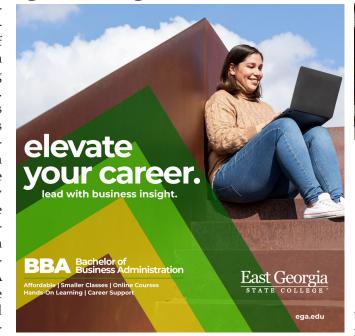


East Georgia State College launches Bachelor of Business Administration Degree Program

East Georgia State College (EGSC) is launching its own Bachelor of **Business Administration** (BBA) degree starting in the Spring of 2025. Building on the College's most popular associate's degree program, the expansion to the program as a bachelor's degree will provide a pathway for students to complete their business education at EGSC rather than transferring to another institution. The BBA program aligns with the College's mission and vision to extend associate degree options and develop baccalaureate degrees targeted to meet the workforce needs of our community.

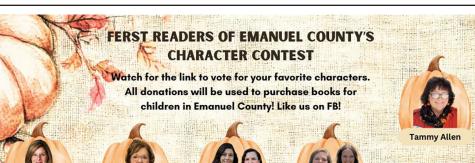
"We are thrilled to announce the start of our new Bachelor of Busi-Administration ness program with its strong emphasis on career readiness. The program fosters the next generation of business leaders who are well-prepared to contribute to our local economy as well as meeting



#### **BBA FLYER**

the needs of our region's workforce," said Dr. Catherine Whelan, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

The Bachelor of Business Administration is designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences required to succeed in various business and management roles. Students can select from a range of business courses to meet their needs or interests. Concentrations will be offered in financial technology, healthcare administration, office administration and technology, film and television post-production, and data science. The program will also provide an opportunity to work with area employers to address their employees' educational needs and create student (Continued on page 2A)





BOARD MEMBERS BRANDON JONES AND CHERIE HOOKS WITH SWAINSBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BETA AWARD RECIPIENTS AND SPONSOR WHITNEY CLAXTON, PRINCIPAL LARA NORTON AND SUPERINTENDENT DENISE WARNOCK

# **Board of Education** holds monthly meeting

The Emanuel County Board of Education met on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Swainsboro Primary School with the following members in attendance: Brandon Jones, Cherie Hooks, Del Brown, and John Allen Bailey and Tanya Lane. Board Chair Del Brown welcomed everyone calling the meeting to order and delivering the invocation, He asked everyone to take a moment of silence to honor the late Johnny Parker. John Allen Bailey asked everyone to take a moment of silence to honor Barrow County Schools fallen and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Allen Bailey made a motion to approve the agenda. Tanya Lane seconded the motion. Del Brown, Tanva Lane, Cherie Hooks, Brandon Jones, and John Allen Bailey voted "yes". CARRIED.

#### SUPERINTEN-**DENT'S COMMENTS**

Warnock Dr. welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time. She acknowledged the loss of former Board member Johnny Parker and expressed her gratitude for his years of service. Dr. Warnock took a moment to address the tragedy in Barrow County and discussed how very personal school safety is for everyone. She thanked the BOE for making safety measures such as our crisis alert system available to all employees throughout the district and thanked them for their partner-

ship with the Emanuel County Sheriff Department which provides our School Resource Officers. She further stated the allocation of resources for these, and other safety measures demonstrates their commitment to student and staff safety.

1. Swainsboro Primary School Presentation-Sarah Tapley & Gray Mendieta

2. Student Recognition-SES National Beta, SMS National Jr. Beta & SHS National Beta Convention-Stefanie Mason

Swainsboro High School - Award/Competition/Honor: Na tional Beta Convention – Savannah - June 16-19, 2024 - Sponsor/Teachers Cindy Riner; Student/ (Continued on page 2A)

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### FERST READER CELEBRITIES Ferst Readers to hold 3rd Annual Character Contest

Readers is sponsoring a virtual fundraiser to get books into the homes of children under five living in Emanuel County. Local "celebrities" are asking for you to donate to Ferst Readers by casting a vote for them. Every \$4 vote you make will provide another book for a child, so vote as many times as you like and for as many characters as you like. Beginning October 1, you can see your favorite celebrity in their book character costume on Facebook.

Emanuel County Ferst Look for their posts throughout the month of October.

> There are 14 Book Characters raising money for Emanuel County Ferst Readers. We will be using social media to do online voting/donations. Each vote costs \$4 which will furnish a book to children 0 to 5 years old who live in Emanuel County. The books get mailed to the homes along with an activity page for parents to teach their child literacy and vocabulary skills. This "come in mail" pro

gram gets children excited about books and supports the love of reading.

There are children in Emanuel County who do not have age-appropriate books in the home and many who do not attend preschool. This is a setback for those little ones when they start kindergarten. Family Connection wants to play a part in preventing that by getting children enrolled in Ferst Readers and raising the money for this program that is Eligible socially disadfree to the families.

#### Emergency Conservation Program sign-up

Tropical Storm Debby farmers and ranchers significant can receive up to 90 perthroughout cent of the eligible cost Emanuel County. If of restoration. you've suffered severe

If you've suffered a loss from a natural disaster, you may contact the local FSA County Office and request assistance from September 23 through October 23, 2024.

To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until all the following are met:

• an application for cost-share assistance has been filed

• the local FSA County Committee (COC) or its representative has conducted an onsite inspection of the damaged area

• the Agency responsible for technical such assistance, as the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), has made a needs determination, which may include cubic yards of earthmoving, etc. required for rehabilitation.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), FSA must complete an environmental compliance review prior to producers taking any actions.

For more information about ECP, contact the Emanuel County USDA Service Center at 478-237-8866 EXT. 2 or visit fsa.usda.gov.





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# Rock the Vote to hold registration drive

Rock the Vote Fest will be holding a voter registration drive September 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at 436 N. Main St., Swainsboro (behind the Coca Cola Bottling building).

There will be a DJ, live music performance, speakers, food, drinks, and interactive booths, all centered around the theme of voter registration and education. Attendees can enjoy great music while learning about the importance of voting, how to register and how to stay informed about upcoming elections.

# A Tribute to Dea. Johnny L Parker

I would like to pay tribute to Dea. Johnny Lee Parker for his long and dedicated service to the citizens of District 5. He was a man of faith, honesty, integrity, wisdom, and compassion, not only for District 5 but for all who met him. Although he resigned from the board due to health reasons, he remained concerned about the citizens of District 5. He approached me months ago, asking if I would consider running for his office. After praying and discussing it with my family, I agreed. He seemed excited to hear that I would accept the challenge, unaware that he would not be here to

officially endorse me or vote. Nevertheless, I am grateful that the Lord allowed our paths to cross before his untimely death.

Our prayers go out to the Parker family for comfort and strength.



"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." — 2 Corinthians 5:8.

Dr. K.E. McNeal - Candidate for School District 5 479-455-6589 / Drmcneal1@gmail.com Board of Education... (From front page) Performing

(From front page) Staff: YI'zhariah Bell - 3rd Place Performing Arts Solo, Trio Dancer; Caleb Long - 2nd Place Division II Speech;

Quintus Williams -4th Place Accessorized Design; Swainsboro Elementary School - National Beta Convention – Savannah - June 13-15, 2024 - Sponsor/Teacher: Whitney Claxton; Student/Staff - Ju'Siyah Bell - 10th Place Performing Arts-Large Group; Benton Bishop - 8th Place 5th Grade Social Studies; Benton Claxton - 6th Place Service Learning Board, 10th Place Performing Arts-Large Group; Preston Claxton - 6th Place Service Learning Board, 10th Place Performing Arts-Large Group; Edwin Cruz Simon - 10th Place Performing Arts-Large Group; Jase English - 10th Place Performing Arts-Large Group; Jenna Farmer - 10th Place Performing Arts-Large Group; Blake Johnson -10th Place Performing Arts-Large Group; Abigail Joseph - 10th Place Performing Arts-Large Group; Kanin Love - 5th Place Accessorized Design; Karlee Love - 5th Place Accessorized Design; Tucker Morris - 10th Place Performing Arts-Large Group; Isabella Mulrooney - 10th Place



The City of Swainsboro & the Swainsboro Fire Department cordially invite you to the Pinning Ceremony of....



Performing Arts-Large Funda Group; Lena Robins - a. 10th Place Performing been Arts-Large Group; Au- Admi

Arts-Large Group; August Street - 10th Place Performing Arts-large Group; Brandtley Wheeler - 6th Place Service Learning Board,

10th Place Performing Arts-Large Group; Swainsboro Middle School - National Jr. Beta Convention – Savannah -June 13 2024 - Sponsor/ Teacher: Marcie Gay and Amy Screws; Student/ Staff: Kaylee Screws - 8th Place Quilling, 7th Grade SMS; Tate Torpy - 4th Place Woodworking, 9th Grade SHS

3. Teacher of the Year Recognitions-Stefanie Mason

a. Moved to the next Board Meeting

4. 2024-2025 Assessment Schedules-Anetria Edenfield

5. Communications/ Radio-Jansen Ware

6. Proposed Memorandum of Agreement-Emanuel County School District & East Georgia Healthcare regarding

School Based Health Center at Emanuel County Institute-Dr. Denise Warnock

NEW BUSINESS TO BE TABLED

1. Revised Board Policy DIB-Fixed Asset Policy-Mollie Smith

DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented and approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes of the August 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and August 29, 2024, Called Board Meeting

2. Approval of Financial Reports – Mollie Smith

3. Approval of Mandatory Addendum for Twin City Elementary Renovations-Jansen Ware

4. Approval of Mandatory Addendum for Twin City Elementary Modifications-Jansen Ware

5. Approval of FY24-25

Fundraisers

a. Fundraisers have been sent to the school Administrators with modifications and approvals. Staff will need to contact their School Administrator with any questions

6. Approval of GSBA Board of Education Training Plan the Local Board Training Plan FY25

PUBLIC PARTICIPA-TION -None

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION EMPLOYMENTS:

The Board approved the Renewal, employment, retired, retirement and resignations of the following certified and

classified employees:

R E C O M M E N D A -TIONS, CERTIFIED

Calloway, Pamela -SPED Inclusion Teacher - SES - 9/23/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Connor, Mary - Math Lab Teacher 49% -SES - 9/23/2024 - NCIC Complete; Street, Gwendolyn - Math Lab Teacher 49% - SES - 9/23/2024 -NCIC Complete

RESIGNATIONS, CERTIFIED

Myers, Denise - SPED Inclusion Teacher - SES - 9/18/2024 Released -8/23/2024 Abandoned Contract

R E C O M M E N D A -TIONS, CLASSIFIED

Brown, Laurel - Media Clerk - ECI - 9/11/2024 - NCIC Completed; Hagins, Shontae - Custodian - Pre-K - 9/23/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Sherrod, Hosea - Food Service Worker - ECI - 9/13/2024 - NCIC Completed; Womack, Kelcy - Caregiver -EHS - 9/24/2024 - NCIC Completed

RESIGNATIONS, CLASSIFIED

Clifton, Marcia - Food Service Worker - ECI -8/7/2024; Cobb, Annette - Food Service Worker -SPS - 8/2/2024

#### 2024-2025 Transfers

McNeely, Lucretia - SHS - Teacher – Media

# East Georgia State...

(From front page)

room. They encourage students to engage in practical, hands-on learning experiences through internships, projects, and case studies. Students will also benefit from career services, including resume development, interview preparation, and internship placement assistance. The University System of Georgia (USG Board of Regents) approved the program in April of this year. The plan was then submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) for final approval. EGSC recently received approval from SACSCOC with permission to launch the program in January of 2025. For more information about the BBA program, visit the EGSC website at www.ega.edu/bba. Applications for the program will open soon.

Ali Mins Swainsboro Fire Chief

Monday, September 30th, 2024 205 N. Green St. 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

This is an open house invitation for the public to meet Chief Mims during this ceremony. Please come out to show your support for your New Fire Chief. internship opportunities.

"I am excited for East Georgia State College to be able to partner with local businesses to provide internship opportunities for our students," said Professor and Internship Coordinator Natasha Goss. "Internships bridge classroom learning with real-world experience and create networking opportunities for our students. Companies will benefit from the internships by being provided with eager, talented students ready to take the next step. The partnership between East Georgia State College and local businesses will strengthen community ties and foster economic growth in our region and beyond."

EGSC's experienced faculty are industry experts and seasoned professionals who bring real-world experience into the class-



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# ECI to celebrate Homecoming 2024

Emanuel County Institute will celebrate homecoming from September 30 to October 4 with a series of fun activities centered around the theme "The Greatest Show." Throughout the week, there will be dress-up days for students, faculty, and staff, including "The Greatest Star" day (favorite celebrity or character) on Monday, "The Greatest Rhyme" day (rhyming duos) on Tuesday, "The Greatest Holiday" day (dress for your favorite holiday) on Wednesday, "The Greatest Country" day (wear red, white, and blue) on Thursday, and "The Greatest Team" day (wear bulldog attire) on Friday, which will culminate in The Greatest Pep Rally.

