final score was 35-12 in favor of the Pirates, dropping the Tigers to a 1-3 record for the season.

Though this loss stings, it's important to remember that all of these defeats have come in non-region play, meaning the Tigers still have everything to play for as they prepare for the rest of the season. These early challenges may serve as the growing pains that will ultimately make this team stronger. Swainsboro has the talent and determination to bounce back, and they'll have their next opportunity this Friday night against the Thomson Bulldogs in the Brickyard. It's the Tigers' first true road test since their rivalry game against ECI, and it's time for the community to rally behind them.

Let's pack the Brickyard and show our Tigers that we believe in them.



LADY EAGLES

Lady Eagles earn walk-off win over Citizens Christian Academy

by GameChanger Media

It came down to the wire on Thursday, September 5, as David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles grabbed the victory in walk-off fashion, 5-4, over Citizens Christian Academy Varsity Lady Patriots. The Lady Eagles were down 4-3 in the bottom of the ninth inning when Payton Peebles singled, scoring two runs. The Lady Patriots got on the board in the top of the eighth inning the Eagles committed an error, and Kortlyn Bennett scored after tagging up, each scoring one run. The Lady Eagles tied the game in the bottom of the eighth, thanks to an error, and a single by Aubrey Scott. The Lady Patriots took the lead in

the top of the ninth. Gracie Giddens doubled, scoring two runs, to give the Patriots the leg up, 4-2. The Eagles jumped into the lead in the bottom of the ninth when an error scored one run, and Peebles singled, scoring two runs. Kyli Bell earned the win for the Lady Eagles. The reliever gave up two hits and one run over one inning, striking out one and walking none. Giddens took the loss for Citizens Christian Academy Varsity Lady Patriots. The righty went four and two-thirds innings, giving up three runs (zero earned) on four hits, striking out five and walking two. Scott began the game for DEA. The right-handed pitcher allowed three hits and one

run (zero earned) over eight innings, striking out seven and walking two. Peighton Harper began the game for Citizens Christian Academy Varsity Lady Patriots. The pitcher surrendered four hits and zero runs over four innings, striking out two and walking none. Peebles provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led the Eagles with two runs batted in. The 3-hole hitter went 1-for-4 on the day. Bailey McNure and Kaley Flowers were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected two hits for David Emanuel Academy. The Lady Eagles turned one double play in the game.

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Lady Dawgs sweep the week

by RON WEATHERFORD

The ECI softball team had an unusual two game schedule last week and had a weekend off. The Lady Dawgs won both games, defeating Vidalia at home the day after Labor Day 3-1, and picked up a region win in Pembroke over Bryan Co. 11-0 on Thursday. Jayna Kearson hogged all the hits for the Bulldogs in the game against the Indians, belting three doubles. Vidalia jumped on the Bulldogs with a run in the first, and that would be the only run the Indians could manage against ECI. The Lady Dawgs bounced back to take the lead for good in the bottom of the first, scoring two runs after a leadoff double by Kearson. ECI added another run in the third and held on to defeat Vidalia in a non-re-



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DOT RUSSELL BEGINS HER THIRD YEAR BEHIND THE PLATE FOR LADY DAWGS

gion game, 3-1. Charlie Mitchell pitched the first four innings for ECI, allowing just three hits. Mary Katherine Durden closed out the game,

giving up one hit, striking out six in her three innings of work.

Thursday, they took to the road to face region opponent, Bryan Co. They defeated the Indians in six innings 11-0 to bring their region record to 7-1. The Lady Dawgs scored in every inning except the final sixth. Kearson had another three-hit day along with teammate Kayanna Thompson to lead the ECI offense. Mary Katherine Durden and her Lady Dawg defense played error free ball. The sophomore pitcher had a no hitter entering the sixth inning, but the Indians spoiled the no hitter with a one out double in the final inning.

The Lady Dawgs have two region games on tap this week. Yesterday they were in Claxton to take on the Tigers. Thursday they will be back home with a game against Metter.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Adrian will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 17th at 11 a.m. in the Adrian Community Center Annex located at 107 Nora Blvd.

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.

Public Notice for Logic and Accuracy Testing

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-379.6 (c), preparation and testing of voting equipment will begin

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 10:00am. Testing will take place

in the Elections Office at 105 South Main Street,

Swainsboro, Georgia. Teating shall continue daily until such

preparations are complete. Preparations and testing of equipment

is for the November 5, 2024 General Election.

