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HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES AND GUESTS AT GROUDBREAKING CEREMONY

EMC breaks ground on Emergency Department Expansion

by LYNN BRINSON
Emanuel Medical Center held a groundbreaking ceremony last Friday to mark the beginning of construction for its much-anticipated Emergency Department expansion. The event brought together a large crowd, including community members, hospital employees, local elected officials, and representatives from the Emanuel County Hospital Authority and the Emanuel Medical Center Foundation. Also in attendance were representatives from RW Allen

Construction, the general contractor overseeing the project, and architect Kevin Palmer. The expansion aims to enhance patient care and reduce wait times by adding more treatment rooms, a “fast-track” lower-acuity treatment area, dedicated rooms for behavioral health patients, and a redesigned layout for improved efficiency. CEO Damien Scott noted that while Emanuel Medical Center is a Level IV Trauma Center with consistently outstanding quality ratings, staff rec-

ognized opportunities to further enhance patient care, which this project aims to address. Along with the physical upgrades to the Emergency Department, staff are also introducing process improvements to elevate care delivery. Emanuel County Hospital Authority member and Chair of the group’s Building & Grounds Committee, Smith Edenfield, thanked EMC employees for their dedication, noting the great strides that the hospital has made since the pandemic just a few years

ago. Edenfield also thanked participants of the Georgia HEART program, adding, “This project will serve our community for generations, and those who have contributed to our hospital through Georgia HEART will be able to look at this and say, ‘I had a hand in that.’” After remarks by Scott, Edenfield, and Emergency Department Manager and Trauma Program Manager Brooke Marsh, Hospital Authority member Rusty Simmons offered a prayer of blessing for the project.

Construction is expected to last through Spring 2025. During this time of construction, Emergency Department services have been moved to the hospital’s ICU. The Emergency Department entrance can now be found at the rear of the hospital, and ICU patients have been relocated to the second floor. Though their locations have changed, the Emergency Department and ICU will remain fully functional during this period. The Emergency Department expansion

project is being funded through a Rural Hospital Stabilization Grant and a Rural Hospital Support Dual Track Grant, both through the State Office of Rural Health, and by a State Economic Infrastructure Development Grant through the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission. Additional support comes from funds received through the Georgia HEART program, which allows Georgia taxpayers to direct their state income tax dollars to qualifying rural hospitals, such as EMC.



SCENE FROM LAST YEAR'S EVENT

Headin' Home Fest coming in October

by LIBBY LINDBLOM
The family bluegrass music festival, Headin' Home Fest, is returning to Swainsboro this October! Dates are October 23-27, 2024, at the Georgia Sports Arena. What better way to enjoy the crisp fall weather than with banjos, fiddles, and guitars? Hosted by the family band Headin' Home from Bloomingdale, GA, Headin' Home Fest is a five-day celebration of great bluegrass music, camping, jamming, vendors, food, and family fun! This will be the festival's third year, and its second year in Swainsboro. The Georgia Sports Arena offers the perfect facility with its gigantic, covered steel pavilion, onsite restaurant, and 216 RV hookups. Day tickets and weekend tickets are

available; come for a day or bring your camper over and stay the whole time to enjoy everything from the stage performances to the all-night campground jams! The 3rd Annual Headin' Home Fest will feature a world-class lineup of top touring bluegrass bands from all over the country: The Kody Norris Show, The Little Roy & Lizzy Show, Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road, The Edgar Loudermilk Band, Backline, The King James Boys, Daryl Mosley, Deano Graham & The Grass Wagon Revival, Line Creek, The Brothers Five, and the festival's host band, Headin' Home. Other activities will include a variety of craft and music vendors, nightly raffles and prizes, a silent auction, instrument

giveaways, and campfire jamming. There'll be some delicious food served at the restaurant right beside the stage, with everything from crispy chicken fingers to blue-ribbon hamburgers and hot dogs. For RV-ers, the campground features spacious sites with water and electric hookups, and a clean bathhouse with showers. Wednesday night, October 23, will kick off the festivities with a free 5 p.m. potluck dinner and open stage featuring local talent. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the stage shows run from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. each day. Bring your lawn chair, bring your instrument if you want to join in the jamming, bring your children and grandchildren, and come join the (Continued on page 2A)

Commissioners planning for the future

The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners met for their regular meeting Monday evening, September 16, and in a little over half an hour initiated a building plan that will carry this county into the next half-century and beyond. The long-reaching program provides for a coordinated, multi-phased approach that streamlines the process of public facility financing, construction, and administration. In opening business, the results from the recent sale of general obligation bonds was reported to be highly favorable, giving the county an upgraded AA3 rating and strengthening its overall financial position. The improved bond rating was in part due to the exceptional ratings in each of Emanuel County's categories of county operation. Following this good news, commissioners then approved minutes of the August 29, budget hearing, the August 29, millage rate adoption meeting and the August 19, regular meeting. The favorable bond results led to the consideration of the next six agenda items dealing with resolutions concerning property transfers, bond authorization, and enable-

ment of the Public Facilities Authority powers. This package of correlating authorization was approved by Commissioners for the future planning and construction of the new county government administration building and the renovation of the Coleman office building. The benefits of these special funding enhancements, along with new legislation providing for the establishment of a Public Facilities Authority which will yield cost-cutting measures for public facility projects, combined with SPLOST assistance, clears the way for long-term planning for the new county facilities that have been discussed for some time. All of the aforementioned measures passed with unanimous Board support with the exception of the resolutions

specifically related to the renovation of the Coleman office building which were opposed by Commissioner Foskey. In following action, commissioners approved adjustments to the FY 2023-2024 budget and passed the resolution approving the FY 2024-2025 budget. A final bit of good news came in the form of increased LRA money from the State Department of Transportation for local road paving that will provide a significant amount of bonus road work in the county. Finally, commissioners discussed reappointment of several board members as well as filling vacant seats on the DFCS and DBHDD boards. More information on these positions will be posted on the Emanuel County website. At this point, the meeting was adjourned.

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EXCHANGE CLUB MEMBERS

Exchange Club members take first group photo in 20 years

Pictured are Swainsboro Exchange Club members in front of the Emanuel County Courthouse. The group assembled for a photo on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, following the Rededication Ceremony of the Freedom Shrine. This is the first group photo of Exchange members taken since the 1993/94 club year. There were 27 members in attendance for this great occasion.

Headin' Home Fest...

(From front page) fun! Tickets are on sale now at an advance price until September 24. Children under 10 are free, and youth aged 10-15 are half price with a paying adult! To make your ticket and campsite reservations, call or text Libby at 912-432-5885, or reserve online at headinhomefest.com.

Headin' Home Fest 2024 is proudly sponsored by Central Fence Co. in Swainsboro, Hometown Family Dental in Swainsboro, 88 Keys Piano, Lessons with Marcel, Banjo Ben Clark's General Store, DX Print & Mail, Calton Cases, D'Addario, and Gold-Tone Music Group. More sponsorship opportunities are still available, so

if you're an interested business or individual, please reach out ASAP! So, mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Headin' Home Fest in Swainsboro! We can't wait to see you the fourth weekend of October at the Georgia Sports Arena for some good, down-home pickin' and grin-nin'!

Miss DEA pageant to be held

The Miss DEA pageant will be held Saturday, September 21, at 2 p.m., in the gym. Nine ladies will compete for the title of Miss DEA: Emily McRae, Kyli Bell, Jillian Davis, Lexa Jukes, Addalyn Terwilliger, Lyla Martin, Hensley Terwilliger, Payton Peebles and Scout Hall. There are also competitions for 2-year-olds through high school.



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Hummingbirds getting ready to depart

by WANDA THOMPSON SCARBORO

Remember how excited we were in March to see the return of our hummingbirds? We have enjoyed them for the past six months, but now they have less than a month to stay with us. For Emanuel County, their last days are usually the first and second weeks of October with October 16th being the latest they have been

seen. Most adult males have already departed and with the remaining being females and those born this summer.

As the summer ends, hummingbird experts suggest changing their nectar solution from four cups of water and one cup of sugar to three cups of water and one cup of sugar. They need the extra energy for their annual trip back to Mexico and Central America.



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HUMMINGBIRDS SITTING ON FEEDER

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Emanuel County Democratic Committee to hold meeting

The Emanuel County Democratic Committee will have a meeting to adopt bylaws on Thursday, September 19, at 12 p.m. at the Vann Community Center in Swainsboro.

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MRS. CLAXTON AND STUDENTS

SES students learn about the Star-Spangled Banner

Just in time for the focus on patriotism as Americans remember 9/11, the Thomas McCall Chapter National Society United States Daughters of 1812 (NS USD1812), donated an educational kit, "Stars and Stripes," to Swainsboro Elementary School. Karen Claxton used the kit on Wednesday to teach her students about the Star-Spangled Banner.

"We put the kit together so that students will begin to understand the heroic and historic events that make the United States of America the greatest nation on earth," shared Pat Mercer, Chapter Regent. "It is our hope that as teachers and students read the books, they will understand the sacrifices others made and appreciate the history of

our Nation Anthem."

During the Battle of Baltimore in 1814, the British ships launched 1,500 rockets and bombs at Fort McHenry for 25 hours, but the fort's defenders did not give up. Francis Scott Key was an American who was on a British ship negotiating a prisoner exchange. The battle was fierce, but Key never gave up hope that the Americans would win, and he was right! By the dawn's early light, as the song says, he could see Mary's giant flag being raised and waving over Fort McHenry. Francis Scott Key was so inspired by seeing the flag that he wrote a poem, "The Defence of Fort M'Henry." Later the poem was put to music, and it became "The Star-Spangled Banner," the national

anthem of the United States.

"We value and benefit from community support. We are grateful to this patriotic group of women who provided this educational resource for our teachers to use in their fourth grade Social Studies classrooms," said April Woods, Assistant Principal at SES.

Founded in 1892 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 is a non-profit, non-political, women's service organization for descendants of American patriots who rendered civil, military or naval service to our country during the years of 1784 to 1815 inclusive. For more information, contact <https://usdaughters1812.org/sites/georgia>.



