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Swainsboro City Council member sentenced

Quantavius Foster, an elected official of the Swainsboro City Council, has been sentenced to serve fifteen months incarceration in federal prison for conspiracy to distribute controlled substance. Foster appeared in United States District Court in Atlanta on October 15, 2024, where Senior Judge Amy Totenberg imposed the sentence in the criminal case. Foster



FOSTER was also ordered to be on supervised release

for a term of one year with the possibility of a shorter term based on full compliance with supervised release requirements. In court documents, Foster was released on bond following sentencing and must begin his term of imprisonment no later than January 6, 2025. Mr. Foster began a four-year term on the Swainsboro City Council in January 2024.



THANK YOU BANNER DISPLAYED IN FRONT OF THE COURTHOUSE

4th Annual Cotton Blossom Festival set for November 2

The first Saturday in November to most is just another weekend. One more weekend drawing closer to Thanksgiving. In Twin City, however, the first Saturday of November means it is time for the Cotton Blossom Festival. We are thrilled to be hosting the 4th year of this fun small town gathering here in the heart of Twin City. Live music will fill the air while the smell of tasty treats will tease your senses. Vintage tractors, arts and crafts vendors, and classic cars are sure to keep you entertained for a fun filled day.



COTTON BLOSSOM FESTIVAL LOGO

there's something for everyone. There's no better chance to support local businesses! Of course, what festival is complete without food and music. This year's festival will be loaded with food trucks full of mouthwatering BBQ, savory Philly cheese steak sandwiches, and some of the best desserts around. While the food trucks fill guests' stomachs, our musical acts will fill their ears with top-tier tunes. The ECI Band, Steven Clark, Mark Lillquist, and others will step on to the stage, each captivating the audience and filling the air with their heartfelt performances. The Cotton Blossom Festival is also proud to present this year's headliner, Clayton Hackle. Clayton brings with him a country sound and an energetic performance wherever he goes.

We haven't forgotten

about the kids. Returning this year is the Georgia Southern University Wildlife Center! Kids and adults will be able to have a unique hands-on experience with some very awesome critters. From there our younger visitors should head over to see our local library attendees. The Franklin Memorial Library will be present with books on hand. Be sure to check them out.

Mayor Matt Donaldson, along with the festival committee, wants to invite everyone to save the date, November 2nd from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and join us for a day of shopping, gourmet treats, local craftsmanship, fast cars, and live performances. The 4th Annual Cotton Blossom Festival will be a day of family fun for all our community. We hope to see you there!

Commissioners review storm damage and recovery

The October meeting of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners took place Monday, October 21, at the Emanuel County Courthouse. Chairman Hugh Foskey called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and welcomed all. Following an invocation by County Attorney Richard McNeely and the pledge of allegiance, Commissioners reviewed minutes of the previous October 2 emergency meeting, the September 16 regular meeting, and the September 9 workshop meeting. Motion was brought and unanimously agreed to for acceptance of the minutes as presented. Next under public comments, Sheriff Jeff Brewer deliv-

ered a candid appraisal of the county government's performance across all departments in response to the challenges of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Brewer had high praise not only for the official response of the county but also commended the vast number of individuals, private and non-governmental volunteer efforts that played a major role in responding to urgent human need and emergencies. The Sheriff recognized the efforts of Chairman Foskey and the Board of Commissioners for all the aid and support they provided and especially to County Administrator Guy Singletary and County Clerk Halei Lamb who

were conducting emergency operations in the early morning hours of September 27, even before the destructive effects of the hurricane had departed the county. He also commented on the tireless efforts of the team in the Emergency Operations Center and the unsung heroes with tractors, chain saws, and generators that demonstrated how to fill in where the need was greatest. The Sheriff added, "On that Friday morning, all of these people working together got Emanuel County back to the point where we could pick up and get going again. That takes character, and our people and the volunteers (Continued on page 5A

BOE holds monthly meeting

The Emanuel County Board of Education met on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office with the following members in attendance: Brandon Jones, Cherie Hooks, Del Brown, John Allen Bailey and Tanya Lane. Board Chair Del Brown welcomed everyone calling the meeting to order. Brandon Jones delivered the invocation followed by Cherie Hooks leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Brandon Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. John Allen Bailey seconded the motion. Del Brown, Tanya Lane, Cherie Hooks, Brandon Jones, and John Allen Bailey voted "yes". CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Warnock welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time. Dr. Warnock stated that her

thoughts and prayers are with everyone impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton, especially those in North Carolina. She noted how appreciative she is for the school and district leaders during this time. Dr. Warnock also stated that we were able to open our schools back up last week to give our staff and students love, support, and some normalcy.

1. Emanuel County

Institute Presentation-Brooke Frye

a. Handout provided along with presentation

2. 2025 Proposed BOE Meeting Dates and Locations-Dr. Denise Warnock

3. Graduation Rate Update - Dr. Denise Warnock

DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA

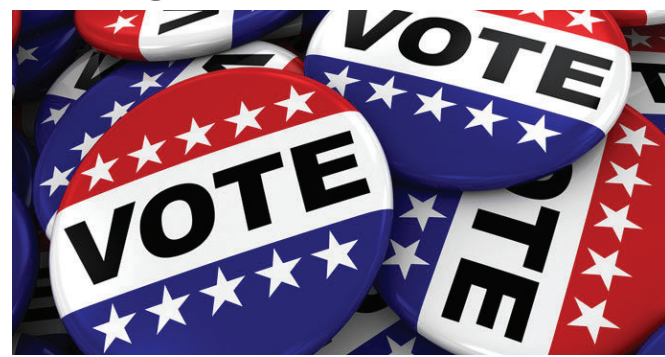
The Consent Agenda was presented and approved as follows:

1. Emanuel County

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Don't forget to vote!

Early voting has begun for this year's election. Registered voters can cast their ballot now at the Emanuel County Registrar's Office, located at 101 N. Main Street, Swainsboro. Early voting will end on November 1.



VOTER'S PIN

For your convenience on Election Day, November 5, polling places are spread throughout the county to ensure accessibility

for all voters. You must vote at your designated precinct on Election Day. Polling places open at

7 a.m. and as long as you're in line by 7 p.m. you'll have the chance to cast your ballot.

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ALEXA WITH MR. MEAD

Way to go Emanuel County!

Alexa Jukes and Wanda Thompson Scarboro took top honors at the 35th Georgia National Fairground and Agricenter in Perry the week of October 3-13. Alex, the 14-year-old daughter of Chris and Brandi Jukes, was the Grand Champion in the Junior Invitation Hereford Breed. This is her 3rd year participating in this event. Her 900-pound cow 'Red' was purchased from Mead Cattle Enterprises in Midville. The Mead Family has been breeding Herefords for over 40 years. Alex is also the Georgia Hereford Princess. She is a student at David Emanuel Academy. Wanda won the Award of Excellence in Monochrome Photography with her entry entitled 'My Baby Doll'. She was competing with 560 other entries. All entries were on display at the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building for the week. The 2024 Perry Fair had the second highest attendance in its history with 545,382 attendees.

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MAIN VIEW FROM STAGE



LOBBY

Pace picks up on Karrh Theater project

Amid the destructive reminders and heartbreak of Hurricane Helene, there is a bright spot downtown and the promise of better days ahead. The Karrh Theater continues to provide amazing progress taking shape as a state-of-the-art entertainment venue and anchor for the next chapter in the growth of downtown Swainsboro. Following our last update, the speed of the project has picked up thanks to a state grant and the work of our own Representative Butch Parrish and the continued support of the City Council and Mayor. These recent shots show interiors of the theater along with lobby and ancillary breakout areas.



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Darrel Hidlebaugh, Sr., 79

Mr. Darrel Eugene "Doug" Hidlebaugh, Sr., 79, of Swainsboro, passed away Saturday, October 19, 2024, at Emanuel Medical Center in Swainsboro.

Darrel was born July 10, 1945, in Muscatine, Iowa, to the late John Hidlebaugh and Thelma Howard Hidlebaugh. Mr. Hidlebaugh is preceded in death by his parents; son, Jason Bradford; and great-granddaughter, Kayce Lynn Henry.

Mr. Hidlebaugh is survived by his wife of 56 years, Karen A. Hidlebaugh of Swainsboro; son, Darrel Hidlebaugh, Jr. (Bonnie Chavis) of Swainsboro; daughter, Julie Hidlebaugh (Joseph Hightower) of Swainsboro; brother, John Hidlebaugh, Jr. (Dixie) of Marion, IA; seven grandchildren; six



HIDLEBAUGH, SR.

great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Graveside service will be held Friday, October 25, at 1 p.m. at Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glenville with Mr. Bill Kennedy officiating. Family will receive friends Thursday, October 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Welda Hodges Stewart, 80

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory announces the death of Mrs. Welda Hodges Stewart, age 80, of Twin City, on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at East Georgia Regional Medical Center. Memorial services were held Sunday, October 13, at 3 p.m. in the Calvary Methodist Church with Rev. Tom Tidwell and Rev. Tom Akins officiating.

