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Headin' Home Fest coming next week

by LIBBY LINDBLOM
 It's happening next week! Music lovers, join us for the 3rd annual Headin' Home Fest bluegrass music festival at the Georgia Sports Arena in Swainsboro, GA! The bluegrass festival (Continued on page 3A)

Please join Emanuel Medical Center in two ribbon-cutting ceremonies as they unveil their most recent additions.



Ribbon Cutting at the Emanuel Family Medical Clinic
 • Tuesday, October 22, 2024
 • 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
 • Location: 305 Kite Rd. Swainsboro



Ribbon Cutting at the Emanuel Medical Prompt Care
 • Tuesday, October 29, 2024
 • 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
 • Location: 5 Medical Office Way, Swainsboro



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2024 REGION 3 CHAMPIONS

Another region title for Lady Dawgs

by WEATHERFORD
 much as eight starters one season, and with different region line-ups every two years. The Bulldogs ended their region schedule last week with a 9-1 defeat of Bryan Co. to bring their region record to 13-1. The only blemish being a one run loss to Screven Co. The Bulldogs ended the regular season last week defeating Vidalia 6-4. The Lady Dawgs will host Telfair Co. today,

by RON WEATHERFORD
 The ECI Lady Dawg softball team captured their fourth consecutive title last week. The word dynasty is thrown around a lot, but the Lady Dawgs have somewhat of a region dynasty. Like the first line states, it is the fourth consecutive for ECI. But the Lady Dawgs have won nine out of the last 10 region titles. This with player turnover as

October 16, in the first round of the state playoffs in a best of three series. The "if needed game" is scheduled for Thursday, October 17. The Trojans play out of region four and enter the playoffs with a 9-7 season and 5-5 region records. They have scored 106 runs during the season and given up 86 in 16 games. The Lady Dawgs come in with a 18-8 season record as the region champions with a 13-1 record. They have scorched their opponents with 200 runs while holding opponents to just 80 runs in 26 games. The two teams met last season in the state playoffs in Columbus with ECI trouncing the Trojans 15-2. Times for games will be posted on the ECI Softball and Emanuel County Institute Facebook pages when determined.

Swainsboro High School Cheerleaders triumph at Sweet Onion Cheer Classic

Vidalia, GA – October 12, 2024

The Swainsboro High School competition cheerleading team showcased remarkable resilience and teamwork at the Sweet Onion Cheer Classic held in Vidalia this past Saturday. After facing significant challenges due to the devastating impacts of Hurricane Helene, which forced the squad to miss 12 days of practice, the Tigers delivered their best performance to date. Demonstrating unwavering courage and

unity, the team came together and executed a routine that not only captivated the audience but also earned them the first place trophy in the Class A D-1 division. Their victory stands as a testament to their dedication and the spirit of "bleeding black and gold," embodying the values of courage, honor, and respect. Coach Luci McNeely praised the team's effort, stating, "This performance was not just

about the competition; it was about overcoming adversity together. I could not be prouder of their determination and heart." The Tigers' impressive win at the Sweet Onion Cheer Classic has set a positive tone for the rest of the season. Congratulations to the Swainsboro High School cheerleaders for their outstanding achievement and for embodying the true spirit of teamwork and resilience!

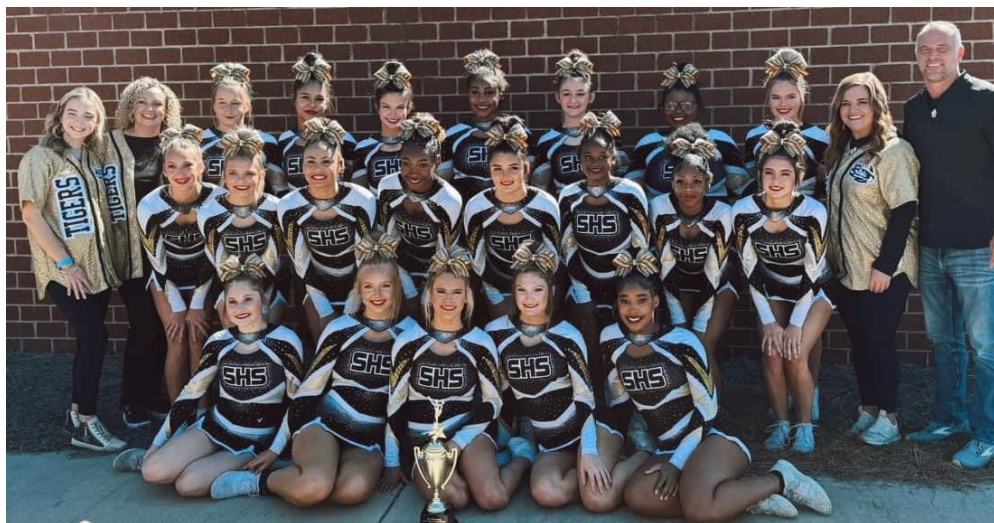


LADY TIGERS

Lady Tigers are playoff bound

by HUGH HENDRIX
 The Swainsboro Lady Tiger softball team will hit the road Friday, October 18, headed to Barnesville, GA to face the Lamar County Trojans in the GHSA Class A – Division 1 playoffs. Game times will be 12 noon and 2 p.m. GHSA will not be using the super regional format this year despite the fact that the format had become a fan favorite. This year the two opening rounds of the state softball playoffs will be a best two out of three series hosted by the higher seed. Swainsboro and Lamar County will play two games on Friday with the third game being played on Saturday, if needed. Game times for the series have yet to be determined. On October 8, Lamar County defeated region foes Jasper County (17-7) and Social Circle (21-6) in the region tournament to secure the Region 4 Championship. Lamar

County enters the playoffs with a 17-11 record and has outscored it's opponents by a score of 230-139. Swainsboro enters the playoffs with a 9-14 record and has been outscored by it's opponents by a score of 116-100. On most days, the Lady Tigers' lineup features just one senior and two juniors. The young team has shut out four opponents and has relied on it's pitching throughout the season. Led by staff ace, Chloe Boulineau, the Lady Tigers have posted a team ERA of just 3.13 and have accumulated 176 strikeouts in 134 innings. The lady Tigers are led offensively by junior left fielder Gracie Beneteau (.343 AVG, 18 R) and freshman catcher Sara Smith (.339 AVG, 12 RBI). Best of luck to the Lady Tigers as they hit the road to Barnesville, GA for the first round of the GHSA playoffs.



CHEER TEAM AND COACHES

Don't miss 'Lick or Treat'

by SHARI WATT

Franklin Memorial Library and Emanuel County Humane Society would like to invite everyone to join us on Saturday, October 26 at Tractor Supply for "Lick or Treat". You may ask, What is "Lick or Treat"? It is like a "Trunk or Treat" for kids, but this will be for dogs. We will have stations around inside and outside of Tractor Supply that will be giving your canine lots of loving and treats and toys. We will have a photo booth setup with Halloween costumes for dogs to have pictures made. The Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter will be there with dogs for adoption. So come out with the family and your dog for a time of fun.

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23rd annual Judgement House to be held

Judgement House is a walk-through drama that presents the truth of people's choices versus the consequences of those decisions both in this life and the next. Hawhammock Baptist Church has presented Judgement House for the past twenty-two years and is looking forward to our twenty-third year. A huge "thank you" is offered to our community both far and wide for their patronage and support. The pastor of Hawhammock, Cail Pressey says, "We are excited about this year's presentation. The script is strong, and the message is strong. We hope that the community will come share as the gospel of Jesus is presented in

drama." This year's performance is entitled "Heart's Desire." Gabby and her mom have moved to a new community for mom's work. Finding a new group of friends is difficult at any age and Gabby is easily lured by Tilly, who is the leader of the school's most popular group. Gabby does not realize until it is too late that Tilly has befriended her not to include her, but to use her. Tilly, like many teenagers and even adults has tried everything to reach the next high, both socially and through alcohol and drugs. Then, Fentanyl enters. Did Gabby or Tilly find their heart's desire?

Our communities have endured an event through Hurricane Helene that we will remember for a long time. Some of you are still without power and the essentials to which we are accustomed. Please make plans today to join us. There is power at Hawhammock Baptist Church and the air conditioner works great! The dates are October 20, 23, 26, and 27. There is no charge, but reservations are highly recommended. For reservations, please call (478) 455-4687 and leave a message; your call will be returned. For more information, call Hawhammock Baptist Church at (478) 237-3429.



EXCHANGE CLUB PRESIDENT GARY MASON, NANCY LISENBY AND EXCHANGE CLUB MEMBER BILLY COOLER

Lisenby speaks to Exchange

On Tuesday, October 8, 2024 Nancy Lisenby spoke to the Swainsboro Exchange Club on the Red Cross Blood Drive. Nancy has served as the local coordinator for Emanuel County for several years now. She also reported on the meals that the Red Cross has recently provided to local victims of Hurricane Helene.



PTO MEMBERS WITH PIZZA

SPS PTO surprises staff with pizza

Swainsboro Primary School PTO recently surprised the school staff with a delicious pizza lunch to celebrate their hard work and dedication. It was a heart-warming gesture that brought smiles to many faces! Thank you, SPS PTO!

Thank You!

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Swainsboro Kiwanis Club makes donations to EGSC and STC

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club recently made donations to Southeastern Technical College and East Georgia State College to spend as needed to support their programs in Swainsboro. A check was presented by 2023-2024 Kiwanis President Cheryl Goodman and Kiwanis Secretary Tim Goodman on September 18 to Blythe Wilcox, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, and Mitchell Fagler, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness to support programs at Southeastern Technical College in Swainsboro and Dr. David Schechter, President – East Georgia State College. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club encourages everyone to support these two colleges.

Headin' Home Fest...

(From front page) will kick off Wednesday, October 23rd, and run through Sunday morning, October 27. Bring the whole family out to enjoy some exciting bluegrass music in the gorgeous fall weather next week!

Headin' Home Fest is hosted by the family band Headin' Home from Bloomingdale, GA (the 2024 Georgia State Bluegrass Band Champions!). The 5-day event will feature a world-class lineup of top touring bluegrass bands from all over the country: The Kody Norris Show, The Little Roy & Lizzy Show, Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road, The Edgar Loudermilk Band, Backline, The King James Boys, Daryl Mosley, Deano Graham & The Grass Wagon Revival, Line Creek, The Brothers Five, and host band Headin' Home.

Other activities will include a variety of craft and music vendors, nightly raffles and prizes, a silent auction,

instrument giveaways, and campfire jamming. The Georgia Sports Arena offers the perfect facility with its gigantic, covered steel pavilion, onsite restaurant, and 216 RV hookups. There'll be some delicious food served at the restaurant right beside the stage for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. For RV'ers, the campground features spacious sites with water and electric hookups, and a clean bathhouse with showers. Day tickets and weekend tickets are available; come for a day or bring your camper over and stay the whole time to enjoy everything from the stage performances to the all-night campground jams!

