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ONE DOLLAR



To the people of Swainsboro, My name is Armando Rosales, I'm a 46 yr old God fearing Lampasas, Texas Lineman and I want to thank you all for all the smiles, waves, appreciation, and hugs (my favorite cause I'm a hugger). You Georgians are so nice and humble it melts my heart. This is my first time in Georgia and I can say even through all this natural disaster, God has prevailed cause he's showed up and showed out through ya'll. We Texas Boys love what we do. Its not an easy job but the best reward we feel is when we turn on the electricity and you see the relief and happiness in people. Ya'll have been a blessing to us all. It brings a joy and a happy tears to my eyes. So ty ya'll for making us feel special!

As I sit here and thank God for another day of waking up. I talk to him and thank him for all that he is doing in this place. I miss my wife Holli Ann, my 3 beautiful kids, Karli Ann, Isiah Lee, + A.J, my ~~mom~~ momma, and all of my family + friends back home. I'm home sick for there love and attention. But ya'll Georgians have all stepped in their place for a lil while. So thank ya'll for being like family to us and showing all the hospitality! Ya'll make an old man (what my daughter would say) feel very special.
 Take care and stay blessed. Love
 "The mayor of the Lampasas both house."
 Sincerely Armando Rosales

Hurricane Helene - Volunteers of all ages...THANK YOU!

Council renews contracts

The monthly meeting of the Swainsboro Mayor and City Council was held on Monday evening, October 7, 2024. In addition to concerns and discussion surrounding the recent damage throughout the city from hurricane Helene a full agenda of business was slated. Following an invocation from Pastor

Andrew Flowers and the Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes from a called meeting on August 15, 2024, and a regular meeting of September 9, 2024, were presented and accepted. Under old business, the Gumlog gymnasium project was discussed, and council was advised that the project would continue

beginning next week following a delay caused by the weather. Under new business, council discussed changing the pension multiplier. A motion was made and approved to adopt the change. Council next discussed amending the new alcohol ordinance. No action was taken pending more dis-

cussion on the closing times for different days of the week. Next council discussed auditing services and approved renewal of the standing arrangement with Lanier, Deal, Proctor and Bloser, CPAs. Council also reviewed the contract with Jon Levis as city attorney. The cur- (Continued on page 2A)

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ALBRITTON TALKS ABOUT HER ART Albritton draws crowd to art show

Over a hundred guests visited The Kalmanson Gallery of Emanuel Arts Council on Sept. 19th for the opening of the art exhibition featuring artwork by Amber Albritton. The reception was hosted by the Emanuel Artists Guild.

"We were incredibly pleased to see so many local and out-of-town guests in our gallery," said Jacquie Brasher, executive director. "Amber's show was definitely unique. It was the first time we had an RV as part of the exhibition!" The RV, called "The Boho Moto" was parked outside the gallery and on display for all the guests to tour. The vehicle featured one-of-a-kind art pieces and

decorations. For more photographs of the exhibition, find Emanuel Arts Council on Facebook and Instagram. The Emanuel Arts Council, Inc. (EAC) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose purpose is to empower and grow the community through cultural programs in all areas of the arts for the general betterment and benefit of the people of Emanuel County and surrounding areas. The EAC is supported by the City of Swainsboro, the Swainsboro Downtown Development Authority, Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce, and operates through membership, donations, fundraisers, and grants.

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Wounded Warriors Retreat 13th Annual Sportsman's Banquet and Auction

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

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

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



Event Sponsorships are available at the following levels:

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

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Council renews contracts...

(From front page) rent twelve-month contract with Levis was renewed at a fee of \$75,000.00. Council also approved maintaining a contract for groundskeeping with Southern Landscape at a yearly cost of \$192,000.00. Council then discussed and approved the 2025 budget. The final agenda item dealt with terms of councilmembers. A motion to change the

length of council terms from the long-standing four years to three years was discussed. This would require a change in the City Charter, and it was not clear as to the final disposition of the motion. The Blade will report the result of this action as soon as it can be determined. At this point, the regular agenda was completed, and council went into executive session for discussion of a contract exemption.

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FESTIVAL CANCELED NOTICE

DEA Fall Festival canceled

Due to the effects of Hurricane Helene on our community, the David Emanuel Academy Fall Festival, scheduled for October 15, has been canceled.

City of Nunez under boil water notice

Please be advised that the City of Nunez is under a boil water notice due to the well running dry. It is advised that you boil your water before drinking it, per EPD regulations. City of Nunez will be collecting samples and sending them off to reaffirm the water supply is safe to drink.

Durden Banking Company, Inc. kicks off National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Durden Banking Company, Inc has joined the American Bankers Association and banks across the nation to promote an industry-wide campaign educating consumers about the persistent threat of phishing scams. The FTC estimates that consumers lost \$10 billion to phishing and other fraud in 2023, an increase of 13.6% compared to 2022. To combat phishing, the award winning #BanksNeverAskThat campaign uses attention-grabbing humor and other engaging content to empower consumers to identify bogus bank communications asking for sensitive information like their passwords and social security numbers.

“By impersonating a bank, a scammer can steal thousands of dollars with just one text message, phone call or email,” said Paul Benda, senior vice president, operational risk and cybersecurity at ABA. “With the strong support of participating banks like Durden Banking Company, Inc. the #BanksNeverAskThat campaign seeks to turn the tables by arming consumers with the information they need to outsmart the scammers and protect their money.”

Durden Banking Company, Inc. along with banks from across the U.S., will join forces with ABA to kick off this year’s updated campaign on Oct. 1 to mark

the beginning of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Because cybersecurity education and fraud awareness can often be dull and forgettable to many consumers, the #BanksNeverAskThat campaign is designed to be bright and bold with a bit of comedy.

“Would you rather give up sugar or salt?”, one of the campaign’s social media posts asks users. “Banks texting you about sweet vs savory would be just as weird as banks texting you a link to login, ‘cause #BanksNeverAskThat.”

For more information about phishing scams and how to stop fraudsters in their tracks, visit www.BanksNeverAskThat.com.

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Thank you, GSU!!

EGSC faculty, staff, and community members have been back on campus helping clean up and get the campus in better shape so everyone can be welcomed back.

A big thank you to the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club who presented EGSC with a check, the company who saved the day on powering up Dining Services’ generators, the IT team who worked on getting connectivity restored, Dave and Melvin and Coach Jeff who assisted with things, and faculty and staff who assisted on campus!

Dr. David Schecter
EGSC President



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

PLEASE JOIN US!

Mildred Wilson, 86

Mrs. Mildred H. Wilson, 86, of Swainsboro, passed away Friday, September 27, 2024, at The Oaks - Bethany in Vidalia following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 6, at 3 p.m. at Mt. Shady Baptist Church with Reverend Rusty Moore officiating. Interment followed at Eastbrook Cemetery and Mausoleum. The family received friends Saturday, October 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Derrick Wilson, Michael Wilson, Cody Hopkins, Matt Murry, Shawn Hooks, and Jeremy Parrish.

Mildred was born July 22, 1938, in Swainsboro, to the late Robert Henry and Marie Hadden Henry.

Momma was a God-fearing woman. She did not believe in doing anything on Sundays except rest and going to church. She might fix a bite to eat on Sunday but that was the extent of it. She always made sure that we were dressed appropriately for church, dress, pantyhose and if it was cold we wore a shawl. She was a simple woman. She loved working in her flowers and could grow anything. She had a huge green thumb when it came to her flowers. I can remember in the evenings after she got off work from Miami-Carey and we had supper, she would go in the yard and water her flowers or repot some. This is the time that Momma seemed to be at her most peaceful. Momma also enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and painting. She did some beautiful paintings, but she also would make our clothes when we were small. She would crochet blankets, and I think every one of us has something that she crocheted. She would do a beautiful stitch on doilies, tablecloths, and pillowcases.

Momma was a simple woman but a very talented woman. One thing Momma didn't tolerate was being sassed back at. Believe me she would pop the fire out of you. Being it mouth, arm, back...didn't matter to Momma if you talked back. One pop and you did not do it anymore. Now let us talk about what momma didn't like to do..COOK for somebody that could cook as good as she could, she didn't want to. She could cook some of the best cakes and pies, and oh my goodness, her turkey and dressing at Thanksgiving and Christmas was the best. She could make one of the very best fruitcakes I've ever had. I have never tasted another one like Momma's and never will.

There is one thing that Momma did that she never quit doing and that was pray for her family. She would write prayers in notebooks or her Bible or whatever she had on hand at the time. She believed in the power of prayer. She would mention each one of us by name in her prayers. After we were all grown

with families of our own, Momma started giving us porcelain angels for Christmas, each family received an angel. It was a few years later that one of us found out that she had written prayers and put them up in the bottom of the angels. I cried the day I found my first one, it was a sign of a Momma's love. In the early eighties Momma received her GED and went on to cosmetology school. Once finished she opened a shop in the back of our house called Mildred's Cuts and Perms. Now let me tell you when Momma put you in a perm, she meant for it to stay. She would roll those curlers so tight that your eyebrows would be at the top of your forehead and the corners of your eyes would be pulled closer to your ears. Your head would be sore for a few days, but that perm stayed for a long, long time.

Momma and Daddy were married 56 years when Daddy died. Momma never spent another night in their house. The one they built together and raised all of us in. She never cared to go back. It wasn't but a few years later that Momma was diagnosed with dementia. We saw a side of our Momma that was shocking. Little by little it whittled away at her until it finally consumed her. I don't think she ever lost the ability to know who we were, but it changed our Momma. She was not the woman who raised us. Now Momma is walking those streets of gold, there is no doubt in any of our minds that our Momma is in heaven. Oh, but I would have loved to see my daddy's face when she entered those gates. Rest in peace our dear sweet Momma, your race is done, and you can rest now. We will be ok down here, but you and Daddy can keep an eye on us. If we need to be popped sometimes go ahead, it will let us know ya'll are still watching over us. Love you Momma!!

Mrs. Wilson is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Grable Wilson; sister, Marcelle Sapp; and brother, Grady Henry.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by her son, Larry Wilson (Debbie) of Swainsboro; daughters, Ellen Akridge (Charles) and Susan Hopkins (Dennis), both of Swainsboro; brothers, Colon Henry (Jean) and Robert Henry, Jr., both of Swainsboro; sisters, Lucy Edenfield of Swainsboro and Ann Akridge (Garland), both of Stillmore; nine grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Edward "Ed" Mack Claxton, 70

Mr. Edward "Ed" Mack Claxton, age 70, died Saturday, September 28, 2024, at his home in Nevils. Funeral service was held Wednesday, October 9, at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Pastors James Davis and Matt Kunkle officiating. Interment followed at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Pastor Vic Fordham officiating. Family received visitors Wednesday, October 9, from 12 to 2 p.m. at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home in Statesboro.