Mrs. Welda was born December 2, 1943, in Savannah, to the late Rufus Lester and Keturah Waters Hodges. She was a 1962 graduate of Savannah High School. Welda retired in 2012 from a 40-year career as a dental hygienist. A blank canvas and paint brush, ready for a masterpiece, was her favorite pastime. She was talented in cross-stitch, sewing, organizing, painting beautiful seascapes, decorating her home and cooking. Welda loved music of all kinds, and always seemed to have soft music playing in the background of her home. She loved her sisters and brother, immensely. Sometimes a little too hard, but she was confident and sure of that love for them. Always wanting to help others, especially her family, any way she could was her top priority. Welda was the best mom in the world. Affectionate, loving, giving, and made sure you did what was right. Her greatest joy in life was her grandchildren. She would walk to the end of the earth for them and then some, and they knew it. Her happiest days were spent with them.

The icing on the cake was her great-grandson, William. His arrival in 2021 was a saving grace for her during the pandemic. She was completely dedicated in taking care of him during his first 3 years. Her life completely revolved



STEWART

around him. She would have it no other way.

Welda was strong in her faith and believed that Jesus Christ was her Savior, who died for her sins. Her desire to learn and know more of the Bible was clear in her notes kept meticulously in her notepads. Despite all the trials she faced, she was always certain God would carry her through it.

Fall was by far Welda's favorite time of year, and her home always smelled and looked like the changing of the leaves. Perhaps her leaving us at the start of the fall was her way of bringing her family into a new season of life. She will be missed by every person she touched, which were many.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Stewart is preceded in death by her brother, Rudy Hodges; and sister, Suzanne Knight.

Mrs. Stewart is survived by her husband, Lee Stewart of Twin City; daughters, Natalie Durden (Todd) and Kacie Stewart; grandchildren, Michael Durden (Gabbi), Christopher Durden (Katelyn Ruff), Jonathan Watkins, Jeb Stewart (Amber) and Lelyn Overstreet (Daniel); great-grandchildren, William James Durden and Cooper Overstreet; sisters, Becky Crawford, Teresa Mock (Danny) and Joanna Cavanagh (Brendan); and several nieces and nephews.

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory assisted the family with memorial service arrangements.

James "Jim" Thurle Murdock, 89

James "Jim" Thurle Murdock, 89, of Emanuel County, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at a nursing home in Gray. A Celebration of Life service will be held Wednesday, October 23, at 2 p.m. at Gray Memorial Chapel and Crematory, 4378 Gray Highway, Gray, Georgia 31032 with Rev. Dick Hoard officiating.

Jim was born May 14, 1935, in Hartselle, Alabama. He lived a full and impactful life, always guided by kindness, care, and love for those around him. A proud veteran of the United States Army, James was deeply involved in his community. He was an active member of the Swainsboro Rotary Club and the Swainsboro Chamber of Commerce. His faith was important to him, and he was always involved in church activities. Professionally, James dedicated 30 years to helping others as a chiropractor. He was also a talented writer,



MURDOCK

authoring two novels, The Blankenship Curse and Moochie's Place. His creativity and passion for storytelling left a lasting mark on those who knew him. Mr. Murdock is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Andrea Tibble Murdock.

Mr. Murdock is survived by his two sons, Mike Murdock (Noah) and Matt Murdock (Lynn); grandchildren, Melissa Murdock, Julie Murdock, Ben Murdock, Wade Murdock, Nathan Greene and Ashton Greene; and his siblings, Steve, Esther and Maxine.

Gray Memorial Chapel and Crematory is honored to be entrusted with the Murdock family's arrangements.

Glenda Moxley, 74

Mrs. Glenda Moxley, 74, of Swainsboro passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at her residence following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 19, at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Mark Hardin officiating. Interment followed in Moxley Cemetery. Family received friends Friday, October 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Clay Braswell, Chris Braswell, B.J. Screws, Trey Screws, Josh Hall, and Jacob Faircloth.

Glenda was born on December 17, 1949, in Baxley, to the late Lois Lee Braswell and Fannie Lee Love Braswell. She was known for her calm, quiet and sweet nature. Glenda had unwavering love and support for her family. She was a devoted wife and mother, always there to give a soft-spoken word of encouragement and sound advice. Glenda loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and exemplified James 1:19 "Quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger". To know her was to love and adore her. Glenda had a smile that would melt your heart. Her hobbies included reading, planting flowers, watching soap operas and she loved to laugh but most of all, she loved being a mother and grandmother who taught her children to be kind and loving. Glenda was not only a dedicated wife and mother, but she was also a dedicated worker with a strong work ethic. She carried that work ethic to every job she held. Glenda worked at Creston's Knitting Mill, then worked at Roper (AYP)



MOXLEY

for many years. She also worked at H & R Block before retiring. Her later years were spent at home loving and serving her family well. On her hardest days, she always found joy in cracking jokes and making others laugh. Glenda is now made whole and worshipping at the feet of Jesus. She will be missed terribly. Mrs. Moxley is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Vicki Moxley; brothers, Jimmy Braswell and Johnny Braswell; sister, Mary Elizabeth Barwick; and son-in-law, Sewell Beasley.

Mrs. Moxley is survived by her husband of 55 years, Dewey Moxley of Swainsboro; son, Daniel Moxley (Karen) of Garfield; daughters, Brenda Beasley of Vidalia and Julie Moxley (Matt Roberts) of Waynesville; brothers, Remer Braswell (Ida Carolyn) of Dothan, AL, Billy Braswell of Swainsboro and Donald Braswell (Lisa) of Laurens, SC; sisters, Carolyn Way (Wayne) of Dellwood, Sandra Whitfield of Twin City and Gail Rowland of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Justin Moxley (Macy), Haylie Dawkins (Tyler), Kaitlin Fulghum (Jacob), Hannah Moxley, Ansley Moxley and Devin Deal; six great-grandchildren; and many friends.

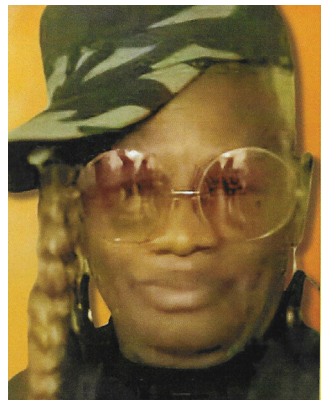
Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of the arrangements.

Deborah Diane Blair Mills, 70

Deborah Diane Blair Mills, 70, departed this life on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, October 19, at 11 a.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Rev. Charles Holloway officiating.

Deborah was born September 4, 1953, in Emanuel County, to the late Cephus Barkley and Mattie Blair Flewellyn. She was raised by her grandparents, Fannie W. Singleton Mathis and Willie Mathis, whom she loved dearly. Deborah married Albert Lee Mills (Shug) and two children were born before preceding her in death. She enjoyed going to Gospel Quartet, especially the Blair Brothers, music, shopping, flea markets and jewelry collecting. Ms. Mills is preceded in death by her son, Timothy Blair; daughter, Cheryl Lanette Blair; aunts and uncles.

Ms. Mills is sur-



MILLS

vived by two sons, Kentrell (Angela) Mills of Dublin and Ricardo Dwayne (Kezia) Mills of Oklahoma; brother, Jack (Yolanda) Blair of Elmira, NY; sisters, Kathy Barkley of Crisfield, MD and Michelle Barkley of South Carolina; nine grandchildren, LynQuez Blair, Shawntionna Lodge, Cherrelle Blair, Jaquavious White, Anaya Mack, Nyonna Mills, Malachi Mills, Quentin Dixon and Denzel Dixon; four great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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 6:30 PM - Family Dinner
 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir

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Hazel Nella Key Colcock, 84

Mrs. Hazel Nella Key Colcock, 84, of Twin City, passed away Monday, October 14, 2024, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, October 21, at 2 p.m. at Twin City Methodist Church with Reverend Randall Smith officiating. Interment followed at El Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in Twin City.



COLCOCK

she enjoyed outings with friends, gardening, and spending time with her grandchildren. Hazel was very crafty and loved to sew and enjoyed cooking. She also loved working with her flowers. Mrs. Colcock is preceded in death by her parents; and granddaughter, Chandler Hamby.

Pallbearers were Mrs. Hazel's grandsons, Lawson Estridge, Mason Hamby, Matthew Hamby, Miles Hamby and Morgan Hamby.

Mrs. Hazel was born June 26, 1940, in Metter, to the late William Clark Key and Elizabeth Stewart Key. She was a member of Twin City Methodist Church for 21 years. Hazel graduated from Savannah High School in 1958 and received an associate's degree from Armstrong College in Savannah. She worked as a kindergarten teacher, a secretary, and worked at the South Carolina United Methodist Conference Center where she served as administrative assistant to the South Carolina United Methodist Bishop, retiring after serving the last 21 years of her career in that position. After retirement, she and Charles built their home in Emanuel County on the old Parish settlement that had belonged to her family for several years. There,

Mrs. Colcock is survived by her husband of 63 years, Charles Colcock; daughters, Stacey Amick (Carrol) of Lexington, SC and Amy Hamby (Gregg) of Blythewood, SC; grandchildren, Madison Patterson (Robby), Lawson Estridge (Amy), Morgan Hamby, Mason Hamby (Sarah), Miles Hamby and Mathew Hamby; great-granddaughter, Elena Chandler Hamby; first cousin, Calvin Stewart; and many, many friends.

The family would like to thank Cherry Allen for the care and love she provided.

Memorials may be made to Twin City Methodist Church in Mrs. Hazel's name, 212 S. College Street, Twin City, GA 30471.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Arthur "Joe Louis" Gibbons, Jr., 85

Arthur Gibbons, Jr., 85, passed away Sunday, September 15, 2024. A Homecoming Celebration was held Friday, September 27, at 11 a.m. at Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Melvin Adams officiating and Rev. Bennie Brinson presiding.