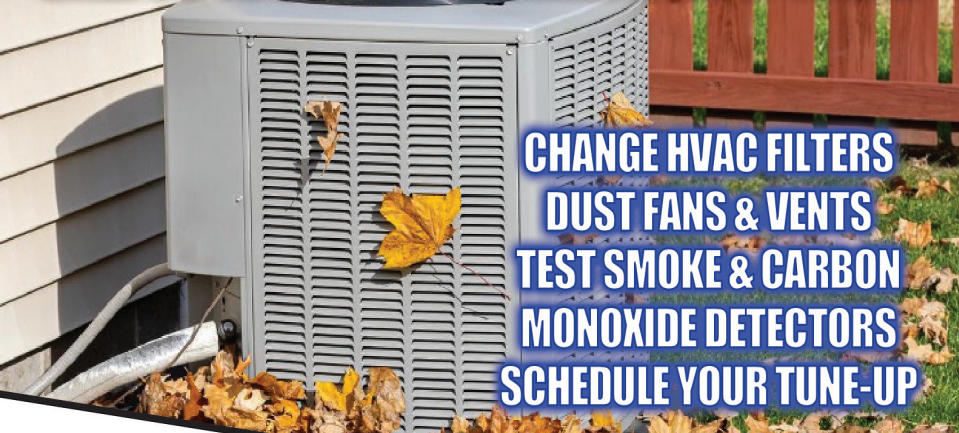
Wednesday night, October 23, will kick off the festivities with a free 5 p.m. potluck dinner and open stage featuring local talent. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the stage shows run from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. each day. Bring your lawn chair, bring your instrument if you want to join in the

jamming, bring your children and grandchildren, and come join the fun! Tickets can be purchased now in advance or at the gate. Children under 10 are free, and youth aged 10-15 are half price with a paying adult! To make your ticket and campsite reservations in advance, call or text Libby at 912-432-5885, or reserve online at headinhomefest.com.

Headin' Home Fest 2024 is proudly sponsored by The Forest-Blade, CLT Towing & Transport, Randy Wood Guitars, Smith Farm Supply, Central Fence Co., Hometown Family Dental, 88 Keys Piano, Lessons With Marcel, Banjo Ben Clark's General Store, DX Print & Mail, Calton Cases, D'Addario, Paige Capos, and GoldTone Music Group.

So join us next week for the 3rd Annual Headin' Home Fest at the Georgia Sports Arena! We can't wait to see you in just a few days for some good, down-home pickin' and grinnin'!

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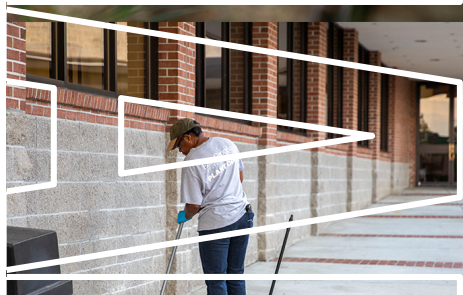
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EGSC was closed for a week following Hurricane Helene. During this time, a tree company worked to clear roads and ensure the campus was safe for everyone's return. The IT Department focused on restoring all technology on campus, preparing for the return of employees and students. Additionally, faculty and staff contributed to dorm clean-up and coordinated the unloading of generous donations to the campus.

On Monday, October 7, faculty and staff returned to resume operations, and classes resumed on the Swainsboro campus on Wednesday, October 9. While many students left before the hurricane, some who were unable to evacuate were transported to dorm facilities at Georgia Southern University, which had power and water.

The campus community extends its gratitude to everyone who supported the college, students, faculty, and staff during this time!

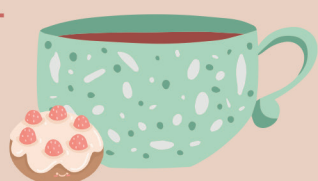
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Emanuel's Memories

A memory cafe' offering support to those living with dementia, those caring for someone with dementia, and those concerned about memory loss.

- **WHAT:** Socialization & Information
- **WHO:** Anyone living with, caring for someone with, or concerned about memory loss/dementia.
- **WHEN:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024 (first meeting) then every third Tuesday of each month
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Marcella Maria Doyle, 66

Marcella Maria Doyle, age 66, passed away Wednesday, September 25, 2024. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, October 5, at 11 a.m. at the Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Marcella was born March 6, 1958, in Swainsboro, to the late Annette Dickerson Doyle and Carlos "CL" Doyle. She was affectionately known as 'Auntie' to her nieces and nephews and 'Buck' to countless others. Marcella was employed by Crider, Rayonier, Creston, Kellers and Stitch-n-Print. Miss Doyle is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Allison Doyle; and brother, Carlis Doyle.

Miss Doyle is survived by her brothers, Christopher Shawn Doyle of Mililani, HI and Angelo Glenn Doyle of Atlanta; sister, Alesia



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Wright of Hinesville; aunts, Arvida Harris of Vine Grove, KY, Lou Ann, Sarah Ann and Callie Jean Mack of Stillmore; uncle, James Mack, Jr.; nieces, Shana Doyle and La'Tonia (Chonte) Wright; nephews, Achino West, Steven Doyle, Onaje K. Doyle and Frederick Wright; great-nephew, Zy'Khari Wright; and several other relatives and friends.

Reno Tapley Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Timothy Tapley, 65

Timothy "Tim" Alan Tapley, age 65, of Hendersonville, NC, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, after a brief accident and subsequent complications, at his home in Hendersonville, NC. A graveside memorial service was held Saturday, October 12, at the Elkins burial plot at 1 p.m. in Swainsboro City Cemetery. Friends were welcomed 30 minutes prior to the service.

Tim was born February 10, 1959, in Swainsboro, to LaRose Tapley and the late James Sollie Tapley.

He served in the US Army, training in communications, and served in Germany. Tim briefly worked in tower construction and later became a long-distance truck driver for Wilson Art in Hendersonville, NC. He loved being able to see the country for many years and shared many funny stories and escapades. A back injury and severe arthritis made it impossible to continue his work and after his early retirement, he enjoyed being on his patio in his rocking chair, watching the deer and whatever animals appeared in his back yard. Tim had a name for them all. He and his friend and neighbor, Jaime Banther, shared many cups of coffee and lots of good times together. Tim loved hearing from his family and friends on Facebook and always kept his sense of humor. He was proud of his home and yard and kept a garden as long as his health allowed. Tim and his wife canned and froze fruits and vegetables from his garden. His beautiful blue antique Harley Davidson motorcycle was his pride and joy. Tim loved riding in the mountains and taking road trips. He loved music and even



TAPLEY

tried his hand at guitar. A giant of a man, Tim was loved and respected for his quiet, sweet and humble nature and he always tried to keep up with old friends and acquaintances through Facebook and texts. He loved to remind people of the childhood story when sledding down a steep hill in Mendham, NJ. His friend wound up in the briar patch and Tim rushed over to help him up and making sure he was ok. The young man's mother thanked him and told him that he was a young man with "character!" Tim never forgot the story and indeed, he was always a man of character. Family, friends and home were the most important things in his life. Mr. Tapley is preceded in death by his father.

Mr. Tapley is survived by his mother; wife, Juany; two stepsons, Marcelo (Margarita) and Mauricio Retama, (Jennifer); grandchildren, Nelson, Catalina, Juan Pablo, Felipe Matias, Matia and Sebastian Retamal; brother, Jim Tapley (Cathy) of Winter Garden, FL; sister, Teresa Peden of Madison; uncles, Jeff Tapley (Vivian) and Charles Elkins (Belinda); and nieces, Shanna Jadooram (Michael) and Cheyenne Peden; nephews, Shane Tapley (David Pyle) and Dakota Peden; and a host of cousins and friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Robert Leon Thompson, 74

Mr. Robert Leon Thompson, 74, of Swainsboro, passed away, Thursday, October 10, 2024. Funeral service was Monday, October 14, held at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Jim Harrell officiating. The family received friends Sunday, October 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers were Leroy Lane, Dustin Miller, Cody Copeland, Clay Floyd, Britt Claxton, Mace Henry, Randy Thompson, Lynn Nasworthy, Glenn Nasworthy, Gene Bennett, Leon Thompson, Gene Kea, Cody Hutcheson, Clint Thompson, Bobby Mason, Russell Moore and Ken Smith.

Robert was born February 16, 1950, in Swainsboro, to the late James Leon Thompson and Willie T. Ware Thompson. He is a cherished husband, father, and grandfather known for his unwavering dedication to his family and community. Throughout his life, Robert has been a pillar of strength and support for his family. He raised three children with his wife, Sandra, instilling in them the importance of kindness, respect, and hard work. As a grandfather to six grandchildren, Robert 'Pa' was a source of joy and wisdom, often found sharing stories of his youth or teaching them practical skills, from pecan picking to driving the tractor. Robert's love for NASCAR kept him at several racetracks starting in 1989 where he spent time in his two buses that he worked so hard on remodeling. His devotion to his station, 'Robert's BP Station' - brought many stories to the dinner table. He loved cooking barbecue at every family function, but he loved eating it with his family even more! His prized possessions were his horses, and he loved each of them dearly as they reminded him of



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his childhood. He was known as one of a kind - A one of a kind husband, father, and grandfather, and a dependable farmer and trustworthy hauler. He broke the mold of how great one man could be. With a heart full of love and a lifetime of memories, Robert continues to inspire those around him with his dedication, compassion, and commitment to making the world a better place. Mr. Thompson is preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, James Bennie Thompson and Danny Thompson.

Mr. Thompson is survived by his wife, Sandra Thompson of Swainsboro; sons, Ben Thompson (Tammy Sutton) of Swainsboro and Bragg Thompson (Natasha Kilgore) of Hawkinsville; daughter, Tracy (Cliff) Mason of Swainsboro; brothers, Mike Thompson (Linda) of Metter, Bill Thompson (Ann) of Twin City and Elmer Thompson (Jan Snooks) of Swainsboro; sisters, Pam Smith (Dorsey), Susan Smith (Johnny), both of Metter, Lucille Braswell (Don) and Patrice Thompson, both of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Gannon Thompson, Caroline Mason, Kayanna Thompson, Kanyon Thompson, Ethan Mason and Pacey Thompson; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Flowers will be accepted, but the family strongly suggests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Salvation Army in memory of Mr. Robert Thompson at give.salvationarmyusa.org.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Teddy Woodrow McGee, 72

Mr. Teddy Woodrow McGee, 72, of Swainsboro, passed away Sunday, October 13, 2024. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, October 16, at 2 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church with Reverend Josh Black, assisted by Reverend Kenny Brown. Interment will follow at Holton Chapel Advent Church Cemetery. The family received friends Tuesday, October 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

The pallbearers will be Kenny Brown, Nicholas Brown, John McGee, Larry Hall, Jeffrey Brown, Jr. and J.T. Justice.

Teddy was born February 10, 1952, in Swainsboro, to the late Woodrow McGee and Ruby Wilkes McGee. Mr. McGee is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Robin McGee;



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brothers, Roy McGee and Johnny McGee; and sister, Dot Rich.