Pallbearers were BJ Claxton, Josh Claxton, Richard Claxton, Doug Claxton, David Johnson and Ryan Pepin.

Edward was born June 28, 1954, in Emanuel County, and attended Swainsboro High School. As a young man, he farmed the land until 1982 when he turned his dedication to timber harvesting, and later settling on timber hauling. Volunteering at Compassion Christian Church and spending time with his beloved grandchildren were his life's passions. Mr. Claxton is preceded in death by his parents, Eddie James Claxton and Mildred Overstreet Claxton; brother, Eddie Gene Claxton; and sisters, Geraldine and Shirley Claxton.

Evelyn Sconyers Patrick, 85

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory announces the death of Mrs. Evelyn Sconyers Patrick, age 85, of Swainsboro, on Friday, October 4, 2024, at her residence surrounded by family. Funeral services were Sunday, October 6, at 3 p.m. in the Tomlinson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mark Sweat officiating and a Eulogy by David Porter. Entombment followed in the Eastbrook Cemetery and Mausoleum. Family received friends during a visitation one hour prior to the time of services.

Pallbearers were LeRoy Lane, Thomas Sconyers, Steven Andrews, Brad Riner, Ted Sconyers, Chet Sconyers, Jared Stubbs, Dan Johnson, Abb Johnson and Austin Meadows. Honorary escorts were Deacons of Canoochee Baptist Church and Adult Ladies Sunday School Class.

Evelyn was born in 1938 in Emanuel County to the late Earl Thomas and Annie Lee Johnson Sconyers. She was a 1956 graduate of Emanuel County Institute. Evelyn retired in 2013 from the UGA Extension Emanuel County 4-H as a program assistant. She loved all her students and spent countless hours helping them prepare for various events. During Evelyn's time with Emanuel County 4-H, she received numerous awards including the 4-H Foundation Leaders Volunteer, 4-H Hall of Fame in 2002, and Employee of the year in 2005. She retired from Argo Mills - Creston after 38 years of dedicated service. In addition to Evelyn's careers, she also directed numerous

local weddings. She was a member of Canoochee Baptist Church where she served as church clerk for many years, as well as teaching Sunday School Class. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Patrick ss preceded in death by her husband, Edd L. Patrick; and brothers, Edward R. Sconyers and Thomas W. "Tommy" Sconyers.

Mrs. Patrick is survived by her son, Clay Patrick of Hartwell; grandchildren, McKenna Patrick and Wilson Patrick; sisters, JoAnn Lane of Canoochee, Betty Jean Andrews (Eddie) of Swainsboro, Glenda S. Riner (William) of Swainsboro; sister-in-law, Angelia Sconyers of Swainsboro; many nieces and nephews; ss well as her faithful caregivers, Francis Lane, Willette Brown, Elaine Cummings, Tarnea Brown, Fahneshia Coney and Betty Jones, and Hospice nurse, Ashley Grimm.

The family invites friends to make memorial contributions to: Canoochee Baptist Church, c/o Wade Johnson, 318 S. Main St., Swainsboro, GA 30401 or Gideons if they so desire.

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the charity of your choice.

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Yvonne Ferebee Mosley, 88

Mrs. Yvonne Ferebee Mosley, age 88, was called from labor to eternal rest on Friday, September 13, 2024. A Celebration of Life and Legacy was held Saturday, September 21, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Charles Wiggins officiating.

Yvonne was born August 11, 1936, in South Mills, NC, to the late Alfred and Thelma McCoy Ferebee. She attended public schools in Camden County, NC, and graduated from Elizabeth City State University earning a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. Yvonne taught for a few years in the public school system of a small county outside of Charleston, SC. She was united in marriage to Alven Wade Mosley, and they shared 61 happy years of devotion to each other. Soon



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after, she joined her husband in Newark, NJ, and was employed with the Jersey City public school system for many years. Yvonne also taught in Neptune, NJ for two years. After retirement, she and her husband relocated to Swainsboro where they enjoyed many more happy years together. Mts. Mosley is preceded in death by her parents; and four sisters.

Mrs. Mosley's memories will be cherished by her husband; nieces nephews, other relatives and friends.

Huey Steptoe, 81

Mr. Huey Steptoe, 81, resident of Grovetown and former longtime resident of Swainsboro, passed away Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at Doctor's Hospital in Augusta. Graveside services will be held Friday, October 11, at 11 a.m. from Eastbrook Cemetery with Reverend Andrew Flowers officiating.

Huey was born March 27, 1943, in Meeks, to the late Edward Steptoe and Madie Price Steptoe. He was a contractor and master carpenter and built houses all over the area. Huey believed in quality work. He was

a member of Eastwood Church of God and served the church as Finance Chairman and Sunday School Superintendent, as well as many other capacities over the years.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Ann Steptoe; son, William H. Steptoe (Angela); brother, Dwell Steptoe; two sisters, Jo Newsome and Diane McCorvey; two grandchildren, Renee Cousins and Christopher Steptoe; and six great-grandchildren.

Tomlinson Funeral Home and Crematory of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Imogene Bramlitt, 78

Mrs. Imogene McArthur Bramlitt, 78, of Summertown, passed away Thursday, October 3, 2024, at East Georgia Regional Medical Center. Funeral service was held Sunday, October 6, at 5 p.m. in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Brother Tom Alderman officiating. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery. Family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, October 5, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Dusty Screws, Wesley Hudson, Nicky Drake, William Roberson, Kevin Strange, and Chris Wheeler.

Imogene was born on November 12, 1945, in Swainsboro, to the late Willie Earnest McArthur (W.E.) and Louella Douglas McArthur. Her hobbies were many, including making grapevine wreaths, painting, writing poems, drawing pictures, working in the yard and trying to be kind to all she met. Imogene enjoyed sitting on her front porch and talking to friends and neighbors. As a young lady, her family always came first. Mrs. Bramlitt was a believer in Christ Jesus and prayed constantly. She was also a member of the



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United Primitive Baptist Church. Mrs. Bramlitt is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 42 years, James W. Bramlitt; son, Timothy W. Bramlitt; brothers, Winfred Clifford Grant, Charles W. Grant, Douglas Grant and Ray McArthur.

Mrs. Bramlitt is survived by her son, James M. Bramlitt (Terry) of Statesboro; grandson, Zach H. Bramlitt of Summertown; great-grandsons, Keaton Bramlitt and Casey Bramlitt; sister, Cheryl Wheeler of Swainsboro; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to all of the medical staff personal who had a part in taking care of Mrs. Imogene.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

STC delays resumption of classes

After reviewing the plans of various school systems, recognizing that many of our students are parents, and assessing ongoing recovery efforts, STC has made the decision to delay the resumption of classes until Monday, October 14. At that time, we plan to return to our regular hours and classes.

Sadie Mae Nobles, 84

Sadie Mae Nobles, age 84, passed away Tuesday, September 24, 2024. A Celebration of Life was held Monday, September 30, at 12 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church in Garfield.

Sadie Mae was born September 14, 1940, in Summertown, to the late Samuel "Mutt" and Cora Lockhart Jenkins. She married Fletcher Nobles on December 27, 1958, and they celebrated 65 years together. Sadie was monumental in raising and rearing over 100 children which included her won children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and neighborhood children. Mrs. Nobles is preceded in death by her parents; tow infant brothers; siblings, Rose, Woodrow, Lottie Mae, Walter, Agnes, James, Leroy and Melrose; and her godson, Willie.

Mrs. Nobles leaves to cherish her memories with her husband; daughters, Flora (Mack) Cosby of Fort



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Valley, Dora (Frank) Williams of Swainsboro and Angienell (Patrick) Cuff of Dallas, TX; sons, Louis (Eilene) Nobles of Twin City, Isaac (Teresa) Nobles of Swainsboro, Kenneth (Laura) Nobles of Columbus, MI, Timothy Nobles of Atlanta, Ted (Samantha) Nobles of Graniteville, SC and Minister Benjamin (Cathy) Nobles of Moultrie, Eric (Valerie) Nobles of Atlanta; 42 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and a hosts of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SHS Class of 1974 50th Anniversary class reunion postponed

Swainsboro High School Class of 1974/50th Golden Anniversary for October 11-12, 2024, has been postponed.



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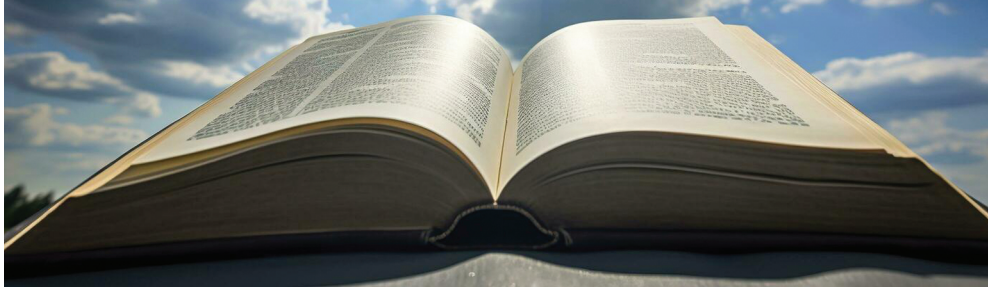
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Editorials Columns

Stop and think

We took a journey last week to an unfamiliar land. It was not pleasant, but in a way, it was an instructive trip, and it showed us some valuable, albeit difficult truths about ourselves. Don't worry, I'm not going to start preaching. After the hard slap of reality this area has endured, we don't need that kind of preaching right now. We have already asked ourselves all the questions concerning what, how, and why we were victims of such a disastrous event. We have taken the brunt of the initial shock we felt and dealt with it. We have admitted that we could have been better prepared if we had any idea it was going to be

this bad. Now, what is needed is restoration and recharging; recharging of our mental and physical energy, restoration of our damaged infrastructure, homes, and businesses, and maybe most importantly, we need the recharging of the human spirit that must, and I am sure will happen to put lives back on track. The unfamiliar land we unfortunately discovered last week is a place of deprivation that is without the comforts and conveniences we have, over time, surrounded ourselves with. The journey was perhaps a crash course in the self-realization of how much importance we place on our own particular happiness, well-being

and satisfaction. Whether you spent just a few days in this unfamiliar, uncomfortable land, or a week and a half, or maybe are still there, you understandably now have a heightened awareness of the basic need for the essentials of food, gas and electricity. That definitely was all in short supply. But then factor in the loss of the cyber-age "necessities" that we love and have allowed over time to become so important in our lives, and you begin to see the "manufactured" deprivation that we have imposed upon ourselves which only makes the crisis seem that much worse. These cherished elements of our modern world hang by a slen-

der thread that can snap at any time, and that's just what happened. Part of the deal for living in and enjoying the miraculous advancements of this twenty-first century world is the figurative acknowledgment and acceptance of the small print which says, if something is made by man, it can and probably will at some point, break down. One day last week I happened to notice a sign on one of the many power-company trucks that was helping us out. The sign read in big letters "THINK, before you move." It was obviously reminding employees and everyone who read it to be safe. But to me, it was the one thought

Charles Schwabe



that made more sense than anything else about the predicament we were in. We hear a lot of talk nowadays about moving into the "brave new world". I guess that's the mantra of a progressive movement, and you can interpret it however you like. But weeks like the one we just endured make me think we would be a lot better off to follow the advice on the sign of that power truck and think, before we risk moving into a brave new

world or anywhere else right now. Progress has its place, but in a world plagued with uncertainty, now might be a good time to rely on the strength of the values, priorities and certainties that we have relied on in the past. I hope this nation stops and thinks about that. I am glad to say that in the grips of a very difficult time from which some will never recover, the people of this area relied on each other.