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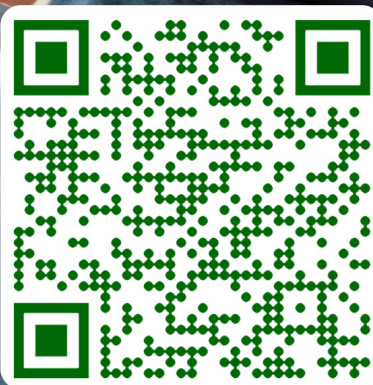
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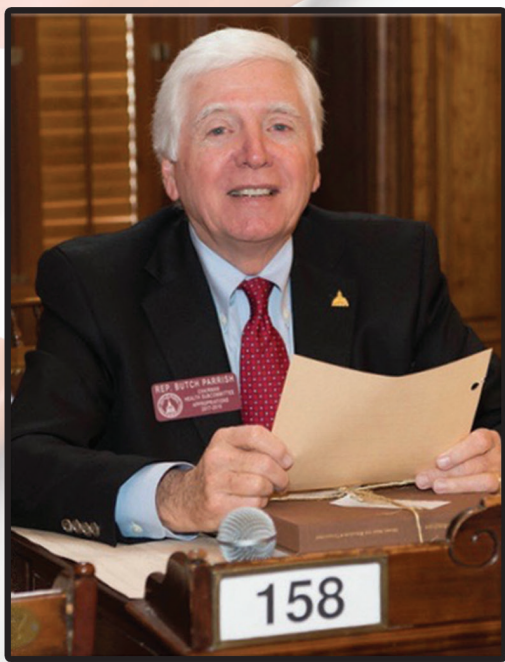


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Johnny Parker, 75

Mr. Johnny Lee Parker, 75, of Swainsboro, passed away Thursday, September 12, 2024, at Memorial Health in Savannah following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 21, at 11 a.m. at Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church with Reverend Bennie Brinson officiating. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery. The family received friends from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, September 20, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Honorary pallbearers were deacons of Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church.

Johnny was born July 12, 1949, in Swainsboro, to the late Samuel Thomas Parker, Sr. and Mary Lou Shoemake Parker. Mr. Parker is preceded in death by his parents; surrogate mother, Minnie Bell Shoemake Stephens Tiller; son, Collis O. Parker; siblings, Samuel Thomas Parker, Jr., John Willie Parker, Arline Parker, James Otis Parker, Mattie



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Mae Parker, Lee Edward Parker and Bobby Parker, Sr.; sisters-in-law, Agnes Salter-Parker and Alma Worthen-Parker; niece, Tammy L. Parker; and nephew, John Eric "The Governor" Parker.

Mr. Parker is survived by his daughter, Angelia O. Parker; surrogate sons, Michael V. Watson and Shawn L. Watson; brother, Ralph Parker, Sr. (Lutricia) of Swainsboro; sister, Christine Parker of Swainsboro; sister-in-law, Mary E.M. Parker; grandchildren, Johnkia Parker and Ja'Vonte D. Parker; great-grandchild, Malani R. Parker; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

James L. "Jimmy" Mason, 77

James L. "Jimmy" Mason, age 77, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, September 9, 2024. The family received friends on Thursday, September 12, from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the funeral service at 2 p.m. at the Shellman Bluff Baptist Church with Reverend Harry Coursey officiating.

Jimmy was born April 8, 1947, in Emanuel County, to the late James B. and Emily Riner Mason. He lived in Swainsboro for many years before moving to Shellman Bluff 35 years ago. Jimmy's journey began when he graduated from Swainsboro High School in 1965. He furthered his education at Georgia Military College, Georgia Southern University and Brewton Parker College. Jimmy's commitment to serving his country was evident as he proudly served in the Army National Guard, achieving the rank of Captain. This chapter of his life highlighted his strong values and leadership skills, which he carried into every aspect of his life. In the years that followed, Jimmy's professional life thrived as he owned and operated Mason Portable Buildings and Mason Fishing Charters. His entrepreneurial spirit was matched only by his deep-rooted love for fishing. Over four decades, Jimmy competed in fishing tournaments, earning recognition as a former Georgia Senior Angler with the SKA. His passion for fishing extended beyond competition; it was a cherished hobby that allowed him to connect with nature and enjoy the company of friends and family.



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Beyond his accomplishments and hobbies, it was Jimmy's family that brought him the greatest joy. Jimmy's role as President and board member of the Sapelo Saltwater Fishing Club illustrated his commitment to fostering a community centered around this beloved pastime. He was a member of Swainsboro First Baptist Church and attended Shellman Bluff Baptist Church. Mr. Mason is preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Mason is survived by his devoted wife of 57 years, Mary Evelyn "Mamie" Mason of Shellman Bluff; sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Audra Mason of Mitchell and Tim and Stefanie Mason of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Wess (Mary) Mason of Shellman Bluff, Calissa Mason, Emma Mason, both of Swainsboro and Ashton Mason of Mitchell; great-grandchildren, Caleb Mason and Laurie James Mason; brothers, Bobby Mason and Bill Mason, both of Swainsboro; several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be given to Shellman Bluff Baptist Church, 1282 Sutherland Rd, Townsend, GA 31331.

Glennville Funeral Home had the honor to serve the Mason family.

Connie Turner, 62

Mrs. Connie Johnson Turner, 62, of Twin City, passed away Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 12, at 1 p.m. at Canoochee Baptist Church with Pastor Mark Sweat officiating. The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 11, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were James Clay, Evan Clay, Nathan Turner, Clay Johnson, Chase Johnson, Blake Marsh, Brannon Bush, Nicholas Johnson, Zach Proctor and Dylan Rollins.

Connie was born February 19, 1962, in Emanuel County, to Kenneth and Maudine Johnson. She lived all her life in Emanuel County and was married to her high school sweetheart, Ronnie Turner, for 41 years before his death in 2023. Connie graduated from Emanuel County Institute in 1980. She worked as a paraprofessional with the Emanuel County School system and retired after 25 years. Connie proudly held the nickname, "paraboss", to her colleagues and students. She was a volunteer firefighter for the Canoochee Fire Department before retiring after 20 years of service. Connie and Ronnie operated their farm together and she spent summers canning pickles and jelly. She was a devoted mother to her two sons, an active member of her church, Canoochee Baptist Church, and a loving



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"Goggie" to her six grandchildren. Peanut, her loving pet chihuahua, could be found by her side at any time. Connie loved spending time with her family more than anything. She looked forward to vacations at the beach and frequent shopping trips with her mother, sister and nieces. Mrs. Turner is preceded in death by her father; and husband, Ronnie Turner.

Mr. Turner is survived by her mother, Maudine Johnson of Garfield; sons, Clint (Natalie) Turner and Chad (Marlee) Turner, both of Metter; grandchildren, Waylan Turner, Ollie Turner, Miller Turner, Jax Turner, Charlee Turner and Chadlee Turner, all of Metter; brother, Steve (Becky) Johnson of Canoochee; sister, Kathy (Richard) Johnson of Garfield; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Canoochee Baptist Church, 2501-2535 Canoochee Garfield Road, Twin City, GA 30471.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Gail Bragg, 72

Mrs. Gail Diane Bowden Bragg, age 72, of Hull, GA, formerly of Swainsboro, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family as she entered her rest with the Lord on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, after an eight-month battle with cancer. A celebration of Gail's life will be held Saturday, September 21, in Swainsboro. Visitation with the family will be at Chapman Funeral Home from 12 to 1:30 p.m., with a memorial service to follow at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Swainsboro. Her son-in-law, Pastor Brad Cassell, will preside over the services. Interment will follow at Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Born November 8, 1951, in Augusta, Gail was a shining light to all who knew her. She worked for over 20 years as a hospice administrator for Pruitt Health, and fittingly, was blessed to receive hospice care herself in the end. Gail was known for her beautiful smile, fierce spirit, encouraging heart, and her passion for family, God, and community. She loved playing the piano, decorating, organizing, and being surrounded by her loved ones. Gail was a member of the Athens Seventh-day Adventist Church and had a passion for serving her local and faith communities. As an Adventist for over 40



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years, she served as an elder, treasurer, pianist, choir member, clerk, educational superintendent, greeter, and various other roles. Gail also served her local community, volunteering in Boy Scouts, Community Choir, and Rotary Club. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Mrs. Bragg is preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Melrose Bowden of Douglasville, GA.

Mrs. Bragg is survived by her husband of 54 years, John Bragg; four children, Bridget Duliakis (Gus) of Jacksonville, FL, Gidget Maybin (Doug) of Mount Vernon, Julie Cassell (Brad) of Mount Dora, FL, and Christopher Bragg (Heather) of Bogart; 11 grandchildren, Jessica, Sarah, Kristen, Mary, Ian, Mason, Adam, Benjamin, Liam, Samuel, and Charlee; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Joanne Nicoll (Regis) of Chattanooga, TN.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Catherine Spikes, 65

Catherine Spikes, age 65, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, September 14, at 11 a.m. at Ohoopie Grove Baptist Church with Pastor Alan Moss, Sr. officiating and Pastor Matthew Davis presiding. Catherine was born May 28, 1959. She graduated from Wadley High School. Catherine worked in the health-care industry and was a hard worker. She always had a smile on her face and brought great enthusiasm and energy into every room she entered.

Ms. Spikes leaves to cherish her memories with one daughter, Angelica Best of Swainsboro; three sons, Terry Spikes, Corey



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Best and Marquis Best, all of Swainsboro; four grandchildren, T'Rien Spikes, Tahj Spikes, Propers Morris and Tyderian Best; her children's father, Larry Best; one sister, Janice (Jeffery) Jordan of Louisville; three brothers, Michael (Barbara) Little of Augusta, Willie James Little of Wadley and Curtis Lee Little of Bartow; two nieces; two nephews; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

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Editorials Columns

A battle we can win

Every now and then we all take things for granted. It just happens, right? It doesn't mean you're a bad person, it just means you're human. But it does happen, and when it happens for long enough, there is usually a price to pay. For example, you expect your car to crank every time you hit the ignition. Usually it does, but if you take it for granted and ignore that "check engine" light long enough, you will suffer the consequences. "How could this have happened?" You moan in bewilderment! Same thing with people. If you think that the kitchen will just run itself without some *praise for the chef*, then...