The annual homecoming dance will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024, in ECI's gym. ECI high school students are invited to attend. For any inquiries regarding the dance, please get in touch with Mrs. Dena Walden at <u>drwalden@</u>

emanuel.k12.ga.us. ECI's homecoming parade is scheduled for Friday morning at 9:30. The parade will begin at ECI and continue to TCE. After the parade, some football players, cheerleaders, and the band will have a pep rally for our younger pups. Any community members or organizations wishing to participate are asked to contact Mrs. Sondra Cowart at sgcowart@ emanuel.k12.ga.us or call 478-763-2673. Parade spectators are asked to gather in the pecan orchard.

Don't forget about the upcoming community pep rally and tailgate on Tuesday, October 1 from 5:30 to 7:30. Everyone in the Bulldog community is invited to join. There will also be a varsity softball game happening at the same time. Look out for more details on ECI's Facebook page.

Students in grades 9-12 selected homecoming representatives for their classes. Freshmen representatives are Alyssa

Charley Mitchell, and Mary-Ella Walden. Our sophomore representatives are Diana Blanco, Mary Katherine Durden, Jlynn Hicks, and Aniston O'Dell. The junior representatives are Brooklyn Dorsey, Derihanna Jones, Jayden Robertson and Madison Walker. Six senior boys and six senior girls are vying for the title of Homecoming King and Queen. Representing the senior boys are Cayden Jones, Gabe Lee, Oisin Matthews, James Parker, Clayton Stripling, and Kanyon Thompson. Representing the girls are Clorinda Carrillo, Kinley Grimes, Kanyon Oliver, Janna Scott, Kayanna Thompson, and Smith Willoughby.

Barnes, Hadleigh Henry,

Crowning will take place during halftime of the October 4, 2024, game against Savannah High School.

We look forward to seeing our bulldog family during the homecoming festivities!



#### HOMECOMING REPRESENTATIVES DEA Homecoming this Friday ASHLEI resentatives: Mattie Grace

by BOATRIGHT

It's Homecoming Week at DEA, and that means we will crown a new Homecoming Queen and King on Friday. The following students are this year's HOCO representatives: Senior Representatives: Clayton Hood, Peyton Lee, Kyli Bell and Maggie Black; Junior Rep-

Lane and Addalyn Terwilliger; Sophomore Representative: Bailey McNure; Freshman Representative: Anna Layne Templeton.

The theme for the week is Eagle Fever and we started the week off in true Disco fashion. Friday will be a day full of Homecoming Festivities beginning with our parade at 1:30 followed by the Pep Rally at 2. Gates open for the game at 5:30 with Kick-Off at 7:30. We are inviting all Alumni to join us with free gate admission and we will have a tent set up for them to register to win a special prize. We are celebrating 55 years of DEA this year so Homecoming will be extra special on Friday!

East Georgia STATE COLLEGE



HOMECOMING REPRESENTATIVES



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# Thursday, October 3rd at The Cadle Barn 957 West Main Street, Swainsboro 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Drop-In)

Please join us as we show our appreciation to Butch and kick off his 2024 campaign for



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# 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.



# You're Invited to Attend

**First Methodist** of Swainsboro 319 W. Main St. 237-7535



#### Alvin B. Lloyd, 69 Alvin B. Lloyd, affectionally known as Al, age 69, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at his residence following

an extended illness. Al was born July 9, 1955, in Swainsboro, to the late Tealang Lloyd, Sr. and the late Iomia Harmon Lloyd. Al was educated in the Emanuel County School System and was a 1973 Graduate. He was a devoted member of The Greater Saint James Missionary Baptist Church. Alvin worked many years beside his father at their family business (T. Lloyd Scrap and Metal). To know him, was to love him. He was a loving son, brother, father, grandfather and friend. Al was full of wit and vivacity. He prided himself on being creative with his style of fashion. In his spare time, Al enjoyed fishing, watching television, listening to gospel music, learning to play musical instruments and most of all, collecting objects in which he could find a use for almost anything. Mr. Lloyd is preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Elmer S. Lloyd; son, Marcus Alan Vinson; siblings, Tealang Lloyd, Jr., Debra Lloyd and Vernita J. Lloyd; and a special uncle, Charlie W. Harmon.

Mr. Lloyd leaves to cherish his loving memories with his seven

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daughters, Meyoshi Worthen, Erica Worthen, Kenosha Brown (Travis), all Swainsboro, of Latonya Jackson (Daryl) of Warner Robins, Edmond LaShonda (David) of Twin City, Melissa Broadwater of Hephzibah and LaTreasa Vinson of Evans; one son, Eric Worthen of Swainsboro; four brothers, Bobby Lloyd, Calvin Lloyd, both of Swainsboro, Tommy Lloyd of Augusta and Willie James Lloyd of Atlanta; five sisters, Myra Gooden (James), Cheryl L. Boston (Carlton), all of Atlanta, Vernell D. King, Delane Washington and L. Wyomi L. Brown, all of Swainsboro; 26 grandchildren; 17 great-grand- Theological Seminary children; uncle, Eddie to help aid his min-Harmon (Ola Mae) of istry work. Thomas Chicago, IL; aunt, Doris was a member of Elam Harmon Davis (Joe) of Baptist Church. He was Swainsboro; and a host known for his "jack of of nieces, nephews, other all trades" talent, whethrelatives and friends.

Mosley's Home was in charge of thing new, he could do arrangements.

# Sunday night Gospel Sing to be held

fifth Sunday night Gospel Sing will be held Sunday, September 29, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Kite Church of God featuring the Buxtons.

It's been over 30 years since the Buxtons came off the road as a traveling quartet, so no doubt and by the end of the there will be some who are not familiar with them. Randy and Freddie Buxton started singing in church when they were six years old, then a few years later with their sister Regina older brother and Michael. They started traveling on weekends as a group around 1972. Their father, JC Buxton and Michael's wife Ann soon joined the group forming the quartet. Freddie's wife Penny started singing with the group in 1985 and now Randy, Freddie and Penny form the current line-up.

The Kite Community 1980's through the Southern Gospel Music Association, they are best known for their recording of Randy's song I'm Gonna Take a Vacation. The song was released nationally under Mark 5 Records in the spring of 1986,

#### **Thomas Robert Simmons, 56**

Robert Thomas Simmons, age 56, of Twin City, passed away Saturday, September 21, 2024, at Ogeechee Area Hospice in Statesboro following an extended illness. A Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, September 24, at 11 a.m. Elam Baptist Church at Elam Baptist Church with Rev. Phil Wilson

and Rev. Jody Bryant officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Visitation was held Monday, September 23, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Thomas was born May 10, 1968, in Statesboro, to the late Alton and Nancy Simmons. He graduated from Emanuel County Institute in 1986. Thomas married his wife, Sandra, and began work at Wallace Computer to begin his early years. Then in 2000, he took a huge leap of faith as he answered the call to ministry, leaving everything else behind. Thomas became ordained and began pastoring in local churches. He obtained a master's degree in theological studies from New Orleans Baptist er fixing something bro-Funeral ken or building someit all. Thomas' love for whitetail deer taxidermy became a cherished hobby that he enjoyed for over 30 years. In 2023, he received third place in the state Taxidermy Association contest. Thomas was a



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wholesome family man who loved simple get-togethers with the ones he loved. His kind and generous spirit touched the lives of many, leaving a lasting mark on the community he served. Thomas' legacy of faith, love, and service will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. Mr. Simmons is preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Simmons is survived by his faithful wife of 35 years, Sandra Simmons; their four children, Macy Moxley (Justin), Cody Simmons (Amanda), Gaven Simmons and Katelyn Simmons; four cherished grandchildren, Robert Owen, Avery Moxley, Colton Simmons and Blakely Simmons; two brothers, Rusty Simmons (Wanda) and Marcus Simmons (Melinda); and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests any donations be made to: Georgia Baptist Association, 207 North Jefferson Street, Washington, GA 30673, in memory of Thomas Simmons.

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



Rev. David Unkles, Pastor

Sunday Morning Services are Broadcast by WXRS 100.5 FM at 11:00 A.M.

#### **SUNDAY**

9:00 AM - Contemporary Service 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Traditional Service 5:00 PM - Jr. & Sr. MYF 6:00 PM - Evening Worship

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

5:30 PM - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Family Dinner 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir

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Although the group won several awards during the



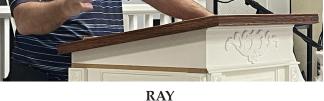
**Public Notice Development Authority of Twin City** Change to Regular Meeting Schedule

The Development Authority of Twin City shall hold regular meetings on the 3rd Tuesday in the months of January, April, July, and October. The meetings are held at 6:00PM at the Twin City Welcome Center.

**Donna Scott**, Secretary

year, it was #1 at several radio stations across the country and had charted at #25 in the nation's top 40 chart. In the Singing News Fan Awards, it was nominated as one of the top 20 songs for 1986. Due position, the group was featured with Randy being interviewed on Greats.

ger travel regularly as a group but are reuniting for this special night. Everyone is invited to join as they worship through music.



Ray speaks to Veterans

The Veterans at the to the song's charting Library held their weekly meeting at the First Baptist Church Social Hall Monday morn-Paul Heil's national- ing, September 23, at ly syndicated radio 8:45 a.m. With Chair program The Gospel Johnny Tapley presiding, there were 58 in atten-The Buxtons no lon- dance. The First Baptist Church Brotherhood provided grits, eggs, strawberries,

sausage, biscuits, gravy, grapes, blueberries, muffins, jelly, syrup, orange juice, apple juice, and coffee. After the prayer by FBC Pastor Casey and the Pledge to the U.S. Flag, Chair Johnny then introduced Marty Ray to talk about the election process in Emanuel County. Chair Johnny then talked about the "Wreaths Across America" event that will take place on December 14. U.S. Flags will be placed on veteran's graves at the Swainsboro City Cemetery on November 30 at 9 a.m. Last week, Assistant of the Veterans, Shari Watt, discussed the veterans attending five different Veterans Day events at five different schools on November 11, and also the possibility

of having a Veterans Day parade in Swainsboro. If vou 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, to be held 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, and 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 the 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 Emory Fennell closed with a prayer.



# Editorials Columns \_\_\_\_\_\_ *Storms of November*

One hundred and sixty years ago, in the fall of 1864, Union General William T. Sherman left the charred devastation of the city of Atlanta and turned his combined army of 65,000 men south with the personally declared objective to "make Georgia howl". Much of the state was already destitute from three years of wartime deprivation, but following his siege of Atlanta, Sherman meant to make the civilian population in the rest of Georgia suffer the horror of armed conquest. He ordered that a sixty-mile-wide stretch of destruction and waste be inflicted on the state and marked by burned earth to herald his march from Atlanta to Savannah. Word of his plan sent families fleeing from Atlanta, Macon, Milledgeville and many other points south. Those who had no escape or no other shelter hid in swamps, forests, half-burned buildings, and other places of opportunity. Many families were forcibly evacuated to northern cities. Defenseless farms occupied only by women and children, were subject to plunder and abuse as Sherman's army took whatever they could find. As they moved through Georgia from November 15 to December 21, railroad tracks were pulled up, burned and twisted to cripple the vital transportation system. Bridges over streams and rivers were burned as well. Elements of Sherman's Fifteenth Corps crossed the Ogeechee at Midville leaving only burned piers of the railroad bridge there. Unless Union soldiers were specifically told not to burn a certain house or building, the orders were to leave nothing standing, and thou-

sands of structures were incinerated leavonly chimneys ing remaining. These solitary stacks of blackened brick came to be known by the name "Sherman Statues". The largest encampment of union soldiers in Emanuel County came during the last days of November 1864 in areas near Summertown and along the old Savannah Road. The conduct of the infamous campaign in Georgia was largely the idea of Sherman, himself. He convinced a reluctant General Ulysses Grant and later President Abraham Lincoln to go along with the disreputable idea of making war on a civilian population. Lincoln at that time was worried about the strong possibility of losing the 1864 election and had originally sought to delay the Georgia campaign until after November. However,

he soon gave in to Sherman's plan of psychological warfare, and even agreed to allow the same destruction to be visited on civilians in South Carolina. Following the war, Sherman was derided by many in the North and labeled a war criminal in the South. Many historians, however, refer to the vears of Reconstruction in the South as being far more devastating and inflicting longer-lasting damage than Sherman's march.

It is sobering to think that in the span of roughly two average lifetimes, this country has come so far and seen so much change take place. The trials of the past tell a reassuring story of the ability of this democracy to persevere through challenges of every sort. Time and again this nation has been tested, and time and again it has consis-

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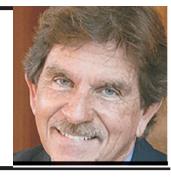
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Charles Schwabe

tently shown that there is something special that sustains it. Doubt, disagreement, and concern about leadership, political policies, candidates and our sovereign character will always be a part of our national conversation, but the inspiration of this country's heritage gives us the confidence and calmness to look beyond those doubts that invariably visit us every four years as we select a national leader. Even though the level of contempt and acrimony in political discourse seems to increase every year, it is important for us to remember that through a tempestuous history, this nation has weath-



ered far greater storms and far more perilous Novembers than the one we will face in 41 days. As we approach this November election, it might be a good time to remember a few words from a well-known Longfellow poem," Sail on O Ship of State, Sail on O Union, strong and great, Humanity with all its fears, is hanging breathless on thy fate." This November storm, will also pass. Its story will find the proper place in history, but most importantly, the ship of state will sail through the bickering and pettiness of the day and, with providential guidance, continue its 248 year journey, strong and inviolate.