Joy of Fall

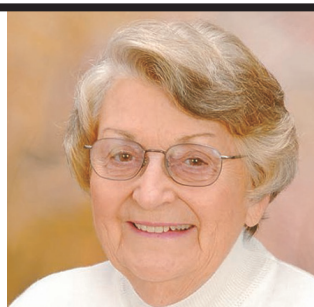
Fall is a season with much to enjoy. The month of October is filled with pleasures to see, feel, taste and smell. Watch the trees starting to turn into a cascade of color as leaves drop to the ground. Weather becomes more comfortable as each day passes from mildly warm to comfortably cool. You will start with short

sleeves and move into a light jacket. The trees and gardens will start to produce some of the best of all tastes. Big orange pumpkins are waiting in gardens for filling a pie shell or growing for Jack-o- lanterns a bit later in the month. My favorites hang onto the trees with a green husk waiting to ripen and fall to the ground. On front lawn

of my home on Church Street was a glorious, large pecan tree. When ripe, the nuts covered the ground. I did not mind picking these up one by one for much good eating was ahead. This variety of nuts was Stuarts. These were much harder to crack than Paper Shells which could be cracked by hand. The Stuarts filled the hard shell with

a dark brown lusty nut that could be eaten right from the shell. After picking up from the ground, the Stuarts were cracked open with a little hammer. Half were eaten on the spot and half saved for fruitcake, Christmas divinity candy, or best of all pecan pie. The sense of smell comes in when each of these delicacies are being cooked. Early in

Shirley Proctor Twiss



my cooking experience, I mastered the Georgia pecan pie. My pie was often complimented, and I was often asked for the recipe. I did not mind sharing and confessed

this was not an old family recipe but was available on back of the bottle of Karo Syrup. All I have left to say is YUM YUM!!! Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com.

Goodbye Hurricane Helene and good riddance

Hello, Hurricane Helene. Goodbye, Hurricane Helene. Please pardon us for showing a lack of Southern hospitality, but you were not welcome to come in the first place and we are glad to see you go. Speaking of hospitality, you didn't

show much yourself. You just roared in and made a pluperfect mess of things. You were referred to as a "Monster Storm." That is what Category 4 storms are. Monsters. You hit our neighbors in Florida with winds of 140 miles per hour and storm surges

of 20 feet or more. Then you came into Georgia and made life intolerable for my friends in South Georgia before you headed up through the state dishing out misery in the form of high winds and heavy rains and abandoning us for the

Carolinas and Tennessee. As of this writing, you have left at least 11 dead in Georgia and more than a million without power, not to mention flashfloods. Maybe I was too focused on girls when I was growing up, but I don't remember dealing with the number of hurricanes and tropical storms and tornadoes in Georgia that we have experienced over the past several years: Hurricane Michael. Hurricane Irma. Hurricane Idalia. Now, you. And there is no question that there will be more to come. Some blame the frequency and strength of hurricanes on global warming. Climate change proponents say that the number of Category 3 or above hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean has doubled since 1980. Too much greenhouse gas, like carbon dioxide and methane, they say. The fossil fuels trap the sun's heat, leading to warmer water, moist warm air and light upper winds. Hurricanes suck up heat and wind and beef up like a bodybuilder on steroids. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) says just one hurricane can churn out about half as much energy alone as all the electrical generating capacity in the entire world. That's a lot. I'm not going to get into the climate change debate. They are those who say it is a bunch of tree-hugger hooey. But no matter which side you are on, we can all agree that hurricanes do bad things. I will give you credit, Helene; you and your

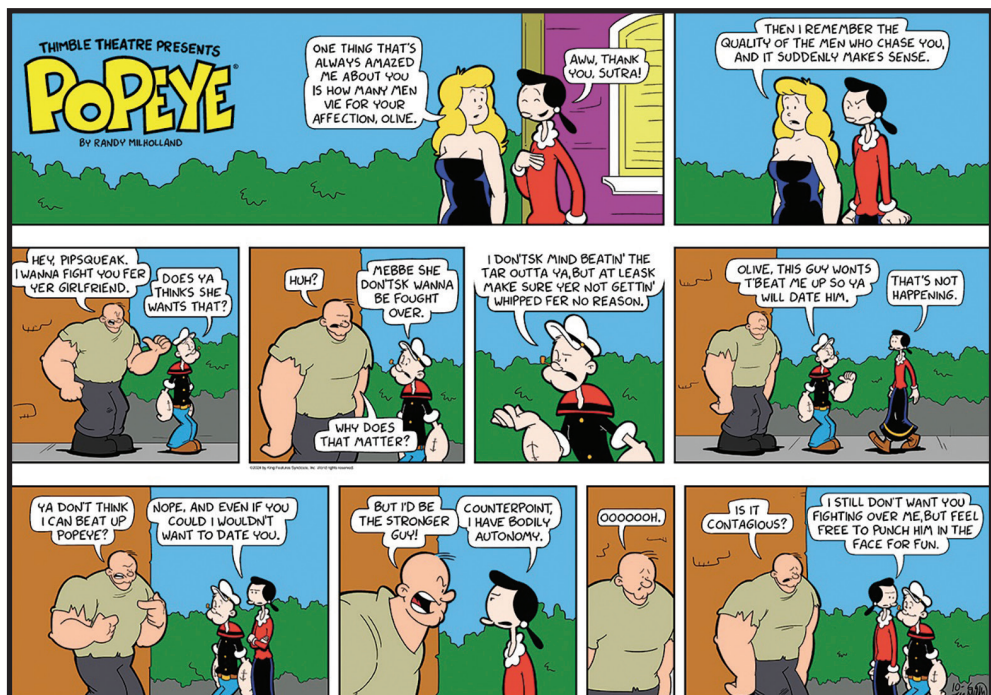
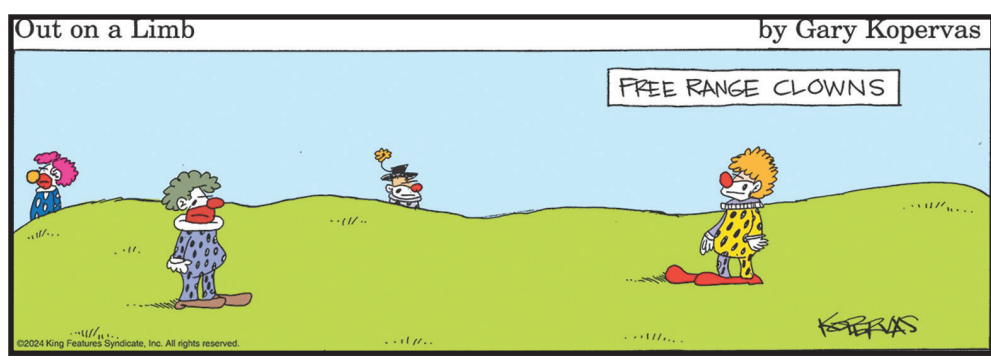
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hurricane colleagues are small-d democratic. You wreak havoc regardless of race, creed, color or political affiliation. You kill people. Damage or destroy homes and buildings. Wipe out crops. Cause power outages. Pollute drinking water. Tear up roads and bridges. Disrupt the lives of thousands of people. You are pretty much indiscriminate. But, guess what? You cause a lot of good things to happen as well. A Democratic president and a Republican governor put aside their political differences for a moment and, instead, put the people first. Both President Joe Biden and Gov. Brian Kemp declared a state of emergency in Georgia, which allowed federal and state agencies to coordinate all disaster relief efforts. No posturing. No taking political credit. It is rare, but it can happen. As mentioned, you left about a million people in Georgia and reminded us that we are blessed with brave and unsung heroes. I am talking about Georgia Power Company crews and their counterparts from Georgia's Electric Membership Corporations who will climb poles, battle fallen trees, handle potentially lethal downed wires and restore service. They will be joined by hundreds of utility workers from more than a dozen states who

will assist them. I have issues with Georgia Power ham-handed lobbyists, but not their workers. To the list of unsung heroes I will add Georgia's National Guard. Gov. Kemp called up a total of 1,500 troops to respond to "dire situations across the state." I'm not sure what those situations will entail, but I am sure our National Guard will perform superbly. They always do, whether it is in a foreign country or in Lowndes County. Finally, Helene, you took on one of the most resilient groups of people walking God's earth. Our farmers. You aren't the first hurricane to try and knock them out of business. Whether it's peanuts, pecans, peaches or poultry, Georgia's farmers will always come back, no matter what you throw at them. What would we do without our farmers? We couldn't. Those reading this correspondence will see it on different days in different parts of the state and likely some of the numbers or conditions will have changed when they do. But one thing will not. You gave us your best shot and you failed. We are still here, and you are not. Goodbye, Helene. And good riddance. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

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A lasting impression: Meet inspiring teacher, Greg Kennedy

Mr. Greg Kennedy was chosen as 2024-25 Emanuel County Institute Teacher of the Year. He has been teaching for 25 years and has always taught at ECI since Fall of 2000. Greg began teaching PE and Health, History, and some Science at the high school level. For the last 10 years, he has taught sixth and seventh grade Social Studies. Greg started out coaching High School football, basketball and baseball, and was also the High School Softball head coach for a few years. The last 15 years, he has been the head middle school football coach, and the head middle school baseball coach for the last four years. Greg also leads the Fellowship of Christian Athletes club at ECI. This is Mr. Kennedy's second time being chosen as Teacher of the Year for ECI.

Greg grew up in Statesboro and graduated from Statesboro High School and Armstrong State College in Savannah. He played four years of college baseball at Armstrong. Greg also has a Master's and a Specialist Degree in Teaching and Learning. After college graduation, he got his first teaching and coaching job at ECI in the 2000-01 school year.

"I chose teaching because I enjoy working with kids. I always enjoyed my teachers and coaches from my days as a student. I have such fond memories of my past teachers and coaches and was inspired to be able to make a difference in a child's life. I also got into the profession because I wanted to coach kids, and teaching allowed me to do that. Coaching has been

so rewarding and the main reason that I chose education, however, I have learned so much from teaching students in the classroom. I'm proud to say that I am a teacher and a coach." Stated Kennedy.