Kerry K. Curry

Director of Elections

Emanuel County, Georgia



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - POWELL #6



**DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
EAGLES DEFENSIVE UNIT**



**PRACTICE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
BOATRIGHT #15**



**SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE GAME
LAWSON #31**



**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME
BRADDY #4**

Eagles back on top

by ASHLEI BOATRIGHT

There's no place like home for the Eagles. After last week's loss on the road, the Eagles are back on top defeating John Hancock Academy 44-0 at home on Friday, September 6.

The chemistry between Richard Braddy and his top target Sailor Powell is a large reason for the

Eagle victory. Braddy threw for 120 yards and three touchdowns on only eight passes while Powell scored three touchdowns. Powell ended the night with 109 rushing yards, a majority of which came from an incredible 75 yard run. In addition to the chemistry between Braddy and Powell, the Eagles

Defensive Unit was top notch Friday night! The John Hancock offense only had 76 yards on 39 plays with 1 fumble and 1 interception.

David Emanuel Academy now has a winning record of 2-1.

Week 3 Players of the Week for David Emanuel:

Practice Player of the Week, #15 Mason

Boatright, Freshman RB/LB

Special Teams Player of the Game, #31 Braydon Lawson, Sophomore Kicker, 4 Kick Offs for 119 Yards, 1 Assisted Tackle

Defensive Player of the Game, The Eagle Defensive Unit - held John Hancock Scoreless. The John Hancock Offense only had 76 yards

on 39 Plays, 1 Fumble and 1 Interception.

Offensive Player of the Game, #4 Richard Braddy, Junior QB, 120 Passing Yards, 3 Passing Touchdowns, 4 Carries, 24 Rushing Yards, 1 Rushing Touchdown

The Ware's Bar-B-Q Most Valuable Player, #6 Sailor Powell, Junior WR/LB, 2 Carries, 109 Rushing Yards, 1

Rushing Touchdown, 2

Receptions, 43 Receiving Yards, 1 Receiving Touchdown, 1 KickOff Return for a 70 Yard Touchdown, 4 Punt Returns for 58 Yards, 6 Tackles, 1 TFL, 1 Interception

The Eagles travel to Vidalia on September 13 to take on the Vidalia Heritage Academy Eagles.

Buccaneers nip Bulldogs in overtime

by RON WEATHERFORD

For the second time in this three-game season, the Bulldogs were involved in an overtime game. They were victorious against Wilcox by six points the first game of the season, but they were on the opposite end in Friday's region match-up against McIntosh Co., losing 7-6.

Penalties, execution, defense and mistakes plagued both offenses with neither finding much success in the red zone. The only scoring of the game came in overtime with both offenses easily scoring from 15 yards out on three plays by the Bulldogs and in two plays by the Bucs. "This was the first game that I can recall being a part of that went to the end of regulation, tied 0-0," commented head coach Chris Kearson. "We knew they were good on defense and could present some problems for us on both sides

of the ball. Our week of preparation was up and down and that usually translates into an up and down performance on the field."

Both teams had promising drives that ended in fumbles. The Buccaneers turned the ball over inside the Bulldogs 18 in the first quarter. The Bulldog repaid McIntosh in the fourth quarter, fumbling inside the red zone on the 13-yard line after a long drive. The ECI defense turned away McIntosh on fourth down late in the game at the 18 to keep the score 0-0 at the end of regulation. The Bulldogs got the ball first in overtime. After a first down no gain play, Brian Steele picked up 10 for a first and goal at the five. Steele's number was called again as he found the endzone to put the Bulldogs up 6-0. The Bulldogs' extra point try was blocked for the second time this season to keep the score



BRAIN STEELE, (12), SCORES IN OVERTIME

6-0. McIntosh scored their first touchdown of the game on a busted play from 14 yards out. The EP was good, and the Bulldogs took the region loss 7-6. Leading rusher for the game was Tyler Foreman with 64 yards on 17 carries. Every region game is important, especially in an 8-team region. You

could see teams with just two region losses sitting at home when the playoffs start.