# A reminder that kindness is needed daily

Can we do it? You and I? Can we be kind? More importantly, can we be kind at least once a day for a whole month? I didn't think this idea up, but I wish I had because it is a great and much needed one. I got it from a daily devotional courtesy of Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta and Nancy Jeanne Chadwick, the Children's Ministry Associate. She may work with kids, but she istalking grownup stuff. She has issued a challenge for the month of October. It is called KIND30. It stands for Kindness Is Needed Daily. Yes, I know that October has 31 days, so I'm not sure why it is called KIND30 instead

of KIND31, but that's not the point. The point is for us to remember to "commit to a small act of kindness each day. Whether it is a simple compliment, sharing a meal, helping a neighbor or volunteering your time." Come on, folks. How hard can that be? I mean, how hard is it to smile at someone or to say thank

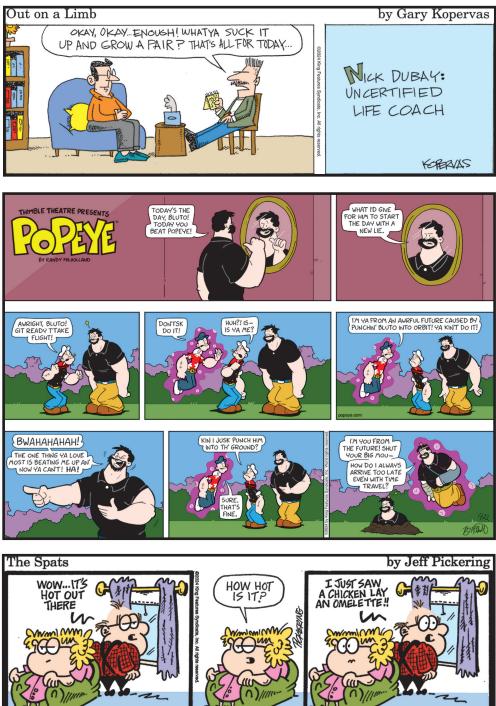
You don't have to be rich or famous to participate. The challenge is open to males and females. Democrats. Republicans. Independents. All races, creeds and colors. You can be left-handed or right-handed. It doesn't matter. Just be kind. Chadwick's challenge comes before the presidential election on Nov. 5 and at this time, it's hard to locate much kindness in all the yelling and screaming taking place. I haven't checked this out with Junior E. Lee, general manager of the Yarbrough Worldwide Media and Pest Control Company in Greater Garfield, Georgia, and an expert on the latest societal trends as well as being a certified pest control professional, but I suspect most of the noise is coming from loud-mouthed. Kool-Aid drinking wingnuts on both ends of the political spectrum. (Okay, I will admit that was not very kind. I must remember to read what I write.) My point is that most of us are somewhere in the middle. We are likely liberal on some issues and conservative on others. We will cast our ballot in November

Dick Yarbrough Christmas for the ser-

because it is our civic duty, even though some of us may be holding our noses when we do. (There I go again.) In the meantime, you and I can focus on a campaign of kindness: KIND30 and remembering that Kindness Is Needed Daily. I have been on the receiving end of acts of kindness. As many of you know, I had a recent battle with sepsis. I was overwhelmed and still am at how kind people were. Phone calls. Cards. Meals. People I don't know all that well telling me they had me in their prayers. It must have worked because I am still around to share the experience with you. Now, it is my turn to pass it on. The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name was one of the kindest and most thoughtful people ever to walk this Earth. She made it a point to look at a clerk's nametag and to call them by name when she had a question. You could see the person's face light up when she did and, of course, they went out of their way to assist her. She would come up with unique gifts at

vice station attendant, the bank teller at the drive-through window, the clerks, the mail carrier, the repair people. She loved doing it and they loved her for it. At her going-home service, it was noted that she treated everyone the same whether it was Sen. Johnny Isakson, who loved her almost as much as I did, or the person bagging her groceries in the checkout line. She was the personification of KIND30. Here is what I intend to do: I am going to keep a log and record at least one act of kindness each day, starting today. At the end of the month, I will look over the list and likely find it was not all that hard to do and just keep on going. Why don't you join me? I have quoted often my late boss and mentor, Jasper Dorsey, who said we all have an obligation to leave this a better world than we found it. Remembering that kindness is needed daily would be a good placetostart. Thankyou. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.





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Pursuant to Article 10 Section 10-3 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Swainsboro dated May 5, 1997, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the conference room inside the rear entrance of the City Hall of the City of Swainsboro, Ga at 5:00pm on Thursday October 3, 2024.

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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# Dr. Warnock speaks to Emanuel Retired Educators

The Emanuel Retired Educators Association held its first meeting for 2024-25 in the Swainsboro High School Media Center on Wednesday September 19, at noon, with twenty-six members present. President Verdell Brinson welcomed members and called the meeting to order. Four new EREA members, Leslie Johnson, Sue Bragg, Barbara Skipper and Lisa Sammons were recognized and welcomed to the meeting. Swainsboro High School Principal Brandon Andrews provided a warm welcome from the school and distributed an informational flyer highlighting Swainsboro High's

School Improvement Initiative, as well as the academic focuses for the new school year.

Amid beautiful fall decorations in the Media Center, President Brinson offered an invocation, and members enjoyed a delicious meal prepared and served by Swainsboro High CTAE students and faculty advisors.

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**DR. WARNOCK** 

Turner then introduced Dr. Denise Warnock, Emanuel County Schools Superintendent, who brought the day's program. Dr. Warnock provided an informative and comprehensive view of the Emanuel County School District and her unwavering commitment to provide students with the best possible learning experience in a safe and secure environment. She stated the mission of the school district is to prepare and inspire students for college and/or career success through personalized learning and relevant experiences. Dr. Warnock also commented on the honor and privilege of serving as superintendent and working with parents, students, teachers, administrators, and community members to advance that mission every day. The superintendent began her tenure on April 1, 2024, following many years of dedicated service within the local school system.

President Brinson distributed the 2024-25 EREA Handbook

and reviewed meeting dates for the year. At each meeting this year, in conjunction with the Georgia Retired Educators Association, EREA will draw the name of a staff member at the host school and recognize him or her with a gift basket of school supplies and goodies. Daniel Overstreet, a Swainsboro High social studies teacher, was the recipient of today's basket. In the coming year, EREA will also support the Georgia Retired Educators Association project, Make-A- Wish Foundation, as well as The Sunshine House Children's Advocacy Center.

EREA wishes to thank Swainsboro High staff and students for the warm hospitality they extended for its first meeting of the year. The next EREA meeting is set for Wednesday, October at Swainsboro 23, Primary School at noon, with Chief Executive Officer of Emanuel Medical Center Damien Scot, providing the program.







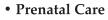
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# Glad Garden Club...We are glad to be back

After a summer hiatus, the GLAD Garden Club has resumed its fiscal year at the beautiful Sudie A. Fulford Learning Center located at the main entrance of East Georgia State College. On Monday, September 9, members were warmly welcomed by Coordinating staff with smiles and coffee. The meeting was called to order by President, JoAnn Trammell and Inspirational message of regarding love of others given by Sylvia Durden with a side remembrance of the events of "9/11" as hate inspired the horrible events of that day and changed our lives forever. We are a grateful Nation. The meeting consisted of primarily reorganization of responsibili-

ties as there has been a change in membership. The "Entrances to the City" project responsibilities were redistributed among members. Treasurer, Audrey West, voiced a need to increase dues to meet monetary obligations so it was approved by members to increase dues. Various forms of fundraiser's were discussed, and members decided to delay actual decision until future meeting to think about various options. Members also voted to not participate in Pinetree Festival Parade and to perhaps sponsor an event. Although it is quite early, members were apprised of the fact that 2028 would be the 100th Anniversary of the Garden Club of Historical Society as

Georgia and the preparations were already underway by the state but that there was a member contest with a monetary prize to come up with a theme.

Members reminded to notify Representatives to support HB#71 otherwise known as the Okefenokee Bill to basically prevent development and drilling of the swamp. Lastly, members voted on programs and fieldtrips they would like to participate in, in the upcoming year.

Even though no scheduled meetings are held in the summer months, does not mean that club members haven't been active. On July 25, 2024, President JoAnn Trammell gave a presentation to the

what our garden club does and its current coordination of activities with the Veterans at the Library. It is such an honor to be working in some small way with all the valuable work that the veterans do so that we will never forget our greatest generation and beyond. Members also attended the Welcome Homecoming event on August 12, in Swainsboro, of yet another victim of foreign conflicts.

The Annual Board Meeting of the Oleander District was held in Richmond Hill on August 15, and a grand time of meeting, greeting and eating was had by all. Members were also reminded of the Oleander General District Annual Meeting to be held Wednesday, October 16, at the Landings in Savannah. What a beautiful setting to spend money, have fun, memorialize members who have passed this year and to enjoy a presentation by Jonathan Barrett, Director of Development for the State Botanical Garden of Georgia at UGA. He will share his love of cooking and Southern style entertaining and how for generations farm-to-table was a mainstay in his family's daily lives.

The Glad Garden Club is growing and doing some exciting new things in the upcoming year, and we would love to invite anybody to join in our fun. We also love for folks to come up with new ideas. We have fun

but we also do serious work to help beautify, conserve, and educate our community. So, if you like to play in the dirt, and even if you don't but have some terrific ideas or love to organize, we have all kinds of projects going on and welcome all those interested to at least come meet with us and see what we are all about! We usually meet at the Sudie A. Fulford Learning Center at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of each month, September through May, unless otherwise notified. Y'all come on down!!

The Glad Garden Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs Inc., the Deep South Region, The Garden Club of Georgia Inc., of the Oleander District.



## BURKE, SMITH III, CARMICHAEL AND MCCLOUD Brier Creek Artillery fires at EGSC 9/11 Commemoration

Creek Brier The Artillery, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, traveled to East Georgia State College on Wednesday, September 11, to participate in the college's annual 9/11 Commemoration. This year's event began at 7:30 a.m. with an outstanding breakfast for the Veterans at the Library group at the college cafeteria. The ceremony began at 8:30 a.m., attended by close to 200 people, including the 1st Responders, Veterans, Brier Creek Artillery, Fire Trucks with a U.S. Flag flying and school officials. When the siren sounded at 8:46 a.m., it signified the time when the Twin Towers were struck. Commander Steve Burke then gave the command for a threeround volley by the Brier Creek Artillery's two six

pounder cannons and then taps was played by Veteran Bob Nobles on his bugle. The three artillery volleys commemorated the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and the field in Pennsylvania. The two cannons were fired by Steve Burke, Dess Smith III and Bill Carmichael of the Wiregrass Chapter and Alton O'Neal McCloud of the Little River Chapter.



DAR presentation

# on Emanuel County Railways

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# McBride and Goodman to wed

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Jim and Amy McBride of Twin City announce the engagement of their daughter, Keiko Grace McBride, to Landon Wade Goodman, son of Joey and Shauna Goodman of Twin City.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Keiko McBride and Beverly Johnson. A 2021 graduate of Emanuel County Institute, she is currentlv a student at Georgia Southern University. Grace is employed with the Candler County School District.

The future groom is the grandson of Ray and Minnie Goodman, Ronnie and Karen Hill and Michael and Linda Powell. He is the great-grandson of Ann Pearl and Rose Hill. Landon is a 2022 graduate of Emanuel County Institute and is a student at Georgia South-



**GOODMAN AND MCBRIDE** ern University. been planned for Oct. tions have been sent.

19, 2024, at Mt. Shady The wedding has Baptist Church. Invita-

# SHS Class of 1974 50th Anniversary class reunion to be held

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# Rowland Family to hold reunion

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It has been four years since Bryan Co. visited Rountree Stadium. The team has been moving from class A to AA, back down to class A division 1 and this season drops down to division II. The Bulldogs defeated the Indians 26-12 to pick up an important region win and a 3-2 season record. It was a total team effort with the offense, defense and special teams putting points on the board. The game was just a one score game, 20-12, with 10 seconds left in the game. But an 80-yard interception return as time ran off the game clock, doomed Bryan's chance to tie the game. The Indians had two chances to tie the



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# Bulldogs defeat Indians



CHASE JOHNSON STOPS INDIAN RECEIVER SHORT ON FOURTH DOWNPLAY

game late in the fourth but were turned away by the interception and a defensive stand deep in the redzone earlier in the fourth. "Good team win for our guys this week" commented head football coach Chris Kearson. "We needed a three-phase game this week to get it done. Offense had a really good first half and I thought the defense had a pretty good second half. The special teams pitched in with two field goals and some great punts and kickoff coverage to give us good field position."