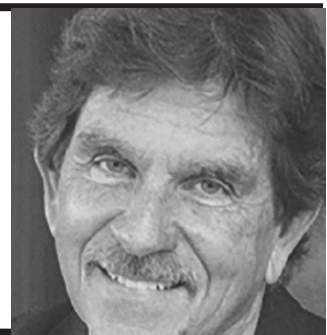
well you see where this is going. Every worthwhile thing requires a little effort somewhere along the line. Here's another example. We happen to live, I think, in a beautiful county. We might not have everything we desire, but the basic "quality of life" requirements are here. So, as you are driving to work in your car that you take for granted, you notice day after day the growing collection of fast-food drink cups, plastic bags, half-empty beer cans, junk mail and all the other souvenirs of our cluttered world blowing up and down the shoulders of the road. "That's really bad", you say, and as an empty dog-food bag flies

out of the pickup truck up ahead you wonder how people could be so irresponsible. If you haven't noticed, trash is getting the upper hand, and we are helping through our own neglect. This county is spending thousands and thousands of dollars yearly in an effort to control litter. That's too much, but it's not enough to win the fight. Unfortunately, the biggest obstacle in our battle against our trash and litter is our tendency to "take things for granted" and simply overlook it.

Keep Emanuel Beautiful is a local group of volunteer citizens affiliated with Keep America Beautiful that is working

with the Emanuel County Commissioners to bring the fight against litter and trash and also against complacency about the problem. For the past two years, this group has worked to survey and monitor the areas of the worst litter contamination in the county. They have conducted sweeps and strikes picking up trash in different areas as well as presenting informational programs all around the county. What they have learned is that the trash and litter problem is growing at a faster and faster rate and will not be under control until the public fully understands how serious and threatening the issue is. Littering

Charles Schwabe



and trash dumping is against the law, but the KEB group believes that the public attitude can be the strongest weapon in the crusade if people will just make up their mind not to litter and not to tolerate those who do. Otherwise, the only other realistic option is stricter laws and stronger penalties to convince the offenders of the seriousness of littering. Aside from the damage this problem does to the natural beauty of our county,

trash and litter are now becoming legitimate indicators of health and economic trouble spots both in towns and in the county. This is a real problem, but it is a battle we can win with just a little bit of help and awareness from us all. Every worthwhile thing requires a little effort, and a little effort can make a big difference. As one member of Keep Emanuel Beautiful says, "If you can't pick it up, just don't throw it out."

School days

The passing of Labor Day brings memories of school days. Today, schools start much earlier than in my school years. Since schools were not air conditioned, the beginning of school was hoped to be beyond the hottest days of a late Georgia summer. That is my opinion, but correct me if I am wrong. I have always loved school and excited

when a new term began. A few weeks before, my mother would take me to Rosenberg's and buy me a few latest style school dresses for my age. Included would also be a pair of white and black saddle oxfords. These were popular throughout my school days. I was even happier and excited when I completed seven years of elementary

school and walked further up Church Street to SHS. My class of 1953 would be the second class to go through twelve grades. Entering grade eight was a big change. My first challenge was having a locker and learning to use a combination lock. I wrote the combination on every surface I could, even on my hand. Having a schedule and changing

different classes was fun. It did not take long to get acclimated, because I loved it so much. This was the first year of football Coach Schwabe and Mrs. Schwabe who was the Librarian and later English teacher. Mrs. Schwabe was my idol and impacted my life in many ways. She was there to listen if you needed to talk.

Shirley Proctor Twiss



In my senior year when I was confused about my future plans, I explained that I wanted to be a teacher or a writer. Her answer was, "You can do both." I taught Special

Education as my career and also wrote three novels. SHS did not have a Student Counselor, but we had Mrs. Schwabe. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com.

Happy to be living in such a happy state of mind

Are you happy? If so, I am happy. But you and I might be exceptions. I just read a report by WalletHub, a personal finance company, that ranks the 50 states on a number of metrics to determine which states are the happiest. Georgia is listed

as the 20th happy state. The criteria for determining how happy we are include things like our emotional wellbeing, how much sleep we get, how many hours we work, whether or not we're depressed, how safe are we, rate of sui-

cides, whether or not we volunteer, engage in sporting activities and number of divorces. As usual, we beat Mississippi (42nd), Alabama (44th), West Virginia (48th), Arkansas (49th) and poor old Louisiana (50th out of

50) in being happy like we beat them in everything else. That makes me happy. Bless their hearts. A number of the states in the Northeast were deemed happier than Georgia. WalletHub doesn't say why, but I think it is because many of their citizens got tired of living in a place where it snows ten months a year and all the buildings are rusted and decided to move South, which made those who stayed behind happy because they got tired of all the whining. It may also explain why we dropped to 20th because they settled here and we have to listen to them make fun of how we talk. Before you ask, Hawaii rates No. 1 on the happiness scale. WalletHub says it is because Hawaiians enjoy great physical health, low unemployment, the longest life expectancy in the U.S. and the second-highest share of households with an annual income above \$75,000. That, in spite of the fact that U.S. Geological Survey says Hawaii experiences thousands of earthquakes every year. It was interesting to note also that Hawaiians ranked dead last in getting an adequate night's sleep. I guess worrying about thousands of earthquakes annually can do that to a person. Maryland was the second happiest state. WalletHub says one big reason is Marylanders like what they do. A bunch of them are federal bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., which means they have lifetime employment.

Dick Yarbrough



Federal bureaucrats never get fired. What's not to like about that? I must also note that New Jersey was rated the third happiest. The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name was born in New Jersey, even though she moved to Georgia when she was 4 years old and developed a classic Southern accent. When asked where she was born, she would say "Noowuk," roughly approximating "Newark." According to WalletHub's analysis, New Jersey natives have "supportive relationships and love in their lives" and "happiness in their marriages." I can personally vouch for that, even those who moved from Noowuk when they were 4 years old. The bigger question is why does the Great State of Georgia, home to the oldest-state chartered university in the nation and the possessor of the greatest state song in the history of the world, "Georgia on my Mind" as sung by Ray Charles Robinson, of Albany, Georgia, rate only 20th in happiness? I may be a part of the reason if my mail is any indication. I have opined on several occasions about the desire of an Alabama-based company, Twin Pines Minerals, to mine titanium dioxide in our Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge so the world will never run

short of toothpaste whitener. No one seems to have mentioned that there is titanium dioxide available to be mined in - are you ready? - Alabama. Knowing this has made a lot of you very unhappy. Having chemical giant Chemours rumored to be buying out Twin Pines seems to have made you even angrier, particularly when the company said in 2022 that it had no intention to buy the project from Twin Pines Minerals. Proponents of drag mining Trail Ridge aren't happy with me, either. Gummy-Moving Ox (I can't make this stuff up) wrote and said he hopes my teeth rot out. A local timber baron is not real pleased with me, I understand, but not because of my dental hygiene. I suspect Gov. Kemp, State Senate Majority Leader Steve Gooch and Rep. Lynn Smith aren't real happy with all the controversy but no one knows because they aren't talking. But let us end on a happy note. At least we don't have thousands of earthquakes a year to keep us awake at night and there is a good chance we will never run out of toothpaste whitener. I don't know about you, but I am happier already. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dick-yarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

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Seedling Garden Club begins a new year

After a very hot summer, finally, "Fall is Calling." That means it is time for garden club members to start gathering to begin a new year. Seedling Garden Club held its first meeting on Monday, September 9, at the social hall of Swainsboro Methodist Church.

President Nancy Lisenby called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed everyone. She gave a very inspirational moment titled; "Importance of Starting a Garden." We all start gardens, we plant, grow and sow with God's help.

The meeting began with committee reports

and officer reports. Yonna Bailey, Yard of the Month chairman, reported that the beautiful yard of Tracy and Luke Scott was given the September Yard of the Month. Secretary Amber Albritten had no report due to the club's summer break. Kay Peacock gave the treasurer's report. This was approved as presented. Paula Karrh gave a very informative September Horticulture Tips report. This included things to do now that the weather is cooler, and we have lots of things we can do like, planting, sowing seeds, divide and transplant plants and fertilizing. Good time to plant fall veg-

etables. She stated that most of her tips come from an old Statesboro Garden Club garden book. Members always look forward to these horticulture tips. During the horticulture tips moment, Nancy Lisenby shared a newly harvested Loffa. She grew the loffa from a plant she planted. She stated, "the plant is a vine, has pretty yellow flowers and when ready for harvest it has to be shucked to get to the loffa. People use the loffa for bathing. A very interesting looking plant.

A formal program was not presented due to the importance of making plans for the new year.

Under old business, a review of fundraising auction procedures and additional options for fundraising was discussed and a study will be done on this. This is the only money-making project the club has. Yard of the month guidelines were reviewed and recommendations for changes were made.

Under new business, president Lisenby encouraged members to attend the Oleander District Annual Meeting to be held at The Landings in Savannah on October 16, 2024. The club voted to contribute a basket to be auctioned off at this meeting. We are also supposed to

bring collected tabs to this meeting. These go to support the Ronald McDonald houses in Georgia. The planters at Emanuel Nursing Home were voted on and approved as a project for the club. Members will plant the planters as seasons change. Members were reminded of the Moon Tree Party on September 10 that was held at East Georgia College to celebrate the loblolly pine tree planted at the Sudie Fulford Center. Seeds were taken into space and around the moon in 2022. They planted them and grew a Loblolly pine. So, the tree is called the Moon Tree. Very interesting!

Lucille Braswell and Nancy Lisenby served as hostesses for the meeting. The 14 members present were served pimento cheese and chicken salad sandwiches, nuts, key lime cupcakes and soda. The table was decorated for Fall.