GIBBONS

Arthur was born August 25, 1939, in Emanuel County, to the late Arthur Gibbons, Sr. and Mary Etta Williams. As a young man, he apprenticed his father's barbershop and ultimately became a master barber. In December 1958, Arthur married his high school sweetheart, Wylodine Phillips. Soon after, they decided to move to New York City to pursue their dreams and "make a mark". Upon their arrival in Harlem, NY in the early 1960s, Arthur worked at Georgia Boy's Barbershop before establishing Joe's Barbershop in 1964. With a newfound

interest in real estate, he studied and began a career as a licensed realtor. Mr. Gibbons is preceded in death by his parents; and daughter, Anika Gibbons.

Mr. Gibbons is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Wylodine Phillips; children, Chico Gibbons (Neiza Davis) and Robyn Gibbons; grandchildren, Matthew Gibbons (Danielle), Justin Sullivan, Phillip Ellison and Taylor Gibbons; two great-granddaughters; and a host of relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Gloria Marie Corley, 73

Gloria Marie Corley, age 73, passed away Monday, October 14, 2024. Funeral service was held Saturday, October 19, at 2 p.m. at Smith Grove Church.



CORLEY

Ms. Corley was born June 28, 1951, in Savannah, to the late Lucius Corley and Jessie B. Hampton Flowers. After graduating from Emanuel County High School in 1969, she continued her education at Swainsboro Technical College where she pursued a career in nursing and spent 30 years working at Twin View Health & Rehab before retiring. Gloria was a member of Smith Grove Baptist Church of Swainsboro. She was by any means the most selfless person. Gloria took immense joy in offering advice to her nieces and being entertained by her grandchildren, who lovingly referred to her a "Mama Gloria". Ms. Corley is preceded in

death by her parents; siblings, Tilda Tina Corley, Luretha Corley, John Willie Corley, Evelyn Summerset and Laverne Corley.

Ms. Corley leaves to cherish her memories with her devoted daughter, Kenyotta Riddles (Chad Marshall) of Swainsboro; grandsons, Rodriguez Patterson, Jahri Brown and Gary Brown II; granddaughter, Naveah Marshall; and great-grandchildren, Abrey Patterson, Kinex and Jakahzi Brown.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Commissioners review storm...

From front page) didn't worry about anything else except making that happen." Brewer concluded by thanking the entire army of folks throughout Emanuel County for their part in getting through the damage of the storms. From the 911 workers to County Road Supervisor Morris and his team to the store owners who opened up even though they were without electricity or water. The comments of the Sheriff were echoed by Commission Chairman Foskey as well as the other commissioners. Following Sheriff Brewer, Tyler Evans of Yancey Brothers Equipment spoke and assured officials of the continuing support and responsiveness his company pledges in the continuing phases of storm recovery. David Hall of Swainsboro next addressed the board concerning the lack of information provided to the public concerning cooling shelters and other services during

the period without electricity. Mr. Hall also questioned the lack of preparedness planning. Administrator Singletary replied to Hall's issues stating that shelters were provided for displaced persons or those without power at the county recreation complex and various churches in the area. Singletary also explained that the county routinely holds drills and planning sessions dealing with emergency preparedness and this recent situation drew heavily from those established plans and contingencies which were promptly put into action. The next agenda item dealt with the continuing unfilled seat on the DFCS board. Applications are still being sought for that position. Under new business, the board voted to grant the establishment of a temporary position of Associate Probate Judge in order to provide for the transition of a newly elected incoming Probate Judge in January of

next year. Also under new business, the board voted to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the administration and contractual duties associated with TIA projects totaling over 3.5 million dollars to benefit Emanuel County. The Transportation Investment Act provides sales tax revenue for paving and other enhancement of local roads. Roads receiving improvement will be Empire Expressway, George Smith State Park highway, Modoc Road, Fairground Road and Canoochee-Garfield Road. This completed the evening's agenda, and Chairman Foskey adjourned the meeting.

Following the meeting, informal conversations ensued dealing with the next stages in recovery from Hurricane Helene and Milton. Vice Chairman Jim Sherrod reiterated his appreciation for the non-stop attitude of county employees

across the board in getting county operations back up and going. "We are so blessed to have dedicated employees that really stepped up in their county's hour of need" Commissioners Oliver and Thompson also spoke on the commitment demonstrated by county employees and the planning that went into the effort. "When people put the needs of others ahead of their own, that's dedication, and that's what we have seen and will continue to see from our people as we move ahead." County Administrator Singletary thanked his staff, the commissioners and all the concerned citizens and volunteers throughout the county for their hard work, involvement and concern during recent days. He encouraged everyone to stay updated about the on-going county efforts for recovery and restoration with information on the Emanuel County website and facebook page.



DR. PITTS

"The Scribe" coming to FBC Midville

Dr. Paul Pitts will be giving a special performance of "The Scribe" on November 10th, at First Baptist Church Midville. "The Scribe" is an unforgettable, dramatic musical performance, depicting the life of Christ as told from a scribe's point of view." The scribe himself becomes a believer through the testimony of Simon Peter.

Dr. Pitts has sung in over 5000 concerts on 7 continents, to over 5 billion people by television, radio, recordings and personal appearances. He has shared the stage with motivational speakers Zig Ziglar and John Maxwell, appeared on James Dobson's "Focus on the Family" and the "In Touch" television program with Dr. Charles Stanley. Dr. Pitts sings with a compassion for the people. He was quoted in the St. Petersburg Times as saying, "If I can touch someone's heart with the love of God, I will have lived out my purpose."

The performance will start at 6p.m. The performance is free. A love offering will be taken.

BOE holds monthly...

From front page)

1. Approval of Minutes of the September 17, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
2. Approval of Financial Reports - Mollie Smith
3. Approval of Corrective Action Plan for Finance-Mollie Smith
4. Approval of Revised Board Policy DIB-Fixed Asset Policy-Mollie Smith
5. Approval of Emergency Declaration for Staff Closure Board Resolution-Dr. Denise Warnock
6. Approval of Emergency Declaration for Condemning of Swainsboro Middle School Roof Board Resolution-Jansen Ware
7. Approval of Recommendation for Open

Gates Weapon Detection Purchase-Jansen Ware

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

-None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EMPLOYMENTS:

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

RECOMMENDATIONS, CERTIFIED

Adams, Pamela - Art Teacher - SHS - 10/21/2024 - NCIC Incomplete

RESIGNATIONS, CERTIFIED

Calloway, Pamela - SPED Inclusion - Teacher - SES - 10/9/2024 - Declined

RECOMMENDATIONS, CLASSIFIED

Bautista, Jessica - Exploratory Paraprofessional - TCE - 10/11/2024 - NCIC Complete;

Hagan, Jonathan - Bus Driver - Transportation - 10/1/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Hall, Kiera - Caregiver - EHS - 10/21/2024 - NCIC Complete; Lewis, Jessica - Food Service Worker - ECI - 9/25/2024 - NCIC Complete; McRee, Laci - Caregiver - EHS - 10/21/2024 - NCIC Incomplete; Thompson, Emily - SPED Paraprofessional - SPS - 10/21/2024 - NCIC Complete

RESIGNATIONS, CLASSIFIED

Gillis, Nicole - Caregiver - EHS - 9/27/2024; Johnson, Jazmine - Bus Driver - Bus Driver - 9/16/2024; Wren, Angela - Food Service Worker - SHS - 9/16/2024

Send a card to someone experiencing the loss of a loved one

Editorials Columns

Saturday night stampede in Austin

Okay, full disclosure, I am definitely not a sports writer, and I have been called out in the past for being way too critical of my alma mater UGA football team, but even in light of those shortcomings I still cannot control my overzealous, unbridled, and annoying insistence on greeting everybody I see this week with "HOW BOUT THEM DAWGS"! If you saw last Saturday's romp against SEC newcomer, Texas Longhorns, you understand what that game meant, and what it said about Georgia foot-

ball. I'm walking on shaky ground here, right now, but that victory was almost akin to some stories from the Good Book in terms of good, evil, doubt, faith, hope and redemption. I will just put it like this, if I had been in the pulpit last Sunday morning even with all my considerable disqualifications, I believe I could have brought a few lost souls out of the desert using that game as a lesson on life and good old-fashioned righteousness. This UGA football season has been a mystery wrapped around a dry

spell interrupted by a hurricane. Following the loss to Alabama, most of the national media and a lot of the Bulldog faithful were going into this "Welcome Texas, to the SEC" game just holding their breath to the point of purple asphyxiation. Even into the first half, Carson Beck's passing was still creating a bunch of head-scratching among the red and black. But slowly the Georgia offense and defense started pulling momentum to our side. Soon, it was undeniable, there was a force at work here, and the ground

was definitely trembling. From there on it was a game of skill, raw physical dominance but mostly it was the overpowering determination and will of a Georgia team that would not be deprived of what it knew it deserved. Texas, the number 1 rated team in the country could not stand against the Dawg's onslaught, and as the immortal poet laureate of Georgia football, Clisby Clarke loved to sing, it was time to "Let the Big Dawg Eat". The extra added attractions of conspiratorial referees

Charles Schwabe



as well as the bottle and trash throwing contest of some thin-skinned Texas folks brought a little more drama to the evening clash, but I think that was just what we needed to complete the job, show ESPN it didn't understand SEC, and turn the Texas Longhorns into the Texas Spikehorns. If you are a long-time Dawg fan or

new to the pack, you realize that this game will forever be part of the collection of legendary Bulldog contests, and to Tech fans and to everyone else for the image I created of me in a church pulpit, I sincerely apologize. I will however remind Alabama, that there is such a thing as retribution. GO DAWGS!