The Bulldogs got on the board first. After being stopped on their initial possession, the offense marched 60 yards for the first score. Chase Johnson weaved his way down the visitor's sidelines for a 20-yard touchdown run. Oisin Matthews extra point try was good to put the Bulldogs up 7-0. The Bulldogs went up 14-0 in the second quarter on a 65-yard drive. Senior Tyler Foreman found the endzone from two yards out for his first touchdown in the game. The Indians put on a 70-yard drive in the second quarter and scored their first touchdown in the game on a 13-yard pass and catch. Two-point try was stopped with the Bulldogs leading 14-6 with 2:33 left in the half. The Bulldogs moved the ensuing possession from the 45 down to the Bryan 31-yard line. Coach Kearson called on Matthews for a long field goal try. With seconds left in the half, the senior kicker hooked the ball to the middle of the uprights for a 48-yard field goal to put the Bulldogs up 17-6. Bryan got the ball at the 20 after another kickoff into the endzone



MARQUEZ EDMOND TURNS UP-FIELD FOR 13-YARD GAIN

with 34 seconds left in the half. The Indian RB split the middle of the Bulldog defense on the first play for an 80-yard touchdown run. Twopoint try was stopped again and the Bulldogs still led 17-12. After a short two-yard run from the 42 after the kickoff, the Bulldogs moved the ball down to the Indian 20 when Jackson Kennedy hit Daon Bethea for a 38-yard gain. With two seconds showing on the clock, the Bulldogs spiked the ball and lined up for another field goal. After a discussion, the referee determined that time should have run off the clock and called the half over. The only score of the third quarter was another Matthews field goal. The senior split the uprights from 34 yards out to add to the Bulldog lead, 20-12. While the offense struggled to find the endzone in the fourth quarter, the Bulldog defense stood the wall. They were on the field for 23 offensive plays against the Indian offense, bending but not breaking to keep Bryan from scoring. The Bulldog defense forced a

turnover on downs late in the fourth after turning away the Indians on seven plays inside the Bulldog 20. Bryan got the ball for the last time in the game with 1:10 left in the game. On the fifth play, Chase Johnson intercepted the Indian pass. After breaking a couple initial tackles, the Sophomore DB raced down the home sidelines as the horn sounded to preserve the Bulldog region win 26-12. Tyler Foreman led the 162-yard Bulldog rushing attack with 95 yards on 23 carries and one TD. Chase Johnson carried the ball four times for 43 yards with a touchdown. Jackson Kennedy completed eight passes for 93 yards. Daon Bethea had the longest reception with his 38-yard catch. Chase Johnson caught three Kennedy passes for 20 yards. The Bulldogs travel down Highway 23 Friday, September 27, to Metter to take on their longest running rivalry in another region match-up. The Tigers are 4-1 with their only loss a 37-14 defeat by Swainsboro.



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# Lady Dawgs back on top in region

RON by WEATHERFORD

Screven Co. defeated the Lady Dawg softball team earlier this season in a squeaker, 2-1. ECI hosted the Gamecocks last Thursday for a region rematch. Both teams entered the game with one region loss, with Screven holding the tiebreaker with a previous win over the Bulldogs. The Lady Dawgs took the region lead with a 4-2 defeat of the Gamecocks, giving ECI a 10-1 region record. Stats and line score are not available for the Screven Co. game.

Last Monday, September 16, the Lady Dawgs traveled to Baxley to play Appling Co. The Pirates are 14-1 this season and lead their region in class 2A and are ranked in the top five in state rankings. They defeated the Lady Dawgs in a close one, 3-0. The Lady Dawgs ran into a buzz saw in the circle for Appling Co. The Pirate pitcher allowed just three ECI hits, striking out 15 Bulldog



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batters. Mary Katherine Durden scattered seven hits, striking out five batters and as usual, zero walks. Getting the three hits for the Lady Dawgs were Jayna Kearson, Abbey Marsh and Lola Walden.

The Lady Dawgs have three remaining games left on the schedule. Yesterday,

September 24, they played the Panthers in Portal. The other two region games are at home against Jenkins on Thursday, Co. September 26, and against Bryan Co. Tuesday, October 1. The Lady Dawgs close out the regular season on October 8, when they host Pierce Co.

# First inning spurt leads DEA Eagles past Trinity Christian Academy

by GameChanger Media

David Emanuel Academy Middle School Eagles scored six runs in the first inning, which helped them defeat Trinity Christian Academy 11-0 on Tuesday, September 17. Mary Bess Fields singled, scoring one run; a dropped third strike scored one run; Sophie Young drew a walk, scoring one run; Milly Farmer drew a walk, scoring one run; Blakely Brinson hit into a fielder's choice, but two runs scored. The Eagles added to their early lead in the bottom of

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the third inning after Sophie walked, and Trinity Christian Academy committed an error, each scoring two runs. Rayleigh Faircloth earned the win for DEA. The starting pitcher surrendered zero hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out six and walking none. Mary Bess threw one inning of no-run ball for the Eagles in relief. The righty allowed one hit, striking out none and walking none. Blakely led the Eagles with two most chances in the runs batted in from the number nine spot in the lineup. Mary Bess and Lara McNure

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each collected one hit for DEA. Sophie led Sophie Young tripled, the Eagles with three scoring two runs, Layla walks. Overall, team had a strong eye one run, and Blakely at the plate, collecting Brinson grounded out, 11 walks for the game. scoring one run. The Ea-Mary Bess stole two gles added to their earbases. The Eagles ran ly lead in the bottom of wild on the base paths, piling up nine stolen bases for the game. They turned one double play in the game. The Middle School Eagles were sure handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Evie Moore had the

# Tough week for the Lady Tigers

#### HUGH by HENDRIX

After committing a total of just one error over the previous four games, the Swainsboro defense had a rough game at Savannah Christian last Tuesday night, September 18. Pitchers Chloe Boulineau and Ariel Tapley combined to allow three earned runs on eight hits in the game but four very costly errors by the defense led to a couple of big innings in the 11-0 loss. Kayla Crabb, Sara Smith, Izzy Baird and Kyleigh Hostilo recorded hits for Swainsboro.

Monday, On September 23, Swainsboro traveled to Metter for a non-region contest. Metter came into the game with an 11-4 record and ranked #4 in the state in 1A DII. The match-up between the Swainsboro Tigers and the Metter Tigers featured solid pitching performances and exceptional defense both by teams. Despite out-hitting Metter seven to five, Swainsboro fell short in the run column and lost by a final score of 3-1. Swainsboro was led offensively by Sara Smith who had two hits in her three at-bats. Gracie Kayla Beneteau, Crabb, Berklie Bishop, Ariel Tapley and Kyleigh Hostilo also collected one hit each for Swainsboro. Chloe Boulineau turned in another solid performance from the pitcher's circle, going six innings and allowing three runs (two earned) on five hits and a walk.

Swainsboro was scheduled to travel to St. Vincent's Academy in Savannah on Thursday, but that game has been moved up to today, Wednesday, September 25, to hopefully avoid rain that is in the forecast. The Lady Tigers will travel to Vidalia next Monday, September 30, to make up a game that was rained out earlier in the season. Vidalia will then come to Swainsboro on Tuesday, October 1. All game times are 6 p.m.

# First inning spurt leads Middle School Eagles past Bulloch Academy

David Emanuel Academy Middle School Eagles defeated Bulloch Academy 13-4 on Wednesday, September 18, thanks in part to seven runs in the first inning. Evie Moore drew a walk, scoring one run, an error scored one run, the Clark singled, scoring

*by GameChanger Media* the second inning after Lara McNure grounded out, and Bulloch committed Academy an error, each scoring one run. Rayleigh Faircloth earned the win for DEA. The pitcher allowed zero hits and zero runs over four and one-third innings, striking out seven and walking none. Mary Bess Fields appeared in relief for the Eagles. Layla, Carrie Johnson, Sophie, Loralee Scarboro, and Lara each collected one hit for

the Eagles. Carrie, Sophie, and Lara each drove in two runs for DEA. The Eagles had a strong eye at the plate, amassing eight walks for the game. Rayleigh, Evie, and Mary Bess led the team with two free passes each. The Eagles stole seven bases in the game. They were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Evie made the most plays with eight.

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# Eagles lose to Sherwood Christian

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Friday, David On Academy Emanuel faced Sherwood Christian Academy in a battle between two of the state's top teams. The David Emanuel Academy Eagles were dealt a 50-6 defeat at the hands

of the Sherwood Christian Academy Eagles. The game marked David Emanuel Academy's lowest-scoring match so far this season.

Richard Braddy picked up 15 receiving yards and a touchdown. Peyton Lee was his top target, picking up 55 receiving

yards. On the ground, Clayton Hood rushed for 31 yards.

David Emanuel Academy dropped their record down to 2-3 with the loss, which was their third straight on the road.

Players of the week for DEA are:

• The Ware's Bar-B-Q

Week 5 Most Valuable Player - #25 Peyton Lee, Senior TE/DL - 1 Reception for 55 Yards, 7 Tackles, 2 QB Pressures

• Week 5 Offensive Player of the Game - #4 Richard Braddy, Junior QB, 53 Passing Yards, 1 Reception for a 15 Yard Touchdown

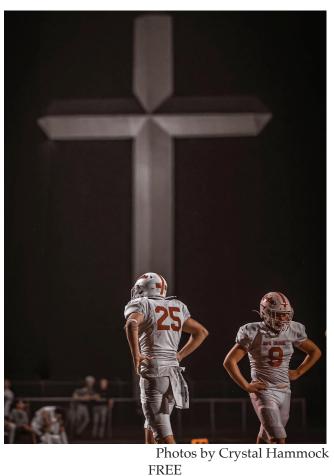
• Week 5 Defensive Player of the Game - #1 Tucker Free,, Sophomore LB, 6 Tackles

• Week 5 Special Teams Player of the Game - #6 Sailor Powell, Junior RB/ LB, 5 Kick Off Returns for 126 Yards, Long KOR of 35 Yards

• Week 5 Practice Play-

er of the Week - #20 Jack Evan Fields, Freshman OL/DL

David Emanuel is looking forward to playing at home this week. It's Homecoming week so energy is high, DEA will take on Fullington Academy at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.





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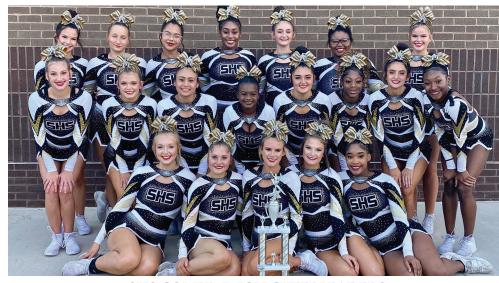
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# Lady Eagles surge past Twiggs Academy

by GameChanger Media

David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles scored 13 runs in the first inning, which helped them defeat Twiggs Academy 16-0 on Monday, September 23. Aubrey Scott singled, scoring one run; Kaley Flowers tripled, scoring two runs; Bailey McNure singled, scoring one run; Kate Yeomans singled, scoring one run; Marlee Johnson doubled, scoring one run; an error scored one run; Kyli Bell doubled, scoring one run; Scott singled, scoring one run; an error scored one run; Flowers singled, scoring one run; McNure doubled, scoring one Addalyn run; and Terwilliger singled, scoring one run. The Lady Eagles added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Bell singled, Payton Peebles singled, and Twiggs Academy dropped a third strike, each scoring one run. Scott earned the win for David Emanuel Academy. The right-handed pitcher surrendered one hit and zero runs over three innings, striking out six and walking none. The Eagles piled up 13 hits in the game. Flowers drove the middle of the lineup, leading David Emanuel Academy with three runs batted in. The cleanup hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. McNure led the Eagles with three hits in three at bats. Bell and Scott each collected multiple hits. Peebles stole two bases. The Eagles were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. cit in the eighth inning, Flowers had the most David Emanuel Acadechances in the field my Varsity Lady Eagles with six. *Copyright* © 2024 *Ga*- way back, eventually meChanger Media, Inc. falling 12-11 to Trinity All rights reserved.



# SHS COMPETITION CHEERLEADERS Successful start for SHS **Competition Cheerleaders**

Swainsboro High School's competition cheerleaders kicked off their 2024 season with a first-place trophy at Houston County's Middle Georgia Cheer Classic this past weekend. They will compete again on September 28, at West Laurens. Great job kicking off your season strong, girls!

# Lady Eagles fall to Bulloch Academy

by GameChanger Media

David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles fell 6-4 to Bulloch Academy Varsity Gators on Wednesday, September 18, despite out-hitting them 11 to six. Kyli Bell and Payton Peebles each collected three hits for the Lady Eagles. The Gators were the first to get on the board in the first when McKenna Furnari singled, scoring one run. Aubrey Scott singled, which helped DEA tie the game at one in the bottom of the first. A single by Bell gave the Lady Eagles the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the second. The Gators took the lead in the top of the third inning after Furnari homered to center field, Marybeth Mathis walked, and Maralyne Belcher singled, each scoring one run. Furnari earned the win for Bulloch Academy Varsity Gators. The pitcher allowed 11 hits and four runs (three earned) over seven innings, striking out eight and walking none. Bell pitched four innings in relief for the Eagles. The right-handed pitcher surrendered one hit and two runs (zero earned) while striking out two and walking two. Scott took the loss for David Emanuel Academy. The hurler went three innings, giving up four runs (two earned) on five hits, striking out one and walking three. The Lady Eagles piled up 11 hits in the game. Bell went 3-for-4 at the plate and led the team with two runs batted in. Emily McRae collected two hits for the Eagles in three at bats. The Lady Eagles turned one double play in the game.