The meeting was adjourned with Lucille Braswell winning the door prize. President Lisenby gave a big "Welcome Back" as members adjourned.

Seedling Garden club is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.; Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.; The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and Oleander District III.

Derden speaks to Wiregrass

The Wiregrass Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting Thursday night, September 12, at McKinney's Pond Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. With President Steve Burke presiding, they had 19 in attendance. After the blessing, the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the Pledge to the SAR, President Steve asked Registrar Dess Smith III to present a special certificate. Smith called Patrick Carr Rangers member James Roy Reeves forward and presented him with the National Society Sons of the American Revolution membership of the "Special Ops Veterans Corps". Reeves has been honored with this Certificate of Patriotism for standing ready to defend the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic. As a veteran, he is authorized by the SAR to wear the War Service Medal in grateful recognition for his service to country in Grenada during Operation Urgent Fury and the Beirut, Lebanon Crisis (1983). President Burke then asked Smith to introduce the speaker for the evening, Compatriot John Derden, who presented his program, "General John Ashe, Commander of American Patriots during the Brier Creek Battle, March 3, 1779". Chaplain Emory Fennell then closed the meeting with the benediction and the SAR Recessional.



COMPATRIOT REEVES RECEIVING HIS CERTIFICATE FROM REGISTRAR SMITH



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Tapley speaks to Veterans

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the Franklin Memorial Library Monday morning, September 16, at 9 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, they had 48 in attendance. The Beta Sigma Phi furnished breakfast consisting of sausage biscuits with jelly and several delicious cookies and Shari Watt provided orange juice, grape juice, apple juice, cranberry juice and coffee. After the prayer by Veteran Emory Fennell, Chair Johnny introduced the newest veteran, Brandon Ross Wallace, and his wife. Wallace served in the U.S. Army from 1997 to 2017. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Command and was stationed at Fort Riley, Fort Carson, Fort Sam Houston, Fort Benning, Fort Hood and in Germany (Landstuhl). Wallace also was deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Chair Johnny



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then talked about the "Wreaths Across America" event that will take place on December 14. They will be placing the U.S. Flags on veteran's graves at the Swainsboro City Cemetery on November 30 at 9 a.m. Veterans' Assistant Shari Watt discussed the veterans attending five different veterans' day events at five different schools on November 11, and also

the possibility of having their own Veterans Day parade in Swainsboro. If you would like to purchase a wreath for your veteran in any cemetery, please call the library and ask for Shari Watt. Also, Veteran Terry Reynolds 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. It

will be held on Thursday night, October 10, 2024, at 5 p.m. This event will include social time, prime rib meal, with silent and live auction items. Advance tickets are required. You can obtain tickets by contacting Terry Reynolds at 478-494-3758, Richard Driggers at 912-290-1108, Nick Kraus at 912-687-6781 or Kurt Anderson at 678-614-0593. All proceeds go directly to the local Wounded Warriors group which is a Georgia Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that gives opportunity to Wounded Veterans and their family to enjoy the great outdoors. Veteran Willie Bush closed the meeting with a prayer.

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9th Annual Suicide Awareness Walk

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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.

Lester Grove 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.

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. School supplies will be given away and refreshments will be

served. President Matt Howard invites everyone to attend and help their youth celebrate God through music and dance.

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.

St. Philip Center of Hope to hold food distribution

St. Philip Center of Hope will be open for distribution on Thursday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

God's Holy Tabernacle to hold revival

God's Holy Tabernacle, 398 Parish Pond Road, Twin City, will hold revival Wednesday, September 18 and Saturday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 22 at 11 a.m. featuring Evangelist TR Henton.

Friendship Freewill Baptist to hold Homecoming

Friendship Freewill Baptist Church in Twin City will have their Homecoming service on Sunday, October 6, at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served and everyone is welcome.

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10 early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's

- The lack of long-term or short-term memory is always a big obstacle on the way to wealthy life. The top alarming sign of the Alzheimer's disorder is when a patient cannot recall elementary things like where his home is. Most of the time, the most recently obtained information is simply gone. Such patients keep on asking the same questions many times, but still do not manage to memorize the answers. Only family and health care professionals can help.
- Another huge challenge is organizing things and managing time. People with Alzheimer's cannot find immediate solutions to existing issues. It becomes hard for the Alzheimer's patients to develop and learn new things due to their inability to plan things ahead. It is even hard for such people to follow the same chronological order of some actions or keep track of taxes they should pay. It is all supported by the lack of concentration.
- Patients with Alzheimer's accomplish everyday tasks in an incorrect manner. They fail many urgent assignments both at school and in the workplace. They may lose their driving license after causing road accidents or high traffic. People with Alzheimer's cannot manage their family budget; they may even lose money. Family members have to fulfill their knowledge of how to use TV or kitchen regularly.
- Alzheimer's is all about confusion. It means getting lost in time and space. Patients are not capable of navigating all alone; they need someone to show their way no matter where they are going: to a supermarket or local church they use to attend every Sunday. Such people also may forget the current date as their feeling of time is different from the ordinary. The lack of short-term memory is the reason why people with Alzheimer's often cannot explain how exactly they reached certain destinations.
- Inability to recognize visual images, colors, and surrounding. Having troubles with vision is not always a symptom of Alzheimer's. However, family members should pay attention to such things. The patients experience difficulties when exploring textbooks and other written materials, evaluating distance, and differentiating colors and shapes. They may confuse own reflection with the twin or stranger. One of the possible age-based changes is various eye conditions.
- Issues with learning new words and communicating (both oral and written forms). Patients with this disorder find it complicated to interact with other people, especially complete strangers. They frequently fail to recognize names and faces. They may lose the main point of the discussion. Often, patients with Alzheimer's repeat information several times unintentionally. Choosing the right word and expanding vocabulary are two other challenges for such people.
- Another common problem is misplacing things. An individual suffering from Alzheimer's is losing his or her ability to name the order of various activities they take. Frequently, they cannot find things because of the inability to remember where they left them. Sometimes, these people have paranoia, thinking there are some thieves around who stole their things. The common age-related fluctuations include losing glasses all the time, for instance.
- A lowered judgment or no sober mind at all. This factor negatively influences the decision-making processes. An example may be a usage of money to buy expensive and senseless things instead of purchasing something their families need urgently. People with



ALZHEIMER'S RIBBON

Alzheimer's are often the victims of swindlers and gambling. They also dedicate less attention to their overall appearance. Thus, taking a wrong decision is a sign.

- Unemployment and denial to take part in other daily life activities. The source of the problem is an inability to communicate with surrounding members of society. Patients tend to quit interest clubs, interesting projects, work, training programs, or favorite sports. People with Alzheimer's often refuse to take part in social activities. It may be connected with the fact they simply forget how to hold a ball or swim. People with Alzheimer's feel overloaded with the elementary obligations, so they quit less significant activities.

- Shaped mood and behavior, usually followed by the complete change of the individual. Patients with Alzheimer's do not have a stable mood. All of a sudden, they can start shouting, crying, laughing, get confused or embarrassed unless someone calms them. No matter where these people are, they may start behaving differently at any moment. It is easy to upset them. The typical age-based changes include turning annoyed every time the routine is disrupted, and something changes.

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Symptoms of Alzheimer's

Memory loss is the key symptom of Alzheimer's disease. Early signs include difficulty remembering recent events or conversations. But memory gets worse and other symptoms develop as the disease progresses.

At first, someone with the disease may be aware of having trouble remembering things and thinking clearly. As symptoms get worse, a family member or friend may be more likely to notice the issues.

Brain changes associated with Alzheimer's disease led to growing trouble with:

Memory

Everyone has memory lapses at times, but the memory loss associated with Alzheimer's disease persists and gets worse. Over time, memory loss affects the ability to function at work or at home.

People with Alzheimer's disease may:

- Repeat statements and questions over and over.
- Forget conversations, appointments or events.
- Misplace items, often putting them in places that don't make sense.
- Get lost in places they used to know well.
- Eventually forget the names of family members and everyday objects.
- Have trouble finding the right words for objects, expressing thoughts or taking part in conversations.

Thinking and reasoning

Alzheimer's disease causes difficulty concentrating and thinking, especially about abstract concepts such as numbers.

Doing more than one task at once is especially difficult. It may be challenging to manage finances, balance checkbooks and pay bills on time. Eventually, a person with Alzheimer's disease may be unable to recognize and deal with numbers.

Making judgments and decisions

Alzheimer's disease is not a preventable condition. However, a number of lifestyle risk factors can be modified. Evidence suggests that taking steps to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease may also lower your risk of developing dementia.

To follow heart-healthy lifestyle choices that may reduce the risk of dementia:

- Exercise regularly.
- Eat a diet of fresh produce, healthy oils and foods low in saturated fat, such as a Mediterranean diet.
- Follow treatment guidelines to manage high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol.
- If you smoke, ask your health care professional for help to quit.

One large, long-term study done in Finland found that making lifestyle changes helped

Alzheimer's disease causes a decline in the ability to make sensible decisions and judgments in everyday situations. For example, a person may make poor choices in social settings or wear clothes for the wrong type of weather. It may become harder for someone to respond to everyday problems. For example, the person may not know how to handle food burning on the stove or decisions when driving.

Planning and performing familiar tasks

Routine activities that require completing steps in order become a struggle. This may include planning and cooking a meal or playing a favorite game. Eventually, people with advanced Alzheimer's disease forget how to do basic tasks such as dressing and bathing.

Changes in personality and behavior

Brain changes that occur in Alzheimer's disease can affect moods and behaviors. Problems may include the following:

- Depression.
- Loss of interest in activities.
- Social withdrawal.
- Mood swings.
- Distrust in others.
- Anger or aggression.
- Changes in sleeping habits.
- Wandering.
- Loss of inhibitions.
- Delusions, such as believing something has been stolen.