My president

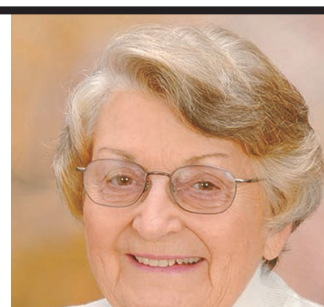
Believe me, this is by no way a political endorsement. It is about a former president that I cherish, because he is a Georgian. In fifth grade, my granddaughter, Allison, had a school assignment to make a poster of a former president. Most classmates were doing Washington or Lincoln, but she wanted someone different. I suggested Jimmy Carter, because I had a collection of clippings that I had saved of the first and only Georgian president. Her poster won

first place, and she became a fan of the president from Georgia. I knew he was back home in Plains and taught a Sunday School class there. I planned a trip of a lifetime for her during summer vacation. Our first stop was at an antique shop owned by his cousin. We had bed and breakfast reservations upstairs. She gave us interesting tidbits about the Carter family and directions to the Maranatha Baptist Church, a country church which was down the road from

Plains. We passed through country that could have been in Emanuel County. We were early, but parking lot already filled with cars. We were given security instructions by a lady who had been teacher of Amy and went to the White House as her tutor. We were able to sit in the second pew behind Rosalynn. We were so excited when he came in and stood behind the pulpit. Now comes the good part! His Bible story was of Joseph in Egypt. He commented, "When Jacob

and his sons and daughters came to Joseph, he did not know them." Allison had recently seen the musical "Joseph and The Technicolor Dreamcoat" and spoke up loudly, "He didn't have any daughters." President Carter was stunned for a moment and then replied. "You probably know the names of his sons only, but if he had so many children, he would have also had daughters." Allison again contradicted, "No he didn't." With a stern voice, I warned, "Don't you say

Shirley Proctor Twiss



another word." President Carter ended the service with an invitation to go outside and have our picture made with him. I was concerned of how he would respond to my disruptive granddaughter. When her turn in line came, he put his arm around her shoulder, and pleasantly said,

"Here's my little sweetheart who really knows her Bible stories." We received a great picture of the three of us that we both proudly display. Thank you, Mr. President, for showing the kindness and grace of a Georgian to my little girl. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com.

Saturday afternoon on the square

I remember it vividly. "Biggie", (my Big Momma Scott), struggling furiously with the many cords to her corset and perspiring profusely after her bath and powdering. Every now and then, she'd stop and sit down in her old wooden rocker next to the window, fan herself and catch her breath. Then she'd struggle to get up and start the process

again and finally get the huge contraption all hooked and laced and then she threw over it all the remaining undergarments and then put on her prettiest flowered voile dress. I watched this process most Saturday afternoons during the mid - 1940's when the courthouse square in my hometown was bursting with activity. This was

the day when everybody, town and country folks alike, made their way to the grocery stores, barber shops, department stores, "dime" stores, feed and seed stores, etc. and spent most of the day and into the early evening shopping and visiting with friends and neighbors and swapping stories. I remember Momma saying, "You better hurry or we

won't get a good parking place"! "Our" good place was in front of Harrison's Drug Store. That was absolutely THE best spot in town to us. After all, you could get the whole block in from there. If you looked to the left and looked hard enough, you could see Uncle Waitus's red peppermint barber pole, Darling' 5 & 10, United 5 & 10, and Ehrlich's. Then there would be Rosenberg's, Harrison's, and Elmore Berry's grocery. Then of course, the Citizens Bank.

La'Rose Tapley

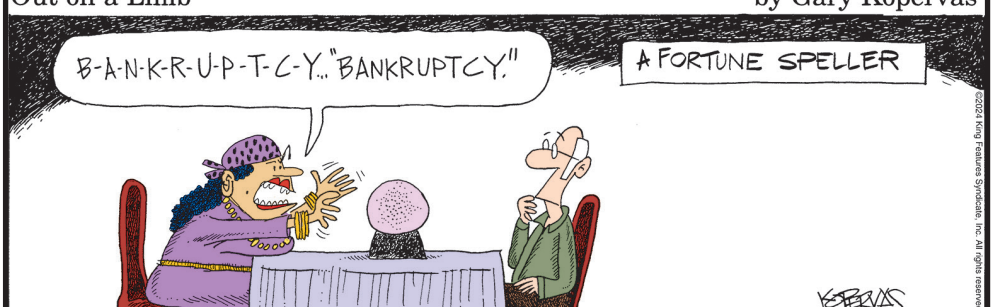


That far down the street. He was always so nice anyway and took me "splurging" so many times. I did love Uncle Waitus. He was such a jolly man.

many comic books that I have a hard time choosing which one I want to thumb through. I don't think Dr. Harrison likes the kids to stand there and look through the comics without buying one, but everybody always does. I hate to do it. I kind of search with my eyes like I'm looking for a particular one, pick it out of the rack, and quickly flip through the pages reading a fast as I can. I decide not to push my luck and put it back in the rack and mosey on back to the perfume counter. Now, that's the best part of the whole store! Well, the second best. The beautiful blue bottles of Evening in Paris, crystal bottles of Windsong, Tigress, with a leopard cap, and others that just took my breath away. I stood there and opened every bottle smelling the delicious aromas and dabbing a little on my wrist and behind my ears. I smelled more like roadkill when I left than the glamorous movie star I was pretending to be. As I meander through the store, looking at the various potions, liniments, and latest elixirs and remedies for whatever ailed you, there is the massive soda fountain and what I really came in for all the time. My dime still in my pocket, I announce to Dr. Wimberly, "Chocolate Milk Shake please"! I sit down at the round wrought iron table on a black iron chair, sip the best milk shake in the whole wide world, and watch while the whole town comes parading by with almost the same agenda. Except for maybe the comic books and milk shake. Comments can be made to LaRose at Eibbob72@gmail.com.

Editorial Cartoons

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



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Damien Scott and Dr. Randy Brown speaks to Exchange

On Tuesday, October 15, Damien Scott, CEO at Emanuel Medical Center and Exchange Club Past President, spoke to the club about the many positive changes that are going on at the hospital and in the local medical community. He had as his guests, Dr. Vinh Wong, Brandi Bolton and Dr. Randy Brown. Dr. Brown, who will be moving back to Swainsboro in the near future, also spoke about his vision and plans for new services that will be provided at Emanuel Medical Center.



EXCHANGE CLUB PRESIDENT GARY MASON, BRANDI BOLTON, DR. VINH WONG, DAMIEN SCOTT AND DR. RANDY BROWN

Swainsboro Kiwanis Club holds meeting

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club held its Tuesday meeting on October 15, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Rustic Grill. With President Paul Cerpovicz presiding, they had 13 members in attendance and two guests, Oskar Cerpovicz and Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz. The cake donated by President Cerpovicz was won by Paul Cerpovicz, Cheryl Goodman won the Dominos' Pizza and Gary Couse won the Halloween pumpkin provided by Dianna Wedincamp. Immediate Past-President Cheryl Goodman gave the 2023-2024 Kiwanian-of-the-Year Award to Tim Goodman. They have

been asked to help with the Swainsboro Fall Festival scheduled for October 26. The EGSC Circle K will be assisting with the EGSC Trunk-or-Treat on October 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. on the EGSC campus grounds. A Lick-or-Treat is scheduled at Tractor Supply on October 26. The Kiwanis club has a Fall Gun Raffle that will start in November. Dianna Wedincamp reported on Kiwanis providing breakfast for workers who came to Swainsboro to help recover from the hurricane. The EGSC Circle K also stuffed and presented goody bags to the workers. Cheryl Goodman reported presentations of our last

set of checks for 2023-2024 to East Georgia State College and Southeastern Technical College. The program for the evening was the annual presentation of the 2024-2025 Kiwanis Directory to the members by President Cerpovicz and the annual Kiwanis Youth Protection training given by Education Chairman Tim Goodman.



2023-2024 KIWANIS PRESIDENT CHERYL GOODMAN AND 2023-2024 KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR TIM GOODMAN



WALTON AND HALL

Jill Walton coaches Robby Roberts Scholarship recipient Makayla Hall

Pictured is Jill Stephens Walton coaching McKayla Hall, UGA scholarship recipient of the Roberts Family Scholarship which is matched by the University of Georgia.

Jill and McKayla are both from Swainsboro and alumni of Swainsboro High School. Jill Walton presently serves as Executive Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations at the University of Georgia.

McKayla is a 2024 graduate of Swainsboro High School and is the daughter of Angelia and Robert

Hall. She is also the recipient of one of the Robby Roberts Scholarships awarded to Swainsboro High School graduates.

The Robby Roberts Scholarships will be awarded to five graduates of Swainsboro High School in the spring of 2025. Scholarships are awarded based on scholastic achievement and community involvement, with preference given to first generation college or vocational college students. Applications will be available through the guidance counselor at Swainsboro High School.