The Bulldogs have a



**JAMES PARKER AND CHASE JOHNSON
BREAK A BUCCANEER PASS LATE
IN 4TH QUARTER**

short time to lick their wounds. Friday they will travel to Millen for the annual neighborhood bash against Jenkins Co. who are flying high after defeating Portal 48-19.

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:

MEGA PLATINUM: \$1,000 (50 Extra House Gun Tickets)

PLATINUM: \$500 (25 Extra House Gun Tickets)

GOLD: \$350 (10 Extra House Gun Tickets)

SILVER: \$250 (5 Extra House Gun Tickets)

BRONZE: \$200 (3 Extra House Gun Tickets)

Sponsors will receive a plaque and additional house gun tickets for their generosity

We are also soliciting items for auction. If you have any item that you would like to donate, please let us know as soon as possible.

October 10, 2024 • 5:00 P.M.
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Tickets for the event are \$60, which includes admission to the event, one ticket for house gun door drawing as well as a prime rib dinner prepared by Beaver Creek.

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Beneteau ignites the Lady Tigers' offense

by HUGH HENDRIX

After a five-day break in the schedule for the Labor Day weekend, the Lady Tigers were back in action last Tuesday on the road at Tattnell County. The game remained scoreless until the top of the third inning when Swainsboro turned two walks and five singles into a 4-0 lead. The Lady Tigers then scored two more runs in the sixth and finally closed out the scoring in the seventh inning on a Gracie Beneteau inside-the-park home run. The final score of the game was 8-1.

Swainsboro pounded out 12 hits on the night and were led by Gracie Beneteau, Chloe Boulineau, Sara Smith, Berklie Bishop, and Izzy Baird who all had two hits on the evening. Cassidy Jordan also had a hit and two walks in her four trips to the plate. From the circle, Boulineau recorded her fifth win of

the season as she gave up just one run on two hits in the game.

On Thursday, Swainsboro traveled to Lyons to take on the #2 ranked Toombs County Bulldogs. The Lady Tigers put up a good fight but were not able to get any offense going against Toombs County pitcher Shayla Stringer and fell by a final score of 4-0.

On Monday, the Lady Tigers hosted the Razorbacks of Cross Creek High School. The Lady Tigers scored 11 runs in the first inning on the way to an impressive 18-0 victory. The 18 runs were scored by 15 different Lady Tigers players. The Swainsboro offense was led by junior outfielder Gracie Beneteau who had a triple and three RBI in the game.

Swainsboro now stands at seven wins and seven losses on the season. The Tigers will hit the road later this week



BENETEAU MAKING CONTACT FOR HER INSIDE-THE-PARK HOMERUN for a game at Vidalia on Monday and Savannah Thursday and then travel to Johnson County on Monday and Savannah Christian on Tuesday. All game times will be 6 p.m.



CADETS LEARNING ABOUT THE FLAG

Learning the importance of the United States Flag: ECI JROTC Cadets' Experience

On August 26, 2024, ECI JROTC Cadets learned the importance of the United States Flag and how to fold it properly. Sergeant First Class Nelson taught the cadets how to fold, hoist, and lower the flag. They also discussed the flag's significance and what it represents to them. During the flag folding, they learned about the symbolism behind each of the 13 folds. Additionally,

they learned about the meanings of the flag's colors: white symbolizes purity and innocence, red represents hardiness, and blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The cadets gained an understanding of the flag's significance to the American people and its representation of the sacrifices made by those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Family Connection has the success of little readers on their mind

As October approaches, Emanuel County Family Connection is gathering "Characters" to raise money to support the First Readers program here in Emanuel County. Beginning October 1st, you can see your favorite book characters in costume on social media. Look for their posts throughout the month of October. Family Connection is sponsoring the First Readers virtual fundraiser to get books into the homes of children under five. Local champions for literacy will be

asking you to donate to First Readers by casting a vote for them. Every \$4 vote you make will help provide books for children here in Emanuel County. So, VOTE as many times as you like and for as many characters as you like!

First Readers addresses one of the most basic issues of childhood literacy - ensuring the availability of quality books in the home so that parents can read to their child during those formative years. Every month First Readers mails quality



VOLUNTEER READS TO TODDLER books and materials for parents to families of children from birth to age five. Every dollar you donate will go to supply books for children in Emanuel County. It only takes \$42 to provide a child with a book every month for a year.