Lady Eagles claw back, but fall just short against Trinity

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saders on Tuesday, September 17. The Eagles closed the gap by scoring on an error, a single, a single, an error, an error, and a single. DEA collected eight hits and Trinity Christian had 15 in the high-scoring affair. The Lady Eagles got on the board in the fourth inning after Marlee Johnson hit into a double play, but one run scored. Madison Lowery doubled, which helped Trinity Christian tie the game at one in the top of the fifth. Trinity took the lead in the top of the sixth. Madelyn Dailey laid down a sacrifice bunt, scoring one run, to give Trinity Christian Varsity Crusaders the lead, 2-1. The Lady Eagles jumped back into the lead in the bottom of the sixth inning after the Crusaders committed an error, and Kate Yeomans hit a sacrifice fly, each scoring one run. Trinity Christian took the lead in the top of the seventh. Lowery homered to center field, scoring two runs, to give Trinity Christian the upper hand, 4-3. Aubrey Scott singled, which helped David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles 2024 tie the game at four in the bottom of the seventh. Trinity

Christian Varsity Crusaders flipped the game on its head in the top of the eighth, scoring eight runs on six hits to take the lead, 12-4. The biggest blow in the inning was a grand slam to left field by Ellie Quick on an 0-2 count that drove in four. The Lady Eagles scored seven runs on five hits in the bottom of the eighth inning. An error scored one run, Addalyn Terwilliger singled, scoring one run, Johnson singled, scoring one run, an error scored one run, an error scored two runs, and Kaley Flowers singled, scoring one run. Kyli Bell took the loss for David Emanuel Academy. The right-handed pitcher went eight innings, surrendering 11 runs (10 earned) on 15 hits, striking out five and walking five. Johnson led the Eagles with two runs batted in from the number eight spot in the lineup. The right-handed hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Bell set the tone at the top of the lineup, leading David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles with two hits in four at bats. The Lady Eagles turned one double play in the game.

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# Legals.

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 770-962-4981The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to Surveyor, on February 1, 1971, which require The United States of America, is recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 143, acting through the Secretary of of the records of the Office of Clerk Emanuel Superior Court. Said plat Agriculture to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security by reference hereto is incorporated Deed described herein. The United herein for a more full, complete and States of America, acting through the accurate description of said property. Secretary of Agriculture as Attorney Said tract of land being bounded,

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in Fact for Sheila Renee Boatright

Attorney Contact: Miller, George &

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IN RE: ESTATE OF CLAIR R.

All creditors of the estate of

Clair R. Black, deceased, late of

Emanuel County, are hereby noti-

fied 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

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Richard M. McNeely, Attorney for Sarah Elizabeth T.

Executor of the Clair R. Black

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER.

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This 27<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2024.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF SHELIA DIANE JOHNSON ARCHIE, DECEASED

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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.

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

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

Notice to Debtors and Creditors All creditors of the estate of WENDELL JAY BELL late of Emanuel County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 18th day of September, 2024 Name: Debra N. Bell Title: Administrator

Address: 612 Liberty Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMIRICA LASHAY QUINN, MINOR ESTATE NO. 24E0113

NOTICE Date of second publication, if any

October 2, 2024 TO: LATECHA DINNETT QUINN and ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that ANDREA BREENA FERRAZZARIO has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary

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guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner as temporary guardian, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation

of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner as guardian, or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

DON E. WILKES Judge of the Probate Court **Bv: Jeanie Hooks** Clerk of the Probate Court P. O. Box 70 Address Swainsboro, Ga. 30401

(478) 237-7091 Telephone Number

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF FMANUFI

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARVIN WYATT YOUNGBLOOD, DECEASED. All creditors of the estate of Marvin Wyatt Youngblood, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeelv. attornev for Wanda R. Youngblood, Executor of the Marvin Wyatt Youngblood 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024. RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Wanda R. Youngblood, Executor of the Marvin Wyatt Youngblood Estate Richard M. McNeelv, P.C. P. O. Box 767 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (478) 237-4225

STATE OF GEORGIA EMANUEL COUNTY NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice to the public is hereby given that on October 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the Superior Court of Emanuel County, at the courthouse in said county, a hearing will be held in the case of State of Georgia v. Emanuel County Public Facilities Authority and Emanuel County, Georgia, on the petition and complaint to validate the Emanuel County Public Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds (Emanuel County Projects), Series 2024, in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,110,000 (the Bonds"), which are authorized to be issued by a bond resolution adopted on September 16, 2024, by vote of a majority of the members of the Emanuel County Public Facilities Authority. Proceeds from the sale of said Bonds will be used to provide funds to: (i) finance the renovation, construction and equipping of two

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new governmental administrative buildings (the "Projects"), and (ii) pay the expenses to be incurred in connection with the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

The Court will also adjudicate the valid and binding effect of the form of an intergovernmental lease contract, to be dated as of the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, between the Authority and Emanuel County, under which Emanuel County will make payments to the Authority for use of the Projects sufficient to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the Bonds, which payments are pledged as security for the payment of the Bonds sought to be validated

NO PERFORMANCE AUDIT OR PERFORMANCE REVIEW, WITHIN THE MEANING OF O.C.G.A. 36-82-100 SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE EMANUEL COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY.

At said hearing, all persons having a right to be heard with respect to the Bonds and the security provided therefor, and with respect to the validation thereof, may be heard. This September 19, 2024. KRISTIN C. HALL

Clerk of Superior Court Emanuel County, Georgia To be published on September 25, 2024 and October 2, 2024.

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE' ESTATE OF RAYMOND BOYD PALMORE, DECEASED. All creditors of the estate of Raymond Boyd Palmore, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Kevin Palmore. Executor of the Raymond Boyd Palmore 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 12th day of September, 2024.

RICHARD M. MCNEELY. Attorney for Kevin Palmore Executor of the Raymond Boyd Palmore Estate Richard M. McNeely, P.C.

P. O. Box 767

Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (478) 237-4225

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN S

ALLMOND, DECEASED. All creditors of the estate of John S Allmond, deceased, late of Emanue County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Janette Elizabeth Allmond, Administratrix of the John S. Allmond 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 20th day of September, 2024.

RICHARD M. MCNEELY. Attorney for Janette Elizabeth Allmond.

Administratrix of the John S. Allmond Estate

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State College (EGSC). Darius Jamal Bell, 23, arrested 9/19/24; Court production order; ECSO Dominique Perez Butler, 32, arrested 9/19/24; Court order;

ECSO Gilbert Daughtry, 49, arrested 9/19/24; Court order; ECSO

Martha Ann Davis, 58, arrested 9/17/24; Bench warrant - felony; ECSO

Dianne Fullmore, 58, arrested 9/19/24; City probation violation; SPD

Damien Davon Gibson, 49, arrested 9/18/24; Seatbelt violation/Tag light requirements/Possess of marijuana less than oz/Possession of cocaine; SPD

Gomez, 27, arrest- ECSO

ed 9/21/24; Driving while unlicensed/ Speeding; ECSO

Charles Henry Hall, 42, arrested 9/19/24; Court order; ECSO

Teddy Dimethius Hardaway, 29, arrested 9/19/24; Court order; ECSO

Amanda Virginia Harden, 45, arrested 9/18/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked; ECSO

Wesley Holland, 61, arrested 9/20/24; Public drunk; ECSO

Alexandria Nichole Holmes, 34, arrested 9/22/24; DUI less safe - alcohol; GSP

Desi Lee Hyman Jackson, 38, arrested 9/19/24; Court order; ECSO

Balik Tynerious Johnson, 24, arrested Juan Rogelio Perez 9/19/24; Court order;

Marcus Van Kelly, 31, arrested 9/21/24; Hold for Brunswick; SPD

Jessica Jaunita Lane, 32, arrested 9/20/24; Probation violation; ECSO

John Edwid Marion, 55, arrested 9/17/24; Possession of schedule I or II controlled substance w/intent/ Possess of marijuana less than oz; SPD

Andre Renee McCloud, 51, arrested 9/19/24; Probation violation warrant; SPD Sue Ann Meade, 42, arrested 9/20/24; DUI less safe - alcohol/ Failure to stop at stop sign; GSP

Kenneth Stefon Moore, 19, arrested 9/22/24; DUI under 21 - alcohol/Reckless driving/Underage possession of alcohol/

Too fast for conditions; SPD

Kimberly Ann O'Conner, 46, arrested 9/16/24; Bench warrant; OPPD

Jonathan James Penton, 41, arrested 9/18/24; Probation violation felony; \_ ECSO

Evan Ricks, 46, arrested 9/19/24; Child support lockup order (x2)/Theft by conversion; ECSO

Shaye Ronald Shepard, 48, arrested 9/19/24; Bench warrant/Probation warrant; SPD

Jesse James Trujillo, 32, arrested 9/19/24; Court order; ECSO

Narico Tashawn Wadley, 31, arrested 9/19/24; Court order; ECSO

Donald Dewayne Williford, 24, arrested 9/17/24; Possess of marijuana less than oz/Leaving scene of accident; SPD

Patrick Brooks Wilson, 36, arrested 9/22/24; Possession of meth/Possession and use of drug related objects/Possess of marijuana less than oz/Driving while license suspended/ revoked; ECSO

Artavious Jaquan Worthen, 26, arrested 9/21/24; Seatbelt violation – child/DUI child endangerment/ DUI less safe - drugs/ Affixing materials that reduce or increase light transmission/reflectance of windows/ windshields; GSP

Mark Zimerla, 40, 9/17/24: arrested Housed for Washington CO. SO; WCSO

# Swainsboro Police Reports\_

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

#### September 13

Officer assisted with a traffic stop at Longview Road and Fowler Street for no insurance. Citations were issued to the driver. The driver notified officers that he had just obtained insurance and was released on the citations.

Officer observed a golf cart with a headlight out and conducted a traffic stop. As the officer approached the golf cart, he could smell the odor of alcoholic beverage was coming off of the driver's breath. Driver refused to take a breath test and was arrested for a DUI.

#### September 14

Officer responded to Taco Bell in reference to a dispute. Complainant stated that while working at Taco Bell the victim told him to call 911 in reference to a man in the parking lot drunk and trying to argue with them. After several tests, offender was arrested. Officer diswas patched to Richard Street in reference to dogs getting into trash and when residents made a noise to scare the dog, it ran at them. Officer were advised that this was the second time this had hap-

the pened. A citation was issued to the owner.

> Officer was dispatched to Jones Avenue in reference to a damaged vehicle report that needed to be made. C/p stated that the back window of the vehicle was busted out at some point during the night.

Officer made contact with c/p/victim at Modoc Road in reference to a report. She stated that a subject driving a newer model vehicle was driving towards her on Center Street. As the offender approached the vehicle, she was holding a pistol and was pointing it at her. When speaking to the offender, she denied having an altercation all together.

Officer was conducting a road check at Calhoun Street for checking license and registration. The offender was not able to maintain balance during her field sobriety test and told officers that she was on prescription drugs. She then admitted to smoking a marijuana blunt. Offender was arrested for DUI drugs. Officer was conducting a road check and smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle that was stopped. Offender was

arrested for suspicion of marijuana.

#### September 15

Officer was dispatched to Central Street in reference to an argument. Upon arrivofficer observed al, a man using vulgar language towards a female. When asked not to use poor language, he continued to do so, so he was placed under arrest for failure to comply.

#### September 16

Officer responded to SPD in reference to a walk in report. C/p stated that he took his vehicle to get fixed three years ago and was told that the offender sold his vehicle to a scrap yard. He advised that he did not sell the car to the offender, he just wanted it fixed.

responded Officer to SPD in reference to and Mary Ann Street a walk in report. C/p stated the day before, an acquaintance sent her a picture of a handgun that she believed to belong to c/p. C/pstated that the handgun was being held by her ex-boyfriend in the photo. Officer responded to SPD for a walk in report. C/p stated that he and his wife were at Walmart when damage was made to their vehicle. Officer responded to SPD for a walk in report. C/p stated that he hit a pothole while driving and his vehicle began vibrating. Both rear wheels were found to be bent. Officer responded to SPD for a walk in report. C/p stated that a pothole on Lucky Street caused damage to his vehicle. Officer diswas patched to Lee Street in reference to someone taking money from an EBT card without permission. C/p stated that three different transactions were made on her card without her permission. Officer was dis-

patched to Circle Drive in reference to a report of someone trying to break into a home. C/pstated that she was fixing her husband dinner and heard a noise outside. She also stated that often someone comes under the carport and tries to get in the door. No items were reported missing.

Officer diswas patched to Brown Street in reference to a 15 year old female getting punched in the face by a 17 or 18 year old male. Upon arrival, officer met with c/pand victim. C/p stated that she is the victim's aunt along with the offender's aunt. She stated that earlier in the day, she told the offender not to go in the victim's room. She stated that she left to go to the store and when she returned the victim's nose was bleeding. The offender stated that the victim pushed him. Victim stated that he came into her room looking for his things, but when she told him they were no longer in there, he continued to look so she got off the bed and yelled at him to get out and he punched

her in the face.

pered with.

September 17

Officers were dis-

patched to respond to a

walk in report. C/p is a

city employee and stat-

ed that two city water

meters have been tam-

Officer responded

to Turner Drive in ref-

erence to a report of

harassing communica-

tions. C/p stated that she received a text message from a number that she didn't recognize. She called the number and a man answered. He would not give her his name but told he she knew who he was. She hung up and blocked the number and the offender texted her from another number saying he was about to pull up on her.