"I can remember many teachers that left a lasting impression on me as a student. I don't think there is actually one who I would single out, but they all made big impressions molding me into the teacher that I am today. I can remember such good memories from my teachers from my days in school. All of those memories leave a smile on my face and that is what I hope to leave my students with. Hopefully they will have good memories of my class." Kennedy added.

Greg is married to Emily Kennedy who is the registrar and secretary at Twin City Elementary. They have three kids; Jackson is 16 and is in the 11th grade, William is 14 and is in the 8th grade and Anderson is eight and is in the 2nd grade. Greg serves as a Deacon at Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church.

Mr. Kennedy enjoys spending time with his family. They enjoy going to Georgia Southern football games, hunting, riding ATV's or just spending time watching tv. He also enjoys going to church and reading his Bible.

When asked what Mr. Kennedy would like to say about ECI and staff, his responses was, "I came to ECI 25 years ago with the intention of only staying until another job came along. Well, 25 years later I am still here. I love ECI, I love the community, and I love the small town, small school, and



family atmosphere. The admin and staff are all great to work with and all work together to make ECI a great school. Work does not seem like work when you have colleagues who are more like family and friends. I love going to work to see the coaches and 6th grade team that I work with. They make my job easier, and they make work fun. I could not imagine working with a better group of people."

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

What have you found most rewarding in your career?

Kennedy: *The most rewarding part of my career has been seeing students become successful, productive citizens. I*

KENNEDY WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN

enjoy seeing former students who are now adults. Being able to see how those students have developed into adults is such a reward.

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

Kennedy: *I do feel that all students leave an impression of some type, just as all teachers leave an impression on their students. Those impressions can be good or bad, but they are there. This is why it is always important to treat each person that you come in contact with the utmost respect. Always be nice to one another even on your bad days.*

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

Kennedy: *The advice that I would give to upcoming educators is to not get so caught up in the test scores or wins and losses. Make your focus more about the individual*

student and the relationships that you build with those students. Teach them more about life skills and how to be a good human being. This will take them further in life than some test score.

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

Kennedy: *As I stated earlier, seeing successful past students is such a reward. I have so many past students that have become such good, productive people and have also become my friends. It's neat to be able to work with past students and teach their children.*

If you could tell your past students or future students one thing that you hope will stick with them all throughout life, what would that be?

Kennedy: *The most important thing I would tell them is to always put God first in all that you do. Everything else will*

take care of itself. Also, be nice to one another and always give your best effort at everything you do.

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

Kennedy: *I have many favorite memories from my years teaching and coaching at ECI. There are so many that I could name and so many are because of the people that I work with. There have been some great colleagues and friends who have worked and are still working at ECI. I guess if I had to pick a certain memory, it would be ones that have involved teaching and coaching my own children. It is so special to be able to teach and coach them. Making memories with them and watching them develop throughout the years has been such a great blessing that I'll never forget.*

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David Emanuel Academy held its Miss DEA pageant Saturday, September 21, at 2 p.m. The winners were as follows:

Miss DEA - Kyli Bell, Miss DEA, Interview and Congeniality; Lyla Martin, 1st runner up and Photogenic; Emily McRae, 2nd runner up; Hensley Terwilliger, People's Choice

Junior Miss - Rayleigh Faircloth, Junior Miss; Madeline Griner, 1st runner up; Zoe Polk, 2nd runner up

Young Miss - Layla Clark, Young Miss; Sara Beth Beecher, 1st runner up;

Blakely Holland, 2nd runner up

Tiny Miss - Lyndi Simmons, Tiny Miss and People's Choice; Lila Riner, 1st runner up; Emma Camps, 2nd runner up

Little Miss Princess - Jenna Jukes, Little Miss Princess; Adley Jarriel, 1st runner up; Madilyn Hooks, 2nd runner up

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Kyli Bell leads the Lady Eagles past Robert Toombs

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Kyli Bell collected four hits in four at bats, as David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles defeated Robert Toombs Christian Academy Varsity Crusaders 6-2 on Monday, October 7. Bell singled in the second inning, doubled in the fourth inning, singled in

the first inning, and singled in the sixth inning. The Lady Eagles opened the scoring in the first after Payton Peebles hit a sacrifice fly, scoring one run. David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after they scored on a passed

ball, and Bell singled, each scoring one run. The Lady Eagles added one run in the third, then scored on a passed ball, making the score 4-0. Bell earned the win for David Emanuel Academy. The starting pitcher gave up four hits and two runs (one earned) over seven innings,

striking out eight and walking four. Meredith Durden took the loss for Robert Toombs Christian Academy Varsity Crusaders. The hurler went six innings, giving up six runs (three earned) on nine hits, striking out four and walking three. Kate Yeomans, the number seven hitter for Da-

vid Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles, led the way with two runs batted in. The outfielder went 2-for-2 on the day. Maddie Joyner and Railee Thomas were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected two hits for Robert Toombs Christian Academy Varsity Crusaders

while hitting back-to-back. Joyner went 2-for-3 at the plate and led the team with one run batted in. Robert Toombs Christian Academy Varsity Crusaders turned two double plays in the game.
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Lady Eagles fall to Robert Toombs Christian Academy

by GameChanger Media

David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles fell 8-6 to Robert Toombs Christian Academy Varsity Crusaders on Wednesday, September 25, despite out-hitting them 11 to 10. Aubrey Scott led David Emanuel Academy with three hits. Scott collected three hits in five at bats in the loss. She doubled in the fifth inning, singled in the second inning, and singled in the seventh inning. The Lady Eagles got on the board in the top of the first inning after Payton Peebles singled, Robert Toombs Christian Academy Varsity Crusaders committed an error, and Pee-

bles stole home, each scoring one run. Robert Toombs Christian Academy tied the game in the bottom of the second, thanks to an error, and a single by Meredith Durden. The Lady Eagles took the lead in the top of the fourth. An error scored one run, to give David Emanuel Academy the lead, 4-3. Robert Toombs captured the lead, 8-6, in the bottom of the sixth after #11 singled, David Emanuel Academy committed an error, and Railee Thomas singled, each scoring one run. Durden earned the win for Robert Toombs Christian Academy Varsity Crusaders. The starting pitcher allowed

11 hits and six runs (two earned) over seven innings, striking out six and walking one. Kyli Bell took the loss for Eagles. The hurler went four and two-thirds innings, surrendering five runs (two earned) on seven hits, striking out five and walking four. David Emanuel Academy amassed 11 hits in the game. Peebles provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Eagles with two runs batted in. The first baseman went 1-for-5 on the day. Bell and Emily McRae each collected multiple hits for David Emanuel Academy.
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DEA Eagles defeat FPCA Highlanders, scoring twelve runs in the first inning

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Kyli Bell collected three hits in three at

bats, as David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles defeated First Preparatory Chris-

tian Academy Varsity Highlanders 18-1 on Tuesday, September 24. Bell singled in the first

inning, singled in the second inning, and singled in the third inning. The Lady Eagles won,

thanks in part to 12 runs in the first inning. Aubrey Scott singled, scoring one run, Kaley

Flowers doubled, scoring two runs, Bailey McNure singled, scoring one run, a passed ball scored two runs, Emily McRae singled, scoring one run, Bell singled, scoring one run, Scott singled, scoring one run, Flowers tripled, scoring two runs, and McNure grounded out, scoring one run. David Emanuel Academy added to their early lead in the top of the second inning when Bell singled, scoring one run, Katie Boggs induced Scott to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored, and an error scored two runs. The Eagles extended their early lead with two runs in the top of the third, thanks to RBI singles by Bell and Scott. McNure earned the win for DEA. David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles 2024 tallied 17 hits in the game. Bell and Scott were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected three hits for the Eagles. Flowers provided a pop in the middle of the lineup and led David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles with four runs batted in. The cleanup hitter went 2-for-2 on the day. Payton Peebles and McRae each collected multiple hits for DEA. Bell, Peebles, and Scott each stole multiple. The Lady Eagles ran wild on the base paths, collecting nine stolen bases for the game.


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Chief of Police (Police Department)

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Education and Experience

- Minimum 5 years POST Certified Police Officer experience.
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- Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Business or Public Administration, Psychology, or related field from an accredited college or university is preferred but not required
- Demonstrated progressive advancement in police leadership and management.
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All interested applicants should complete an employment application at Twin City City Hall. For more information, the interested applicants may contact Mayor Matt Donaldson at mdonaldson@twincityga.com. A full job description and job application can be found on the City's website under Job Opportunities.

DEBRIS PICKUP

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Legals

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

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNETTE D. DOYLE, DECEASED.
All creditors of the estate of Annette D. Doyle, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Alesia D. Wright, Executor of the Annette D. Doyle 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 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. McNeely, attorney 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 to the estate.
This 16th day of August, 2024.
RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
Attorney for Wanda R. Youngblood,

Executor of the Marvin Wyatt Youngblood Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
P. O. Box 767
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(478) 237-
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 to 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 Emanuel 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 to the estate.
This 20th day of September, 2024.
RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
Attorney for Janette Elizabeth Allmond,
Administratrix of the John S. Allmond Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
P. O. Box 767
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(478) 237-4225

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF LESLIE ERIN HUTCHINSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0127
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: LARRY S. HUTCHISON has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of LESLIE ERIN HUTCHISON 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 November 4, 2024.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: 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 November 4, 2024.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF LARRY S. HUTCHISON has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of LESLIE ERIN HUTCHISON 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 November 4, 2024.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: 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 November 4, 2024.

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: MELISSA GULLEDGE has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of ROBERT WAYNE GULLEDGE 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 November 4, 2024. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
DON E. WILKES
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Alyson Abell
Clerk of the Probate Court
125 S. Main Street
Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
Address
(478) 237-7091
Telephone Number

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF BILLY C. BRINSON SR., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0126
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: CAROLYN AMERSON BRINSON has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of BILLY C. BRINSON SR. 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 November 4, 2024.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: 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 November 4, 2024.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DON E. WILKES
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Alyson Abell
Clerk of the Probate Court
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PUBLIC NOTICE: Cellico Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a 316-foot Self-support Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is Pike Johnson Road, Garfield, Emanuel County, GA 30425, Lat: 32° 39' 41.74" N, Long: 82° 5' 57.21" W. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1292323. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS – Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS – Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: *Trileaf Corp, Benjamin Allen, b.allen@trileaf.com, phone: 678-653-8673, 1395 South Marietta Parkway, Building 400, Suite 209, Marietta, GA 30067.*

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF HELEN C. WOMACK, DECEASED.
All creditors of the estate of Helen C. Womack, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Eddie James (Jimmy) Womack, Jr., Executor of the Helen C. Womack 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 to the estate.
This 26th day of September, 2024.
RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
Attorney for Eddie James (Jimmy) Womack, Jr., Executor of the
Helen C. Womack Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
P. O. Box 767
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(478) 237-4225

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, EMANUEL COUNTY
Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Henry L. Glisson, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for FIRST BANK MORTGAGE: a Division of First Bank of Georgia, its successors and assigns dated 3/12/2003 and recorded in Deed Book 199 Page 361 and modified at Deed Book 458 Page 595 Emanuel County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$93,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on November 5, 2024 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 5.01 acres, more or less, as shown on that particular plat of survey prepared by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, on February 1, 1971, which is recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 143, of the records of the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court. Said plat by reference hereto is incorporated herein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property.