Classifieds

Deadline is Monday at
9:30 a.m.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

Call Melva at 478-237-9971 to help sell your unwanted items!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following abandoned vehicle will be sold for storage and towing fees on October 9, 2024 from 10am-4pm. Vehicles are stored by the City of Swainsboro. **All bids must be sealed and taken to the Swainsboro Police Dept.** Anyone with an ownership interest of any of these vehicles should contact the Swainsboro Police Dept.

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If you are interested, please contact us at 478.237.7535 or email at fumcswainsboro@gmail.com

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City of Twin City
Chief of Police (Police Department)

The City of Twin City is now accepting applications for the Chief of Police, serving as one of four full time police officers, focuses on the administrative, professional, and managerial work responsible for planning and directing the operations of the Police department. These operations include but are not limited to Patrol, Criminal Investigations, and Communications. The work involves general responsibility for the planning, development, and direction of all personnel, programs and policies. Administrative duties include budget development and administration, policy development, and personnel administration. The incumbent represents the department in working with other legal authorities, governmental agencies, and the media. Duties are estimated to be 65% patrol/police work, 35% administrative/community outreach. Work is performed under the general supervision of the City Commission and specific City Commissioner department head.

Education and Experience

- Minimum 5 years POST Certified Police Officer experience.
- Minimum 3 years Police Experience with an agency serving 5,000 or fewer people preferred.
- Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Business or Public Administration, Psychology, or related field from an accredited college or university is preferred but not required
- Demonstrated progressive advancement in police leadership and management.
- 5 years or more additional experience maybe substituted for bachelor's degree.

Salary Range: \$55,000 - \$65,000

All interested applicants should complete an employment application at Twin City City Hall. For more information, the interested applicants may contact Mayor Matt Donaldson at mdonaldson@twincityga.com. A full job description and job application can be found on the City's website under Job Opportunities.

Jail Report

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

Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); Probation Office (PROB); or East Georgia State College (EGSC).
Berneika Lashea Brown, 31, arrested 9/2/24; Probation violation; ECSO
Michael James Cooper, 33, arrested 9/6/24; Cruelty to children-FEL/MISD (x3); ECSO
Donovan Quinton Davis, 28, arrested 9/7/24; DUI-less safe-alcohol/DUI-child endangerment/Seatbelt violation-adult/Open container; ECSO
Elizabeth Denise Devezin, 51, arrested 9/8/24; Move over law;

SPD
Charles S. Franklin, 71, arrested 9/5/24; Public drunk; SPD
Isaias Gomez, 24, arrested 9/8/24; DUI-less safe-alcohol/Driving while unlicensed; GSP
Roderick Tramaine Harris, 34, arrested 9/3/24; Bench Warrant-felony; ECSO
Raheem Dashaun King, 30, arrested 9/4/24; Child support lockup order; ECSO
Jessica Juanita Lane, 32, arrested 9/6/24; Court order; ECSO
Harry Casiano Lopez, 37, arrested 9/2/24; Battery; SPD
Wykeria Markesha Mckinney, 26, arrested

9/5/24; Simple battery; ECSO
Aubrey Vernon Monk, 25, arrested 9/6/24; Probation violation-felony; ECSO
Santos Alexander Perez-Perez, 25, arrested 9/8/24; Driving while unlicensed/Fail to yield when entering intersection/Expired registration/No insurance; SPD
Nakia Sanchez Phillips, 50, arrested 9/8/24; DUI-less safe-alcohol/Speeding; GSP
Noah Robert Pierce, 35, arrested 9/4/24; Bench warrant/Theft by receiving stolen property/Hold for Wrens PD; SPD
Bryan Quentin