Officer responded to SPD in reference to a walk in report. C/p starts that he has already made reports over the offender in reference to terroristic threats and damages to his vehicle. A few days before, the offender kicked over his motorcycle causing damage to it.

#### September 18

Officer met with c/pat SPD in reference to a walk in report. C/p

Officer made contact with c/p in reference to a report. He advised that he was jumped. He advised that the offenders stated that he owes them money for drugs.

payment.

Officers were dispatched to South Anderson Street in reference to a call about the owner of the residence advising that she was not home at the time and could see motion being detected at her front door from her cell phone. Officers arrived and all doors were locked. C/p noticed some things being moved and a camera being unplugged.

Officer arrived to KZ Nails in reference to another officer having the offender standing outside of the vehicle due to possession of marijuana. Suspected cocaine was also locat-

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## Sheriff's Reports.

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

#### September 16

Victim stated he got an alert from his camera at his hunting camp and saw an unknown suspect standing at the door of his camper and told him to get off his property through the

advised that someone has been forging his name at the bank and withdrawing money

from his account. Officer made contact with c/p at city hall in reference to a report. C/p advised that the day before, the offender came to his vehicle and began threatening and cursing at him.

Officer responded to Moring Street for a dispute. C/p stated that offender is saying that she bought the house from Tyler Perry the actor. C/p stated that this is not true that she works with a company that sells houses and that someone else bought the house other than the offender. Offender stated that she paid Tyler Perry \$500,000 for the house and that he sent her pictures of it. Offender never got back to officers to show proof of ed. Offender was arrested.

#### September 19

Officer was dispatched North to Anderson Drive in reference to a missing person. C/p stated that his girlfriend hadn't been seen for a few days.

Officers received a call from 911 stating that the resident of an apartment had reported a man laying on the floor cold to the touch. C/p stated that her neighbors apartment door was open and when she went to check on him, she found him on the floor. He was proven to be deceased.

#### September 20

Officers were dispatched to New Street in reference to a domestic in progress. No one was found inside of the residence. When victim was found, she did not want to press charges.

camera. Suspect left heading south of the property. Victim also stated someone was walking across his property the day prior.

Deputy met with complainant who stated she found her mailbox had been tampered with. C/p provided a picture of the mail-

box which appeared to have electrical tape around it and zip tied shut. C/p also advised her neighbor's mailbox looked the same as hers.

#### September 20

Complainant stated she noticed her screen door was damaged and thought someone may

have tried to get into her residence while she was away.

Complainant called ECSO and stated WJBF received a disturbing certified letter from offender. Deputy asked c/p to scan and email the letter to him and Investigator was advised of the letter.

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# Three sentenced in Superior Court

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

Bob Harrison, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of firearm by convicted felon. He was fined \$100 with 10 years probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 10 years to be served on probation. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Christopher Lamar Cody, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count theft by taking. He was fined \$50 with 10 years probation. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 10 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(ca.

Robert John Good, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of cocaine. He was fined \$50 with 3 years probation; one count driving without license/suspended with \$500 fine and 12 months probation to run concurrent with count one; one count tag light

violation with \$25 fine and 12 months probation to run concurrent with count one and two. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 3 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody from 5/1/23-4/24/24. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

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### SAR COLOR GUARD PRESENTING ARMS TO THE U.S. FLAG Constitution Day at St. Paul's Church

Members of the Skunk Brigade Brier Creek Militia traveled to Augusta on September 17, to participate in the Constitution Day event at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The event started at 11 a.m. with a ceremony inside the church. The SAR Color Guard, Commanded by Commander Scott Collins, presented the colors after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the attendees. During the ceremony, Mark Albertin acted the part of Col. William Few, then everyone followed the Color Guard outside for the rest of the ceremony. The presentation of the wreaths was held after which the Militia fired a three-round volley with flintlocks followed by the playing of taps by Compatriot Don Bazemore on his bugle. Those Skunk Brigade members in attendance were Allen Mincey and Don Bazemore of the Brier Creek Chapter, Alton McCloud and Tommy Chappell of the Little River Chapter, Dess Smith III of the Wiregrass Chapter and Ted Walker of the Henry Laurens Chapter of the SCSSAR.

## Rayleigh Faircloth carries Middle School Eagles past Twiggs Academy

by GameChanger Media

Rayleigh Faircloth was dominant in the circle, as the right-handed pitcher rang up 12 strikeouts in David Emanuel Academy Middle School Eagles' 12-3 victory over Twiggs Academy on Monday, September 23. Rayleigh gave up three hits and three runs over five innings while walking two. The Eagles opened the scoring in the bottom of the first, thanks to two triples. The Eagles

lead in the bottom of the second inning after Twiggs Academy committed an error, and Sophie Young hit a sacrifice fly, each scoring one run. DEA added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Kaley Flowers doubled, Kate hit an inside the park home run, Twiggs Academy committed an error, and Lara McNure tripled, each scoring one run. The Eagles accumulated 12 hits in the game. Kaley, Kate, Evie Moore, and Lara each collected two hits for David Emanuel Academy Eagles. Kate and Sophie each drove in two runs for the

first got on the board when

Kate Youmans tripled,

scoring one run. The Ea-

gles added to their early

# Swainsboro Tigers defeated by Crisp County, look to rebuild and refocus for region play

by Roosevelt Young Last Friday, the Swainsboro Tigers traveled to Cordele to face the Crisp County Cougars in a highly anticipated Friday night football matchup. Both teams entered the game with hopes of securing a win to boost team morale.

The Tigers kicked off to Crisp County, and the Swainsboro defense came out strong, forcing a three-and-out on the Cougars' first possession. The Tigers, relying heavily on their ground game, marched down the field and made it inside the 30-yard line before being stopped on a fourth down, turning the ball over on downs.

On the very next play, Crisp County capitalized with a screen pass that resulted in a touchdown, putting the Tigers behind 6-0 early in the game. Despite the early setback, Swainsboro continued to lean on their rushing attack, with running back Quinn Brown and quarterback Marco Danford leading the charge.

Crisp County also showcased some very shifty athletes on offense, which made it difficult for the Tigers to secure tackles. The Cougars' quickness and ability to change direction in open space consistently challenged the Swainsboro defense throughout the night, leading to missed opportunities to contain their offense.

One of the standout players for the Tigers was linebacker Tobias Smith, who contributed significantly both on defense and in supporting the run game. Smith's physical play at the line of scrimmage was a key factor throughout the night, and he scored the Tigers' only touchdown late in the second quarter.

However, injuries and penalties once again hampered Swainsboro, as has been the case for much of this season. Crisp County was able to pull away in the second half, ultimately defeating the Tigers 30-6. With this loss, Swainsboro's record dropped to 1-5 on the season.

The Tigers will now use their bye week to refocus, heal up, and prepare for region play. In addition to recovering from injuries, they will also use this time to get younger players more experience and additional reps in practice, ensuring that the team is better prepared for the challenges ahead. As they approach the latter half of the season, the team is determined to make a strong push for a playoff berth, looking to turn things around and end the season on a positive note.

## Family Connection holds monthly meeting

Family Connection had their monthly Collaborative meeting on September 19, at the Sudie Fulford Center. Several community organizations and service providers attended the meeting to share ideas and resources that are focused on improving the lives of the children and families of Emanuel County. The program and all are welcome to was presented by Megan

Mercer from Georgia Southern's Community Health Resource Project. This projdeveloping a ect is detailed resource map of Emanuel County that will be provided to residents once completed. Family Connection meets the third Thursday of each month at 12 p.m. at the Sudie Fulford Center attend.



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Eagles.

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A deacon was asked by his pastor to meet a guest speaker at the local airport. He stood patiently waiting and looking at each traveler as they claimed their luggage and then left the airport. But he was not comfortable in approaching any of them and asking, "Are you the one who is scheduled to speak at the First Baptist Church?" Finally, he noticed a gentleman who was wearing a dark blue suit,

ed tie and carrying a brief case. Ah, he thought, that's our guest. Approaching him he asked, "Pardon me, Sir, but are you the minister who is to speak at the First Baptist Church tomorrow?" "No," came the reply. "It's my indigestion that makes me look like this."

How sad it is that people associate gloom and doom with godliness and not happiness and gladness. If

there is anything that should separate the born again from those who do not know Christ as Savior it is the sign of joy! We who have been released from the power of sin and the grip of Satan ought to always have a smile on our faces and thankfulness in our hearts. "I might have been a minister myself," confessed Oliver Wendell Holmes, "for all I know, if a certain clergyman had not looked and talked like an undertaker." God's Word does not say, "Be careful not to smile. The world is in terrible shape. The end will soon be here." Rather, "Shout for joy to the

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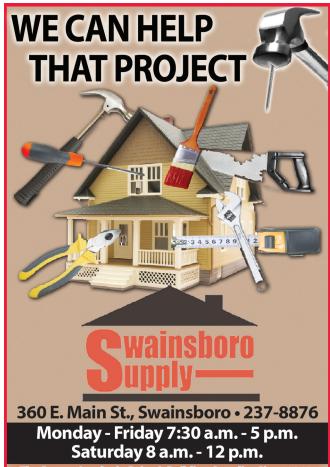
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# District Governor Griggers speaks to Twin City Lions Club

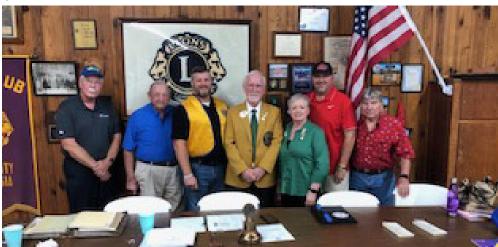
At the most recent Lions Club business meeting, held at the Lions Clubhouse, the club was honored to have District Governor, Larry Griggers, and his wife, Debbie, District Secretary visit and speak to them about all the endeavors the Lions Club International is involved in to help the international communities down to the local communities. Mr. and Mrs. Griggers, both from Lyons, have traveled many places in the domestic United States and abroad in support and in conjunction with LCI. Mr. Griggers told many heart-warming stories he's encountered in his years as a Lion, including purchasing a seeing eye dog for a sight impaired student, helping school aged children detect if they need eyeglasses with vision screenings and helping grow his local Lions

Club chapter to help as many in the community as his club can.

The club voted to continue to be a Gold Sponsor of Twin City's upcoming 4th Annual Cottom Blossom Festival. The annual festival attracts many vendors and thousands of people to Twin City each year and the club is proud to be a sponsor of it.



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3	33,566	2,798	1,399	1,291	646	47,767	3,981	1,991	1,838	919
4	40,560	3,380	1,690	1,560	780	57,720	4,810	2,405	2,220	1,110
5	47,554	3,963	1,982	1,829	915	67,673	5,640	2,820	2,603	1,302
6	54,548	4,546	2,273	2,098	1,049	77,626	6,469	3,235	2,986	1,493
7	61,542	5,129	2,565	2,367	1,184	87,579	7,299	3,650	3,369	1,685
8	68,536	5,712	2,856	2,636	1,318	97,532	8,128	4,064	3,752	1,876
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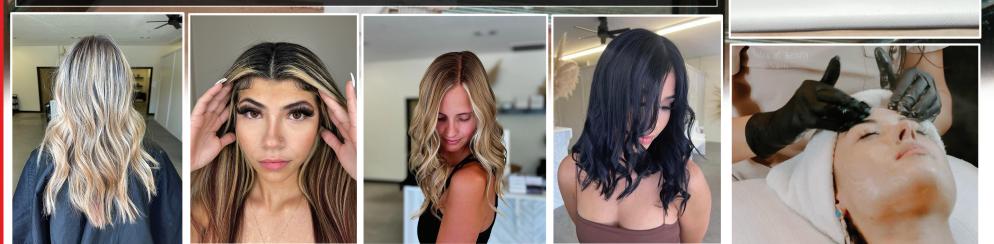
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# License requirements

*Big Game License* Big Game privileges are required to hunt deer, turkey and bear. Some licenses such as the Sportsman's License include this privilege. A license that covers basic hunting privileges is prerequisite to the Big Game license. This license is available in annual and short-term duration.

#### Harvest Record

A free Harvest Record is required to hunt deer, turkey, or bear (Northern Zone only). ALL deer, turkey, alligator and bear (Northern Zone only) hunters of all ages are required to have a free Harvest Record, even if they have a full-privilege license or if they are not required to have a hunting license. The Harvest Record is only valid for a single season (March to February). Hunters must obtain a new Harvest Record each season and record their kill on the paper or electronic version before moving the carcass. Note: Thanks to an update to the Outdoors GA app, harvests can be logged offline, to sync with the server later when there is signal. All harvested turkey, deer, bear (Northern Zone only) and alligators must be reported within 24 hours through Georgia Game Check. More information on Harvest Records and Georgia Game Check. Alligator Harvest

Alligator Harvest Permit

An Alligator Harvest Permit is required if you are drawn for an alligator quota hunt, regardless of age. Some licenses cover the cost of this privilege (Optional Resident Youth Sportsman's, Disability, One-Time Veteran, Lifetime Sportsman's and Lifetime Hunting). Most licenses do not cover the cost of this privilege. A license that covers basic hunting privileges is prerequisite to this permit. Waterfowl GAMigratory Bird License



The GA Waterfowl Migratory Bird License is required for ALL migratory bird hunters (doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, snipe, coots, rails, or gallinules) that are 16 and older, even if a hunting license is not required. This stamp is how Georgia participates in the federal Harvest Information Program (HIP). Some licenses allow the license holder to get the GA Waterfowl Migratory Bird License at no cost. The GA Waterfowl Migratory Bird License is only valid for a single season (March February). Hunters to must obtain a new GA Waterfowl Migratory Bird License each season. A Federal Duck Stamp (\$29) is still required if hunting duck and geese for hunters age 16 and older.