Said tract of land being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by lands of Jack E. Davis, Sr.; East and South by a 50 foot road; and West by lands of Jack E. Davis, Sr. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property is commonly known as 213 New Turner Drive, Swainsboro, GA 30401 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Henry L. Glisson, Jr. or tenant or tenants.
Fay Servicing, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.
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Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.
Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.
US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust as agent and Attorney in Fact for Henry L. Glisson, Jr.
Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.
1216-3290A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1216-3290A

Notice of Sale Under Power State of Georgia, County of Emanuel. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by R&F Georgia Properties LLC ("Grantor") to Newtek Small Business Finance LLC ("Grantee"), dated November 22, 2019, and recorded December 10, 2019 in Deed Book 489, Page 452, Emanuel County, Georgia records (the "Security Deed"), conveying the after-described property to secure a Guaranty dated November 22, 2019 (the "Guaranty") relating to a certain Note dated November 22, 2019 in the original principal amount of \$1,738,800.00 from Place Vendome Holding Co., Inc. and 308 Glenwood Associates LLC to Grantee (the "Note"), with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Emanuel County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2024, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate, and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting a distance of Three Hundred Eight and Seventy-two One-Hundredths (308.72) feet on the Southern side of East Main Street and containing Six and Thirty-Five One-Hundredths (6.35) acres as shown on plat of survey made by Aubrey E. Scott, Jr., Surveyor, dated June 8, 1982, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Plat Book 12, Page 176, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said property is bounded on the North by East Main Street, lands now or formerly belonging to Mrs. J.A. Garret and lands now or formerly belonging to Cuba Rowland; on

the south by Eastwood Estates Subdivision; and on the West by lands now or formerly belonging to D.F. Gilpin.
Being the same property conveyed to R & F Georgia Properties LLC from Place Vendome Holding Co., Inc., a Nevada corporation, d/b/a R & F Marketing by Quitclaim Deed dated May 9, 2008 and recorded on June 6, 2008 in Book 311, Page 437.
A.P.N. S07-018
TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL of the following: (i) all buildings, structures and improvements now or hereafter located on the real property or any part or parcel thereof and all fixtures affixed or attached, actually or constructively, thereto; (ii) all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, easements and appurtenances belonging thereunto or in any wise appertaining thereto and the reversion and reversions, remainder or remainders thereof; (iii) all Rents accruing therefrom, whether now or hereafter due; (iv) all accounts and contract rights now or hereafter arising in connection with any part or parcel thereof or any buildings, structures, or improvements now or hereafter located thereon, including without limitation all accounts and contract rights in and to all leases or undertakings to lease now or hereafter affecting the land or any buildings, structures or improvements thereon, (v) all minerals, flowers, crops, trees, timber, shrubbery and other emblems now or hereafter located thereon or hereafter located thereon or hereunder or on or under any part or parcel thereof; (vi) all estates, rights, titles and interest therein, or in any part or parcel thereof; (vii) all equipment, machinery, apparatus, fittings, fixtures, furniture, furnishings, mobile homes, modular homes and all personal property of every kind or description whatsoever now or hereafter located thereon, or in or on the buildings, structures and improvements thereon, and used in connection with the operation and maintenance thereof, and all additions thereto and replacements thereof; and (viii) all building materials, supplies, goods and equipment delivered thereto and placed thereon for the purpose of being affixed to or installed or incorporated or otherwise used in the buildings, structures or other improvements now or hereafter located thereon or any part of parcel thereof. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note, Guaranty and Security Deed. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorneys' fees (notice of intent to collect attorneys' fees having been given). Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC is the present holder of the Note, Guaranty and Security Deed. Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC may be contacted at: Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC, 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 130, Lake Success, NY 11042. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **610 East Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401** is/are: R&F Georgia Properties LLC or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC as Attorney in Fact for R&F Georgia Properties LLC. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ROBINSON FRANZMAN LLP, 191 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 2600, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Telephone: (404) 255-2503.

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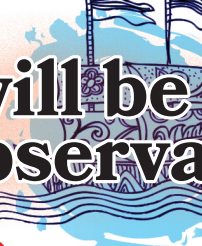
Auction will be held October 16, 2024 at 9am.

For questions contact Kacie Sumner 478-494-2674.

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Jail Report

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

Jasper Timothy Baker, 54, arrested 9/27/24; Aggravated stalking/Battery; ECSSO

Darius Jamal Bell, 23, arrested 10/3/24; Bench warrant – felony (x2); ECSSO
Le'Lola Katrina Faye Carter, 43, arrested 10/3/24; Possession of meth/Possession and use of drug related objects; ECSSO

Jamari Sinque Chavis, 29, arrested 9/25/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/No insurance/Speeding in excess of maximum limits; SMPD

James Henry Davis, 66, arrested 9/26/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked; ECSSO

Javarius Mashon Davis, 29, arrested 9/30/24; Battery (x2); SPD

Zackery Adam Devaney, 29, arrested 9/25/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSSO

Jimmy Otis Edenfield, 42, arrested 9/24/24; Probation warrant; SPD
Edward Channing

Eskew, 35, arrested 9/30/24; Probation violation – felony; OPPD

Mario Taravis Gardner, 41, arrested 9/29/24; Aggravated battery/Bench warrant - felony; SPD

Samantha Lee Gatlin, 33, arrested 10/4/24; Disorderly conduct; SPD

Milton Todd Graham, 52, arrested 9/25/24; DUI less safe - alcohol/Failure to maintain lane; SPD

Darryl Henderson, 63, arrested 10/1/24; DUI less safe – alcohol/Reckless driving/Possession of cocaine/Failure to stop at stop sign; SPD

Brad Allen Hollenbach, 44, arrested 10/3/24; Hold for Chatham Co.; ECSSO

Balik Tynerious Johnson, 24, arrested 9/25/24; Court order; ECSSO

Devin Ira Jones, 25, arrested 10/4/24; Aggravated assault/

Possession of firearm or knife during commission of or attempt to commit certain felonies; ECSSO

Andre Renee McCloud, 51, arrested 9/23/24; Probation revocation; ECSSO

Robert Sanders McKenzie, 62, arrested 9/30/24; Parole violation; ECSSO

Julio Pabello Miguel, 50, arrested 9/23/24; City bench warrant; SPD

Tucker Dilen Moxley, 21, arrested 9/25/24; Possession of marijuana less than 1 oz; ECSSO

Dawson Brett Partin, 21, arrested 9/25/24; Possession of schedule II controlled substance; ECSSO

Madelyne Anne Romley, 20, arrested 10/5/24; Speeding/No license on person; ECSSO

Larry Jaye Sapp, 44, arrested 9/23/24; Criminal trespass (x3); TCPD

Tyree Terrelal Smiley, 26, arrested 9/25/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked; ECSSO

Ronald Lewis Stapleton, 56, arrested 10/3/24; Sale of meth/Possession and use of drug related objects/Altercation of ID on firearm; ECSSO

Christopher Ray Tester, 36, arrested 10/5/24; Public drunk/Failure to comply; SPD

Marcus Eugene Warren, 56, arrested 9/30/24; Failure to comply/Public drunk/Possess of marijuana less than oz; SPD

Carl Washington, 62, arrested 10/5/24; Battery/Cruelty to children – 3rd degree (x2)/Obstruction of law enforcement officers; SPD

Lenworth Jamal Welsh, 29, arrested 9/26/24; DUI less safe - drugs/Failure to maintain lane; GSP

Mathew Felix Wilkes, 45, arrested 10/5/24; Simple battery/Obstruction of law enforcement officers; SPD

Joseph Paul Williams, 38, arrested 10/5/24; Probation violation; ECSSO

Josie Elizabeth Williams, 20, arrested 9/24/24; Disorderly conduct; ECSSO

Jebori Leonard Wilson, 42, arrested 9/25/24; Probation violation - misdemeanor; ECSSO

Scott Christopher Worthen, 50, arrested 10/3/24; Hold for Garden City; SPD

Shelton Anthony Wright, 35, arrested 9/24/24; Windshield/w i n d o w / w i p e r requirements/Driving while license suspended/revoked/Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer/ Probation violation - misdemeanor; SPD

Eleven sentenced in Superior Court

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

Clifton Howard negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of cocaine. He was fined \$500 with 3 years probation, outpatient treatment; one count driving while license suspended with 12 months probation to run concurrent with count one; one count obstruction of an officer to run concurrent with count one and two; one count open container with a \$25 fine; one count tag light requirements with a \$25 fine to run concurrent with count one. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 3 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.

Sherry Brooks negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count aggravated assault. She was fined \$50 with 20 years probation, enter and complete ITF. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 20 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody from 1/28/24 - 9/23/24. 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.

Ashleigh Williams negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count financial transaction card fraud. She was fined \$50 with 2 years probation. RSAT susp. for inpatient rehab; one count financial transaction card fraud with 2 years probation to run consecutive with count one; one count financial transaction card fraud with 2 years prob-

ation to run consecutive with count two. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 6 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

Justin Williams negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count theft by taking. He was fined \$50 with 10 years probation, enter and complete RSAT. 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 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.

Nichole Martinez negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of meth. She was fined \$50 with 3 years probation, outpatient rehab; one count possession of dangerous drugs to run concurrent with count one. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 3 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.

Alvin York negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count trafficking meth. He was fined \$50 with 30 years, 15 years to serve bal. prob.; five counts burglary in the 1st degree with 20 years, 10 years to serve to run concurrent with count one; two counts burglary in the 2nd degree with 5

years to serve to run concurrent with count one; one count theft by taking with 5 years to serve to run concurrent with count one; two counts possession of firearm by convicted felon with 10 years to serve to run concurrent with count one. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 30 years, with the first 15 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. Upon service of 15 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

Jesse Trujillo negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count theft by shoplifting with 10 years to serve. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 10 years. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian.

Jayjay Cody Pace negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of firearm by first offender. 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 from 8/29/24 - 9/24/24. 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.

Gilbert Daughtry negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of cocaine with 2 years to serve. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 2 years. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian.

Gilbert Daughtry negotiated a guilty plea on one count fleeing. He was fined \$50 with 1 year to serve; one count DUI with 12 months to serve to run consecutive with count one; one count operation of unregistered vehicle with 12 months to serve to run consecutive with count one; one count failure to maintain lane with 12 months to serve to run consecutive with count one; one count open container with 12 months to serve to run consecutive with count one; one count window tint violation with 12 months to serve to run consecutive with count one. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 2 years. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian.