Mr. McGee is survived by his son, Darren McGee (Meagan) of Swainsboro; daughter, Jennifer Canady (Lenny) of Canoochee; brother, Kenneth McGee (Dorothy) of Swainsboro; sister, Mildred Hooks (Donald) of Canoochee; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

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Parrish speaks to Veterans

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the Franklin Memorial Library, Monday morning, October 14, 2024, at 9 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, they had 47 in attendance. Georgia State Representative Larry "Butch" Parrish fed the veterans with the help of Shari Watt who provided sausage biscuits, grits, fresh fruit, associated pastries, orange juice, grape juice, apple juice, cranberry juice and coffee. After the prayer by Veteran Emory Fennell, Chair Johnny then introduced Representative Larry "Butch" Parrish to tell a little about what the State of Georgia is doing. Butch talked about what the State is doing for the people and counties affected by the Hurricane Helene. Thanks, Butch, for all you do for us. The newest veteran to attend the Veterans at the Library Monday morning breakfast is Veteran Fred Mozee. Fred served in the Georgia Army National Guard, Company D, 878th



MOZEE

Combat Engineer Battalion Swainsboro, Georgia from from 1980 until 1992. He served at Fort Gordon, Fort Stewart, and deployed to the Country of Oman in the Spring of 1992. Fred's highest rank achieved was E-5. Also, Veteran Terry Reynolds is in charge of the upcoming 13th Annual Sportsman's Banquet and Auction that will be held Thursday night, November 21, 2024, (because of Hurricane Helene), at 5 p.m. at Beaver Creek Plantation, 3698 Hwy. 80 East, Twin City. Advance tickets are required and can be obtained by contacting Terry Reynolds at 478-494-3758, Richard Driggers at 912-290-1108, Nick Kraus at 912-687-6781 or Kurt Anderson at 678-614-0593. This event will include social time, prime rib meal, with silent and live auction items. All the proceeds go directly to the local Wounded Warriors group which is a Georgia Non-profit 501 C3 organization that gives opportunity to Wounded Veterans and their family to enjoy the great outdoors.



BURKE, HERRON AND BAZEMORE

Brier Creek Militia attends Siege of Savannah

On Wednesday, October 9, 2024, the Brier Creek Militia, consisting of President Steve Burke, Wiregrass Chapter, Vice President Lee Herron, Brier Creek Chapter and Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore, Brier Creek Chapter, traveled to Savannah, Georgia to participate in the Siege of Savannah Anniversary event which happened on September 16 through October 18, 1779. Today's attendees were around 200, not including 12 Georgia Society SAR Militia Members.



BRIER CREEK CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT HERRON AND WIREGRASS CHAPTER CHAPLAIN FENNEL

Thompsons donate portrait to Brier Creek Chapter

During the semi-annual Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. banquet held on September 6, 2024, at the Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro, Emory Fennell presented to Vice President Lee Herron and the Brier Creek Chapter, a portrait from Henry and

Deborah Thompson of Swainsboro. This portrait map was originally produced and researched by the late Clyde D. Hollingsworth in 1953 and mailed by him to various recipients in and about Screven County. The map included in the mailed Christmas card was a simplified version

of the map displayed on the Georgia State Historical marker, now located at the memorial located on the actual battlefield, describing the actions of the various forces engaged in the March 3, 1779, Battle of Brier Creek. A special thanks to Henry and Deborah for this donation.

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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

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Sample Media Release-Pricing Adult Care Centers

The Community Service Board of Middle Georgia 2121A Bellevue Road, Dublin, GA 31021 announces the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. The same meals will be available at a free or reduced price to children meeting the approved eligibility criteria listed below. In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or email: program.intake@usda.gov This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For information regarding this program, contact Lynda Hadden at 478-299-2619.

Emanuel Day Services/Monarch, 207 N. Anderson Drive, Swainsboro, GA 30401.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services, Child Nutrition Programs - Income Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced-price meals are used to determine each participants' eligibility for free and reduced-price meals in this program. Adult participants who benefit from SNAP or who are SSI or Medicaid participants are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits.

Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025)

| Household size | Free Meals | | | | | Reduced Price Meals | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|--------|---------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| | Annually | Monthly | Twice A Month | Every Two Weeks | Weekly | Annually | Monthly | Twice A Month | Every Two Weeks | Weekly |
| 1 | 19,578 | 1,632 | 816 | 753 | 377 | 27,861 | 2,322 | 1,161 | 1,072 | 536 |
| 2 | 26,572 | 2,215 | 1,108 | 1,022 | 511 | 37,814 | 3,152 | 1,576 | 1,455 | 728 |
| 3 | 33,566 | 2,798 | 1,399 | 1,291 | 646 | 47,767 | 3,981 | 1,991 | 1,838 | 919 |
| 4 | 40,560 | 3,380 | 1,690 | 1,560 | 780 | 57,720 | 4,810 | 2,405 | 2,220 | 1,110 |
| 5 | 47,554 | 3,963 | 1,982 | 1,829 | 915 | 67,673 | 5,640 | 2,820 | 2,603 | 1,302 |
| 6 | 54,548 | 4,546 | 2,273 | 2,098 | 1,049 | 77,626 | 6,469 | 3,235 | 2,986 | 1,493 |
| 7 | 61,542 | 5,129 | 2,565 | 2,367 | 1,184 | 87,579 | 7,299 | 3,650 | 3,369 | 1,685 |
| 8 | 68,536 | 5,712 | 2,856 | 2,636 | 1,318 | 97,532 | 8,128 | 4,064 | 3,752 | 1,876 |
| For each additional family member add | + 6,994 | + 583 | + 292 | + 269 | + 135 | + 9,953 | +830 | +415 | +383 | +192 |

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

State of Georgia — City of Adrian
General and Special Election — November 5, 2024

NAME STUB No. 001

(Name of Voter)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

State of Georgia — City of Adrian
General and Special Election — November 5, 2024

NUMBER STRIP No. 001

(TEAR OFF BEFORE DEPOSITING BALLOT IN BALLOT BOX)

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State of Georgia — City of Adrian
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"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." (21-2-383)

Place a cross (X) or check (✓) mark in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you choose to vote. If you spoil your ballot, do not erase, but ask for a new ballot. Use only pen or pencil.

FOR CITY COUNCIL, POST 1 (Vote for One)

- MICHELLE LEIRER-LOVE (INCUMBENT)
- GARY GREEN

FOR CITY COUNCIL, POST 4 (Vote for One)

- ORWECO HUTCHINSON (INCUMBENT)
- WILLIAM RICHARDSON

FOR CITY COUNCIL, POST 5 (Vote for One)

- SUZANNE POOLE HUTCHINSON (INCUMBENT)
- JOHN MORRISON

SPECIAL ELECTION

FOR CITY COUNCIL, POST 3 (Vote for One)

- SANDRA WHEELER-VAWTER
- PATRICIA BECK

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, manually write the name, accompanied by the title of the office involved in this column.

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE / PROVISIONAL / EMERGENCY BALLOT

Emanuel County, Georgia
General Election - November 5, 2024

For Clerk of Superior Court
 (Vote for One)

Kristin Cannady Hall
 (Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For Solicitor General
 (Vote for One)

Cindy C. Delgado
 (Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For Board of Education
District 5
 (Vote for One)

Elizabeth DeVane

K. E. McNeal

Write-in

For Board of Education
District 6
 (Vote for One)

Tiffany Tillman Foster

Jeanette Harden

Write-in

For County Commissioner
District 1
 (Vote for One)

Kawame Coleman
 (Democrat)

Write-in

For County Commissioner
District 3
 (Vote for One)

John "Johnny" Moore
 Republican

Write -in

Proposed Constitutional Amendments Statewide Referendum Question

- 1 -

Provides for a general law state-

- 2 -

Provides for a state-wide Georgia Tax Court.

House Resolution No. 598
 Ga. L. 2024, p. 1189

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide for the Georgia Tax Court to be vested with the judicial power of the state and to have venue, judges, and jurisdiction concurrent with superior courts?"

Yes

No

Statewide Referendum Questions

- A -

Raises amount of tangible personal property tax exemption from \$7,500.00 to \$20,000.00.

House Bill No. 808
 Act No. 581, Ga. L. 2024, p. 696

"Do you approve the Act that increases an exemption from property tax for all tangible personal property from \$7,500.00 to \$20,000.00?"

Yes

No



This is compilation of all ballot races. Local districted races will not be on everyone's ballot.

Advance voting will be held October 15, 2024 – November 1, 2024, Monday through Saturday.

Editorials Columns

Thoughts on the aftermath

I heard a retired minister from Alabama speaking this past Sunday in his former church on the devastating effects of Hurricane Helene. He had just made a quick trip back to Southeast Georgia where he used to live and preach, and like all of us, he was trying to take in the enormity of all the damage that has occurred, and how to figure out what to do next. The answer he gave at first surprised me, but he went on to make a very interesting and perfectly obvious observation. He suggested that the next step was "to grieve". We normally think of grieving as what follows

the loss of a person, or maybe a cherished pet, or some other living thing, but this minister said grieving was absolutely needed in this situation. He applied the five stages of grief as being helpful in understanding and dealing with the human reaction to this catastrophic loss of homes, buildings, businesses, roads, crops, normal routines, and the stress and strain of seeing our lives and those of so many others uprooted in the course of just a few brutal hours. Denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance are all part of the process. Working through these five emo-

tional stages does provide a path for dealing with the losses that have been suffered by so many. Alternatively, we could choose to simply rant and rave, or give up, or blame others for this crisis, but who could be held responsible, Mother Nature? We can blame the global warming and climate-change deniers and the polluting coal plants in China, but that gets us nowhere either. With a smile and a certainty in his voice, the minister said, "the one thing that we *can* do is to spread as much Christian love and patience as we can, and work to mend the broken lives and restore

the losses as much as possible".

Our natural reaction when we see something broken, has always been to charge ahead determined not to rest for one minute until we get it fixed. That is what we have always been taught, and there is nothing wrong with that. But this time, we need to accept the fact that repairing this damaged county is not a race. It is not a contest. It will be a continuing effort. There are many heroes involved in the effort, and the real heroes know this job must move ahead guided by a common purpose with steadiness

Charles Schwabe



and determination that is fueled by a spirit and a love for the place we live. It will take a little more time and understanding over a longer period to restore the city blocks and the farms and forests of the county. It might very well take more time and patience and more love and caring than we think we might be capable of. But we should remember, the only limits on what we can do and how far we can go, are the limits

we place on ourselves. With the continuing commitment and cooperation this county and its cities have displayed so far, this challenge will surely be overcome, and in time, there will be a brighter, bolder future for Emanuel County and all of her people. In the meantime, there are about 23,000 of us out here, and that means there are about 23,000 ways that we can all help out.

Fall sports

There is no question that the popular Fall sport is football. Living in Greenville, South Carolina, it is Clemson football. I did not want to lose friends by bragging, but I am smugly pleased to have seen an early season score of University of Georgia 34 and Clemson 3. Since my husband was a "Rambling Wreck", my heart is always with the Yellow Jackets. I have a

stockpile of GA Tech tee shirts and sweatshirts which I often wear. I am asked if I went to Tech. Oh No, Tech was not co-ed in my era. SHS football games were a highlight of our Fall. We sat on wooden bleachers on one side of football field behind the SHS building. The opponents sat on the opposite side. Not comfortable especially on a windy night. We munched boiled pea-

nuts, ate hotdogs with slaw as we sang, "When those SHS boys fall in line, we're going to win this game another time. For the Black and Gold, we'll yell and yell and yell". That is what we did as Coach Schwabe and cheerleaders led them onto the field. We stood for the kickoff and knew we would soon see the great Frank Wimberly throw his bullet pass into the steady hands of Elwyn

Coleman, Billy Boyd race into the end zone or Dock Claxton tackle an opponent before a yard was gained. Yes, we had a great night, except when the fearful Statesboro was the opponent. They had a band long before a band played for our tigers. This seemed to give them an advantage. As the team left the field, it was a tradition for girlfriends to run out and

Shirley Proctor Twiss



give a hug. After changing from uniform, all went to a reception in the gym. Records played music for dancing and refreshments aplenty. Lots of fun except for the players who were too tired to dance, and

watched girls dance together. Win or lose, we were always proud of our Tigers and the Black and Gold. Memories are made of those games. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com.

Maybe bedbugs aren't so crazy after all

You have to be very careful in this business when tossing out opinions. You can get yourself in trouble if you say the wrong thing. This is a litigious world in which we live.