#### Trout License

A Trout License is required for persons age 16 and older to fish for or possess mountain trout. Some licenses include this privilege. A license that covers basic fishing privileges is prerequisite to this license.

#### Saltwater Information Program (SIP) Permit

А free Saltwater Information Program permit (SIP permit) is required for persons age 16 and older to fish in saltwater, even if they have a full-privilege license or if they are not required to have a fishing license. The SIP permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance. Anglers must obtain a new SIP permit each year.

# Age requirements

Hunters Under Age 12 Areas Hunters under age 12 are not required to complete a hunter education course. However, no one under age 12 may hunt unless under direct supervision, i.e. within sight or hearing of licensed adult (at least 18 years old) hunter. It is unlawful for an adult to permit their child or ward under age 12 to hunt unsupervised. Special restrictions apply to Wildlife Management

Areas (WMAs) & National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs).

Hunters Age 12–15 Must complete а hunter education course prior to hunting unless under direct supervision of a licensed adult hunter. It is unlawful for an adult to permit their child or ward (12-15) to hunt without adult supervision unless the child possesses a hunter education certificate while hunting.

Hunters Age 16–25

Must present a hunter education certificate when purchasing a season hunting license and must possess the certificate while hunting.

Hunters Over Age 25 Hunters over age 25 and born after January 1, 1961, must meet hunter education course requirements but need not present their hunter education certificate when buying a season hunting license or possess it while hunting.

## Licenses & Permits

What License Do I Need?

The license you will need in order to participate in the outdoor pastimes of hunting and fishing, and visiting state shooting ranges and WRD properties, will depend on if you are a resident of Georgia, your activities of choice, your age and how long you wish the license to be active. Short-term licenses with limited privileges all the way to full-privilege licenses that last a lifetime are available. For residents, there are also discounted licenses available for veterans, active-duty military, seniors and people who are disabled.

• Basic hunting privileges cover hunting small game, participating in an Alligator Harvest Permit holder's alligator hunt,

• GA DNR is responsi-

ble for setting and enforc-

ing regulations for hunt-

early Fall (September)

and runs until mid-Win-

ter (early January). The

season occurs during the

time of year where all

fawns that were born in

the Spring are now old

enough to survive on

• Deer season starts in

ing whitetail deer

deer-dog hunting, and accessing the state properties on this list. You must meet hunter education requirements to get a license with hunting privileges, except for short-term licenses.

 Basic fishing privileges cover fishing (except mountain trout) in fresh and salt water and access to the state properties on this list. Saltwater fishing additionally requires the free Saltwater Information Program (SIP) permit. Mountain trout fishing additionally requires a Trout License.

• If you do not hunt or fish, a Lands Pass grants access to the state properties on this list. However, purchasing a basic hunting or fishing license for access is a lower cost option in most instances that should be considered by non-hunters and non-anglers.

• Annual Licenses cover the 365 days after date of purchase and may be stacked to create a license of any year duration.

• Short Term Licenses (one-day and additional days) cover 1-day (which may be a future date), and additional (consecutive) days may be added at reduced rate per-day, as long as the license has not expired. Up to 10 additional consecutive days may be added, for 11 consecutive days total. If a one-day license and consecutive dates need to be rescheduled before they start, call 1-800-366-2661.

• Trapping or other commercial licenses are not included in any hunting or fishing license.



#### Hunting regulations sponsi- ing does (females) and same of

ing does (females) and button bucks (males whose antlers have only just begun to form and appear as "buttons" on the buck's brow) and two bucks (males), one of which must have more than four one-inch points to a side; some counties may have different antler restrictions, so make sure to check the regulations of the county you

same or change, either increasing or decreasing.

• To hunt Whitetail Deer in Georgia, a Georgia hunting license, along with a big game license must be purchased each year. A harvest record, used for reporting the number and kind of deer harvested by hunters, is also required, but is available for free.

• Every deer harvested must be reported on the harvest record; while this can be written on a physical record, reporting via 1-800-366-2661 or electronically by going to www.goutdoorsgeorgia. com, as well as using the GA DNR app on your smart phone is also available. The app also contains an electronic copy of all your licenses, making it a convenient tool to



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• While older deer may die of natural causes during the Winter, and some deer are removed from the population due to hunting, their numbers are replaced by fawns born the following Spring.

• Georgia regulations allow for the harvest 10 antlerless deer, includare hunting in. Due to the overabundance of deer in the state, more does can be harvested, as their removal from the herd has a larger impact on maintaining carrying capacity.

• Based on the previous year's harvest numbers, as well as population surveys and other scientific studies and observations, it may be recommended that the bag limit stay the

# What can you use to hunt with?

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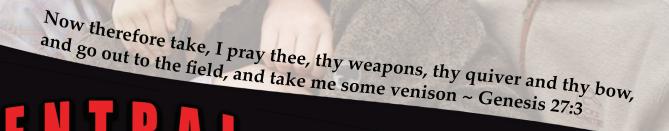
• Rifles and handgunschambered for centerfire cartridges .22 caliber or larger, with an expanding bullet; there is no magazine capacity restriction for modern rifles.

• Shotguns- 20 gauge or larger loaded with slugs or buckshot. When hunting deer, it is not required to have a plug in the magazine of the shotgun and there is no magazine capacity restriction.

• Legal Muzzleloaders are: rifles chambered in .44 caliber or larger, shotguns 20 gauge or larger and Telescopic sights are allowed.

• Crossbows, longbows, recurve bows, and compound bows may all be used. • Arrows must be tipped with a broadhead.

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# **Tree Stand Safety**

During the 2023-2024 season, 14 of 29 total incidents were tree stand use related, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

Following are tree stand safety tips:

• When using a non-climbing portable or ladder stand, hunters should securely fasten the stand to the tree and install ladders or steps according to the manufacturer's directions.

Hunters should ٠ ALWAYS wear a Fall-Arrest System Full Body Harness during ascent and descent and follow manufacturer's usage instructions. Be aware that single strap

There's no better place to begin a discussion about proper gun safety than with the NRA's three fundamental rules.

First, always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. Seems like common sense, but as you recall from the introductory paragraph of this article, it's not always practiced; in fact, it's easily ignored in especially stressful or exciting circumstances, such as self-defense, competition or hunting. This rule is particular important because, even if there were to be an "accidental" disbelts and chest harnesses are no longer recommended and should not be used. Failure to use a FAS could result in serious injury or death.

• Hunters should ALWAYS attach their FAS in the manner described by the manufacturer. Failure to do so may result in suspension without the ability to recover into the tree stand. Be aware of the hazards associated with full body harnesses and the fact that prolonged suspension in a harness may also be fatal.

• Have in place a plan for rescue, including the use of cell phones or signal devices that may be easily reached and used while suspend-

Firearm safety charge—rarely the case, as it's generally human error-the impact of such would be less severe. In general, a "safe direction" would be pointing toward the ground, away from appendages of yourself and others. Under most circumstances and in most environments, these are the safest directions, though only you can determine that. Secondly, always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. Despite being demonized by the liberal Left and accused by those who disregard these very rules, hoping to

ed. If rescue personnel cannot be notified, you must have an alternate plan for recovery or escape. If you have to hang suspended for a period of time before help arrives, exercise your legs by pushing against the tree or doing any other form of continuous motion or use your suspension relief device.

• Consider your personal physical condition before going out. If you do not have the ability to recover or escape from a FAS, it is recommended that you hunt only from the ground.

• Hunters should ALWAYS use a haul line to pull their gear and unloaded firearm or bow into their tree

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with anything in your hands or on your back. Prior to descending, lower equipment to the ground on the opposite side of the tree.

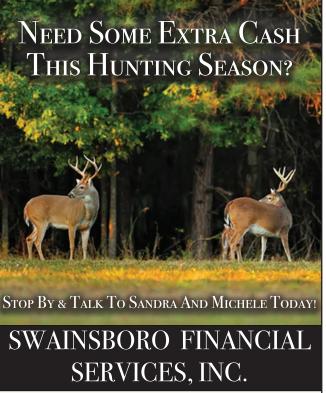
stand. Never climb

• Staying awake and alert is important. Hunters should avoid taking medications that cause drowsiness prior to hunting. Also, never use alcohol or drugs before or while hunting.

• Hunters should always inform someone of where they are hunting and what time they expect to return.

For more information on tree stands or hunting-related safety, call 706-557-3355 or visit GeorgiaWildlife. com/hunting/huntereducation.

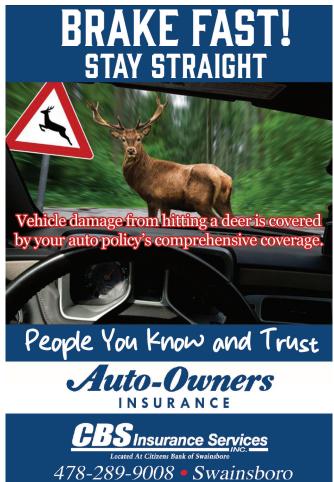
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For purposes of purchasing recreational hunting and fishing licenses—except lifetime licenses—"Georgia Resident" means a person who has been domiciled within the State of Georgia for a period of at least three consecutive months before license purchase (declared Georgia their only state of legal residence as shown by a Georgia driver's license or official GA ID card with a Georgia address). Domiciled means a person's fixed, permanent, and principal home for legal purposes. A person may own land or dwellings and may stay for a time in several states, but may only have one domicile, and therefore may not be a resident of two states at the same time.

The following nonresident persons may purchase resident recreational hunting and fishing licenses, other than lifetime, honorary or discounted license types:

• Full-time military personnel on active duty stationed in Georgia, and the dependents of such military personnel stationed in Georgia. Requires Military ID.

 Nonresident full-time college students living in Georgia and attending a Georgia college. Students must provide a current Georgia student ID as documentation.

Georgia residents as defined above (declared Georgia their only state of legal residence) may purchase a lifetime license if they have a current Georgia driver's license or official Georgia identification card issued by the Department of Driver Services three month previous except for short term driver's licenses issued pursuant to GA Code Section 40-5-21.1.

#### Landowners

Georgia resident landowners (as defined; declared Georgia their only state of legal residence as shown by a Georgia driver's license or official GAID card with a Georgia address) who are hunting on their own land or hunters hunting on land that is owned by their immediate family (you live in the same household as them and they are a blood relative or claim you as a dependent) need the free Harvest Record (all ages) when hunting deer or turkey, and a free GA Waterfowl Migratory Bird License (16+ years old), when hunting migratory birds (dove, ducks, geese, etc.), plus a Federal Duck Stamp (\$29) (16+ years old), when hunting ducks or geese but are exempt from other Georgia hunting and fishing license requirements. Hunter education is not required for a person hunting only on their own land or that of a parent or legal guardian, or to persons permitting a child or ward 12–15 years of age guardian's own land. Sportsman's

License: \$65 annual \$25 for one-day & \$3 for additional days

Resident hunters age 16-64 may purchase a Sportsman's License. A Sportsman's License provides all state paid hunting and fishing privileges (some free licenses may be required (see below), with the exception of the paid Alligator Harvest Permit. Hunting, Big Game, GA Waterfowl Migratory Bird License, Trout, and Salt and Freshwater Fishing privileges are included. A Sportsman's license of annual or longer duration requires completion of a qualifying hunter education course.

Additional free licenses may be required, based on activity. These include the free Harvest Record for deer, turkey, alligator, and bear (Northern Zone only), the GA Waterfowl Migratory Bird License (at no additional cost for Sportsman's License holders), free annual Saltwater Information Program (SIP) permit for saltwater fishing, and the Federal Duck Stamp (\$29).

See information on alligator harvest permits if hunting alligator.

Sportsman's licenses available are to residents in annual and short-term durations. Lifetime licenses are also available. See Annual License for more

to hunt on the parent's or information on annual licenses. See Lifetime Licenses for more information on lifetime licens-

Youth Sportsman's License (Optional): \$15

Resident youth hunters age 15 and under can get a Youth Sportsman's License. The youth must complete hunter education in order to hunt without supervision or to hunt after their 16th birthday under this license.

The multiyear license is effective until the vouth's 17th birthday. Between the youth's 16th and 17th birthdays, they will have a full-priv-Sportsman's ilege license! Additional free licenses may be required based on the activity. These include the free Harvest Record for deer, turkey, alligator, and bear (Northern Zone only) (all ages), the GA Waterfowl Migratory Bird License (age 16 and older, no additional cost for Sportsman's License holders), free annual Saltwater Information Program (SIP) permit for saltwater fishing (age 16 and older), and the Federal Duck Stamp (\$29, age 16 and older).

Senior Sportsman's License: \$7

Sportsman's licenses are available to seniors (age 65+) born on or after July 1, 1952, at a discounted rate, in either lifetime (\$70) or annual (\$7) options. See Lifetime Licenses for additional options.

Seniors born before July 1, 1952, are eligible for a free lifetime license.