Redfern, 40, arrested 9/5/24; Aggravated stalking; ECSO
Billy Ricks, 66, arrested 9/7/24; Bench warrant/Possession and use of drug related objects; SPD
Evan Ricks, 46, arrested 9/5/24; Probation violation; ECSO
Miguel Chance Rodriguez, 23, arrested 9/6/24; Seatbelt violation-adult/DUI-less safe-drugs; ECSO
Craig Leon Scott, 32, arrested 9/8/24; DUI-less safe-alcohol/Failure to stop at stop sign; GSP
Marion Steele, 62, arrested 9/6/24; DUI-less safe-alcohol/Interference with officer/Failure to maintain

lane; SPD
Shamaya Kaboya Watson, 22, arrested 9/8/24; Disorderly conduct; SPD
Kelly Hezekiah Williams, 18, arrested 9/2/24; Marijuana-poseless less than 1 oz; EGSC
Robert Williams, 60, arrested 9/7/24; Public drunk/Bench warrant/Probation violation/Probation violation-felony; SPD
Scott Allan Williams, 43, arrested 9/2/24; Methamphetamine possession of/Forgery-1st degree/Driving while license suspended/revoked/Tag/registration requirements/No insurance; ECSO

Sheriff's Reports

According to the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office...
September 3
Deputy was dispatched to Racket Town Rd. in reference to property damage. It appeared as though a vehicle traveled off the roadway and through a portion of complainant's fence. C/p advised damages to be appx. \$900. Offender was found to have been the operator of the vehicle and no contact was made with him at the time.
September 4

Victim was traveling inside of a marked Dept. of Transportation construction zone when he struck a slim plastic vertical cone that was placed in the roadway indicating the lane was shut down. Vehicle sustained moderate damage but there were no injuries.
September 5
Deputies took a report over the phone where complainant stated offender pulled her out of a car and beat her in Statesboro and at her home. C/p also stat-

ed she did not make a report at the time and is reporting it now because offender has been riding by her house at night and sitting in her yard. C/p also stated she has been receiving threatening messages from offender.
September 6
Deputy met with complainant at ECSO in reference to a lost/stolen tag. C/p stated he is unsure when the tag went missing but it has been parked at his residence.
Vehicle was traveling

on I16 when she hit a rock and her right front tire and rim was damaged and had to be replaced.
Vehicle was traveling on I16 when she hit a large rock and her left front tire causing the tire to go flat and was beyond repair.
September 7
Deputies were dispatched to E. Norris St. due to victim's step-daughter attacking him, as well as damaging his home. C/p showed scratches on his face from offender and dam-

ages to the master bedroom. C/p also advised that when offender left, she returned, and he thought she had a weapon screaming profanity in a violent manner while he was laying in his bed. Deputies left the scene and was dispatched back after c/p received messages, as well as phone calls, stating offender slashed the tires on c/p's semi-truck.
September 8
Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 56 South in reference to speaking

with a female who stated a male subject had been staying with her for two weeks and she wanted him gone from her residence. 911 also advised complainant stated offender had fought with law enforcement before and possibly had a gun at the residence. Deputy arrived and met with c/p and stated after learning things about offender, she wants him gone. C/p advised she has asked offender to leave and he refuses because he is claiming c/p owes him \$750.

Swainsboro Police Reports

Officers with the Swainsboro Police Department (SPD) reported...
August 27
Officer witnessed a vehicle run a stop sign and conducted a traffic stop. The officer then found out that the vehicle had no valid insurance. The vehicle was towed and offender got a ride from the scene.
August 28
Officer responded to SPD in reference to a walk in report. Complainant stated that her ex-boyfriend has been harassing her by calling her phone repeatedly. She provided evidence that she asked the offender to stop contacting her and she moved out of their residence.
Officer was sent by SPD to follow up on a complaint on Brown Street. C/p stated that on the Sunday before, the offender threatened

to kill her and his niece. He then busted her television and a window in her home. She was advised of the eviction process.
Officer was dispatched to Calhoun Street in reference to domestic violence. The offender stated that he and his wife had an altercation that escalated. He stated that he slapped his wife and was arrested.
Officer responded to SPD for a walk in report. C/p stated that earlier that morning she received a call from the bank regarding a DoorDash charge that she did not make. She stated that she believes that her cousin has been using her card to DoorDash food.
August 29
Officer noticed someone driving with no seatbelt on and conducted a traffic stop. Due to an odor of marijuana