For example, if I say that I think Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene is as crazy as a bedbug, I just might find myself facing a libel suit. From bedbugs. Admittedly, bedbugs don't

have the best reputation in the world, but there are certain things even they won't tolerate. Being compared to Marjorie Taylor Greene is most likely very high on their list. They

are, after all, proud members of the species, cimex lectularius. That is in the Eukaryote domain which MTG probably thinks is some country in Eastern Europe full of cross-dressing commies. But then, who knows what this woman thinks? Even bedbugs are scratching their little clypei at that one. Her latest brain dump concerns the news that "they" can and did control the weather and the hurricanes that have ravaged Georgia and much of the Southeast. Not sure who "they" is but if she is inferring it is the federal government, they can't control the price of eggs. How can they control the weather? Her colleagues in Congress didn't take kindly to her remarks. Rep. Carlos Giménez of Florida, a strong Trump supporter, wrote in response on X, "Humans cannot create or control hurricanes. Anyone who thinks they can need to have their head examined." (An aside to any bedbugs reading this: We refer to it as a head. You call it a clypeus.) Another Republican, Rep. Chuck Edwards of North Carolina, hard hit by Hurricane Helene said it was an "outrageous rumor" and "was NOT geoenvironment by the government. Nobody can control the weather." Does this kind of hoey stop Greene from belting out her looney tunes? Fat chance of that. Earlier this year, she claimed an eclipse — a phenomenon that is predicted years in advance and has been occurring over many millennia — was a sign from God that

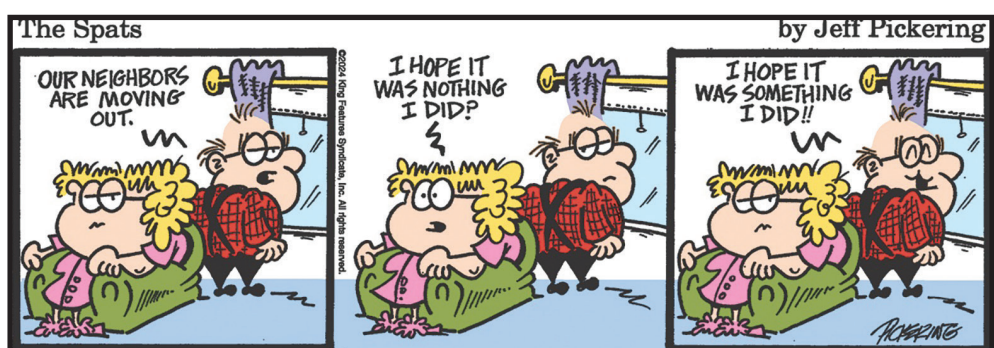
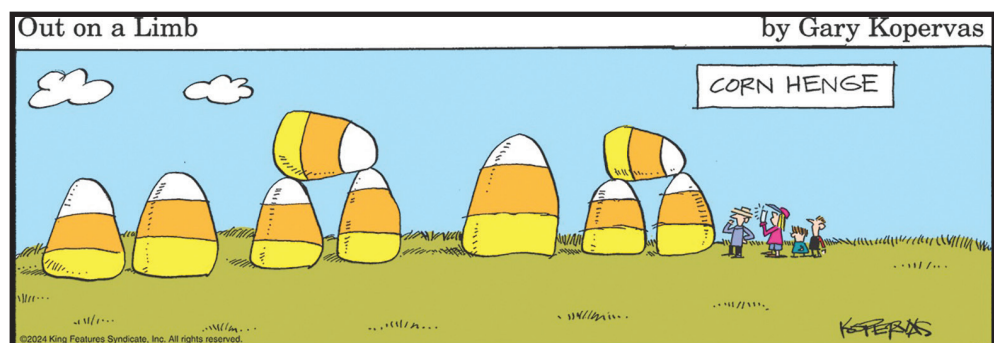
Dick Yarbrough



people should repent. "God is sending America strong signs to tell us to repent. Earthquakes and eclipses and many more things to come. I pray that our country listens." God says America isn't even in the Top Ten of countries experiencing earthquakes. Not even close. Indonesia has the highest frequency of earthquakes, over 1,600 every year. This nation is located on the Pacific Ring of Fire where 90% of earthquakes of the world originate. As for eclipses, I suspect God would tell her she needs to pray for forgiveness for politicizing a weather event that killed more than 230 people, caused an estimated \$30 billion in damage and left millions without power. He said that was worse than any eclipse He ever created and that she is the one who should be listening and repenting. He said that NASA has a website listing eclipses that are scheduled until the year 3000, when Greene will be 1,026 years old and not in a position to use His name in vain anymore. You can bet God will handle that matter personally. ("Keep your seat, St. Peter. This one is mine.") I doubt anything God says would get her attention, anyway. Marjorie Taylor Greene only listens to Donald Trump and Trump is busy at the moment trying to convince us that

tomcats are eating all the immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, (or is it the other way around?) Besides, NASA's website is fake. NASA is fake. The year 3000 is fake. So, evidently, are the space lasers that Greene suggested caused the wildfires in California that killed over 100 people and scorched 2 million acres in 2018. She said the blazes were not natural. They had been started by the local utility, Pacific Gas & Electric, in conjunction with the Rothschild family, using a Jewish space laser (I assume all the Gentile space lasers were booked that day) in order to clear room for a high-speed rail project. Couldn't the Rothschilds have just used a match? I think she has backed off that claim, but I know I am not going to ask her about it. In March, a British reporter innocently posed the question about Jewish space lasers to MTG, and she promptly told the guy, "Why don't you f--- off? How about that?" To all the bedbugs out there, here is the good news. It turns out you aren't so crazy after all. After reading this, you must be laughing your clypei off at us. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

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Blessed to live in our community!



by Ashley Tankersley
 • Firstly, I can't begin to explain how much I've seen God work in our small town in the last week and a half. Truly grateful and thankful for a loving God. Also, enough cannot be said about how well our community has pulled together to help one another. Whether it be volunteering their time, money, tractors, chainsaws, time to cook and serve, whatever it may be, we are truly blessed to live in Emanuel County.
 • FBC helping the Red Cross hand out meals



by Geanna Thigpen
 • I would like to say Thank you to all the people that took food..ice..food boxes to my mama Mary Ruth Johnson...She is a senior citizen age 84 and so many people helped looking out for her...May God Bless Emanuel County and all of the caring and loving people that live there...All the volunteers were so kind hearted and Greg Bennett your help was amazing...So many heroes worked and are still working to put Swainsboro, Georgia and surrounding counties back together...Thank you all...



by Savannah and Morgan Elliott
 • Thankful for Adrian fire department helping in devastating times & all they have done for citizens of Adrian!
 • Also thankful for Mt. Green Baptist Church for bringing supplies and food for the need of the citizens in Adrian
 • Blessed
 • Neighbors helping neighbors in Adrian
 • Also Waymakers community for supplies & food boxes, etc .for our time in need in Adrian also Red Cross & National Guard



by Rachel Aston
 • Thanks to the fire departments who responded to Harvester Baptist Church despite horrendous conditions. Building couldn't be saved but God has His purposes



by Lillian Gregory
 • Country folks will survive
 • God's blessings, Thankful my brother got out without being hurt, Ralph was sleeping in his bedroom when a large tree came crashing through the roof, and pushed his bed to the middle of the room, he got up and went to the door, the bedroom was destroyed



by Kay Flanders Wilson
 • We are so busy with our own "stuff" we don't stop to talk to our neighbors anymore! But to get out of the neighborhood, it took neighbors meeting neighbors to cut our way out! It's a major blessing watching people help people.



by Faith Williams Martinez
 • Not a scratch on either of the two grandchildren sitting less than two feet from this.



by Domonique Burnett
 • Swainsboro Native, Julia Monquette Moses who now lives in Macon Ga. donated items to the community along with Penny Shinholster. A few days later they brought the Biker Crew "G-Ryderz" of Macon Ga whom donated several items.

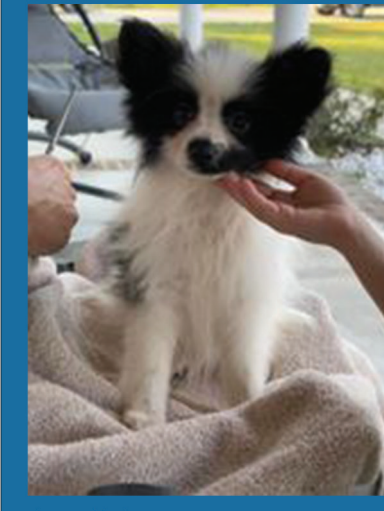


by Katelin Hancock
 • Lazarus Project volunteers
 • Pastor John Hancock unloading water donated by Coweta County Sheriff's Department

by Tiffany L Coleman
 • Mr. Andrews cleaning up debris October 1



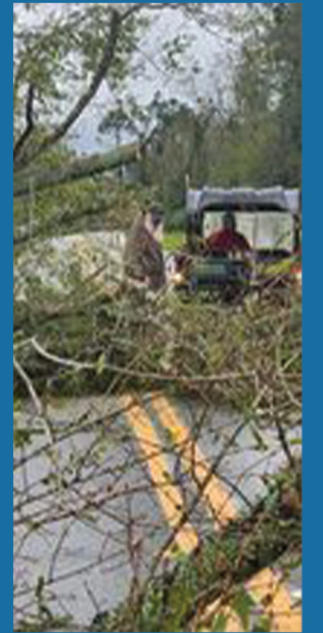
by Sara Beth Farrow
 • At the Adrian Community Center



by Alisha McCartney
 • After helping a friend get much needed water for his animals, my husband was given this little sweetie. Her name is Georgia.



by Rhonda Webb
 • Volunteering
 • Salvation Army & SHS serving meals

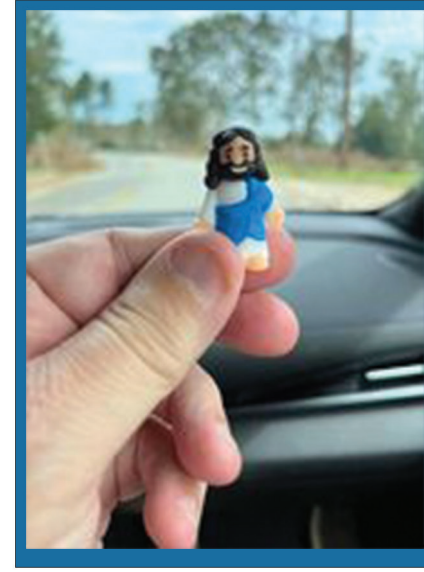


by Darby Gates
 • Brad Gates and Mr. Jack Rich (former ECS teacher) working to clear Hwy 56 S in Covena Friday, Sept 27th at 7:30 AM



by Ann Gillis
 • This was on Hwy 56 from Midville to Swainsboro. We've got a lot to get fixed/repared. But I thank God because it could've been a lot worse.