Preserved skills

Despite major changes to memory and skills, people with Alzheimer's disease are able to hold on to some skills even as symptoms get worse. Preserved skills may include reading or listening to books, telling stories, sharing memories, singing, listening to music, dancing, drawing, or doing crafts.

These skills may be preserved longer because they're controlled by parts of the brain affected later in the course of the disease.

Alzheimer's prevention

reduce cognitive decline among people who were at risk of dementia. Those in the study were given individual and group sessions that focused on diet, exercise and social activities.

In another study done in Australia, people at risk of dementia were given coaching sessions on diet, exercise and other lifestyle changes. They had better results on cognitive tests after one, two and three

years compared to people who didn't receive the coaching.

Other studies have shown that staying engaged mentally and socially is linked to preserved thinking skills later in life and a lower risk of Alzheimer's disease. This includes going to social events, reading, dancing, playing board games, creating art, playing an instrument and other activities.

Women are twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's

Almost two-thirds of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease are women, and women in their 60s are twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's as they are breast cancer. They're also more likely than men to develop the brain disease, even after factoring in women's typically longer lifespans. New research presented today at the Alzheimer's

Association International Conference 2019 suggests that sex-specific genes and crucial differences in the brain may help explain why women appear to be more at risk for this devastating disorder.

Four studies make clear that the brains of women are structured differently than men, and that that in turn may impact risk

of Alzheimer's. Women tend to outperform men on verbal memory tests, even when both have similar levels of Alzheimer's brain-related changes. As a result, women are often diagnosed in the later stages of Alzheimer's since early screening tests, which include verbal memory tests, may not detect any cognitive impairment.

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Young Lady Tigers squad picks up a big region win

by HUGH HENDRIX

The young Lady Tiger squad is having a solid 2024 season so far on the diamond, despite the fact that they have had to rely on all three freshmen that are on their roster. Pitcher Chloe Boulineau, catcher/infielder Sara Smith, and outfielder Izzy Baird have been in the line-up on a nightly basis and all three have made significant contributions to the team. Boulineau and Smith have teamed up to give the Lady Tigers a pretty formidable pitcher/catcher duo while Baird has played solid defense in the outfield.

Last Tuesday, September 10, Swainsboro hosted region foe, St. Vincent's Academy. In the bottom of the third inning, clinging to a 1-0 lead, Cassie Jordan came to the plate and delivered a bases loaded single which cleared the bases and stretched the Lady Tiger lead to 4-0. In the fourth inning, Swainsboro would then play a little small-ball and manufacture another run. Gracie Beneteau led off with a bunt single, freshman Chloe Boulineau laid down a sacrifice bunt, Beneteau then stole third base, and finally freshman Sara Smith drove her in with a sacrifice fly. Swainsboro scored two more runs later in the game to complete the 7-0 shutout. The Swainsboro offense was led by Berklie Bishop (3-4) and freshman Izzy Baird (2-3). Chloe Boulineau tossed the complete game shutout, allowing just one hit and two walks



SMITH

in the game while striking out 11 batters.

Another big region match-up was on the schedule for Thursday, at Vidalia but the game was postponed due to the weather. The game has been rescheduled for September 30.

Monday night, September 16, the Tigers traveled to Johnson County to face a red-hot Lady Trojan team that had won seven of its last eight games. Earlier

in the season, Swainsboro had defeated Johnson County in a high-scoring 13-9 offensive battle, but Monday's game was pretty much a battle of pitching and defense. Swainsboro opened the scoring in the top of the fourth inning with a single run which was matched by Johnson County in the bottom half of the inning. Those were the only two runs scored in regulation.

In the top of the eighth inning, Sara Smith was hit by a pitch and reached base but was left stranded on base due to back-to-back diving catches in the outfield by Johnson County left fielder Callie Carter. In the bottom half of the eighth inning, Johnson County was able to move a runner to second base which eventually scored on a Kinsley Price walk-off single.

The Lady Tigers certainly pitched well enough to pick up the win and the defense played error free ball, but the offense only managed five hits on the evening. Chloe Boulineau took the tough luck loss despite scattering five hits and two runs over seven and a third innings. With the loss, Swainsboro's season record fell to eight wins and eight losses.

Thursday's game against Wheeler County has been canceled, but the Lady Tigers will travel to Metter next Monday, September 23, for a 5:30 p.m. game before returning to Tiger Field for a region match-up with Toombs County at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24.

Region showdown on tap for Bulldogs this week

by RON WEATHERFORD

The Lady Dawg softball team picked up two more region wins last week to bring their region record to 9-1. Their only region loss was a 2-1 defeat by Screven Co. a couple of weeks ago. The Lady Dawgs host the Gamecocks, with an 8-1 region record, tomorrow for the region lead. A win by the Bulldogs would put them in the driver's seat to capture yet another region championship with three remaining region games left on the schedule.

On August 10, the Lady Dawgs were in Claxton to take on the Tigers. They easily took care of the Tigers 13-1 in five innings for another region win. Jayna Kearson led the game off with a triple and it was all downhill for the Tigers for the rest of the game. After taking a 1-0 lead in the first, the Bulldogs batted around in the second inning to post five more runs to take an early 6-0 lead. After a quiet third inning, ECI added three in the fourth inning and put the icing on the cake in the fifth, scoring six more runs for a 13-0 lead. The Tigers went down in order in the bottom of the fifth to lose the region game to the Bulldogs 13-0. Jayna Kearson continued her hot streak with three hits, including a double and triple. Ending the game with two hits each were Senaria Hillman and Maddie Funderburk. Five other Bulldogs had one hit each. Mary Katherine Durden went the distance in the circle, giving up just two hits, striking out eight Tiger batters.

Last Thursday, the Lady Dawgs hosted Metter in Twin City, defeating the Tigers 5-2. Like in the Claxton game, the Bulldogs got on the board after a lead-off triple, this time by Charley Mitchell in the

second inning. They put three on the board in the second to take a 3-0 lead. Metter put single runs on the board in the fourth and fifth innings for their only runs of the game. The Lady Dawgs added one run each in the fourth and sixth innings

for a 5-2 lead. Durden and her defense put the Tigers down in order to bring their region record to 9-1. Picking up hits in the game were Jayna Kearson, two hits, Kayanna Thompson and Kiley Grimes, one hit and a triple by Charlie

Mitchell. Mary Katherine Durden held the Tigers to just four hits, with five strikeouts and zero walks.

The Dawgs played the showdown against Screven Co., ECI traveled to Baxley to play the Appling Co. Pirates yesterday, Tuesday, September 17.



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Bulldogs battle in another overtime game

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

Chances are, during a football season, you may be involved one or two overtime games. Friday night, the Bulldogs played in their third overtime game in the last four games. The Bulldogs lost their second overtime game in a row to Jenkins Co. 20-17 Friday, and more importantly, their second region loss. It was a defensive battle for most of the game. Each team moved the chains on their opening drives, for a 7-7 score at the end of the first quarter. Brian Steele bulled over from the one for the Bulldogs' first touchdown in the game. Both teams' defenses kept the offenses from reaching the redzone in the second quarter with the half ending with a



BULLDOGS LINE UP TO TIE THE GAME 7-7 IN FIRST QUARTER

7-7 score. Just like the first quarter the Bulldogs drove the field on their opening drive of the third quarter. Chase Johnson scored on a 10-yard touchdown run to put the Bulldogs up 14-7. The Eagles scored their last touchdown in regulation early in the fourth quarter to tie the Bulldogs

14-14. The Bulldogs got the ball first in overtime and were unable to get a first down, calling on Oisín Matthews for a field goal try. The senior kicker split the uprights to put the Bulldogs up 17-14. The Eagles took the ball at the 15 and put the ball into the endzone on two runs to defeat

the Bulldogs 20-17. The Bulldogs rushed for 196 yards. Tyler Foreman was once again the workhorse, carrying the ball 18 times for 115 yards. It was another tough region loss for ECI who will be back home this Friday against region three newcomer, Bryan Co., at Rountree Stadium.

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DEA Varsity Lady Eagles defeat Vidalia Heritage Academy Varsity Eagles

by *GameChanger Media*

Aubrey Scott collected four hits in four at bats, as David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles defeated Vidalia Heritage Academy Varsity Eagles 15-3 on Thursday, September 12. Scott singled in the first inning, singled in the second inning, doubled in the third inning and singled in the fourth inning. Vidalia Heritage Academy Varsity Eagles got on the board in the first inning after Miranda Morgan drew a walk, scoring one run. The Lady Eagles flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the first, scoring five runs on four hits to take the lead, 5-1. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Addalyn Terwilliger that drove in two.



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The Lady Eagles added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Scott singled, Payton Peebles tripled, and Kaley Flowers walked, each scoring one run. DEA added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Kyli Bell hit a sacrifice fly, Peebles singled, Flowers singled, and Terwilliger hit into a fielder's choice, each scoring one run. Bailey McNure earned the win for David Emanuel Academy Varsity

Lady Eagles. The starter gave up one hit and three runs over two and one-third innings, striking out one and walking four. Maddie Riner took the loss for Vidalia Heritage Academy Varsity Eagles. The left-handed pitcher went one inning, giving up eight runs on six hits, striking out none and walking four. Scott threw one and two-thirds innings of scoreless ball for David Emanuel Academy in relief. The righty surrendered one hit, striking out four and walking

none. The Eagles tallied 16 hits in the game. Terwilliger, Bell, Peebles and Flowers each drove in two runs for David Emanuel Academy. Emily McRae collected two hits for the Eagles in three at bats. Terwilliger, Bell, and Scott each stole multiple bases for DEA. The Eagles stole 10 bases in the game. The Lady Eagles were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error.