Combo Hunting & Fishing License: \$30 annual | \$5 for one-day & \$1 for additional days

Residents age 16-64 may purchase an annual combo hunting and fishing license. A Combo License combines basic hunting and basic privileges. fishing Completion of a qualifying hunter education course is required for Combo Licenses of annual or longer duration. Additional paid or free licenses may be needed depending on location and activity:

• Hunting deer, bear and turkey requires a Big Game License plus free Harvest Record for deer, turkey, alligator, and bear (Northern Zone only).

• Migratory birds hunting (including dove) requires the GA Waterfowl Migratory Bird License, and hunting duck and geese additionally requires the Federal Duck Stamp (\$29).

• If hunting alligasee information tor, on Alligator Harvest Permits.

This license is available in annual and shortterm durations.

Apprentice Combo Hunting & Fishing License: \$5 for one-day & \$1 for additional days

If you would like to try hunting but haven't completed hunter education (available online or in-person) and are 16 and older, you can purchase an apprentice license and go try hunting! Although we recommend learning hunting from a mentor or another licensed hunter, you are not required to have a licensed hunter with you.

Anyone age 16 and older can purchase this license. There is no limit on the amount of oneday apprentice licenses you can purchase. You can stack up to 10 consecutive days of one-day licenses at a time.

Additional paid or free licenses may be needed depending on location and activity:

• Saltwater fishing requires a free Saltwater Information Program (SIP) permit.

• Mountain trout fishing requires a Trout License.

• Hunting deer, bear and turkey requires a Big Game License plus free Harvest Record for deer, turkey, alligator, and bear (Northern Zone only).

hunting dove) requires the GA Waterfowl Migratory Bird License, and hunting duck and geese additionally requires the Federal Duck Stamp (\$29). • If hunting alligator, see information on Alligator Harvest Permits. Hunting License: \$15 annual \$5 for one-day & \$1 for additional days Residents age 16-64

may purchase a hunting license. This license covers basic hunting privileges. Completion of a qualifying hunter education course is required for Hunting Licenses of annual or longer duration. Residents 15 years of age or younger may opt for the optional Youth Sportsman's License.

Additional paid or free licenses may be needed depending on location and activity:

• Hunting deer, bear and turkey requires a Big Game License plus free Harvest Record for deer, turkey, alligator, and bear (Northern Zone only).

 Migratory birds hunting (including dove) requires the GA Waterfowl Migratory Bird License, and hunting duck and geese additionally requires the Federal Duck Stamp (\$29).

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This license is available in annual and shortterm durations.

Senior Hunting License: \$4

Resident Annual Hunting licenses are available to seniors (age 65+) at a discounted rate. This license includes a big game privilege.

• Hunting deer, bear and turkey requires a free Harvest Record for deer, turkey, and bear.

 Migratory birds (including hunting dove) requires the GA Waterfowl Migratory Bird License, and hunting duck and geese additionally requires the Federal Duck Stamp (\$29).

See Senior Sportsman's license and Lifetime Licenses for additional options. Seniors born before July 1, 1952, are eligible for a free lifetime license.

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• Mountain trout fishing requires a Trout License.

#### additional days

Residents age 16-64 must have a fishing license to fish in fresh and salt waters of Georgia. This license covers basic fishing privileges.

 Additional paid or free licenses may be needed depending on location and activity:

• Saltwater fishing additionally requires free Saltwater the Information Program (SIP) permit.

• Mountain trout fishing additionally requires the paid Trout License.

Fishing licenses are available in annual and short-term durations.

**Optional Youth Fishing** License: \$10

Resident youth under the age of 15 can get an Optional Youth Fishing License. The multiyear license is effective until the youth's 17th birthday. Mountain trout privileges are included in this license.

Senior Fishing License: \$4

Annual Resident Fishing licenses are available to seniors (age 65+) at a discounted rate. This license includes a trout fishing privilege.

See Senior Sportsman's license and Lifetime Licenses addifor tional options. Seniors born before July 1, 1952, are eligible for a free lifetime license.



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# Additional Information & Opportunities

#### **Replacement Certificates**

Anyone who completed a Georgia hunter education course and needs a replacement Hunter Education Certificate can visit www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com and print one for free.

#### Free 3-Month Range Pass

Recent Georgia hunter ed grad? You have a free 3-month range pass! When you pass the Hunter Education Course, your certification card doubles as a free 3-month pass at any Department of Natural Resources shooting range.

Free Tree Stand Safety Course

If you hunt from a tree stand, please take the time to take a 15-minute free tree stand safety course. This course is offered by HunterCourse.

#### **Bowhunter Education Course**

Georgia resident hunters who wish to improve their bowhunting safety

# Hunter Education Courses

Residents and non-residents born on or after January 1, 1961, must successfully complete a hunter education course prior to purchasing a season hunting license. However, a hunter education course is not required to purchase an Apprentice License or a license identified as a "Short Term" License. Hunter education courses certified or mandated by any state wildlife

agency or Canadian province are accepted. Hunter Education is not required to hunt on one's own land or land

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predators in Georgia, other than humans.

• Hunting is used primarily as a means of keeping the deer population

within acceptable limits that keeps the herd healthy and strong, but also

does not allow the herd to destroy habitat and overconsume food

sources for other species; this is called carrying capacity.

 The revenues generated from licenses and equipment sales are a major

source of funding for wildlife and habitat restoration projects.

• Projects include:

• The Whitetail Deer habitat improvements on state owned lands and

population studies, as well as hunter education.

Why hunt deer in GA?

 GA DNR is responsible for setting and enforcing regulations for hunting

knowledge or are hunting in a state that requires bowhunter education now have the opportunity to complete bowhunter education online. Though bowhunter education in not required in Georgia, it is required in several states. Take the online bowhunter education course.

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# Things to consider when choosing the best whitetail cartridge

Arguments around the best cartridge for whitetail deer generally

best deer hunting caliber, or bullet weight, density enter the disvelocity, and energy.

focus on things like the Often, ballistic coefficient and sectional cussion. Here's what I

think matters and what doesn't. Caliber

To be clear, the best

	202	24-25 Season D	Jates Updated July 2024			
Species		Season	Limit			
	Archery Only, Either Sex Statewide*	Sept. 14–Oct. 11*				
Deer	Extended Archery Either Sex (ONLY for Baker, Barrow, Bibb, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Decatur, DeKalb, Douglas, Early, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Grady, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Miller, Mitchell, Muscogee, Paulding, Richmond, Rockdale, Seminole, and Thomas Counties)	Sept. 14–Jan. 31	<ul> <li>12 per season, statewide. No more than 10 may be antlerless and no more than 2 may be antlered. One of the 2 antlered deer must have at least 4 points, one inch or longer, on one side of the antlers or at least a 15-inch outside spread.</li> <li>Firearms deer hunting is not allowed in Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton (north of GA Highway 92), and that portion of Glynn County lying within Jekyll Island. In the portion of Forsyth County south of GA Highway 20, only abstrance and mugdledare may be used (no other abstrance).</li> </ul>			
	Primitive Weapons & Youth Only Firearms, Either Sex Statewide	Oct. 12–Oct. 18	only shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used (no other firearms allowed).			
	Firearms, Statewide (Either Sex dates vary by county)	Oct. 19–Jan. 12	*Buck only for the first two weeks (Sept. 14-27) in Bal Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Thomas, and Seminole Counties. Archery equipment may be used			
	Extended Firearms Baker, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Thomas, and Seminole Counties	Oct. 19–Jan. 15	Primitive Weapons and Firearms seasons. Any weapon leg for deer may be used during the Firearms season.			
	Northern Zone	Archery: Sept. 14–Oct. 11 Primitive Weapons: Oct. 12–Oct. 18* Firearms: Oct. 19–Jan. 12	2 per season; provided, however, that no more than 1 may be taken from the central or southern bear zones.			
Bear	Central Zone	Firearms: Dec. 21**	*During the northern zone primitive weapons season, only youth may use any firearm legal for deer.			
	Southern Zone	Firearms: Sept. 19–21, Sept. 26–28, Oct. 3–5, Oct. 10–12	**A second day may be offered in the Central Bear Zor check our website for details after December 23, 2024			
	Statewide	Private Land: Mar. 29–May 15, 2025	2 gobblers per season. Daily bag of 1.			
	Statewide	Public Land: April 5–May 15, 2025*	*Public lands are restricted to one gobbler per season per area			
Turkey	Special Opportunity Youth/ Mobility Impaired	Mar. 22–23, 2025	Only for youth 16 years of age or younger and mobility impaired persons. This season does not apply to public lands unless otherwise specified.			
Alligator	Zone & Quota Limited	Aug. 16 (sunset)–Oct. 7 (sunrise)	1 per quota permit.			
Crows	Statewide	Nov. 2–Feb. 28	No limit.			
Dove	Statewide	Sept. 7–Oct. 13, Nov. 23–Dec. 1, Dec. 19–Jan. 31	15 per day, 45 in possession.			
Fox & Bobcat	Statewide	Dec. 1–Feb. 28	No limit.			
Grouse	Statewide	Oct. 15–Feb. 28	3 per day.			
Sora & Rails	Statewide	Sept. 16–23, Oct. 15–Dec. 15	King & Clapper: 15 per day, 45 in possession. Sora & Virginia: 25 per day, 75 in possession.			
Opossum &		Private Land: no closed season				
Raccoon	Statewide	Public Land: Aug. 15–Feb. 28	No limit.			
Quail	Statewide	Nov. 9–Feb. 28	12 per day.			
Rabbit	Statewide	Nov. 16–Feb. 28	12 per day.			
Snipe	Statewide	Nov. 15–Feb. 28	8 per day, 24 in possession.			
Squirrel	Statewide	Aug. 15–Feb. 28	12 per day.			
Woodcock	Statewide	Dec. 7–Jan. 20	3 per day, 9 in possession.			
Falconry	Statewide	Squirrel: Aug. 15–Mar. 15 Rabbit, Quail: Oct. 1–Mar. 15 Grouse: Oct. 1–Mar. 15	Squirrel: 12 per day. Rabbit & Quail: 12 per day. Grouse: 3 per day.			
Georgia Water	fowl regulations can be found at	https://georgiawildlife.com/migra	atory-bird-info.			

deer hunting caliber and the best cartridge are not the same thing. Caliber describes the diameter of a cartridge's unfired bullet. Which caliber is best for deer? All of them. Or none of them. Why? Because it's not the diameter of the unfired bullet that matters; it is the diameter of the deformed bullet that makes the hole through the vitals that's important.

#### **Bullet Weight**

It's long been thought heavy bullets kill better. This is a carry-over from back when bullets were fragile things that could not survive fast impact velocities. Heavy bullets went slower, held together better, and penetrated deeper. How much does a bullet need to weigh to kill a deer? Just enough to penetrate deeply enough to get the job done. Once a bullet achieves adequate penetration, bullet weight—initial or recovered—matters not.

#### Velocity

Velocity does matter. It's the difference between a 300 Savage and a 300 Winchester Magnum. But what matters most about velocity is that there's enough of it to make the bullet fully deform after impact, and then enough remaining velocity to push the bullet as deep as it needs to go. If that happens in the right spot, the deer is dead. What you

get with more velocity is more reach at long ranges and more meat ruined at close range.

#### Energy

All my life I've heard you need 1,000 footpounds of energy to kill a deer. I'm not sure what clown come up with this number or how he calculated it. But without consideration for the terminal performance of the bullet, energy means very little. More is better, but only if it is transferred to the deer as opposed to being lost in the dirt on the other side. I've cleanly taken deer with handgun cartridges impacting with less than 400 foot-pounds of kinetic energy.

#### What Matters Most?

Shot placement and terminal performance matter most. If you place a bullet so it will pass all the way through the lungs and/ or heart of a deer, and if that bullet deforms to about 1.5 times its original diameter (regardless of caliber), you'll be a happy hunter. Depending on the angle of the shot, you'll need between about 12 to 24 inches of penetration. For a perfectly broadside deer, aim in line with the front leg, a third of the way up the body. Shots from any other angle should intersect the same center point of the body this broadside shot would. And now that we know what really matters, here's the list.

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This maiden recommended that he go to Israel because there was healing in the land. He received authority from the king of Syria to go to the King of Israel, the land of healing. The prophet Elisha sent word to Naaman to go wash in the Jordan River seven times and he would be made clean. With reservations, he went and washed seven times and was made clean according to the Word of the man of God, Elisha. Remember it all started with the maiden.

How many times has God placed someone in our lives and we missed our blessings by overlooking them. How many times have we missed our blessings by judging or condemning others?

Now take an inventory of your life. Think about people God placed in your life and you overlooked them. Your blessings could be with your neighbor, coworker, or a stranger. Your blessings could be with the homeless or the disadvantaged. This slave maidan had the answer for the honorable Man. So keep your eyes and ears open. Your answer could be right before you.

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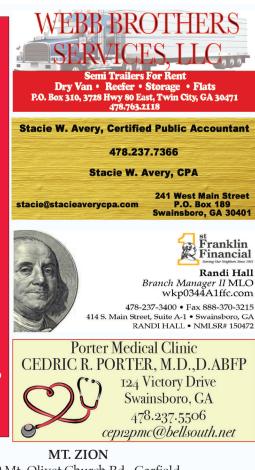
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