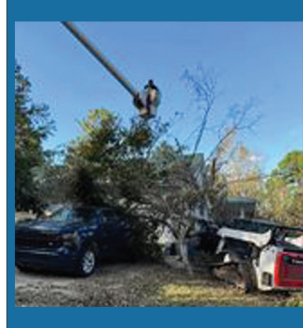
by Brandi Hudson
 • In a time like this, we question Why Lord? I have seen our community, family and friends pull together and help each other thru this hard time. It truly has been amazing. #swainsborostrong



by Mark and Keta Hardin
 • Poplar Springs Church Women's Club passed out sack lunches in Adrian and everybody got a little Jesus too!!!



by Sam Greenway
 • That afternoon after the storm hit



by Lynn Merchant Johnson
 • Thank you to One Moore Tree Service, LLC for coming to our rescue!



by Sherri Flanders Clifton
 • Snacks for the lineman
 • Towels headed to CPR Fitness and Tanning for the lineman
 • Some of the volunteers at the Lazarus Project



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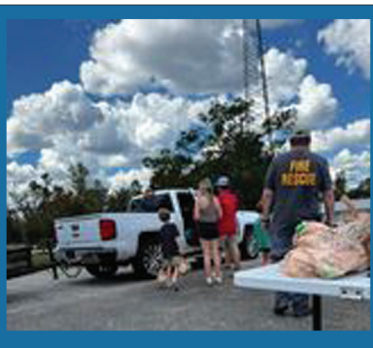
by Angela Oglesby
 • Thankful for my son, nephew, and a few friends for cutting down the tree off of my mother's home! Also for my kids being able to enjoy the outside without electronics in their faces.

by Susan Delaine Hopkins
 • Thankful for the MREs that was left on my doorsteps..also the already prepared meals that I received and below is a video of some of the linemen I saw at the fairgrounds one morning..God Bless Them! And our police department for coming by and asking if I needed water..

by Leslie Wilson
 • A HUGE thank you to ALL of our county officials, our community, neighbors, ALL the linemen from near and far. Thank you for all your sacrifices, your dedication, your time, effort and energy. We truly appreciate all your hard work. Stay strong. Stay safe. Stay blessed. #EmanuelStrong #HurricaneHelene2024

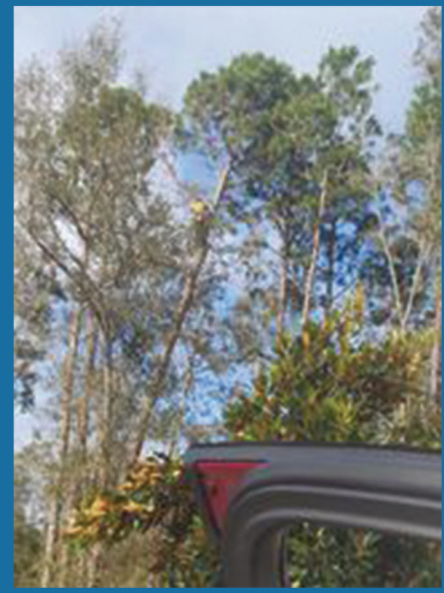


by Ronda Opolka
 • Thankful to all the linemen and everyone that helped people in this time of need



by Ashley Slayton
 • Passing out tarps and supplies in Twin City

by Sheila Williams
 • They always say God sends an Angel your way in a time of need thanks to Diane Price for coming to help me and I had nothing she made sure i got what i needed..Thanks to all the folks for all that there still doing to help each other ...Big thanks to all the Line Men..

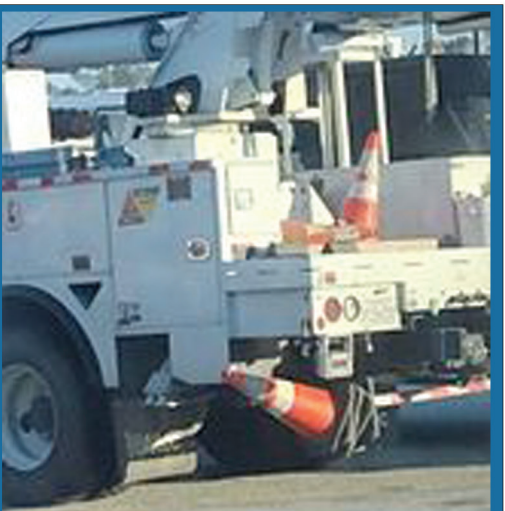


by Anjonette Blankenship
 • Zoom in and see this very brave man cut the pine down in my yard so it wouldn't take out power lines and my fence. He almost could touch the sky this tree was so big.

by Jackie Romaska Wimberly
 • It has been a blessing to see neighbors come together and help one another.



by Tammy Miller
 Jesus Saves Church distributing goods brought from a sweet family and their church and community all the way from Lewisburg, TN. One of Gods many blessings from this



by Gail Young Heggs
 • Thanking the linemen so very much for restoring power!!

by Herschel F Mckinzie
 • I was able to get tarps today from the boneyard, National Guard, thank you very much, gotta cover before rain



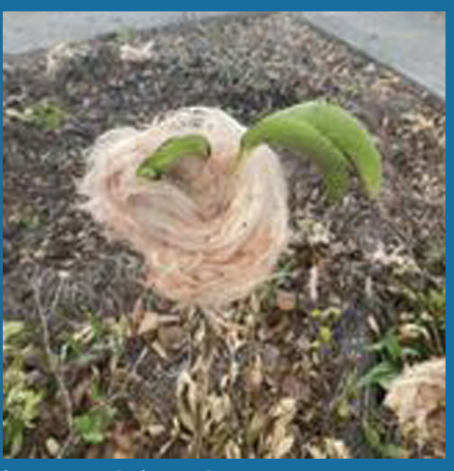
by Ali E Bettencourtt
 • The relief from seeing these trucks working. Can't thank them enough for how quickly they have been working!



by Amy Sconyers
 • Church volunteer group!



by Patti Oglesby Stevenson
 • The crew is from our home church here in Warner Robins at Second Baptist Church and our church plant in Perry, Exchange Church. They partnered with Hawhammock Baptist Church, which was our home church when we lived in Swainsboro 15 years ago. They loved on families that loved on us. It is beautiful when God orchestrates something that only He can put together!



by June Odom Gray
 • When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade. When life sends you "Helene" a rosebud appears! (Spotted this "rosebud " at the Swainsboro post office) stem with leaves and pink insulation wrapped around by the wind!!



by James Clark
 • mama kitty said she was glad that's over . we were lucky the tree fell on the other end from where we were.
 • big thanks to my buddy Raymond. we finally got all 3 vehicles out today.



by Cheryl Canady
 • Those winds were whipping outside, so we got in our safe place with our helmets of course!
 • Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Garfield!

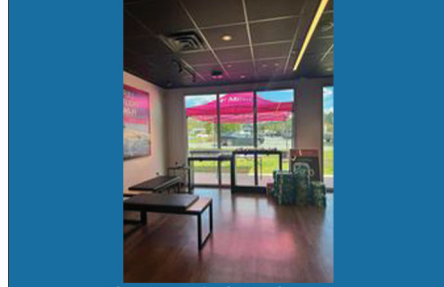
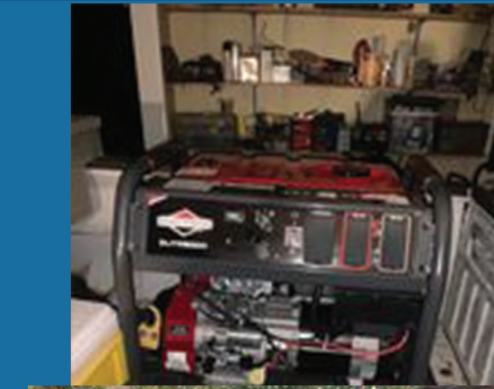


by Megan Wilson Simmons
 • A few weeks ago on 9/11, I talked with my 7th grade classes about the events of that day and I shared with my students how in the weeks and months that followed America was so united. They truly didn't understand what unity like that would look like because they have never experienced it. I pray we never have to experience a hurricane like this again, however God does create beauty from the ashes. I am so thankful that my students and all the young people have gotten to experience this type of unity firsthand. The way God intended it, truly loving your neighbors as yourself.
 • The Simmons' working hard to save what's left of the 2024 pecan crop.

by Belinda Ellison
 • I would like to thank all linemen, emergency personnel and the churches in Twin City and Swainsboro for there dedication to help the communities with food, personal hygiene and warm showers. I would especially like to point out the First Baptist Church in Twin City for providing showers and to all those that helped feed the community and families in need. God is awesome. Bless us all that are affected by the Hurricane Helene. I also want to thank the Army National Guard for there support during this time of needed supplies. They have been at the First Baptist Church parking lot giving cases of water. Ice and MRE's to the community in Twin City and to anyone that came to get supplies. Thank you very much Army National Guard.

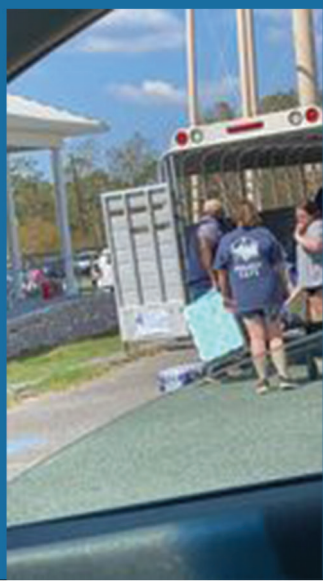


by Danny Canady
 • Our lifeline!
 • Garfield GA
 • Ogeechee over the banks at the Bull Hole!



by Taniah Johnson
 • Swainsboro TMobile Provided FREE WIFI, Air Conditioning, Charging Stations, waters, and goody bags to the community!

Blessed to live in our community!



by Laportia Foster
• My husband Quantavius Foster Sr. Unloading the trucks at the 4H center today I'm so blessed to have him. He loves the community so much



by Tiffani Antoinette
• God is With Us



by Gene Hundley
• Members of the Jackson County High School Band came through Swainsboro on their way to a marching band competition and dropped off approximately 4 pallets of water and 3 pallets of dog and cat food that was distributed at the boneyard.



by Terri Johnson
• So sad to see many of the old barns that have weathered the storms for hundreds of years be destroyed.

by Sharon Crawford Marrero
• We would like to give a shout out to our Friends, Jeremy Gamiza, Amber Argoe Gamiza, Brandi Hudson, William Burke and to son of Amber and Jeremy for giving of their time, effort and love to help use get into our driveway and get many trees off fences and even another neighbor who had to drive under a large leaning tree. Good Friends are better than any Gold or Silver. They prove love, and care for the community and have Hearts of Gold. #Swainsborostrong....

And to think we moved here to get away from hurricanes in Florida.... Lol. Swainsboro, Beautiful people everywhere..



by Cindy Cruz
• Thankful for Red Cross, Salvation Army, the linemen and everyone who has helped in one way or another. Thank you!!