coming from the vehicle, a search was conducted where marijuana was located. Offender was issued a citation and a verbal warning.
Officer responded to SPD for a walk in report. C/p stated that there was an altercation at Senior Behavioral Center. A patient became angry when told to wait for a second cup of coffee and became violent with a female staff member. Security took control of the patient.
Officer ran the information on a vehicle that came back with no insurance. A traffic stop was conducted, a citation was issued, and the vehicle was towed.
911 dispatched officers to West Main Street in reference to receiving several callers stating a tractor trailer pulled power lines down. Georgia Power and the fire department were dispatched as well and the issue was resolved.
Officer conducted a traffic stop where the driver eluded police. Offender could not be located after drone usage.
August 30
Officer ran the tag on a vehicle that came back with no insurance. Offender obtained insurance and was released.
C/p came to SPD to make a report in reference to damage done to his vehicle.
Officer responded to Brown Street in reference to disputes between family members. Offender was issued a citation for disorderly house.
Officer served a vehicle obstructing traffic and called a tow truck. Driver advised that it was the transmission and were not happy with the towing company coming.

Officers were dispatched to the area of Lucky Street in reference to a call about shots fired in the area. Officers rode around the area but had negative contact.
August 31
Officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was found to have a warrant out and was arrested.
Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle failing to maintain lane of traffic. The driver's license was found to be suspended and she was arrested.
Officer responded to Enmarket in reference to a report that needed to be made on an individual shoplifting. The individual that shoplifted was identified as a husband of an employee. Offender came back and paid for the items taken.
September 1
911 dispatched officer to West Pine Street in reference to an entering auto. Victim stated that most of his belongings were missing. A report was made and there was no evidence on security cameras.
Officer responded to William Roundtree Road in reference to a report needing to be made about harassing messages and posts on Facebook. C/p provided evidence.
Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with dark tint and a dark tag cover. The driver was found to have a suspended license. Citations were issued.
Officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign and conducted a traffic stop. An odor of alcoholic beverage was coming from the vehicle upon approaching the

driver, so a field sobriety test was conducted. Offender was arrested for DUI and truck was towed.
September 2
911 dispatched officers to respond to Lucky Street in reference to a lost wallet. C/p stated that he went to get food the Thursday before and could not find it after returning home.
Officer responded to a call on East Pine Street in reference to a 911 hang up that was believed to be a possible domestic in progress. Offender could not be located but police were able to get a description.
Officer was dispatched to McLeod Bridge Road in reference to a dispute that had already occurred. C/p stated that her child's paternal grandmother was on FaceTime with the child earlier in the day when the child claimed to be choking. The mother stated that she did not show any signs of harm so she did not take her to the hospital. Later in the day, the child's grandparents got into an argument with the c/p's boyfriend. Officers arrived on scene and offenders stated they were just worried about the child's well-being. After examining the child, officers found her to be breathing and talking normally. C/p requested a criminal trespass be issued to offender.
Officer was dispatched to the Sunset Inn in reference to a domestic that had already occurred. C/p provided video footage of offender in an irate state. In the footage offender was seen hitting himself in the face causing marks. Offender was arrested.
September 3
Officer responded to

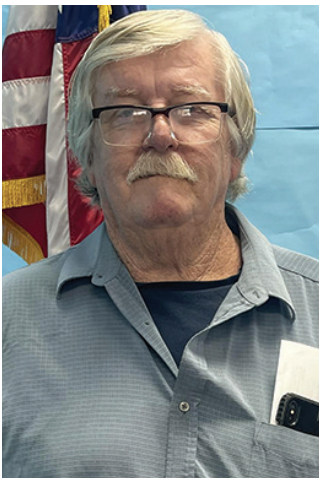
North Main Street in reference to a theft report. C/p stated that sometime in the evening prior, someone was caught on camera taking up their survey markers that had just been placed in the ground. C/p also stated that she has also reported that tires were being stolen from the business as well.
Officer responded to SPD in reference to a walk in report. C/p stated that her ex-boyfriend came to her apartment and she asked him to leave and stop contacting her. When offender went to leave, he slashed c/p's tire. C/p was able to get video footage of the crime and a criminal trespass was issued.
September 4
Officer assisted ECSO with a traffic stop on South Main Street. The offender was stopped for failing to dim headlights but had a suspended license. Citation was issued.
Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with no valid insurance. The driver also did not have her license on her. Citations were issued.
Officer was dispatched to a call at Walmart in reference to high schoolers making a lot of noise in the store. While talking to c/p someone else came up to officers saying his phone and money had been taken. White powdery substance was found on this person and a criminal trespass was issued.
Officer was dispatched to South Main Street in reference to a call about a report. C/p stated that the offender had been seen walking around her job and her boyfriend's residence. She stated that she got a TPO against him but has been violating it.