Both scholarships were initiated by Robby Roberts, also an alum of Swainsboro High School. Endowment of the local scholarships was started by Mr. Roberts but is open to anyone wishing to invest in the future of our students. If you would care to invest in outstanding students' futures, please contact The Robby Roberts Scholarship Committee at 478-237-2271 or send checks to the Robby Roberts Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401.

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Miss Hall, Mr. Williams exchange vows

Brittany Christina Hall and Stephen Kyle Williams were united in a double ring ceremony at Quinney Oaks in Millen on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 6 p.m. by Blake Williams of Statesboro, groom's younger cousin and couple's friend.

Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Chris and Katie Hall of Canoochee and Penny Porcel of Swainsboro. Her grandparents are James and Letha Hall of Canoochee and Gail Porcel and the late Fred Porcel of Swainsboro.

The groom is the son of Steve and Dawn Williams of Swainsboro. He is the grandson of Glenn and Grace Williams of Kite, Laura Mason of Swainsboro and the late Jack and Becky Cannady of Swainsboro.

Mrs. Williams chose Kailey Thompson of Kite, sister of the bride, as her maid of honor; bridesmaids, Santana Danielle Williams-Sharpe of Lyons, best friend of the bride and cousin of the groom; Elizabeth Milner of Twin City, best friend of the bride; Lindsey Love of McRae, childhood best friend of the bride; Addisyn Smith of Statesboro, cousin of the bride; Victoria Smith of Canoochee, cousin of the bride; Kimber Peterson of Canoochee, cousin of the bride; and Alana Scarboro of Brooklet, niece of the groom.

Mr. Williams chose Nolan Williams of Swainsboro, son of bride and groom, and Steve Williams, father of the groom, as his best men; groomsmen, Tyler Edwards of Dellwood, childhood best friend of the groom; JP Collins of Hilton Head, South Carolina, cousin of the groom; Brannon Mason of Swainsboro, best friend of the groom; Zach Minton of Kite, best friend of the groom; Jayce Thompson of Dellwood, brother of the bride; Wes Scarboro of Swainsboro, brother of the groom.

The bride was escorted by her son, Nolan Williams, and given in marriage by her father. The bride's gown, purchased at Bridals by Lori in Atlanta, was a

fitted Rita Vinieris from the Rivini 1995 bridal collection. The dress was exquisitely embellished with intricate lace and meticulously hand-sewn floral patterns, including delicate daisies, and featured an impressive eight-foot train adorned with vintage-style buttons. The dress also boasted a beautifully scalloped trim. To complement the strapless gown, the bride wore matching lace gauntlet sleeves, a meticulously handcrafted cathedral veil with delicate ruffled edges and pearls, and stunning white platform heels adorned with individual rhinestones that perfectly matched her bridesmaids' dresses. Her captivating wildflower bouquet, artfully created by Erin Wadopian of Silver Fern Events in Asheville, North Carolina, featured a stunning combination of long-stem white, light yellow, light pink, and light purple roses, as well as native Georgia flowers such as blue and white hydrangeas, daisies, asters, and bluebells. Her hair and makeup was done by Sydney Dorsey Artistry of Swainsboro. She chose to wear her hair down in a bubble bouffant style.

The bride's mother wore a light pink, fitted gown, with flowers matched the bride's bouquet. Her hair and makeup was done by Sydney Dorsey. The groom's mother wore a lace, navy blue gown.

Attendants wore semi formal garden party attire for the event. Bridesmaids wore satin, pastel dresses with nude heels. Each of their bouquets were in the colors of their dresses, while the bride's bouquet contained all the colors of their flowers.

The groom and groomsmen wore classic, black and white tuxedos. Their look was tied together with black silk, floral patterned bowties and white silk, floral patterned pocket squares. The groom opted for a classic necktie in the same color and pattern.

Dixie Marie Lee of Kite, niece of bride,

was the flower girl. Dixie wore a smock white heirloom flower girl dress. Her vintage dress was accentuated with a pink bow that she wore in her hair, scalloped in white. The bride chose a handwoven, half-moon willow, rattan basket for dixie to carry down the aisle. Additionally, the basket had a white silk ribbon and bow tied on the handle.

The ceremony was held in Millen in the stunning garden of Quinney Oaks surrounded by lush greenery, ivy terraces, marble statues, and fountains. As guests arrived and took their seats, they were greeted with framed photos on a 100-year-old church pew from the couple's home. These photos paid tribute to the couple's departed loved ones, including the groom's maternal grandparents, Jack and Becky Cannady; his great-grandmother, Minnie Mae Lamb; his uncle, Walter Cannady; the bride's maternal grandfather, Fred Porcel; and her brother, Austin Hall. In front of the photos, there was a basket filled with eco-friendly confetti made from extra flowers used in the ceremony. Guests were invited to fill a cone with the confetti and toss it on the couple as they exited the ceremony. This was the couple's heartfelt way of including their loved ones in the wedding. The same confetti was also used during their exit from the reception. The bride and groom exchanged their vows under a pergola adorned with natural elements and an antique chandelier.

The mothers' and grandmothers' processional was "Yellow" by Coldplay (instrumental). The wedding party's processional was "Iris" by the Goo Goo Dolls (instrumental). The bride's processional song was "Truly Madly Deeply" by Savage Garden. The first dance was "Wonderful Tonight" by Eric Clapton. The mother-son dance was "Can I Have This Dance" by Drew Baldrige.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAMS

The reception, hosted by the bride's mother, was held at Quinney Oaks following the ceremony. Tables were adorned with white tablecloths and rustic wood pieces topped with a candle and greenery. The bride's cake was a three-tier pound cake made by Melanie's Sweet Shop (Melanie Anderson), provided by the bride's aunt, Alice Brett. The groom's cake was a duck hunting theme chocolate layered cake made by Patty Hendley, provided by the groom's parents. Guests were served Lew's BBQ, potato salad, green beans, macaroni and cheese, pasta and rolls, provided by family and friends.

After the ceremony, guests wandered through ivy-covered foliage and arrived at the estate's brick courtyard for the reception. The area was beautifully lit with café lights and exquisite French antique chandeliers hanging from the branches of the southern live oaks, creating a timeless and romantic atmosphere in the low-country setting. The bride chose soft pastels to capture the beauty of Monet's garden in both the ceremony and reception spaces. The couple's planner, Erin Wadopian, brought this vision to life by decorating each table with vibrant, watercolor-like floral centerpieces, surrounded by lifelike butterflies. The seating chart was creatively displayed on a bookcase, with each table listed on a shelf and each guest's name on a book. As guests took their seats, they were

presented with personalized thank-you letters from the couple. For dinner, guests enjoyed an Italian salad, chicken alfredo, Italian meatballs, a selection from a shaved sandwich bar, Virginia ham with croissants, shaved roasted turkey with rolls, fresh fruit, and wedding wafers. The beverage selection included sweet tea, lemonade, and water, while an open bar and lively music produced by President Short Entertainment ensured a night filled with dancing and celebration.

The stunning wedding cake, created by Paige Johnson from Sugar Dolls Bakery in Garfield, was a three-tier vanilla buttercream masterpiece with a beautiful vintage lam-beth style design. It was placed under a breathtaking chandelier hanging from the branches of a grand live oak tree and was elegantly served to the guests by the bride's cousin, Casey Smith.

The groom's cake was a two-tier vanilla buttercream cake. The design was inspired by the groom's favorite pastime, baseball. Donna Newsome of Swainsboro created the cake. It was surrounded by baseball photos of the groom from his little league years playing travel and Dixie Youth, to his years playing varsity for Swainsboro High School, to college ball at East Georgia State College.

The bride's after-party/reception dress was a short, body-con, design. The gown was white embellished and adorned in pearls and beads. It featured a bust flattering cowl neck

with asymmetric, ultra-thin straps that cascaded across her neckline. The midnight look was completed with fully embellished, detachable long sleeves that flared at the wrist. She paired this outfit with a pair of pink bellini bow, kitten heels, but changed into her wedding slippers to dance the night away.

The rehearsal dinner, provided by the bride's mother and parents of the groom, was catered by Miranda Mikell Events Friday, May 3, at The Edenfield House. The bride wore a tea length, Bella Barnett gown, that was fitted and completely embellished in pearls, with a pair of nude heels. The rehearsal dinner was catered and decorated by the mother of the bride's event planning business, Miranda Mikell Events by Design. The buffet-style meal consisted of the couple's homemade favorites: shrimp and grits, fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, butterbeans, corn casserole, a mashed potato bar, and a biscuit bar. For dessert, there were mini cheesecakes, pecan pie, mousse, and the bride's favorite, a cookie bar cake made by her grandmother, Letha Hall.

Bridesmaids enjoyed mimosas and brunch at the bridal cottage at Quinney Oaks on the morning of the wedding as they got ready for the ceremony. The bride wore a silk white slip dress that was trimmed with feathers. She completed the look with a pink, floor length, duster with ruffles, which matched her bridesmaids' pajamas. The bridesmaids wore pink, silk, pinstripe pjs that were gifted to them by the bride. The Jr. bridesmaids wore matching pink, silk button down Mumu's and the flower girl wore a matching pink, silk, button down jumper with a matching pink tulle bow. The bride gifted her bridesmaids with silk, pink, striped pajamas to get ready in. Champagne bottles adorned in pink ribbon, orange juice, coffee, bagels with cream cheese, an assortment of fresh fruit, and mini frittata muffins.