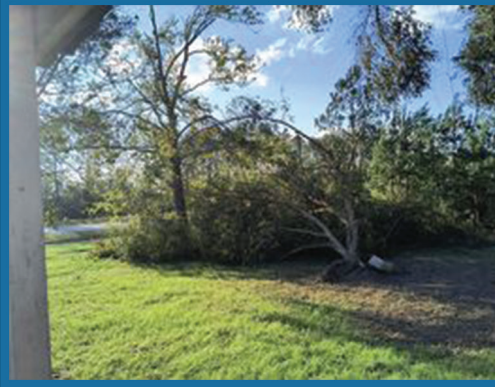
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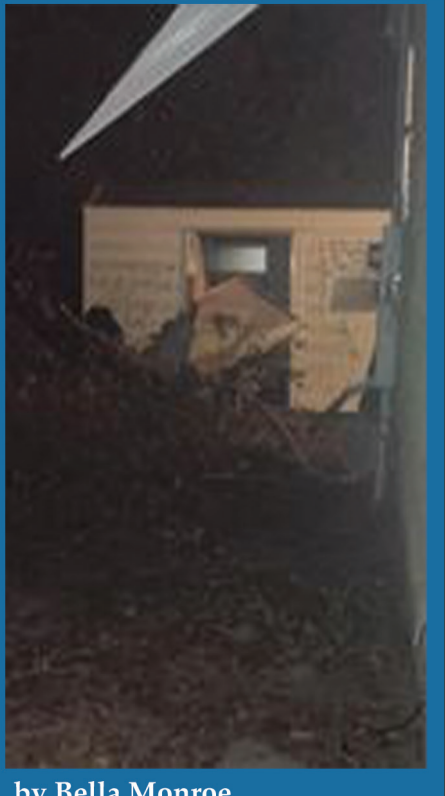
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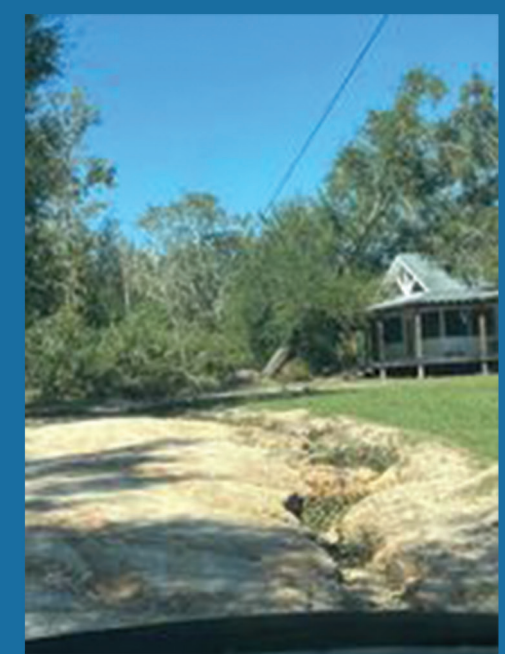
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Football returned Friday - ECI 38, Portal 3

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

After two weeks of inaction, at least on the football field, the Bulldogs and fans were ready for some much-needed distraction from the impact of Hurricane Helene. The Bulldogs rewarded their fans as they packed the stadium in Portal, watching their team defeat the Panthers 38-3.

"We were glad to be playing football again Friday night in Portal," commented head coach Chris Kearson. "With everything that has happened within the last two weeks, football was a good thing. We didn't play perfect, but we played good enough to get the win. Our kids played hard but having that many days off

definitely took a toll on our team. They never wavered and did all that was asked of them to get to practice and get prepared, so all things considered, it was a good night."

The Bulldogs' offense moved the ball well on the Panthers, scoring a touchdown in every quarter. The stingy defense, ranked 10th in the state in points allowed in Class A Division II, held Portal to just a 26-yard field goal in the first quarter. After forcing a punt try after forcing a three and out on the Panthers opening drive, the Bulldog special teams got the offense the ball deep in Portal territory. It didn't take long for the rout to begin. Ab Marsh scored on

the first play to put the Bulldogs up 6-0. After the first quarter Portal field goal, the Bulldogs put their second score on the board. Chase Johnson found a gaping hole off tackle to put the Bulldogs up 14-3. The Bulldogs defense stopped the next Portal drive when Ab Marsh intercepted the Panther pass to put the offense back in business. Marsh added to the Bulldog lead on a perfectly run reverse from 26 yards out to make the score 20-3. Tyler Foreman scored the first touchdown of the third quarter after a 75-yard time consuming drive. Oisín Matthews booted a 38-yard field goal on the second possession and Tuff Boddiford ended the Bulldog scoring

on a four-yard touchdown run in the fourth for a 38-3 win. The Bulldogs rushed for 296 yards with another 69 yards through the air for 365 yards of offense. Tyler Foreman led the pack of nine Bulldogs rushers with 100 yards. Ab Marsh with two touch-

downs had 76 yards and Chase Johnson was close behind with 58 yards. Jackson Kennedy was three for six for 69 yards with Daon Bethea leading the receivers with two catches for 62 yards.

The Bulldogs are off this Friday during

fall break. They will return to action on Tuesday, October 22, for a make-up game against Savannah High School and again three days later on Friday, October 25, against Claxton. Both games are at home in Rountree Stadium.



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Lady Eagles fall to Trinity Christian despite strong effort

From Addalyn Terwilliger

by *GameChanger Media*

Addalyn Terwilliger collected three hits in four at bats, but David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles

lost to Trinity Christian Varsity Crusaders 12-7 on Tuesday, October 8. Terwilliger singled in the fourth inning, singled in the third inning, and singled in the sixth inning. The Lady Eagles lost despite out-hitting Trinity Christian Varsity Crusaders 14 to 12. Terwilliger led DEA with three hits. Trinity Christian Varsity Crusaders opened the scoring in the first after Ellie Quick singled, scoring two runs.

A walk by Madison Lowery extended the Trinity Christian Varsity Crusaders lead to 3-0 in the bottom of the second inning. The Lady Eagles made the score 4-3 in the top of the third after Payton Peebles singled, scoring one run, Kaley Flowers doubled, scoring two runs, and Terwilliger singled, scoring one run. Trinity Christian flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the fourth, scoring five runs on five hits to take the lead, 8-7. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Lily Kidd following a 6-pitch at-bat that drove in two. Allie Baggett earned the win for Trinity Christian Varsity Crusaders. Aubrey Scott took the loss for David Emanuel Academy. The hurler went six innings, giving up 12 runs (four earned) on 12 hits, striking out three and walking six. The Lady Eagles piled up 14 hits in the game. Kyli Bell, Emily McRae, and Flowers each collected multiple hits for David Emanuel Academy. Trinity Christian Varsity Crusaders piled up 12 hits in the game.

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TIGERS READY TO RUMBLE

Tigers triumph: Swainsboro secures first region victory in thrilling return

by ROOSEVELT YOUNG

After a few weeks off due to the impact of Hurricane Helene, the Swainsboro Tigers were back in action this past Friday night with a modified schedule. Originally, the Tigers were set to play Toombs County in their first region matchup, but due to the storm, that game was moved to the end of the season. Instead, the Tigers faced Savannah Country Day.

It was a cool, crisp night perfect football weather and it felt great to return to some sense of normalcy. Our Tigers, eager for their first region win of the season, came out of the locker room focused, determined, and ready to win. A silver lining of the break caused by the storm was that many of our injured players were able to get some much-needed rest and rehabilitation, allowing them to return to the field in better shape.

The Tigers opened the game with the defense setting the tone early. They pressured Savannah Country Day's quarterback at every opportunity. Sophomore linebacker Jobias Smith made his presence known with a quarterback hurry that forced an incomplete pass and

led to a Savannah Country Day punt. Swainsboro's offense took control, marching down the field with a solid running game led by senior quarterback Bryson Tarver, who made explosive plays in the opening drive. He wasn't the only threat, though—senior running back Quinn Brown scored the Tigers' first touchdown on a jet sweep to the right, going in virtually untouched. This gave the Tigers an early 7-0 lead.

The Tigers dominated possession throughout the first quarter and into the second. They drove down to the 1-yard line and attempted to score on fourth down, but Savannah Country Day's defense held strong, forcing a turnover on downs. Seizing the momentum, Savannah Country Day marched 98 yards down the field for their first touchdown of the night, tying the game at 7-7. However, the Tigers quickly responded with another touchdown to take a 14-7 lead into halftime.

Opening the third quarter with possession, the Tigers aimed to extend their lead but threw an interception, which Savannah Country Day returned to tie the game at 14-14 early in the third.

The Tigers kept the game exciting, though, with another strong offensive drive. Bryson Tarver punched in another touchdown, putting the Tigers back on top. However, a missed extra point kept the score at 20-14.

The third quarter was the most thrilling of the game. Savannah Country Day's offense was marching down the field, but the Tigers' defense held tough. With Savannah Country Day threatening inside the 5-yard line, sophomore linebacker Christian Tarver intercepted a pass at the 2-yard line and returned it 98 yards for his first career touchdown. The Tigers added a two-point conversion, pushing the lead to 28-14.

Savannah Country Day scored one more touchdown, but they couldn't close the gap. The Tigers emerged victorious, 28-21, earning their first region win of the season. The Tigers now look to keep their winning streak alive as they face Vidalia in another regional matchup this Friday at 7:30 p.m. Make sure to come out and support our student-athletes and coaches. Go Tigers!

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In making his confession before being stoned to death and being buried in a criminal's grave Achan said, "I saw...I coveted...I took...and I hid."

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Lady Eagles roll past First Preparatory Christian Academy

by *GameChanger Media*

David Emanuel Academy Varsity Lady Eagles easily dispatched First Preparatory Christian Academy Varsity Highlanders on Thursday, October 10, 18-3. First Preparatory Christian got on the board in the top of the first inning. In the bottom of the first inning, the Lady Eagles 2024 went back into the lead after First Preparatory Christian Academy committed an error, Payton Peebles tripled, Kaley Flowers grounded out, Addalyn Terwilliger doubled, and First Preparatory Christian Academy Varsity Highlanders committed an error, each scoring one run. DEA scored nine runs on five hits in the bottom of the second inning. Aubrey Scott singled, scoring two runs, an error scored one run, Flowers singled, scoring one run, Kate Yeomans grounded out, scoring three runs, Scott singled, scoring one run, and an error scored one run. The Lady Eagles added

to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after First Preparatory Christian committed two errors, Sophie Young was struck by a pitch, and Flowers singled, each scoring one run. Bailey McNure earned the win for David Emanuel Academy. The starting pitcher surrendered zero hits and three runs (two earned) over two innings, striking out two and walking two. Scott tossed one inning of scoreless ball for the Lady Eagles in relief. The hurler allowed zero hits, striking out one and walking none. The Lady Eagles 2024 piled up 10 hits in the game. McNure, Scott, Emily McRae, and Flowers each collected two hits for DEA. Scott and Flowers each drove in three; McNure, Terwilliger, Kyli Bell, and Flowers each stole multiple bases; and the Lady Eagles stole 10 bases in the game.

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Swainsboro Lady Tigers gear up for exciting flag football season

A look ahead

by ROOSEVELT YOUNG

Since the 2020-2021 school year, when the Georgia High School Association sanctioned girls' flag football as an official sport, it has quickly become a staple at Swainsboro High School. In those early years, I had the privilege of serving as an assistant coach for the team, working alongside Head Coach Alexandria Walden. This past weekend, I had the pleasure of sitting down with Coach Walden to discuss her thoughts on the upcoming season and what the team looks forward

to as they embark on this year's journey.

Coach Walden reflected on how flag football has evolved at Swainsboro. "It's been a fun sport to learn and coach over the past few years. It's definitely been a learning experience for everyone involved," she said. When asked about her expectations for the season, she emphasized the team's youth and the ongoing process of rebuilding. "We're a young team and still learning this new game, but I'm excited to see the growth. Adding eighth graders to the JV level this year is going to be huge for

exposing them to the game early."

She's eager to work with the new talent on the roster and see how the team can compete in their newly competitive region. "I want to continue growing as a coach and help my athletes understand the opportunities this sport presents. Many don't realize there are scholarships out there, and they could potentially turn this into a college career if we focus on fundamentals and improving across the board," she added.