Lisenby speaks to Veterans

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the Franklin Memorial Library Monday morning, September 9, at 9 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, they had 41 in attendance. The DAR Lynn Torrance, Ann Sheppard, Carol Parrish, and Jennie Wren Denmark provided breakfast consisting of muffins and Shari Watt provided orange juice, grape juice, apple juice, cranberry juice and coffee. After the prayer by Veteran Emory Fennell, Chair Johnny then introduced Vet John David Bailey who introduced Mike Lisenby. Mike's presentation was on the "First Continental Congress through the Treaty of Paris". The newest Veteran is Stanley Hillary Calhoun who served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1968. He served in the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany and the U.S. Calhoun's highest rank was E-4. Chair Johnny and Veteran Abe Nobles then presented Veteran and Director of the Wounded Warriors Organization, Terry Reynolds, \$500 from the Veteran Bucket Fund to

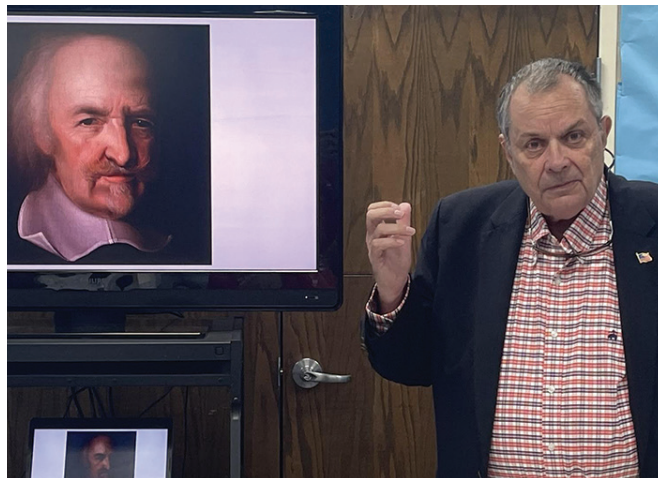


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be used for Wounded Warriors. Veteran Terry is in charge of the upcoming 13th Annual Sportsman's Banquet and Auction that will be held at Beaver Creek Plantation, 3698 Hwy. 80 East in Twin City to be held Thursday night, October 10, at 5 p.m. This



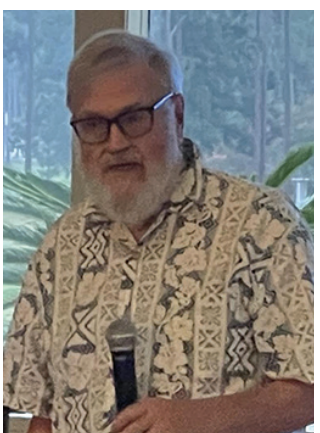
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Elliott speaks at BCRWBA banquet

The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. held its semi-annual banquet Friday night, September 6, at the Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro. With President Stephen Hammond presiding, the assembly had 73 in attendance. President Stephen called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and then asked the Color Guard Commander, Past President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Mike Tomme to present the Colors. Then



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chairman of the board Tommy Christopher led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Stephen then welcomed everyone and introduced the special guests. The Central East

Region Vice President GASSAR William J. Tankersley then offered the blessing after which they enjoyed a very delicious meal. After the meal, Compatriot Dr. John Derden introduced the speaker for the evening, Archeologist Dan Elliott. Dan went through a slide presentation and commentary of the "New Research from the Brier Creek Battlefield" and what has been going on at the battlefield for the past few months. After Dan's outstanding presentation, President Stephen had a few announcements and

what the future holds for the Battlefield. Region VP Bill Tankersley then said the benediction. The next annual banquet will be Friday night, March 7, 2025, at the Forest Heights Country Club.



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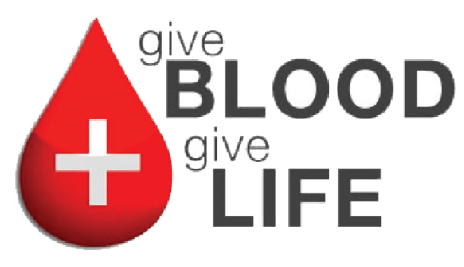
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