The couple has purchased a home in Swainsboro's golf and country club neighborhood, Forest Hills, and are currently remodeling the property.

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DURDEN STRIKES OUT 18, ALLOWING JUST 5 HITS IN TELFAIR SERIES

Lady Dawgs advance to second round

by WEATHERFORD

RON The 32-team softball state playoff brackets dwindled down last week with 16 teams from each class advancing to the Sweet 16. The ECI Lady Dawgs inked their spot in the second round of the state playoffs by sweeping Telfair Co. last Wednesday. They easily dispensed of the number 4 team from region 4, 13-1 in the first game, and closed out the best of 3 series, winning the second game 12-0. The Lady Dawgs dominated the number 4 seed allowing just two Trojan runners to reach scoring position in the two games. ECI set the tone early in the first game against Telfair, exploding for 10 runs in the first inning with the first 8 batters reaching base. They added 3 more in the third inning to run rule the Trojans from McRae 13-1. The Lady Dawgs blasted 11 hits during the game. Multiple hitters were Jayna Kearson 3 hits, with Senaria Hillman, Kinley Grimes, and Lola Walden ending the game with 2 hits each. Mary Katherine Durden held the Trojans to just 3 hits, zero walks with 8 strikeouts. It took 5 innings in the second game to send the visiting team home with a 12-0 shutout.

ECI matched their 11 hits during the first game with Kearson, Dot Russell and Durden getting multiple hits with 2 each. Durden was once again on the mark allowing just 2 hits, striking out 10 Trojan Batters.

The Bulldogs hosted the Bulldogs from Trion High School on Tuesday, October 22, in a double header in the best of 3 series. The "if needed" game is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23. Results of second round will be in next

week's edition of *The Forest-Blade*.

Trion, just north of Rome, plays out of region 7 and enters the second round with a 12-9 season and 4-2 region record. The Bulldogs are the number 2 seed with Bowden taking the region crown. Trion advanced to the next round by sweeping Marion Co., 11-3 in the first game and closed out the double header with a 14-4 win.

Along with the Lady Dawgs, two other region 3 teams swept their series to advance to the second round. Metter swept Hawkinsville and will host Taylor Co. and Screven Co. will travel to Crawford Co. after sweeping Wilcox Co.

Game times for the ECI vs Trion series will be posted on the ECI Softball and Emanuel County Institute Facebook pages.

by HUGH HENDRIX

On October 18, the softball season came to an end for the SHS Lady Tigers. The team loaded the bus early last Friday morning and traveled to Barnesville, GA to face the Lamar County Lady Trojans in the first round of the GHSA playoffs but the Lady Tigers came up short in the best two out of three

game series.

In the top of the first inning of game one, Swainsboro jumped out to an early lead. A Berklee Bishop RBI-triple and an Izzy Baird RBI-double put the Lady Tigers up by a score of 2-0. In the bottom half of the first inning, Swainsboro unfortunately committed a couple of errors that led to four unearned runs and allowed La-

mar County to take a 4-2 lead.

Swainsboro bounced right back in the top of the second inning when Gracie Beneteau tripled in Kyleigh Hostilo to cut into the Lamar County lead. At the end of two innings of play Lamar County led by a score of 4-3. From that point on, however, the pitchers for both teams settled in and runs were tough

to come by. Lamar County added on a run in the bottom of the third inning and went on to win the game by a final score of 5-3.

In game two, Lamar County shut out Swainsboro to win the series and end the season for the Lady Tigers. Lamar County will move on to face Social Circle in round two of the GHSA playoffs.

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Swainsboro Tigers prevail in physical showdown against Vidalia, 32-21

by Roosevelt Young
This past Friday night, Buck Cravey Field in Vidalia, Georgia, was the stage for a game that felt like a playoff battle between the Vidalia Indians and the Swainsboro Tigers. In a hard-fought contest, the Tigers emerged victorious, 32-21. Let's take a look back at the game.

Both teams showcased their strong running games. Swainsboro favored the spread formation, while Vidalia leaned heavily on the flexbone, with both sides featuring shifty backs. The matchup between Swainsboro's senior quarterback, Bryson Tarver, and Vidalia's senior running back, AJ McClendon, both wearing the number two, was a highlight of the night. It was a physical game from start to finish.

Vidalia received the opening kickoff and methodically marched down the field but ultimately stalled, punting to Swainsboro. On the

Tigers' first possession, they struck quickly. After just three plays, QB Bryson Tarver broke free on a powerful run from mid-field, bulldozing a defender on his way to the end zone for the game's first touchdown.

The game's physicality only intensified from there. Vidalia responded with a tough ground game of their own, pounding the ball between the tackles. The Swainsboro defense made adjustments throughout the game, matching Vidalia's power with their own. By halftime, Vidalia led 14-12, setting the stage for a battle down the stretch.

At the half, Coach Robert remained confident, saying this was exactly the kind of playoff-like atmosphere he expected. He emphasized that the game would come down to who wanted it more.

Swainsboro came out strong in the second half, with the offensive line controlling the line

of scrimmage and creating lanes for backs Quinn Brown, Jamia Smith, and Bryson Tarver. The Tigers scored another touchdown and a two-point conversion to take a 20-14 lead. But Vidalia wasn't done, responding with a touchdown of their own to reclaim the lead, 21-20, heading into the fourth quarter.

In the final period, the Tigers dug deep, scoring two more touchdowns while shutting down Vidalia's running game completely, leaving the Indians scoreless in the fourth. Swainsboro held on for a 32-21 win, improving to 2-0 in the region and 3-5 overall.

This victory sets the Tigers up for a critical matchup this week against Savannah Christian at Tiger Field. Kickoff is at 7:30 PM. Tiger Nation, let's pack the house and support our team as they continue their push for another win!

Chasing Victory: Swainsboro Middle School Tigers set sights on championship run

by Roosevelt Young
For the Swainsboro Middle School Tigers, a simple call-and-response has become a mantra that reflects their years of success on the football field. A coach begins with the question, "Who are we?" and the team responds, "SMS." The coach follows up with, "What do we do?" and the team answers with one word: "WIN." This season, the Tigers have lived up to that mantra, accumulating an impressive 6-1 overall record and securing home-field advantage going into the Middle Georgia Middle School Athletic Association (MGMSAA) Conference Playoffs.

This week, the number one-seeded Tigers will face the West Laurens Middle School (WLMS) Raiders in a highly anticipated semifinal matchup. I had the opportunity to sit down with Head Coach Corey Chalker to discuss the season and his thoughts on the upcoming game against the fourth-seeded WLMS Raiders.

Season Overview:
"As a team, we've learned a lot from each other. Starting in June, the team set a goal to make the region playoffs after missing out last season. We've been blessed with commitment from players and parents, ensuring that our kids are at practice every day, which has helped us improve. Our 8th-grade class has shown tremendous leadership, buying into the system and pushing us to our 6-1 record and the number one seed

in the playoffs.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our teachers and administrators. Their encouragement has been invaluable to our student-athletes. The coaching staff is pleased with how the team has come together, and we look forward to watching them continue to grow as a unit in the years ahead."

1) SMS vs 4) WLMS Preview:

"WLMS defeated us 16-6 on September 11, 2024. Since that loss, our kids have focused on the small details of the game. They know they need to show great work ethic, effort, and determination every day to succeed on game day. WLMS is a big, physical team that prides itself on running downhill and using various motions to create space on offense. Defensively, they are fast and relentless, always getting eleven men to the football.

This game will be a test for SMS, but we welcome the challenge. Our game plan is to be the most disciplined team on the field, protect the football, control the clock, be physical, and play with great effort and attitude. The game is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd, with a 5:00 p.m. kickoff."

Tiger fans, come out and support these incredible young student-athletes as they pursue another championship for Swainsboro Middle School!

MGMSAA Final Regular Season Standings: Swainsboro 6-1, Dublin

6-1, Bleckley 5-2, West Laurens 4-3, East Laurens 2-4, Jeff Davis 2-4, JR Trippe 2-5, Dodge 0-7

Playoff Schedule:
• 3) Bleckley @ 2) Dublin
• 4) West Laurens @ 1) Swainsboro

2024 SMS Football Roster: Karson Coleman, Caden Watson, Kaleb Jones, Drake Clements, Ayden Bishop, Jeremiah Mincey, Colt Sconyers, Zilen Boynton, Dustin Nobles, Zaelon Houston, Jayvion Sherrod, Chase Banks, Gavin Jones, Quinten Dukes, Benton Bishop, Kade Colston, Kingston Brown, Kyle Johnson, Kyle Smith, Sha'Ron Sherrod, Jeffrey Davis, Layton Lindsey, Arshad Huston, Jayce Sherrod, Gavin Worthen, Dre Boynton, Aiden Rackins, Caiden Bostic, Tomorrian Daniel, Donovan Clements, Landon Wilson, Nicholas Stanford, Damien Freeman, Demaury Roberts, Landon Kapp, Jawan Trimble, Charlie Fluellen, Jayden Hall, Jerihan Miles, Kimontee Smith, Caiden O'Quinn, Brayden Roberts, Zayden Cuyler, Landon Green, Jordan Steward, Ashton David, Maddux Hendrix, Jakelyn Cuyler, Eric Brown, Jayven Martin, Sanquan Benjamin, Cam Ricks, Jordan Smith, Banks Burke, RJ Brown, Eric Worthen, Jayden Corbit, O'Bryan Clark, Brayden Holloway, Tal Love, Victor Middleton, Jayden Wiley, Matthew O'Quinn, Camaury Bostic

Lady Tigers focus on growth after challenging start

by Roosevelt Young
The Lady Tigers flag football team kicked off their season last Thursday night with a doubleheader on Tiger Field. They played their first game against Jenkins High School from Savannah at 5 p.m. The young team showed their inexperience, but there were promising moments as they began to adjust to the pace of the game.