This year's roster is a solid mix of juniors and freshmen, with some

strong senior leadership. The varsity and junior varsity teams are shaping up with a roster of players ready to compete:

- Seniors: Tonia Ricks, Emma Blanford
- Juniors: Hayden Burke, Kylie Brown, Jalaya Freeman, Brittany Waters, Jordi Armstrong
- Freshmen: Sara Smith, Kali Brown, Bre McClendon, Treasure Phillips, Kandis Smith, Alayah Foots
- 8th Graders: Adalia Cloud, Destiny Harris, Paris Spann, Isis Trice, McKinley Walden

This Thursday, the Lady Tigers will kick

off their season in a tournament against Jefferson County at 7 PM on their home turf at Tiger Field. Be sure to come out and show your support!

Looking ahead, here's the full schedule for the Swainsboro Lady Tigers' flag football season:

- Thu 10/10 | 7:00 PM @ Jefferson County High School (Louisville) – Away (Non-Region)
- Thu 10/17 | 5:00 PM vs. Jenkins (Savannah) – Home (Non-Region)
- Thu 10/17 | 7:00 PM vs. Lakeside (Evans) – Home (Non-Region)

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• Thu 10/31 | 5:00 PM vs. Claxton – Home (Region)

• Tue 11/5 | 5:00 PM vs. Southeast Bulloch High School (Brooklet) – Home (Region)

• Thu 11/7 | 5:00 PM @ Jenkins (Savannah) – Away (Non-Region)

• Tue 11/19 | 5:00 PM vs. Washington County High School (Sandersville) – Home (Region)

We'll continue to provide ongoing coverage of the Swainsboro Lady Tigers flag football team throughout the season, so stay tuned for more updates and insights into their journey!

SHS Softball returns to action

by HUGH HENDRIX

Hurricane Helene turned out to be one of the biggest and most destructive storms on record for the southeastern part of the United States. Death, destruction, power outages, locating gas, and feeding our neighbors were all we knew for a week or more after the storm, but the folks in this area are resilient and life slowly began to return to normal. As we began to recover and got the kids back to school, the healing process was in full swing and in this part of the country, nothing seems to help the healing process like sports!

With the softball season coming to an end and all regular season games having to be finished by Saturday, October 12, Coach Alicia Hendrix and the other coaches of Region 3 had to make significant changes to their schedules. Swainsboro was forced to cancel their remaining non-region games to squeeze in their remaining region games. In order to make things work, Swainsboro would have to play four

games in three days – all on the road.

So, after a two week layoff due to the hurricane, the Lady Tigers finally returned to action last Tuesday night (October 8) in Savannah against region foe St. Vincent's Academy. Coming off the long break, it was understandable that it may take the players a little while to get back into the groove of things. Well, it didn't take the pitchers long to get going. From the outset of the game, the two starting pitchers were firing on all cylinders and sitting down the opposing batters right and left. After the seven innings of regulation play, the score was tied 1-1 and the pitchers had combined for a total of 27 strikeouts in the game.

After a scoreless eighth inning, the Swainsboro bats finally came to life in the top of the ninth inning as the Lady Tigers scored seven runs in the inning on their way to an 8-3 extra-innings victory. A bases loaded triple by short stop Berklie Bishop was the big blow that finally broke the game open for Swainsboro.

Chloe Boulineau went the distance in the circle for the Lady Tigers as she pitched all nine innings and allowed just three runs on three hits and two walks while striking out 17 Lady Saints. Leading hitters on the night for Swainsboro were Berklie Bishop (2-4, 3 RBI), Gracie Beneteau (2-5), Kyleight Hostillo (2-5), and Chloe Boulineau (2-5)). Sara Smith, Izzy Baird, Carley Jersey, and Ariel Tapley also chipped in with a hit.

On Wednesday, Swainsboro travelled to Vidalia for a double header. Once again, the Lady Tigers struggled to mount much offense. Four different pitchers stepped into the pitcher's circle on the day for the Lady Tigers but the Indian offense was just too much for Swainsboro to contain. Swainsboro

was defeated in both games of the double-header.

On Thursday, Swainsboro headed back to Savannah for a match-up against Savannah Christian. Izzy Baird doubled with the bases loaded in the top of the third inning to put Swainsboro up by a score of 4-2. Going to the bottom of the fifth inning, the score was tied 4-4 but a couple of costly Swainsboro errors allowed the game to quickly get away from them and the Lady Tigers eventually found themselves on the losing end of the 12-4 game. Kayla Crabb led the Lady Tigers with two hits on the night.

The Lady Tigers will be back in action Friday, October 18 for the opening round of the GHSA playoffs.



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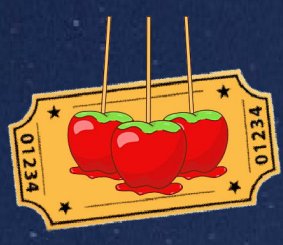
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This 16th day of August, 2024.

RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
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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. 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

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF PEGGY C. LANDAVERDE, DECEASED.

All creditors of the estate of Peggy C. Landaverde, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Santana Mincey, Administratrix of the Peggy C. Landaverde Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.

This 24th day of September, 2024.

RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
Attorney for Santana Mincey
Administratrix of the Peggy C. Landaverde 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 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 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.

Fay Servicing, LLC P.O. Box 814609 Dallas, TX 75381-4609 1-800-495-7166

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 thereunder 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 nonjudicial 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.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF BILLY DAWSON, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 24E0122

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: WILLIE J. DAWSON JR. has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of BILLY DAWSON 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 11, 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: Jeanie Hooks
Clerk of the Probate Court

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Betty Jo Roundhead, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 10th day of October, 2024.

Jessica Nicole Hillis and Juliann Marie Rainwater, Co- Executrices of the Estate of Betty Jo Roundhead, decedent

Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.

P.O. Box 68

Swainsboro, GA 30401

SUMMARIES OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to requirements of the Georgia Constitution, Attorney General Christopher Carr, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, and Legislative Counsel Betsy Howerton hereby provide the summaries of the proposed constitutional amendments that will appear on the November 5, 2024, general election ballot for consideration by the people of Georgia (short captions are those adopted by the Constitutional Amendments Publication Board):

-1 - Provides for a general law state-wide homestead exemption that may differentiate among political subdivisions

House Resolution No. 1022

Ga. L. 2024, p. 1191

(") YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for a state-wide homestead exemption that serves to limit increases in the assessed value of homesteads, but which any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system may opt out of upon the completion of certain procedures?"

(") NO

Summary

This proposal amends Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II of the Georgia Constitution to add a new subparagraph (a.1) to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for a state-wide uniform homestead exemption. The law may limit this exemption to different political subdivisions that do not already have existing homestead exemptions, and may provide for political subdivisions to opt out, or for future political subdivisions to opt in.

A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.

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Provides for a state-wide Georgia Tax Court.

House Resolution No. 598

Ga. L. 2024, p. 1189

(") YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide for the Georgia Tax Court to be vested with the judicial power of the state and to have venue, judges, and jurisdiction concurrent with superior courts?"

(") NO

Summary

This proposal creates a state-wide Georgia Tax Court with state-wide jurisdiction for use under certain circumstances. It contains provisions relating to venue, jurisdiction, and powers of such court. It provides for appointment of Georgia Tax Court judges with qualifications to be provided by law, and for filling of vacancies.

A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED STATE-WIDE REFERENDUM QUESTION

Pursuant to Code Section 21-2-4 of the O.C.G.A., the Secretary of State is authorized to include with the summaries of proposed constitutional amendments summaries of any state-wide referendum questions to be voted on at the same general election:

- A -

Raises amount of tangible personal property tax exemption from \$7,500.00 to \$20,000.00.

House Bill No. 808

Act No. 581

Ga. L. 2024, p. 696

(") YES Do you approve the Act that increases an exemption from property tax for all tangible personal property from \$7,500.00 to \$20,000.00?"

(") NO

SUMMARY

This proposal raises the amount of tangible personal property tax exemption from \$7,500.00 to \$20,000.00. It amends Code Section 48-5-42.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated in subsection (b).

If approved by a majority of the voters, the Act becomes effective on January 1, 2025, and applies to all tax years beginning on or after that date.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of Shelia Diane Johnson Archie, decedent late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, 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 to me.

This the 11th day of October, 2024.

Alexandria Tunisha Miley, Administrator of the estate of Shelia Diane Johnson Archie, decedent.

877 Old Blundale Road Midville, Ga. 30441

Address of Administrator
(478)206-8093

Sheriff's Reports

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

October 5
Complainant went to ECSO to report a theft

by taking and damage to property. Offender was arrested for having a probation warrant.

October 7
Complainant stated

she struck a tree in the roadway causing disabling damage to her vehicle.

Deputy responded to Adrina in reference to

a burglary. C/p advised she discovered her home had been broken into. A safe, 9mm pistol and shotgun were taken.

October 9

Deputy was dispatched to St. Galilee Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute.

Deputy met with victim at ECSO in reference

to a theft. Victim stated his chainsaw valued at \$375 was taken from his storage building. Victim advised the possible suspects to be neighbors.

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

October 4
Officer responded to EMC ER in reference to a combative patient. Medical staff advised offender became irate and started throwing supplies, cursing and refusing to change into required hospital gown or turn over her personal belongings. Officer attempted to communicate with offender, but she became increasingly agitated and began using profanity at officer and others present. Despite being ordered to calm down, offender's behavior did not improve. She then stood up and began undressing, stating she would change into the hospital gown, so officer stepped out of the room. Shortly after, offender was heard beating on the walls and cursing again. Officer, along with ER nurses, reentered the room and observed offender standing without pants on in an aggressive stance. Offender was placed under arrest and restrained to be clothed. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Lewis St. in reference to a report of a dispute where one participant had a gun in his waistband. Complainant/victim stated offender went to his residence and was arguing with him. Officer asked c/p about the gun, and he stated offender had a gun in his waistband but never touched it or made threats with the gun. C/p advised offender left in described vehicle.

Officers were dispatched to E. Pine St. in reference to a domestic altercation in which 911 advised the caller stated her father and mother were locked in the bedroom and he hit her again behind a locked door. 911 then advised units that the father carries a gun and was possibly on his side. 911 also advised there was yelling and screaming and carrying on that could be heard. Upon arrival, a female Officer went inside due to an active violent domestic with a possible gun and notified SPD units he needed backup. As officer walked inside, c/p told two juveniles to go outside. As officer approached the bedroom door, the door opened, and a female/victim came out with a walking stick in her hand. Offender came to the door and officer could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Offender then pushed officer away

from him. Officer then grabbed his arm, and he started fighting with officer as he was attempting to keep his hands controlled and in sight. Backup arrived and offender would not comply to commands and was still fighting with officer. Offender was assisted to the ground and detained, then transported to EmCo Jail. Victim stated offender punched her in the face and knocked a tooth out. She also had blood on her nose from a cut. Victim stated the argument started over him taking his ring off earlier and she put it where he could not find it. She stated they were arguing about it and he hit her in the face and then pushed her down in the bathroom, causing her to hit her head. She then stated he pushed her against the bed and broke the foot board. Victim stated she did not want offender to return and was advised of the TPO process. Victim denied EMS treatment and stated she would go the hospital if she needed to later.

October 5
Officer responded to a call about a man stumbling around in the road on S. Main St. Offender was observed sitting on the sidewalk in front BK. Officer approached offender and asked him what was going on and he stated he was trying to get a ride and asked

why they were bothering him. Officer told him they were there because they received a call about him stumbling around in the road and he was believed to be intoxicated. Officer observed offender was disheveled and had bloodshot and glassy with slow, mumbled speech, as well as an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Offender then reached behind his back and was advised to not reach behind his back like that, then did it again. Offender was detained and tried pulling away and was being combative. Offender stated he needed medical attention, so deputy called for EMS. Offender was cleared and he was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer responded to King Circle Dr. in reference to complainant stating her ex stole her battery and keys to her vehicle. Offender stated he left the keys in the vehicle's center console and c/p may have overlooked them. C/p stated she checked, and offender was lying.