Teddy Hardaway negotiated a guilty plea on one count Fleeing. He was fined \$50 with 3 years to serve; one count obstruction with 12 months probation to run consecutive with count one; one count DUI with 12 months probation to run consecutive with count one and two; driving w/license suspended with 12 months probation to run concurrent with count three; one count improper headlights with \$15 fine; one count open container with \$25 fine; one count failure to wear safety belt with \$15 fine. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 5 years, with the first 3 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served

in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

Upon service of 3 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

Charles Henry Hall negotiated a guilty plea on one count theft by taking. He was fined \$50 with 5 years, 2 years to serve, bal. prob.; once count theft by taking with 5 years probation to run consecutive with count 3. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 10 years, with the first 2 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. Upon service of 2 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation;

PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

"On the first day of each month I carefully walk through every room in my home to make certain that there is nothing that would embarrass Jesus if He were to visit our family," said my friend. "If there is anything anywhere that is not appropriate for His eyes, it certainly is wrong for me to gaze upon it. If there are magazines or books or newspapers that have vile or unclean photos or stories I throw them away immediately. And because of the influence of television - even the news or children's stories or cartoons, we got rid of our television. And many would think we were wise. But when I talk to "them" about Jesus, many of them think I'm weird even without having that 'stuff' corrupt my mind and the minds of my children." His statements brought back childhood memories of my home in Lorain, Ohio. His attitude was the same as my mother's. I can hear an echo of her voice today: "We're not going to allow Satan to live in this house," she said often. In every room there was an open Bible - readily visible for anyone to see. The walls had pictures of Bible stories and scenes of the way people lived in the days of Jesus. Wherever guests looked, they were reminded of something that had to do with the story of salvation. Of course, we also had family photos. But they were pictures of activities that were related to church events or pictures of us "kids" standing next to missionaries or evangelists. "Home is where the heart is," someone once said. And if the "heart" belongs to Jesus He will be very visible.

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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 at the City Hall of the City of Swainsboro, Ga at 5:00pm on Thursday October 23, 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.

Bruce Kirby
Planning and Zoning Department

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

September 16

Officer responded to Azalea Circle in reference to a report of a stolen firearm. Complainant advised that he discovered that his firearm had been stolen out of his vehicle. He stated that he last remembered seeing the gun on Monday evening.

September 20

911 dispatched officers to East Pine Street to take a report regarding roaming dogs aggressively chasing c/p on South Racetrack Street. C/p stated that he was walking, and the dogs began chasing him.

911 dispatched officers to Richard Street in reference to c/p wanting to make a report about her neighbor's dog killing her cat. C/p stated that earlier in the morning, she observed her neighbor's dog inside her fenced yard. She later found her cat deceased in her bushes. The neighbor denied the allegations, stating they have an underground fence, and the dog couldn't have gotten out.

Officers were dispatched to respond to SPD for a walk in report. C/p informed officer that he would like to report damage to his company vehicle. He did not know exactly where the damage occurred, but he had made multiple stops throughout the day.

Officer responded to Stevens Drive in reference to a 911 hang up call. Officers were advised that a man and woman were audibly arguing before the hang up. C/p was contacted upon arrival and stated that everything was okay, and she didn't mean to make the call. C/p had a swollen left eye and was asked where her boyfriend was. She said he was in the house and believed he had her car keys. When asking her if he hit her, she seemed reluctant but said no.

Officer took a walk in report for stolen items. C/p stated that he had been hospitalized for

the past few weeks and when returning home found multiple items missing.

September 21

Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with a headlight out. A strong odor of marijuana was coming from the vehicle and a search was conducted. The vehicle also had no valid insurance on it along with the driver having a suspended license.

Officer was dispatched to Walmart in reference to a report of prowling. Offender was asking people for money. Offender was arrested.

Officer observed a vehicle driving at a very fast rate estimated at 70 mph in a 35 MPH zone. Offender stated that he was going to get his sister because someone was about to fight her. The driver blew over the legal limit for underage consumption and was arrested.

September 22

Officer was dispatched to Lewis Street in reference to a domestic. C/p stated that when she arrived home, her boyfriend started accusing her of cheating on him. They began to argue, and he hit her several times. It was apparent that she was under the influence of alcohol.

September 23

Officer was dispatched to McLeod Bridge Road in reference to a bicycle theft. The victim stated that someone took two bicycles out of her yard.

Officer was dispatched to Emanuel County Emergency Room in reference to a report. C/p stated that she met up with an old friend a few days before to clear things up between the two. She went to his house a few days later and he forced himself on her. She stated that she did block him.

Officer responded to SPD for a walk in report. The victim stated that someone committed fraud on her bank account, and she needed to make a report.

September 24

911 dispatched officers to SPD in reference

to someone wanting to file a stolen vehicle report. C/p stated that the offender took her vehicle without permission and would not return it. She stated that she also needed to file a report on another offender and her father jumping on her. The other victim that accompanied the c/p gave a statement as well. They then called the offender, and they explained that she tried to avoid them and they attacked her.

Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with dark window tint and attempting to elude the police. Driver was also found to have a suspended license and was arrested.

Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for failure to maintain lane. Offender was arrested for DUI.

September 25

911 dispatched officers to North Main Street in reference to an unwanted subject. Officers were then advised that a domestic dispute was occurring. C/p stated that while she was in the shower, an unknown woman entered the bathroom and began threatening her and slapped her. The offender stated that she had been contacted to take c/p's place as caregiver for the homeowner. She stated that she tried to use the bathroom while c/p was in the shower and c/p pushed her out of the bathroom. The homeowner stated that c/p had been abusing him and c/p denied the allegations, stating that he has dementia.

Officer received a walk in complaint at SPD. C/p reported that her money was taken from self-checkout at Walmart. She stated that she accidentally left two \$20 bills in the machine after completing her payment and someone else took it. Footage was viewed and the offender was spotted taking the money.

Officers were dispatched to Center Street in reference to a female that called and wanted the police but would not say what was wrong. C/p stated that the offender choked her

and ran away. There were no visible marks on c/p but she was thick tongued and there was a heavy odor of alcohol coming from her breath.

September 26

Officer received a call from c/p stating that he needed to make a report for shoplifting. C/p provided footage from the store showing two females entering the store and taking multiple items of clothing, a knife, and a koozie. The offenders were later located by police.

Officer was dispatched to Fowler Street in reference to a stolen vehicle. C/p stated that she was supposed to pick up a vehicle, but it was not there at the meeting time. Her daughter reported that she left the key in the vehicle for her mother to pick it up and someone must have taken it.

September 27

Officer responded to Roger Shaw Street in reference to suspicious persons around the front of the store. The caller believed they were stealing items. No one was located around the store, but the front window had been busted out due to the storm. As officer was leaving, he was approached by a man who would not identify himself. He stated that a group of females were stealing items from the store.

Officer was dispatched to East Main Street and Lake Luck Drive in reference to a damage to vehicle report where the vehicle was still in the roadway. The driver did not have her insurance card on her, but she had her license.

C/p came to SPD to file a report of a theft at his residence on West Main Street. He stated that an unknown person stole four pump-up spray bottles from under his carport.

September 28

911 dispatched officers to SPD in reference to someone wanting to file a report. C/p stated that her, her boyfriend, and her children were at their residence when a man pulled up threatening her boyfriend.

Officer was dispatched to North Main

Street in reference to a report of theft needing to be made. C/p stated that the offender stole multiple things and also abused him.

Officer was dispatched to Industrial Way in reference to a damaged vehicle. C/p stated he was traveling and hit a tree that was in the roadway.

September 29

Officer responded to a call in the area of King Circle Drive in reference to a reckless driver with children inside of the vehicle. The vehicle was located, and an altercation struck between all parties. The child was found in the vehicle which was not running and was recovered.

C/p came to SPD to report that someone unknown to her stole her generator from her business.

September 30

C/p came to SPD to file a walk in report. He stated that while he was waiting in line for gas, he observed a male subject harassing an elderly female who was attempting to pump gas. C/p attempted to de-escalate the situation, and the male subject punched him in the face.

Officer was dispatched to Harmon Park in reference to someone hearing a woman screaming. C/p stated he went to check the noise out and he found another male attempting to hit a female at the gazebo. Officer walked toward the gazebo and observed a man swimming across the lake. When catching the offender, there was an odor of alcoholic beverage on his breath. Offender was arrested. The victim stated that she did not want to press charges. Marijuana was also found in offender's bag.

Officer observed a busted window in the Tobacco and Vape Store and called other officers. Boxes of cigarettes were scattered around the store. Other various items were located as well.

SPD dispatched officers to respond to SPD in reference to a walk-in police report. Officer observed that the entire

left side of c/p's face was swollen, and his nose was bleeding. C/p advised that the offender had been threatening him and then assaulted him.

Officer responded to Arden Drive in reference to a report. C/p stated that her neighbor walked into her yard and was yelling at her about where she had her dog chained up. The offender stated that he did not go in her yard.

911 dispatched officers to West Church Street in reference to an active domestic dispute involving a firearm. Officers have responded to this location before for previous domestic disputes. The offender was arrested.

Officer was dispatched to Maurice Drive in reference to a damage to vehicle report. C/p stated that she parked her vehicle on Shepard Drive before she went to Savannah and returned, and the back window was busted out.

October 1

Officers were dispatched to Harvey's in reference to a man with a possible firearm. Officer located offender and he would not comply and threatened to beat the officer up. Offender was arrested.

Officer observed a vehicle run a stop sign and conducted a traffic stop. Cocaine was found in the driver's possession and was arrested.

October 3

Officer responded to SPD in reference to a report needing to be made about damage to vehicle. C/p stated that he was at his son's residence during the hurricane and damage was made to his vehicle.

Officer was dispatched to West Main Street in reference to the offender breaking the victim's vehicle window. The victim stated that the offender had been drinking heavily and busted the window out of his car. He did not want to press charges but wanted the offender to get help with her drinking problem. A citation was written for disorderly conduct.

Sheriff's Reports

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

September 23

Complainant stated that the license plate for her vehicle is missing and does not know if it has been stolen or lost.

C/p stated she was traveling on I16 and an unknown tractor trailer changed lanes causing her to exit the roadway and strike a road sign.

September 24

Deputy was dispatched to Swainsboro PD in reference to an incident concerning both state parties on Pinetucky Road. C/p was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct.

September 25

Deputy initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for traveling 79 mph in a

65 MPH zone. Deputy could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle upon approaching it. Marijuana and pills were located in the vehicle and the driver was arrested.

Deputy spoke to c/p by phone in reference to a lost tag. C/p stated that the tag fell off of his vehicle at an unknown time.

Witness stated that she was going to work and heard a loud crash and saw a light pole shaking after a truck struck the pole.