The Lady Tigers lost their first game to Jenkins with a score of 26-0. In their second matchup against Lakeside of

Augusta, they faced a tougher challenge, falling 35-0. Despite the losses, the team's effort and determination were evident. Coach expressed satisfaction with how the girls tried to execute plays and showed resilience in the face of adversity, pointing out that it's still early in the season and there's plenty of room for growth.

With a roster full of potential, the Lady Tigers are committed to improving both individually and as a team. The coaching staff is focusing

on building fundamentals, increasing game awareness, and sharpening skills in the coming weeks. The team's spirit and willingness to learn set a solid foundation for future success as they work towards refining their strategies.

The team will continue to work on improving as the season progresses. Their next game will be at home on October 31, when they take on Claxton at 5 p.m. on Tiger Field. Be sure to come out and support the Lady Tigers!



JOHN TAPLEY AND CHARLENE AYALA

Miss South Carolina World speaks to Veterans at the Library

The Veterans at the Library met Monday, Oct. 21, 2024. They had 42 Veterans in attendance. They enjoyed a breakfast with fresh fruit, breakfast casserole, blueberry muffins, pound cake, juices and coffee provided by Beta Sigma Phi members Jane Durden, Betsy Johnson, Jill Briercheck and Ann Johnson.

Guest speaker was Charlene Ayala, Miss South Carolina World. She talked to the Veterans about literacy and how important a library is to a community. Libraries offer free reading material for everyone.

The Veterans were reminded they only have five more weeks before they place flags on graves for Wreaths Across America. If you would like to place a wreath on a loved one's grave in Emanuel County, forms are available at Franklin Memorial Library.

Citizens Bank to promote Georgia Peanuts with annual promotion Oct. 21-25, 2024

The Georgia Peanut Commission and Georgia Bankers Association will join forces Oct. 21-25, 2024, to promote the 48th annual Georgia Peanut Bank Week. Financial institutions and local banks across the state will offer a tribute to Georgia's 4,000 peanut farm families and the sustainability they provide to Georgia's state and local economies.

The 2024 theme, "Hold yourself accountable... Eat Georgia Peanuts!" will showcase the affordable and nutritious peanut. Recent research studies indicate and highlight that regularly eating peanuts can reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and cancer. Individuals can reap these benefits by taking one daily ounce (about a handful) of peanuts or 2 tablespoons of peanut butter.

"We're excited to continue Georgia Peanut Bank Week for the forty-eighth year and salute peanut farmers and the nutritional benefits of peanuts," says Joe Boddiford, chairman of the Georgia Peanut Commission. "This promotion is a great way to highlight all peanuts have to offer our communities across the state."

The annual promotion will be taking place

during an opportune time of the year: peanut harvest. In 2023, Georgia peanuts were planted on more than 775,000 acres throughout Georgia and accounted for 53 percent of peanut production in the United States. Peanuts were planted in 77 of Georgia's 159 counties with an average yield of more than 4,000 pounds per acre.

The Citizens Bank urges everyone to stop by during Georgia Peanut Bank Week to learn more about Georgia peanuts. Peanut samples and recipes will be available throughout the week. "Come join us at Citizens Bank as peanut farmers prepare for harvest and bring both continued and new business to our community," says President Milton Gray.

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Sheriff's Reports

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

October 11
Deputy responded to Fairground Rd. in refer-

ence to property damage. C/p advised she went home and discovered her camper had been damaged by some bricks found in the yard. C/p also advised she's been having trouble with some neighborhood kids looking in her windows and messing with her property.

Deputy met with c/p on Keas Old Millpond Road in reference to a

theft incident. Items were left on a pond dam along with footprints being found. C/p named two separate individuals who he believes could be possible suspects.

October 14

Deputies responded to I16 in reference to complainant stating a vehicle in front of him hit a deer and it came back and hit his vehicle, causing minor damage.

Deputy met with complainant where he stated he has been leasing hunting land on Old Savannah Rd. for appx. four years and found his hunting equipment was gone. C/p got in touch with offender who advised he is the son of the original property owner who leased the land to c/p and told c/p he thought the equipment belonged to someone who was trespassing on the property and removed it. Offender was said to have taken the items to Valdosta. Offender also told c/p that he didn't know there was a hunting lease on the land when it was given to him by his mother. It was confirmed that there is a lease on the land. C/p advised he has been in contact with offender about getting his property back, however offender is in NC and will not confirm when the property will be returned. Items in question are valued at \$370.

October 15

Victim stated he told offender he could stay in a small apartment during the hurricane and now wants offender out. Deputy spoke with offender who stated

he's been staying there for two months and has been doing repair work on the apartment for rent payment for the last two months. There is no rental contract between the two so deputy advised victim of the eviction process through Magistrate Court. Offender also stated victim went to his apartment while his girlfriend was sleeping and startled her.

Deputy met with complainant who stated she had gas delivered to her residence and the driver hit her well and pump. C/p stated the driver provided his supervisor's name and email and she contacted them by phone and was told they would send someone out to check the damages.

C/p stated that he noticed the license plate on his vehicle was missing and he does not know if it had fallen off or it was stolen.

October 16

C/p came to SPD to make a report. C/p stated that after the hurricane a group of people posted on Facebook that they were looking for people to help remove limbs from people's yards. They said they would pay cash and c/p agreed to help. When the work was done c/p received two checks that bounced. C/p was told to get a police report.

October 17

Deputy received a report from c/p advising that after the hurricane, she had damage to her air condition window unit.

Deputy got a phone call from the DCS who stated that a sex offender could not be located. Deputy had not seen his since he registered last year. She stated that she went and checked his listed residence and he was not there and was believed to be in Ohio where he is from. A warrant was taken out for failure to register.

October 18

C/p came in for a report. He stated that he received food stamps and that his funds went missing after he received them. The following day he received emergency funds and later that day those funds were missing as well.

October 19

Listed vehicle was traveling on I-16 around the area of construction zone when an unknown item made contact with the mirror on her vehicle resulting in damage.

Deputy was dispatched to Fairground Road in reference to the offender discharging a firearm onto another property. C/p advised that her neighbor was shooting into the woods and was a convicted felon. No shell casings were observed in the yard or any other evidence of discharging the firearm.

Deputy responded to Old Kenfield Road and spoke with c/p who stated that he was receiving messages from a number that he didn't recognize. The message listed his name, address, and family member's names and ages. It also stated that a person from an organization was the sender of these messages and that they had business to discuss and that it was in his best interest to talk to him in person to resolve the situation. Deputy believed that c/p had been scammed due to the fact that he was sending offender money. Deputies were dispatched to meet with c/p on Lambs Bridge Road in reference to a stolen trailer. C/p stated that he left his trailer beside the roadway after the hurricane and there was a hitch lock on it. He noticed the trailer was gone two days later.



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Swainsboro Police Reports

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

September 30

Officer was called by complainant who stated that his truck had been hit and the person left. He stated it had been a few days since it happened, but his insurance needed a report. He stated that he was at Enmarket and when returning to his vehicle there was damage. He tried to check the cameras but the cameras were not working at the time of the incident.

October 11

Officer was notified to make contact with an individual at South Main Street in reference to found property. C/p advised that he found the listed property scattered in the parking lot and bagged it. Officer recovered the property and placed it into evidence for safe keeping.

Officer was notified to respond to a residence on Pine Needle Road in reference to property damage. C/p advised that the offender hit the power line and snapped the line in half and c/p did not want to be responsible for it. Offender advised that his company was moving trees from a vacant lot next to the residence and the line was hit.

911 dispatched officers to South Racetrack Street in reference to a physical altercation that had already occurred. 911 advised that the offender had already left the scene but was unsure if it was on foot or in a vehicle. Upon arrival, officer noticed that the front door of the residence was open and went to attempt to make contact with the victim. No one appeared to be inside of the house. A man came from the back of the residence and stated that the aggressor hit him in the head with a house brick and left walking. EMS arrived on scene and tended to the victim's wounds. Offender was located and was placed under arrest.

Officers responded to a call on Joy Lane in reference to a physical altercation in progress between two broth-

ers. C/p stated that his brother grabbed him by the throat, and that they both were intoxicated. He did not wish to press charges. The offender was later found on the scene and was refusing to comply with officers. This led to officers issuing a taser on offender in attempt to place him under arrest. Both prongs did not hit the offender so he proceeded to go into the residence and officers followed. Offender seemed as if he was going to get violent with officers and was eventually detained and arrested.

Officer was dispatched to North Racetrack Street in reference to a burglary that had already occurred. The victim stated that she arrived home from work and received a phone call that he apartment had been broken into. Officer viewed surveillance footage and were able to identify one of the offenders.

October 12

Officer was called to West Church Street to perform field sobriety tests on a male subject. There was an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from the offender and he was not able to follow directions during the test. Offender was arrested for DUI.