Officers were dispatched to Deluxe Inn in reference to a male acting irate and talking out of his head. Officer arrived at the entrance and several subjects were pointing at a male subject. Officer attempted to speak to the male subject, and he started to

walk away and was ordered not to leave, which he ignored. Officer then walked to the victim and asked what happened and she stated offender has been talking about who he is going to kill and punching windows all day. Witness stated he observed offender pushing victim. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail. While enroute, offender started slamming his head on the plexiglass to the cage.

Officer was dispatched to E. Pine St. in reference to a domestic. Complainant stated her and her ex-boyfriend visited a bar and had a couple of drinks and she left to go to her ex's house and he had another female in the vehicle. The two had a verbal altercation and offender grabbed offender face, scratching her lip. C/p returned home and was sitting in her car when offender arrived and started shouting at her while beating on the window, then walked to the front of the vehicle and began kicking the passenger side headlight.

October 6
Officers were dispatched to W. Moring St. in reference to complainant stating her grandson's house door and windows had been opened. C/p advised nothing seemed to be stolen but expressed concern that someone may have been sleeping in his grandson's

bed.

Officer was approached by complainant at WalMart who advised they had a shoplifter. Offender skip-scanned \$215.18 worth of merchandise.

October 7
Officer was dispatched to Mason Dr. in reference to caller stating he heard someone in his back yard. C/p advised he saw what appeared to be a flashlight and yelled out that he had a firearm and heard offender run out of his yard.

Officer responded to W. Moring St. in reference to items being stolen. Complainant stated he was gone due to his power being out and when he returned, he had two Nintendo switches, docking station, house keys and car keys stolen.

Officers were dispatched to the library in reference to a woman threatening a worker. C/p stated offender use to work at the library.

October 8
Officer was dispatched to WalMart in reference to a shoplifter. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

October 9
Officer was dispatched to W. Church St. in reference to a dispute between siblings. Complainant stated her brother used her address to file for FEMA and when confronted, they began to have a verbal altercation.

Jail Report

The following persons have been booked into Emanuel County Jail, according to Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer, on warrants obtained by one of several local law enforcement agencies, designated by each name: Drug Task Force (DTF); Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); Georgia Department of Pardons

and Parole (GAPP); Georgia State Patrol (GSP); Emanuel County Sheriff's Office (ECSO); Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS);

Probation Office (PROB); or East Georgia State College (EGSC).

Dylan Lee Barrett, 25, arrested 10/13/24; Public intoxication; SPD

Dominique Perez Butler, 32, arrested 10/8/24; Court production order; ECSO

Cary Gibson Crocker, 54, arrested 10/11/24; Failure to maintain lane/DUI - alcohol; GSP

Michael Devon Cuyler, 40, arrested 10/12/24; Disorderly house; SPD

Sean Maceo Cuyler, 36, arrested 10/8/25; Obstruction of law enforcement officers/ Disorderly conduct; ECSO

Marshall Lee Duke, 28, arrested 10/8/24; DUI - alcohol/ Speeding; GSP

Laportia Mishon Johnson, 39, arrested 10/12/24; Court pro-

duction order; ECSO Starsky Toron Johnson, 28, arrested 10/12/24; DUI - alcohol/Headlight requirements; SPD

Juan Rafael Juan, 57, arrested 10/13/24; Public intoxication/ Failure to comply; SPD

Veronica Ann Kelly, 55, arrested 10/11/24; Battery; SPD

Calvin Lockett, 53, arrested 10/9/24; Disorderly conduct; SPD

Joshua Derick Martin, 37, arrested 10/9/24; Financial transaction card fraud (x13); SPD

Hidalgo Angel Miguel, 27, arrested 10/13/24; Headlight requirements/Driving while unlicensed; ECSO

Dijonnai Boatwright Miller, 19, arrested 10/14/24; Disorderly conduct/Bench warrant - Magistrate Court; SPD

Manuel Hernandez Quirivin, 42, arrested 10/8/24; Driving while unlicensed/DUI - alcohol/Speeding/ Holding/supporting wireless telecommunications device/Seatbelt violation - adult/Open container; GSP

Tanyatta Monique Sanders, 25, arrested 10/12/24; Disorderly house; SPD

Terrence Lamar Scott, 41, arrested 10/7/24; Hold for Reidsville PD/Hold for Glenville PD/Criminal damage to property - 2nd degree/Obstructing or hindering persons making emergency calls/Battery/Cruelty to children - 3rd degree; SPD

Rickie Antonio Washington, 24, arrested 10/11/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/Speeding; ECSO

Charles Allan Weaver,

42, arrested 10/10/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSO

Phyllis Moody Wells, 68, arrested 10/10/24; Bench warrant city; SPD

Patrick Louvel Wesby, 57, arrested 10/8/24; Theft by shoplifting; SPD

Ronald Earl Williams, 50, arrested 10/11/24; Interference with officer/Failure to comply/ Public intoxication/ Disorderly conduct/ Probation violation; SPD

Amanda Rae Wilson, 42, arrested 10/14/24; Obstruction of law enforcement officers/ Disorderly conduct/ Probation violation - felony; OPPD

Timothy Joseph Woods, 38, arrested 10/10/24; Possession and use of drug related objects/Possess of marijuana less than oz; ECSO

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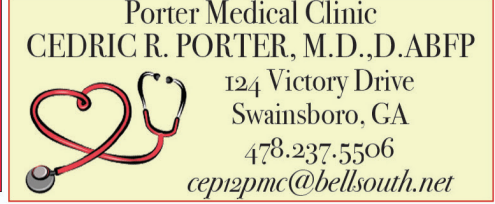
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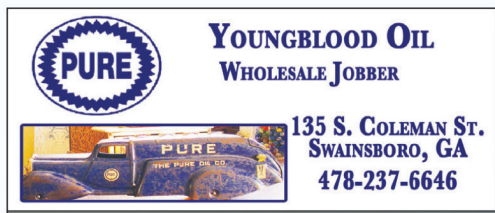
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ple, businesses, organizations and the government with a U.S. Flag Certificate is a project of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Wiregrass Chapter began presenting these certificates in June 2014, and this project is an ongoing project of the Wiregrass Chapter, the GASSAR, and the NSSAR and will be honoring others with this certificate. President Steve then asked Compatriot Dess to introduce our program for the evening. Dess introduced Compatriot Hu Daughtry of the Mill Creek Chapter, Statesboro. Hu lives with his wife Susan in

Metter, and he is a retired Pharmacist. His presentation was on "The Ballard of Tom Dula/Dooley". The next meeting will be November 14, 2024, at McKinney Pond Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.



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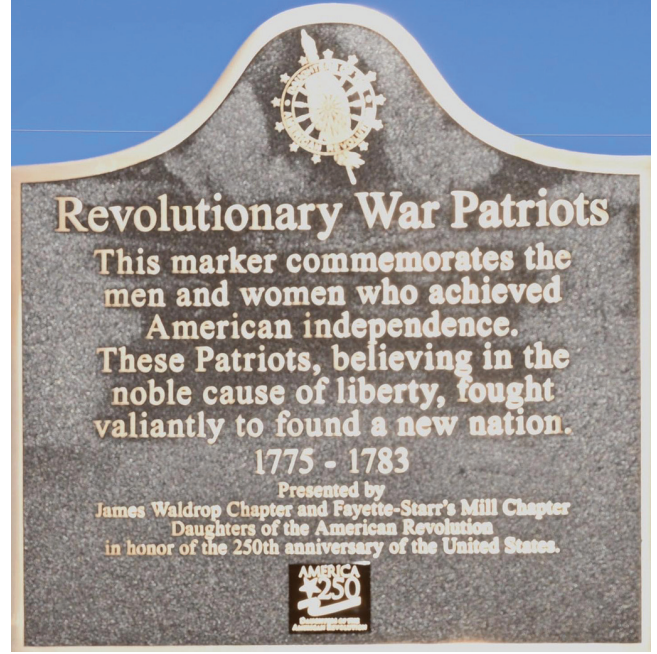


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Brier Creek Artillery attends 250th Patriot Marker

On Saturday, September 21, President Steve Burke of the Wiregrass Chapter, Swainsboro and Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore of the Brier Creek Chapter, Screven County traveled to Tyrone, GA to participate in the 250th Patriot Marker Dedication. Both of these Compatriots are members of the Brier Creek Artillery. Steve is the commander of the Skunk Brigade and Don is the bugler that played taps on his bugle after the 3-round volley. The Marker dedication was

by the James Waldrop Starr's Mill Chapter, Chapter, Fayetteville Peachtree City both and the Fayette-DAR Chapters.



250TH PATRIOT MARKER



BRIER CREEK ARTILLERY FIRING 3-ROUND VOLLEY AT THE DEDICATION

Burke and Martin speak to McLeod/Moring Camp

Compatriot Steve Burke and Compatriot Bernard Martin traveled to the McLeod/Moring Camp monthly meeting to present their program on "Artillery Through the Ages". Both Burke and Martin are members of the SCV and enjoy presenting their programs to different organizations. In attendance were 22 SCV members and guests. Steve is a member of the Wiregrass Chapter, Swainsboro and Bernard is a member of the Brier Creek Chapter, Screven



BURKE AND MARTIN

County, both Chapters Sons of the American of the Georgia Society Revolution.

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The King James Boys FRI
Daryl Mosley THURS
Deano, Graham & The Grass Wagon Revival FRI
Line Creek FRI & SAT
The Brothers Five THURS

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2024 SCHEDULE (Subject to change)
WED, OCT 23, 2024: 5:00 - Potluck Dinner, 6:00 - Open Stage
THURS, OCT 24, 2024: 1:00 - Open Stage, 2:00 - The Brothers Five, 3:00 - Daryl Mosley, 4:00 - Backline, 5:00 - Dinner Break, 6:00 - Headin' Home, 7:00 - Daryl Mosley, 8:00 - Backline, 9:00 - The Brothers Five
FRI, OCT 25, 2024: 1:00 - Line Creek, 2:00 - The King James Boys, 3:00 - Deano, Graham & The Grass Wagon Revival, 4:00 - The Little Roy & Lizzy Show, 5:00 - Dinner Break, 6:00 - The King James Boys, 7:00 - Headin' Home, 8:00 - Deano, Graham & The Grass Wagon Revival, 9:00 - The Little Roy & Lizzy Show
SAT, OCT 26, 2024: 1:00 - Line Creek, 2:00 - The Edgar Loudermilk Band, 3:00 - Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road, 4:00 - The Kody Norris Show, 5:00 - Dinner Break, 6:00 - The Edgar Loudermilk Band, 7:00 - Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road, 8:00 - Headin' Home, 9:00 - The Kody Norris Show
SUN, OCT 27, 2024: 9:30 AM - Jam With Headin' Home

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COMPATRIOT CARMICHAEL

Burke and Carmichael present Travelin' Trunk

Two members of the Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Statesboro to present their "Travelin' Trunk" program to 175 Students of six different classes at William James Middle School on Friday, September 13. Travelin' Trunk programs are presented by Sons of the American Revolution members all over the world to educate school children on how it was to live during the 1700's/1800's and fight for our independence. The Travelin' Trunk presentation was requested and sponsored by Beth Lamb, eighth grade Georgia History teacher. Beth is the daughter of Bill and Linda Carmichael of Swainsboro.