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Middle School Eagles fire on all cylinders against Vidalia Heritage Academy

by *GameChanger Media*

David Emanuel Academy Middle School Eagles easily dispatched Vidalia Heritage Academy on Thursday, September 12, 8-0. The Eagles jumped out to the lead in the bottom of the first inning after Kate Yeomans drew a walk, scoring one run, Evie Moore tripled, scoring two runs, and a wild pitch scored one run. The Middle School Eagles added to their early lead

in the bottom of the second inning after Blakey Brinson walked, and Lara McNure was struck by a pitch, each scoring one run. A passed ball extended the DEA lead to 7-0 in the bottom of the third inning. Rayleigh Faircloth earned the win for the Eagles. The righty allowed one hit and zero runs over five innings, striking out nine and walking one. Evie and Lara were tough to handle back-to-back in the

lineup, as each drove in one run for DEA. Milly Farmer, Carrie Johnson, and Evie each collected one hit for the Eagles. The MS Eagles had a strong eye at the plate, piling up 10 walks for the game. Milly, Kate, and Mary Bess Fields led the team with two walks each. Milly stole two bases. The Eagles stole six bases in the game.

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Tigers fall to Thomson Bulldogs in Thursday night matchup

by ROOSEVELT YOUNG

Last week, the Swainsboro Tigers took to the field at "The Brickyard" in Thomson for a Thursday night matchup against the Thomson Bulldogs. The game was moved from Friday due to the forecast of severe weather, with both schools deciding it was in the best interest of players, coaches, and fans to play a day earlier.

The Tigers entered the game looking for their second win of the season but faced a challenging opponent in the Thomson Bulldogs, a team that won a state championship two years ago. Despite the tough matchup, Swainsboro competed with a roster that had been affected by injuries, giving younger players more time on the field.

The game began with senior running back Quinn Brown leading

the Tigers' opening drive, but they were unable to break through the Bulldogs' defense. Thomson responded with a quick score on their first drive.

Due to injuries at quarterback, junior Kason Edenfield and sophomore Marco Danford split time under center. The Tigers had some success in the running game, with Brown and Danford gaining yards, but the offense struggled to

maintain momentum. Swainsboro's only score came in the second quarter on a rushing touchdown by Brown. Thomson's offense continued to add points throughout the night, ending in a 56-7 defeat for Swainsboro.

The loss drops the Tigers to 1-3 on the season as they prepare for their next game against Crisp County in Cordele this Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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DEA Eagles put up a fight, but lose to Vidalia Heritage

On Friday, September 13, David Emanuel Academy faced Vidalia Heritage Academy in a battle between two of the state's top teams. The David Emanuel Academy Eagles lost 34-12 to the Vidalia Heritage Academy Eagles.

David Emanuel Academy lost despite a true team effort on the offense, the best among them being Clayton Hood, who rushed for 87 yards and a touchdown on only ten carries. John-Nathan Martin got in on the action too, returning a kick for a touchdown. The DEA Eagles were also able to hold the VHA Eagles scoreless in the 3rd quar-

ter.

David Emanuel Academy's defeat dropped their record down to 2-2. As for Vidalia Heritage Academy, the victory made it two in a row for them and also bumps their season record up to 2-2.

Players of the week foe Week 4 are as follows: *The Ware's Bar-B-Q Most Valuable Player* went to Senior RB/LB #7 Clayton Hood with 10 Carries, 87 Rushing Yards, 1 Rushing Touchdown, 11 Tackles, 1 TFL, 1 QB Pressure; *Offensive Player of the Game* was Junior QB #4 Richard Braddy with 94 Passing Yards, 6 Carries for 46 Rushing Yards; *Defensive Player*

of the Game was Junior DB #24 Revan Fortner with 7 Tackles, 2 Pass Break Ups; *Special Teams Player of the Game* went to Junior RB/DB #17 John-Nathan Martin with 4 Kick Off Returns for 125 Yards, 1 KOR for an 85 yard Touchdown; *Practice Player of the Week* was Sophomore TE/DL #19 Mason Williams.

DEA will take on Sherwood Christian Academy at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 20. Sherwood Christian Academy will roll in looking for their fourth straight win, something David Emanuel Academy surely won't give up without a fight.

Second inning spurt leads

MS Eagles past Trinity Christian Academy

by GameChanger Media

David Emanuel Academy Middle School Eagles defeated Trinity Christian Academy 15-0 on Monday, September 16, thanks in part to 10 runs in the second inning. Rayleigh Faircloth singled, scoring one run; Kaley Flowers tripled, scoring two runs; Kate Youmans singled, scoring one run; Evie Moore drew a walk, scoring one run; Mary Bess Fields grounded out, scoring one run; Carrie Johnson drew a walk, scoring one run; Sophie Young drew a walk, scoring one run; Blakely Brinson sin-

gled, scoring one run; and Lorelee Scarborough singled, scoring one run. The Eagles got on the board in the top of the first inning after Kaley doubled, Evie grounded out, Lara McNure walked, and Milly Farmer walked, each scoring one run. The Eagles added one run in the third after Carrie singled.

Rayleigh earned the win for David Emanuel Academy MS Eagles. The hurler gave up one hit and zero runs over two innings, striking out three and walking none. Mary Bess threw one inning of zero-run

ball for DEA in relief. The right-handed pitcher surrendered zero hits, striking out one and walking one. The Eagles tallied 11 hits in the game. Marlee Johnson, Kaley, and Rayleigh each collected two hits for David. Kaley led the Eagles with three runs batted in. The shortstop went 2-for-2 on the day. The Eagles had patience at the plate, piling up nine walks for the game. Milly, Carrie, and Sophie led the team with two walks each.

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The purpose of this hearing is to consider a petition by Ministries Ebenezer, for a conditional use permit to construct and operate a Church at south racetrack street, Map S37 Parcel 092, which is zoned R-3 and allows this use with a conditional use permit.

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Band of Gold performs at Georgia School Boards Association



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The Swainsboro Band of Gold performed in Savannah at the Hyatt Regency Hotel for the Georgia School Boards Association Summer Convention on June 7. Lindy Sikes, director of bands at SHS, had been contacted two years prior about the opportunity.

"I was contacted by the GSBA folks about the Band of Gold providing entertainment for the convention, and to be honest, I didn't know what to expect," Sikes said. "At first, I thought we were going to take the concert band. But after many discussions about how the room would be set up for the convention, I realized we couldn't take the whole band."

Discussions continued for several months, primarily regarding room capacity limitations by fire codes. The ballroom would have over six hundred attendees, and the stage was quite small. Sikes suggested it might be better to use the marching band because they could stand around the room as opposed to being seated.

"I told them we had 85 members in the marching band, and they said it couldn't be done," Sikes said. "They asked if we could have 40 members, and I said we

could make that work. Then, I received an email a couple of weeks later, and they said 20 is all we could have.

"I knew I would have to do some creative assignments to make it work, but I received another email the week before the performance with the full agenda, and it just so happened that the day we performed had been declared School Spirit Day. This was perfect because we definitely know how to do a pep rally!"

What made this performance even more special was the fact that the Band of Gold had been specifically requested by Valarie Wilson, GSBA execu-

tive director. Wilson is a Swainsboro High School alumna and was in the band while in high school, playing the saxophone.

"I was beaming with pride as they performed for the group," said Wilson. "We have received nothing but rave reviews for their performance. Thank you to every member of the Band of Gold for agreeing to get up early and come down; it meant so much more because it was my hometown and the band I was once a part of!"

On the day of the performance, the students got something akin to rockstar treatment. They had to be in Savannah at 6:30

a.m. to rehearse. After rehearsal, they were taken to a green room where they were treated to food and refreshments. During the performance, the audience stood and clapped along with the songs.

"I couldn't have been more proud of the students," said Sikes. "They performed wonderfully, and the audience was very responsive to us. They gave us a standing ovation and high-fived us as we left the room! I'm glad we had the opportunity to represent Swainsboro and the Emanuel County area to such a large group of people from all over the state. It was a wonderful experience for the students."

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Daughtry speaks to Fall Line

The Fall Line Chapter held their monthly meeting Tuesday night, September 10, at the WC Chamber of Commerce in Sandersville at 7 p.m. With President Sandy Mercer presiding, they had 10 in attendance. After the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the SAR Pledge, President Sandy asked dual member Dess Smith III to introduce the speaker for the evening, Compatriot Hu Daughtry of the Mill Creek Chapter in Statesboro, who lives with his wife Susan in Metter. Hu's topic was "The Ballad of Tom Dula/Dooley". President Sandy



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then discussed with the Chapter their involvement in "Wreaths Across America" to be held on December 14, 2024. The next meeting will be

held on October 8, and the speaker will be Mike Lisenby from Swainsboro. His presentation will be "Formation of the Colonies, 1600's/1700's."

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

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For more information:
Terry Reynolds at 478-494-3758 • reynoldscableoffice@gmail.com
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Nick Kraus at 912-687-6781
Kurt Anderson at 678-614-0593

Sheriff's Reports

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

September 8
Victim went to ECSO and stated she received a phone call from someone stating they were with Truist Bank Fraud Dept. and she had some transactions on her account and they wanted to verify if she did them. C/p was given the transactions that she was unaware of, and the unknown subject started asking for personal information but c/p did not give it to them. C/p also stated that on Monday, Sept. 10, the number called back and was trying to get her to take \$1,000 out of her account and send it through Western Union and she told them she knew it was a scam.

September 9
Deputy took a report regarding two dogs being stolen from Keas Mill Pond Rd.

September 10
Deputy responded to Hampton Ave. where complainant stated she's had several problems with the neighbor's dogs trying to dig under her fence and the dog got in her fence and was fighting with her dog. Deputies responded to SPS in reference to a stolen vehicle. Complainant stated she went out to her

car on her break and discovered her vehicle missing.

September 11
Complainant stated offender was in New Beginnings Rehab and left, taking a guitar that did not belong to him. C/p stated the victim is the owner of the guitar and loaned it to the church to use. C/p also advised several people tried to make contact with offender, but he would not answer.