September 26

Deputy spoke to c/p over the phone in reference to a stolen battery. C/p stated that on the previous night, she was driving when her vehi-

cle ran out of as. When she went to retrieve it, the battery had been taken from the vehicle.

September 29

Deputy was driving when a vehicle approached him flashing their lights. C/p pulled beside deputy and stated that he had been trying to call 911 but could not get it too connect. He reported that individuals were looking through his windows and shining flashlights in his yard. He explained that he may have fired birdshot to scare them. C/p led deputy to his home and supplied the shell casings that were fired.

September 30

C/p states that he went to check on his sister-in-law's residence

a few days before and everything was fine. He went back a second time, and someone had kicked the front door in and taken 3 TVs.

October 4

Deputy met with c/p at ECSO in reference to a stolen vehicle report. Victim stated that he was away from his residence, and someone entered his home and took his keys and his vehicle. The offender was found in Treutlen County and victim was notified that they were arrested for DUI.

October 6

Deputy was dispatched to take a theft report. C/p stated that an unknown offender stole gas from two generators at their residence.

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Purple Thursday

October 17th

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In 2024, more than 360,000 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer. But there is hope. Advancements in early detection methods and support continue to increase the chances of survival. When caught in its earliest, localized stages, the 5-year relative survival rate of breast cancer is 99%. But early detection for all is only possible through action.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Overview

Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women. For many women, mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat. Mammograms can find cancer before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms.

Symptoms

There are different symptoms of breast cancer, and some people have no symptoms at all. Symptoms can include:

- Any change in the size or the shape of the breast.
- Pain in any area of the breast.
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk (including blood).
- A new lump in the breast or underarm.

If you have any signs that worry you, see your doctor right away.

Risk factors

Some main factors that affect your chance of getting breast cancer include:

- Being a woman.
- Being older. Most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 or older.
- Having changes in your BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes.

How to lower your risk

You can do things to help lower your breast cancer risk.

- Keep a healthy weight and be physically active.
- Choose not to drink alcohol, or drink alcohol in moderation.
- If you are taking hormone replacement therapy or birth control pills, ask your doctor about the risks.
- Breastfeed your children, if possible.

Fast facts

- Each year in the United States, about 270,000 women get breast cancer and 42,000 women die from the disease.
- Men also get breast cancer, but it is not very common. About 1 out of every 100 breast cancers diagnosed in the United States is found in a man.
- Most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 years old or older, but breast cancer also affects younger women.

Featured resources

- What does it mean to have dense breasts? This video explains what it means and why it's important.
- This video introduces Talk to Someone: Triple-Negative Breast Cancer, an interactive conversation with the virtual triple-negative breast cancer survivor, Linda.
- Some breast and ovarian cancers are caused by genetic changes passed down in families.
- CDC's Bring Your Brave campaign shares stories of young women whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

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Breast cancer stage groups

In breast cancer, stage is based on the size and location of the primary tumor, the spread of cancer to nearby lymph nodes or other parts of the body, tumor grade, and whether certain biomarkers are present. To plan the best treatment and understand your prognosis, it is important to know the breast cancer stage.

There are three types of breast cancer stage groups:

- Clinical Prognostic Stage is used first to assign a stage for all patients based on health history, physical exam, imaging tests (if done), and biopsies. The Clinical Prognostic Stage is described by the TNM system, tumor grade, and biomarker status (ER, PR,

HER2). In clinical staging, mammography or ultrasound is used to check the lymph nodes for signs of cancer.

- Pathological Prognostic Stage is then used for patients who have surgery as their first treatment. The Pathological Prognostic Stage is based on all clinical information, biomarker status, and labora-

tory test results from breast tissue and lymph nodes removed during surgery.

- Anatomic Stage is based on the size and the spread of cancer as described by the TNM system. The Anatomic Stage is used in parts of the world where biomarker testing is not available. It is not used in the United States.

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Breast Cancer signs and symptoms

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professional.

Most people who have breast cancer signs and symptoms will initially notice only one or two, and the presence of these signs and

symptoms do not automatically mean that you have breast cancer.

By performing monthly breast self-exams, you will be able to more easily identify any changes in your breasts. Be sure to talk to your healthcare professional if you notice anything unusual.

A change in how the breast or nipple looks or feels

- Nipple tenderness or a lump or thickening in or near the breast or underarm area
- A change in the skin texture or an enlarge-

ment of pores in the skin of the breast (some describe this as similar to an orange peel's texture)

• A lump in the breast (It's important to remember that all lumps should be investigated by a healthcare professional, but not all lumps are cancerous.)

A change in the breast or nipple appearance

- Any unexplained change in the size or shape of the breast
- Dimpling anywhere on the breast
- Unexplained swelling of the breast (espe-

cially if on one side only)

• Unexplained shrinkage of the breast (especially if on one side only)

• Recent asymmetry (unequal or lack of sameness) of the breasts. Although it is common for women to have one breast that is slightly larger than the other, if the onset of asymmetry is recent, it should be checked.

• Nipple that is turned slightly inward or inverted

• Skin of the breast, areola, or nipple that becomes scaly, red, or swollen or may have

ridges or pitting resembling the skin of an orange

Any nipple discharge—particularly clear discharge or bloody discharge

It is also important to note that a milky discharge that is present when a woman is not breastfeeding should be checked by her doctor, although it is not linked with breast cancer.

Let your doctor know about any nipple discharge, clear, bloody or milky. The most concerning discharges are bloody or clear.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



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There are many types of breast lumps, which may be benign or malignant. While benign breast lumps are more common than malignant lumps, it is important that a healthcare professional investigate all breast lumps if and when you notice one.

Benign Breast Lumps

Benign breast lumps are growths or masses in the breast tissue that are not cancerous. There are many types and causes of benign breast lumps.

Fibroadenomas

Fibroadenomas are the most common type of benign breast lumps that occur primarily in women in their 20s and 30s but can occur at any age. Fibroadenomas may feel rubbery to the touch and move around freely. They are usually painless, vary in size, and can form anywhere in the breast tissue.

Fibroadenomas are generally not a cause for concern and can be diagnosed through a physical examination, mammogram, or breast ultrasound.

Treatment is usually not required unless the fibroadenoma causes

Types of Breast Lumps

pain or discomfort. In that case, your doctor may recommend it be surgically removed.

Fibrocystic Breasts

Fibrocystic breasts occur in women with dense breast tissue and refers to changes in the breasts that naturally occur due to hormonal fluctuations during a woman's monthly menstrual cycle. These changes may lead to the breasts feeling lumpy, swollen, and sore right before a woman's period.

These hormone-related changes should resolve after the cycle. However, if a new breast lump does not go away after a menstrual cycle, it should be checked by a healthcare professional.

Breast Cysts

A breast cyst is a fluid-filled sac that grows within the breast tissue. A breast cyst that forms on the surface of the breast may feel like a grape and be soft in texture. A cyst that forms deeper within the breast may feel like a hardened lump because it is covered by tissue.

Breast cysts are most common in premenopausal women ages 35 to 50. A breast cyst may be diagnosed through ultrasound, and treatment is generally not required unless the cyst causes pain or discomfort. In that case, a healthcare professional may recommend draining the cyst with a needle and syringe.

Fat Necrosis

A fat necrosis is a non-cancerous breast lump that may form if the breast has been injured. Breast injury may include a biopsy or surgery. This type of lump forms in the

fatty breast tissue of the injured area.

A fat necrosis in the breast can be diagnosed through an ultrasound and does not usually require treatment. In most cases, the body will break the necrosis down over time. But you should see your healthcare provider if the fat necrosis gets bigger or you notice other breast changes.

Lipoma

Lipomas are slow-growing, fatty lumps that form just under the surface of the skin. Some may weigh only a few grams while others can be large enough to produce a visible bulge. Lipomas are soft to the touch and move around freely when touched. Lipomas can be diagnosed through a physical exam, x-ray, mammogram, or ultrasound. They do not usually require treatment, but can be surgically removed if they cause discomfort or your doctor feels it is necessary.

Mastitis

Mastitis is inflammation within the breast tissue caused by an infection. Mastitis causes breast pain, swelling, and redness of the skin. Although mastitis doesn't present as a true breast lump, symptoms like swelling can often be mistaken for a lump. Mastitis can also cause fever, chills, and flu-like symptoms.

Mastitis usually occurs in women who are breastfeeding, but it can also affect women who are not breastfeeding, as well as men. Mastitis is diagnosed through physical examination and is usually treated with antibiotics.

Breast Abscess

A breast abscess is a fluid collection or pus pocket in the breast. It is most often caused by untreated mastitis. A breast abscess can be very painful and presents as a red, swollen lump in the breast. Pus may drain out of the lump if there is an opening in the skin. Other symptoms include fever and chills.

Abscesses are typically diagnosed through ultrasound and treatment often requires a surgical procedure to drain the fluid, as well as antibiotics.

Milk Cysts

A milk cyst, or galactocoele, is a fluid-filled sac that almost exclusively occurs in lactating women. A milk cyst is filled with breastmilk and causes a blockage of the mammary duct.

Milk cysts often resolve on their own once hormones from pregnancy and lactation normalize. However, a milk cyst may be drained by a medical professional if it is painful or uncomfortable.

Intraductal Papilloma

An intraductal papilloma is a wart-like lump that may develop in the milk ducts of the breasts. Intraductal papillomas, most common in women over 40, often form close to the nipple, but can occur elsewhere in the breast as well.

An intraductal papilloma may feel like a small lump and can cause a clear or blood-stained discharge from the nipple. It is diagnosed through clinical exam, ultrasound or mammogram, and sometimes biopsy. Intraductal papillomas are often removed through surgery.

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What's the difference between a breast self-exam and a clinical breast exam?

A clinical breast examination is performed by a healthcare professional who is trained to recognize many different types of abnormalities and warning signs. This in-office exam will most likely be completed by your family physician or gynecologist at your annual exam, whereas your breast self-exam is something every woman should do at least once a month at home.

A visual check of skin and tissue

During a clinical breast exam, your healthcare provider checks your breasts' appearance. You may be asked to raise your arms over your head, let them hang by your sides, or press your hands against your hips. These postures allow your healthcare pro-

vider to look for differences in size or shape between your breasts. The skin covering your breasts is checked for any rash, dimpling, or other abnormal signs. Your nipples may be checked to see if fluid is expressed when lightly squeezed.

A Manual Check for Unusual Texture or Lumps

Using the pads of the fingers, your healthcare provider checks your entire breast, underarm, and collarbone area for any lumps or abnormalities. It is worth noting that some women have breast tissue that appears to be full of tiny fibrous bumps or ridges throughout the breast tissue, known as fibrocystic breasts. Overall lumpy tissue is something your

provider will want to note but is unrelated to cancer.

A suspicious lump, the type your physician is checking for, is generally about the size of a pea before anyone can feel it in the breast tissue. The manual exam is done on one side and then the other. Your healthcare provider will also check the lymph nodes near the breast to see if they are enlarged.

An Assessment of Any Suspicious Area

If a lump is discovered, your healthcare provider will note its size, shape, and texture. He or she will also check to see if the lump moves easily. Benign lumps often feel different from cancerous ones, but any lump found will likely need to be examined

with further diagnostic measures.

It may be helpful to know that lumps that appear soft, smooth, round, and movable are likely to be either benign tumors or cysts. A lump that is hard and oddly shaped and feels firmly attached within the breast is more likely to be cancer, but further tests are needed to diagnose the problem.

The Value of Clinical Breast Exams

Clinical Breast exams are an important part of early detection. Although most lumps are discovered through breast self-exams, an experienced professional may notice a suspicious place that fails to register as a warning in the patient's mind.

What is a mammogram?

A mammogram is an x-ray that allows a qualified specialist to examine the breast tissue for any suspicious areas. The breast is exposed to a small dose of ionizing radiation that produces an image of the breast tissue.

Why Do I Need A Mammogram?

Mammograms can often show a breast lump before it can be felt. They also can show tiny clusters of calcium called micro-calcifications. Lumps or specks can be caused by cancer, fatty cells, or other conditions like cysts. Further tests are needed to find out if abnormal cells are present.

How Do I Schedule A Mammogram?

Many women encounter barriers when trying to schedule a mammogram. Often, things like concerns with cost or not knowing who to call can be discouraging when setting up an appointment. Read How to Schedule a Mammogram to learn the essential information you need so that you do not miss out on this important exam.

Read How to Prepare for a Mammogram for tips on how to prepare before and on the day of your mammogram appointment.

Recommendations For All Women:

- Women 40 and older should have mammograms every 1 or 2 years.
- Women who are younger than 40 and have risk factors for breast cancer should ask their healthcare professional whether mammograms are advisable and how often to have them.

Even women who have no symptoms and no known risks for breast cancer should have regularly scheduled mammograms to help detect potential breast cancer at the earliest possible time.

What Happens If My Mammogram Results Are Abnormal?

If the mammogram shows an abnormal area of the breast, your doctor will order additional tests offering clearer, more detailed images of that area.

Although lumps are usually non-cancerous, the only way to be certain is to perform additional tests, such as an ultrasound or MRI. If further tests show that the mass is solid, your radiologist may recommend a biopsy, a procedure in which cells are removed from a suspicious area to check for the presence of cancer.

How often should a breast self-exam be performed?

Adult women of all ages are encouraged to perform breast self-exams at least once a month. Lillie D. Shockney, Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Service Professor of Breast Cancer states, "Forty percent of diagnosed breast cancers are detected by women who feel a lump, so establishing a regular breast self-exam is very important."

For women still menstruating, a breast self-exam should be performed a few days after her period ends. For those who are post-menopausal, a breast self-exam should be performed on the same day of each month, such as the 1st or 15th day of the month.

While mammograms can help you to detect cancer before you can feel a lump, breast self-exams help you to be familiar with how your breasts normally look and feel. Alert your healthcare professional if you notice any changes in your breasts, such as a new lump, sore spot, changes in the appearance of the skin, or nipple discharge.

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How should a breast self-exam be performed?

There are three steps necessary to perform a thorough breast self-exam. Each of these steps should be completed each time you perform a breast self-exam.

- **In the Shower**
With the pads/flats of your three middle fingers, check the entire breast and armpit area, pressing down with light, medium, and firm pressure. Check both breasts each month, feeling for any new lumps, thickenings, hardened knots, or any other breast changes.
- **In Front of a Mirror**
With your arms at your sides, visually inspect your breasts, looking for any changes in the contour or shape of the breasts, any dimpling, swelling, or other skin irregularities on or around the breasts, or any changes in the nipples.

firmly to flex your chest muscles. Look for any dimpling, puckering, or other changes, particularly on one side. Note that the left and right breasts will not exactly match—few women's breasts are perfectly symmetrical.

- **Lying Down**
When lying down, the breast tissue spreads out evenly along the chest wall. Place a pillow under your right shoulder and put your right arm behind your head. Using your left hand, move the pads of your three middle fingers around your right breast, covering the entire breast area and armpit.

Use light, medium, and firm pressure to feel for any new lumps, thickenings, hardened knots, or any other breast changes. Also squeeze the nipple to check for discharge. Repeat these steps for your left breast.

There are three ways that cancer spreads in the body. Cancer can spread through tissue, the lymph system, and the blood:

- **Tissue.** The cancer spreads from where it began by growing into nearby areas. The report may say there are cancer cells that extend beyond the area where the cancer originally started to grow.
- **Lymph system.** The cancer spreads from where it began by getting into the lymph sys-

Metastasis

tem. The cancer travels through the lymph vessels to other parts of the body. The report may say there are positive lymph nodes or that there is the presence of lymphatic invasion.

- **Blood.** The cancer spreads from where it began by getting into the blood. The cancer travels through the blood vessels to other parts of the body. The report may say there is the presence of vascular invasion, or that blood vessels are seen running

through the breast cancer tumor itself.

Cancer may spread from where it began to other parts of the body. When cancer spreads to another part of the body, it is called metastasis. Cancer cells break away from where they began (the primary tumor) and travel through the lymph system or blood.

- **Lymph system.** The cancer gets into the lymph system, travels through the lymph vessels, and forms a tumor (metastatic tumor) in

another part of the body.

• **Blood.** The cancer gets into the blood, travels through the blood vessels, and forms a tumor (metastatic tumor) in another part of the body.

The metastatic tumor is the same type of cancer as the primary tumor. For example, if breast cancer spreads to the bone, the cancer cells in the bone are actually breast cancer cells. The disease is metastatic breast cancer, not bone cancer.

Male breast cancer

diagnosis. While breast cancer in men is rare, men do carry a higher breast cancer mortality rate than women, primarily because men are less likely to assume a lump is breast cancer and are overall less aware of breast cancer, which can cause a delay in seeking treatment.

Male breast cancer key highlights

- Male breast cancer begins as a growth of malignant or cancerous cells in the breast tissue. All people, male and female, have breast tissue.
- Men with breast

cancer often find a lump in their breast tissue.

- Male breast cancer is rare, representing about 1% of total breast cancer cases.

• Breast cancer in men may occur at any age but is typically identified in men ages 60 to 70.

• Invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC) is the most common type of breast cancer in men; this cancer begins in the milk ducts and spreads beyond the cells that line the breast ducts.

- Treatment for male breast cancer often involves surgery to remove the cancerous

tissue as well as chemotherapy and radiation.

• Nearly all breast cancer in men is estrogen receptor positive (ER+) with treatment including hormonal therapy, just as in 70% of female breast cancer cases.

• Factors that increase a man's risk of breast cancer include family history of breast cancer, age, genetic mutations (such as BRCA1 or BRCA2), and higher estrogen levels.

• Men should be familiar with how their breast tissue typically looks and feels so they can detect any changes in the tissue.

All people, male or female, are born with breast cells and tissue. While males do not develop milk-producing breasts, a man's breast cells and tissue can still develop cancer.

Male breast cancer is rare, accounting for less than 1% of all breast cancer diagnoses in the United States. The lifetime risk of male breast cancer is about 1 in 726, according to the American Cancer Society. The typical age range for male breast cancer diagnosis is between 60 and 70, with 67 as the average age of a male breast cancer

What is Breast Cancer Awareness Month?

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an international health campaign that's held every October. The month aims to promote screening and prevention of the disease, which affects 2.3 million women worldwide. Known best for

its pink theme color, the month features a number of campaigns and programs — conducted by groups ranging from breast cancer advocacy organizations to local community organizations — aimed at:

- supporting people diagnosed with breast cancer, including those with metastatic breast cancer
- educating people about breast cancer risk factors
- encouraging women to go for regular breast cancer screening starting at age 40 or earlier, depending on personal breast cancer risk
- fundraising for breast cancer research

In the month of October, there are also

specific dates designed to raise awareness of specific groups within the breast cancer community.

Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day (October 13)

October 13 is nationally recognized in the U.S. as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day. About 168,000 women in the U.S. are estimated to have metastatic breast cancer (cancer that spreads beyond the breast to other parts of the body). Researchers estimate that about 30% of early-stage breast cancers eventually metastasize. The day, which began in 2009, is meant to educate the public about the need for more money to go to the study of metastatic breast cancer and the development of new metastatic cancer treatments.

Men's Breast Cancer Awareness Week (October 17-23)

Although breast cancer is much more common in women, breast cancer affects men, too. In 2021, President Joe Biden designated October 17 to October 23 Men's Breast Cancer Awareness Week. According to the American Cancer Society, 2,790 men in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2024, and about 530 are expected to die from the disease. But lack of awareness and stigma can be barriers to detection and care in men, trans men, and non-binary people.

Can I rely on breast self-exams alone?

Mammography can usually detect tumors before they can be felt, so screening is key for early detection. But when combined with regular medical care and appropriate guideline-recommended mammography, breast self-exams can help women know what is normal for them so they can report any changes to their healthcare provider. If you find a lump, schedule an appointment with your doctor, but don't panic — 8 out of 10 lumps are not cancerous. For additional peace of mind, call your doctor whenever you have concerns.

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As you know, we just experienced the worst stomach in some of our lives. We all have been traumatized by the experience. Storms have always been prevalent since the flood of Noah. But I am here to remind you not to be afraid of the storm nor the devastation that you see.

One of the things the storm has done is to remind us of the power of God. His strength is above all others. See this storm did not discriminate. It didn't choose sides of the tracks. It didn't choose certain neighborhoods. It didn't care about your legal status. Even money cannot handle this storm.

There is a situation I am reminded of in Matthew chapter fourteen. In it Jesus came to his disciples walking on the water. Peter asked Jesus to let him come to him walking on the water. Jesus granted his request. Peter got out of the boat and walked toward Jesus. Immediately a storm came. The wind got boisterous., as it did in the storm of Helene. Peter took his eyes off Jesus, looked at the storm, became afraid and began to sink. He then called on Jesus to save him which Jesus did.

Now let me remind you today to keep your eyes on Jesus. Even in the storm of the aftermath. Jesus will provide for you. Jesus will see you through. Trust him and don't doubt because of the storm. Don't be afraid. Fear brings torment. Jesus brings peace. He is our peace. Don't be afraid. Trust God. He is peace in the midst of the storm.

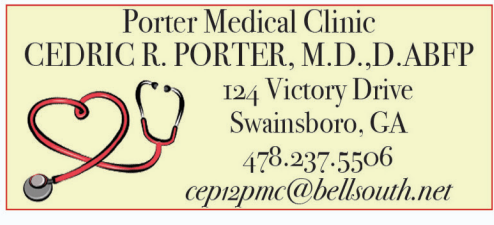


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