Deputy met with complainant at ECSO in reference to a civil matter. C/p stated she received petition for legitimation papers from a law firm in Dublin about a petition to legitimize a child she has with offender's boyfriend. C/p stated she and the father have talked about legitimizing and agreed to file together. C/p stated the father's girlfriend/offender has been harassing her and works for the law firm the papers were sent from. C/p provided the paperwork in question which has not been filed through the Clerk of Court in Emanuel County but appeared to be from Emanuel County Courts. No civil action number was present on the paperwork. C/p also pointed out that the father's signature on the paperwork

does not match his signature and knows he was out of town working on the date that offender notarized that the father signed the petition. C/p believes offender sent the paperwork to her out of spite due to previous threats of trying to take the child from c/p and doesn't think the father sent the paperwork or that the firm knows offender did this. C/p was advised to speak to a partner in the law firm and ignore the paperwork due to not having been filed in Emanuel Superior Court.

Deputy was dispatched to Falcon Trail in reference to a domestic dispute. Complainant/offender stated she and victim are in a relationship and have two children together and he stays with her during the week. C/p also stated the two have a history of physical domestic disputes. C/p stated victim kicked her front door in. While deputy was speaking with c/p, the boyfriend called her phone and deputy spoke to him. He stated c/p had been sitting on the front porch all night drinking and he got up for work and they got into an argument and c/p kicked the door down. The incident occurred in the presence

of both children. Deputies have a history of being called to the residence for domestic disputes and know c/p has a history of alcohol abuse and is typically the primary aggressor in incidents.

September 13
A report was made in reference to the discovery of a burglary that is believed to have occurred within two weeks of report date. It was determined that someone cut the lock on a storage unit and took several high value items to include level four plates and carrier, two compound bows, several military uniforms and multiple hunting supplies and accessories.

September 14
Deputies responded to McGarrh Mill Pond Rd. in reference to complainant receiving threats that offender was going to shoot up her mother's house. C/p and offender were previously in a relationship and c/p now resides with her mother. Offender was located and transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputy responded to Dellwood Rd. in reference to a dog being shot. Complainant stated her neighbors told her that her dog was shot while in someone else's yard. Deputy made contact with the shooter who stat-

ed the dog keeps tearing up trash in his yard and growled at him when he hollered at it in his backyard tearing up trash, so he shot it in the rear and the dog ran off.

September 15
Deputies responded to Twin City in reference to vehicle damage. Complainant advised her car had a flat tire and had a symbol sprayed on it, as well as damage to her passenger tire. C/p suspects a male subject to be offender due to him being kicked out three months prior and blocked him on social media because he was harassing them.

Deputies responded to Oak Grove Church Rd. in reference to a physical domestic between brothers and EMS was dispatched. Victim stated she has a son that lives with her and has been disrespectful to her and her husband and her grandson has been living with her while his father is working, and her son gave him a vape. C/p stated she called her grandson's father and told him about it, and he left work and went to the residence to confront his brother and son, and a verbal confrontation turned physical between the brothers.

Deputy responded to

Twin City in reference to a stolen ATV.



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Kameyaka Clark #528
Dedra Durden #531
Dakota Hood #533



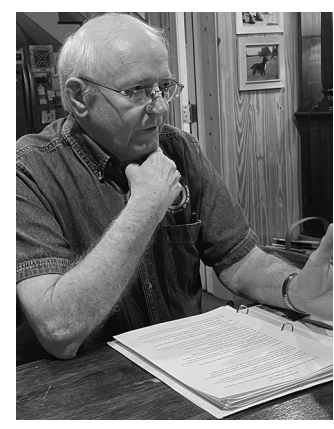
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Brier Creek Artillery attends Ebenezer

The Brier Creek Artillery traveled to Ebenezer with 12 members of the Brier Creek, Wiregrass and Little River Chapters, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. In addition, the President of the South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Ebenezer as well for the annual Ebenezer Heritage Day Festival on Labor Day, Monday, September 2. This event is held each year with food, crafts, exhibits, demonstrations and activities, and all are welcome with free admission. The event is proudly presented by the Georgia Salzburger Society and the Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rincon. Starting at 10 a.m. and on each hour with the last being 1 p.m., the Brier Creek militia (three members) fired a one-round volley with flintlocks and the Brier Creek Artillery (seven cannons) fired a one-round volley, followed by Compatriot Don Bazemore playing taps on his bugle.

Tinley speaks to Patrick Carr

The Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, held its quarterly meeting Monday night, September 9, at President David Hargrove's home. With President David presiding, they had eight in attendance. After the blessing and a delicious meal prepared by President David, Treasurer Bill Tinley handed out individual 2025 dues invoices to members present. The East Fall Line Region Vice President Dess Smith III mentioned that last year, the Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter was the first Chapter in the Georgia Society to turn in 100% of its members' dues. Treasurer Bill said he hopes that they will be first this year. Treasurer Bill then presented his program for the evening. Bill talked about the Colony of Georgia and gave a timeline from its beginning in 1732 to the end of the American Revolution in 1783. James Edward



Oglethorpe founded the Colony of Georgia, the last of the thirteen colony's, 70 years after South Carolina. He talked about Georgia being a buffer between South Carolina and the Spanish located in St. Augustine.

A soldier in a combat zone learned that his wife was desperately ill and not expected to live. He applied for an "emergency leave" but was denied. After a sleepless night he decided that he would desert his post and fellow soldiers and go to her bedside. As he was leaving his barracks, he was apprehended and placed in the stockade. A few weeks later he was ordered to stand trial. After the evidence was presented to the judge and jury, he was found guilty and condemned to death for leaving his post. "I understand, Sir," he said to the judge "that I left my post and deserted my colors. I deserve the verdict of the court." Asked the judge, "Do you have anything more to say?" "No, your honor," came the reply. "Well, I do," said the judge. "There is something more to say." And he read the soldier a pardon. Standing tall and filled with gratitude, he began to weep violently for the mercy the court offered him. In humility he offered his gratitude, and saluted the judge. He was then restored to duty and returned to combat. Our God is a holy God and cannot look at our sins. And because we have sinned, we deserve to be punished. But because of His great love He offers us a pardon through the death of His Son. It was His Son, who on our behalf, accepted our punishment, rescued us and set us free from the penalty of death. The moment we accept His mercy we are set free from our punishment.

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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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Brier Creek and Wiregrass Chapters attend Commemoration

Georgia Society members Lee Herron of the Brier Creek Chapter and Steve Burke of the Wiregrass Chapter attended the 244th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Camden on August 17, 2024, in Camden, SC. Both compatriots presented their Chapter Wreaths at the event and participated in the Color Guard and firing of their flintlocks. There were two events with 46 attending the first event and 48 attended the second event.



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Annie Vining #021
Keri Rogers #251
Kentaria Smith #418

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 (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); Probation Office (PROB); or East Georgia State College (EGSC).

James Edward Betten, 29, arrested

9/11/24; Forgery – 1st degree/Probation violation – felony; APD

David Lee Bray, 37, arrested 9/11/24; Bench warrant; SPD

Gerrie Jarod Brown, 33, arrested 9/9/24; Probation violation – felony (x2); ECSSO

Angel Soto Cardona, 69, arrested 9/10/24; Child molestation (x2)/Enticing child for indecent purposes; ECSSO

Jimmy Carswell, 64, arrested 9/9/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/Tag/registration requirements/Hold for Douglas Co. SO/Hold for Douglas Co.; GSP

Emily Anne Chatham, 20, arrested 9/14/24; DUI less safe; SPD

Kawaskie Brian Coleman, 34, arrested 9/12/24; Littering highway/Open container/Failure to main-

tain lane/DUI combo; GSP

Deandre Nathaniel Howard, 26, arrested 9/12/24; City Court bench warrant/City probation violation/Criminal trespass/Theft by taking/Bench warrant – felony; SPD

Corvouisier Travion Jackson, 24, arrested 9/10/24; Obstruction of law enforcement/Simple battery; ECSSO

Deandra Kewon Jackson, 24, arrested 9/14/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/Probation violation; ECSSO

Shanoria Jonvia Johnson, 20, arrested 9/10/24; Criminal trespass/Harassing communications; APD

Billie Jones, 78, arrested 9/13/24; DUI less safe; SPD

Tyrus Tavor Kirkland, 26, arrested 9/11/24; Child Support lockup order; ECSSO

Jessica Jaunita Lane, 32, arrested 9/13/24; Probation revocation; ECSSO

Brian Malik Latta, 28, arrested 9/11/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/Speeding/Expired registration; Stillmore PD

Juan Osollo Leal, 22, arrested 9/10/24; Driving while unlicensed/No insurance/Speeding; ECSSO

Deondre Jamari Miles, 23, arrested 9/10/24; Possess of marijuana less than oz; SPD

Shermane Devone Mills, 47, arrested 9/11/24; Failure to comply/Public drunk/Interference with officer/Possession and use of drug related objects/ Hold for Tifton; SPD

Talar Ross Rhinehart, 38, arrested 9/9/24; Hold for Green Co.; ECSSO

Rashawn Timothy

Richards, 37, arrested 9/10/24; Robbery/Possession of firearm by convicted felon/Probation violation – felony; SPD

James Charles Ricks, 22, arrested 9/11/24; Disorderly conduct; APD

Lisa Marie Sluder, 45, arrested 9/11/24; Probation/Possession of meth/Possession and use of drug related objects; ECSSO

David Allen Smith, 21, arrested 9/9/24; DUI less safe/Failure to exercise due care/ Hold for Candler Co.; GSP

Desiree Patrice Smith, 25, arrested 9/12/24; Possess of marijuana less than oz/Possession and sue of drug related objects; EGSC

Tamir Meshum Whipple, 34, arrested 9/14/24; Possession of firearm or knife

during commission of felony/Possess of marijuana less than oz/Possession with intent of schedule I or II controlled substance/Possession and use of drug related objects; SPD

Jasmine Latricia Williams, 31, arrested 9/14/24; DUI less safe/Open container/Driving while license suspended/revoked; GSP

Reginald Donald Williams, 32, arrested 9/14/24; Terroristic threats and acts; ECSSO

Rayvon Stephen Tevon Willis, 22, arrested 9/15/24; Expired registration/Speeding/Driving while license suspended/revoked/Fleeing or attempt to elude officer; OPPD

Cornelius Jyree Woods, 22, arrested 9/15/24; Failure to comply; SPD

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

a homemade label on it. Officer ran the driver's license to find they are suspended.

C/p advised this is not the first time he has had incidents with the individuals.

threatening c/p.

and officers were certain the scanner was not over charging offender.

not put his hands on c/p and that c/p was mad and went in fussing and he got in her face and yelled at her and c/p called 911.

September 5

Officer ran the license plate of a vehicle to find it had no valid insurance, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Vehicle was towed.

September 6

Officer observed a vehicle fail to maintain lane, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from the driver's person and his eyes were bloodshot and sleepy looking, and had slow, slurred speech and was mumbling. Officer asked the driver how much alcoholic beverage he consumed, and he stated none and looked away. Driver was asked to step out of his vehicle and was unsteady and unbalanced, at which time officer performed a field sobriety test and attempted a PBT test. Offender was advised he was under arrest and tried to snatch away from officer and began to fight deputy. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

September 7

Officers were on E. Pine St. and observed a male subject on a bicycle without a light on after dark. Offender identified the male subject who was found to be wanted by ECSSO, and they wanted a hold placed. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer was on a traffic stop when two vehicles failed to move over or slow down while passing by. Officer finished his stop and made a stop on the passer-by vehicles. One driver was cited and released and the other did not have her license on her and was given a citation but refused to sign it and was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer responded to SPD for a walk-in report. Complainant stated she was in contact with offender for the purpose of renting property. C/p advised the house needs some work to be livable and she and offender agreed to let c/p do renovations before she moved in and it is now becoming difficult to get offender to answer her phone calls. C/p sent offender \$300 for the deposit then met with her and gave her \$500 for the first month's rent and to get the lease agreement.

Officer was dispatched to Drake Ave. in Twin City in reference to a domestic. Complainant was pointing around yelling that offender went around the house. Officer then noticed a female/victim with blood spots on her shirt and a laceration on her head. Victim stated she had offender's phone because somebody texted him and she looked in his phone to find that some messages had been deleted where he was talking to somebody and she told him to get his stuff and go. After she told him to leave, they started having a verbal argument and offender called his mother. When offender's mother arrived, offender grabbed victim from behind and choked her and drug her to the kitchen and started punching her in the face and head. Victim stated she finally got up and ran outside and offender continued hitting her and pushed her to the ground. Victim advised she tried to call 911 but offender broke her phone so she couldn't call. Offender's six-year-old was present during the altercation. C/p stated she pulled up, her son/offender was hitting victim so she stepped in to try to help by punching her son and she called 911. Offender was GOA and officers attempted to locate him.

September 8

Officer observed a vehicle traveling 60 MPH in a 45 MPH zone, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer asked the driver for his license and was presented a citation that was given by GSP for DUI. While speaking with offender, officer noticed a pill bottle near the center console with

Officer was dispatched to KT's in reference to harassment and threats. Complainant stated he pulled up to the pump and got out to pump gas and offender pulled up and began threatening him and the passenger got out and threatened him also.

Officer noticed a vehicle make an illegal turn, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. The driver handed officer an expired license and stated he thinks they are suspended. His license was not suspended but was expired. Offender was cited with two citations and released.

Officer observed a vehicle coming off Electric Dr. fail to yield, nearly crashing into his patrol unit. Officer initiated a traffic stop to find the vehicle had suspended registration and no valid insurance. Vehicle was towed and offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer responded to Prosperity Dr. in reference to a caller stating his son's bike was stolen out of their yard. C/p advised a young male subject walked in his yard and took the bicycle. The bike was found at the intersection laying off the roadway and returned to the owner.

Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officers were dispatched to N. Green St. in reference to an unwanted person. Complainant stated offender came over attempting to start drama because she went somewhere with her sister, and she does not want him at her house because she is scared he is going to hit her. Offender stated nothing was going on but was observed stumbling with bloodshot eyes and a strong smell of alcoholic beverage coming from his person. He was asked how much he had to drink, and he stated a lot. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

September 10

Officer conducted a traffic stop on N. Main St. to find the driver to be in possession of marijuana.

September 12

Officer was dispatched to Latitude 105 to assist EMS. Complainant advised that offender did not reside there but tried to meet with a tenant. When the tenant opened the door, offender began seizing and fell, hitting his head on the floor. When EMS arrived and began treating offender, he refused treatment and began walking. C/p advised he wanted offender criminally trespass.

September 13

Officer was dispatched to S. Coleman St. in reference to an entering auto. Complainants stated they heard their dog barking and looked out to find someone in their car. C/p opened the door and saw a male subject walking away and he called 911. \$11 was taken from the vehicle. A perimeter was set up and K9 Maya was requested due to elevated calls being received about entering auto cases.

Officers were dispatched to El Valle for a subject threatening an employee. Complainant stated offender had a problem with her food and wanted a refund and was told they could not do that, and offender started cussing and

September 11

Officer observed two subjects walking into the area of Jordan Estates and made contact with them. Officer asked if they lived in the complex and the male subject stated no but his aunt did. Officer asked for their identification and the male subject provided his, but the female stated she did not have hers on her. She gave her name but would not give any more info. Officer then ran the male subject through GCIC, and he came back wanted for Tifton. The male subject's demeanor changed when backup arrived, and he began to take small steps back. Officers attempted to detain offender, and he resisted and continued after several verbal commands. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer responded to Raco in reference to an individual refusing to pay for lottery. Offender stated the scanner was over charging her for the tickets she filled out and refused to pay for them. The store owner explained how the lottery tickets are played,

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Legals

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

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

This 15th day of August, 2024.
RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
Attorney for Andy Walden
Executor of the Kathy W. Jordan Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
P. O. Box 767
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(478) 237-4225

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA EMANUEL COUNTY

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Sheila Renee Boatright to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture and recorded in Deed Book 31, Page 42, Emanuel County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$20,000.00 with interest on the unpaid balance until paid, the following described property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of EMANUEL COUNTY, Georgia, or such other location within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2024, to wit: October 01, 2024, the following described property: All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G. M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting Ninety (90) feet on the East side of U. S. Highway No. 1 and extending back in a general Easterly direction between parallel lines a distance of Three Hundred (300) feet, and bounded as follows: North by Pine Lakes, Ltd; East by Margie L. Boatright and Pine Lakes, Ltd.; South by Billy and Marrion Screws; and West by the right-of-way of U. S. No. 1. Said property is more particularly described by plat made by C. L. Gillis, Sr., Surveyor, on May 8, 1961, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Plat Book 1, Page 389, to which reference is made as a more full and complete part of this description. Tax Parcel ID: S13 040 Being real property commonly known as 643 N. Main St., Swainsboro, GA 30401. The debt secured by the above-referenced security

deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Dawsons Management c/o USDA 3775 Venture Drive Duluth, GA 30096 770-962-4981 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture as Attorney in Fact for Sheila Renee Boatright Attorney Contact: Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 24GA414-0036 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Order Number 104497, Pub Dates: 09/04/2024, 09/11/2024, 09/18/2024, 09/25/2024, THE FOREST BLADE

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLAIR R. BLACK, DECEASED.
All creditors of the estate of Clair R. Black, deceased,

late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Sarah Elizabeth T. Black, Executor of the Clair R. Black Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.

This 27th day of August, 2024.
Richard M. McNeely,
Attorney for Sarah Elizabeth T. Black,
Executor of the Clair R. Black Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
P. O. Box 767
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(478) 237-4225

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, EMANUEL COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Henry L Glisson Jr and Henry L. Glisson Jr to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as a nominee for FIRST BANK MORTGAGE, a Division of First Bank of Georgia dated 3/12/2003 and recorded in Deed Book 199 Page 361 and modified at Deed Book 458 Page 595 Emanuel County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$93,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on October 1, 2024 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 5.01 acres, more or less, as shown on that particular plat of survey prepared by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, on February 1, 1971, which is recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 143, of the records of the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court. Said plat by reference hereto is incorporated herein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said tract of land being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by lands of Jack E. Davis, Sr.; East and South

by a 50 foot road; and West by lands of Jack E. Davis, Sr. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as 213 New Turner Dr, Swainsboro, GA 30401 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Henry L Glisson Jr or tenant or tenants.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
Plaintiff,
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24CV00146 v.

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Defendant in rem,
RE PROPERTY OF
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/Interest Holder(s).
NOTICE OF COMPLAINT OF FORFEITURE
TO: ALL PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST IN SAID PROPERTY WHO ARE NOT OTHERWISE NOTIFIED OF THE FOREGOING PROCEEDING

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking the forfeiture of the above-described property was filed in this Court on the 20th day of June, 2024, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 9-16-12. Said action alleges that you may have an interest in said property. You are further notified that, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 5th day of September, 2023, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Aaron S. Palmer, Assistant District Attorney, PO Box 590, Swainsboro, GA 30401, an Answer to the Complaint within thirty (30) days of the date of the second publication of this Notice. If you fail to do so, judgment pursuant to O.C.G.A. 9-16-12(e) will be taken for the relief demanded in the Complaint. If you have been personally or notoriously served with the Complaint and Summons, the foregoing does not apply and you should respond within the time specified in the Summons. This the 6th day of September,

2024.
Clerk of Superior Court
Emanuel County, Georgia
Middle Judicial Circuit

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF SHELIA DIANE JOHNSON ARCHIE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0116
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

[Strike the sentence in parenthesis below if not applicable.]
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
ALEXANDRIA TUNISHA MILEY has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of SHELIA DIANE JOHNSON ARCHIE 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 OCTOBER 7, 2024.

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Clerk of the Probate Court
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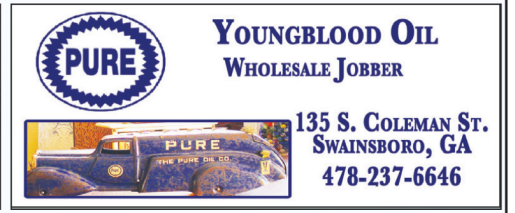
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