911 dispatched officers to respond to the area west of Dollar General on West Main Street. C/p stated that the offender stole items from the store and the items were located in his backpack. Offender was located and admitted to stealing items. He was released on citations and a criminal trespass warrant was issued.

Officer was dispatched to the area of King Circle Drive in reference to a male running down the road. 911 advised that the call continued to drop. Upon arrival, officer was approached by a woman walking out of her residence. She stated that the offender took her phone and broke it. Officer advised her that the offender was probably going to jail due to the numerous times officers have been to the

residence. Both were placed under arrest for disorderly house.

October 13

Officer was dispatched to Dawson Street in reference to an entering auto that had taken place the night before. C/p stated that she left her car there overnight in order to attend a party and believed that she had locked it. She stated that she went to retrieve her car and noticed come of her belongings were missing.

Officer responded to North Anderson Drive for report of theft from a vehicle. C/p stated that he left his vehicle doors unlocked when he went inside and was told that a guy with tattoos on his face was seen around his vehicle. He started getting messages that his card was being used.

Officers were dispatched to Popeyes in reference to a customer that threatened c/p with voodoo. After leaving, her mother returned wanting to replace her breast for a leg. When the employee refused to change it out, the unknown woman held her hand out and blew in it and stated that her life would never be the same.

911 dispatched officers to the parking lot of McDonald's in reference to a man walking around the parking lot and hitting a vehicle. There was a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming off of the offender and he was arrested for public intoxication.

Officer was dispatched to West Main Street in reference to an entering auto call. C/p stated that he and his wife had been staying in a bed and breakfast because their power was still out and when he woke up the next morning they went and saw his father who was not doing so well. A few hours later, his father passed and they went home to get their vehicle and noticed things had been moved around in it. There was money and a firearm missing.

Officer was dispatched to Domino's

in reference to a man being dropped off at the restaurant and not knowing where he was. The man was under the influence of alcohol and was placed under arrest for public intoxication.

Officers were dispatched to North Green Street in reference to two men sounding like they were having an altercation and could get physical. 911 advised that they possibly have a knife. Upon arrival, officer observed only two individuals, one been a witness who heard the commotion. The victim stated that he was standing in front of the house when the offender walked up and began using vulgar and irate language towards him.

October 14

Officer was dispatched to North Main Street in reference to someone being given the wrong change back. C/p stated that the offender redeemed a ticket from the slot machine and was given a part of the amount and told her to come back the next day for the remaining amount. the offender returned to the store to redeem the money and more she had won and the clerk gave her extra not knowing she had already claimed the larger part of her first winnings.

Officer was dispatched to South Main Street in reference to a male coming into the store and was trespassing and threatening an employee. Officer was met by the victim and the manager of the store. The victim stated that the offender had been sending him threatening text messages. Offender was criminally trespassed from the store.

Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with no insurance and expired registration. The driver did not have her license on her. Vehicle was towed.

Officer was dispatched to Lakeside Rest Home on Crump Street in reference to an altercation between two residents. C/p stated that one resident struck the other in the top of

his head.

Officer was on B Lee Street and heard people arguing. When passing a residence, he observed several adults and a minor child on the front porch. When backup arrived, the offender started yelling at police and was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Officer observed a driver know to have a suspended driver's license driving down North Coleman Street. Driver was released on a citation.

Officer observed a vehicle with a taillight out and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was found to not have a valid driver's license and was issued a citation.

911 dispatched officers to North Green Street in reference to an unwanted person. C/p stated that the offender has been harassing her. They had an argument and later the offender arrived with several males in the vehicle, later attempting to provoke violence.

October 15

Officers were dispatched to Marion Street in reference to a male calling 911. C/p approached the vehicle and stated to go to the residence. The offender had hit the vicim in the mouth and the offender stated that it was an accident. Officer came outside and the offender was in handcuffs for a probation violation. He was charged with battery family violence and cruelty to children.

Officer responded to Roses in reference to a theft by taking. The loss prevention officer stated that the manager of the store had stolen \$4,000+ in cash from the store.

October 16

A call came into SPD in reference to a vehicle being hit. C/p stated that a piece of metal was laying on the hood of his vehicle when he walked outside of his law firm.

Officer received a walk in report at SPD. C/p stated that she had a verbal disagreement with the offender because her son and other kids were playing

outside of her apartment and the kids were arguing.

Officer made contact with c/p who stated that she is the property manager of Latitude 105. She said that there was a vehicle occupied by three males that kept coming and hanging out in the parking lot smoking marijuana. They had been asked to leave on different occasions but continued to return to the parking lot.

911 dispatched officers to McDonald's in reference to an irate customer. C/p stated that the offender was in the bathroom and had come in to place multiple orders and got angry stating that they overcharged him. He also got loud with customers in the store. He was asked to leave and a criminal trespass warrant was issued. The offender stated that he did not get one of his orders, so it was given to him.

October 17

Officer was dispatched to South Main Street in reference to a theft that had taken place. C/p stated that he and a group of people were grilling and having drinks outside of the location. He stated that an unknown male that was involved in the get together got aggressive with him so he went to his room. He stated that when he got up the next morning his bluetooth speaker was missing.

Officer was dispatched to SPD in reference to a walk in report. C/p stated that he is president-manager at a company and a possible fraudulent check came through their account.

Officer responded to North Main Street in reference to a debit card being left in an ATM. Officer obtained the debit card for safekeeping.

Officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle with a headlight out. Officer noticed a faint odor of marijuana when approaching the vehicle. The driver admitted to having marijuana in the car and was released on citations.

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).

Katie Diana Arevalo, 20, arrested 10/16/24; Theft by bringing stolen property into state/ Financial transaction card fraud (x4); SPD

Bronson Andrew Blair, 19, arrested 10/16/24; Possess of marijuana less than oz/Possession/sale of tobacco to minors; SPD

Anthony Cartrell Bynum, 18, arrested 10/16/24; Possess of marijuana less than oz/Possession/sale of tobacco to minors; SPD

Teyundria Dynett Carswell, 23, arrested 10/20/24; Theft by taking - felony (x6); SPD

Otis Lee Davis, 60, arrested 10/16/24; Hold for Johnson Co.; GSP

Precious Shanta Davis, 37, arrested 10/18/24; Hold for

Candler Co.; SPD

Sameelya Maryunna Grant, 20, arrested 10/20/24; Criminal trespass; EGSC

Keja Yoland Hall, 26, arrested 10/15/24; Theft by taking - felony (x23); ECSO

Omari Jakius Jackson, 18, arrested 10/16/24; Possess of marijuana less than oz; SPD

Candace Nicole Metts, 32, arrested 10/18/24; Hold for Candler Co.; CCSO

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

Deneco John Maurice Morris, 34, arrested 10/17/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSO

Walter Lee Morris, 45, arrested 10/18/24;

DUI less safe - alcohol/ Improper stopping on roadway; GSP

Mirna Lynn Motes, 28, arrested 10/20/24; Hindering apprehension or punishment of criminal/Obstruction of law enforcement officers; GSP

Shir May Moyal, 29, arrested 10/20/24; Fleeing or attempting to elude police/ Speeding; ECSO

Justin Tal Nasworthy, 29, arrested 10/15/24; Court production order; ECSO

Michaela Najae Pearson, 17, arrested 10/16/24; Possess of marijuana less than oz/Possession/sale of tobacco to minors; SPD

Dequonia Keyanna Royal, 25, arrested 10/20/24; DUI less safe - alcohol/Too fast for conditions/Failure to

comply; SPD

Marino Sanchez, 37, arrested 10/18/24; Driving while unlicensed/DUI less safe - alcohol/Failure to maintain lane; GSP

Robert Stephen Sanders, 29, arrested 10/15/24; Riot in penal institution/ Aggravated battery/ Hold for Dawson Co./ Hold for Lumpkin Co.; ECSO

John Wesley Shattler, 58, arrested 10/15/24; Possess of marijuana less than oz/Possession and use of drug related objects; SPD

Curtis Lee Sims, 61, arrested 10/17/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/ Headlight requirements/Probation violation; GSP

Joseph Louis Smith, 59, arrested 10/20/24;

Driving while license suspended/revoked/ Fail to yield after stopping at stop sign/ Giving false name, address or DOB to law enforcement; SPD

Ernest Lee Tapley, 38, arrested 10/15/24; Theft by receiving stolen property/ Hold for Candler Co.; SPD

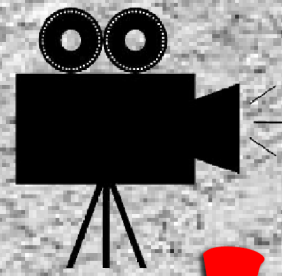
Keith Wadley, 47, arrested 10/20/24; Battery; SPD

Brandon Mandall Williams, 32, arrested 10/15/24; Battery/ Cruelty to children 3rd degree (x2)/ Obstructing or hindering persons making emergency call; SPD

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



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OCTOBER 28-

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SWAINSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

MON-CAMO DAY
 TUES-TOURIST DAY
 WED-NEON DAY
 THURS-CHARACTER DAY
 FRI-SHOW YOUR TIGER PRIDE

SWAINSBORO MIDDLE SCHOOL

MON-WEAR RED FROM HEAD TO TOE
 TUES-THE RED CARPET
 WED-WAR ON DRUGS
 THURS-CHARACTER DAY
 FRI-SPIRIT DAY



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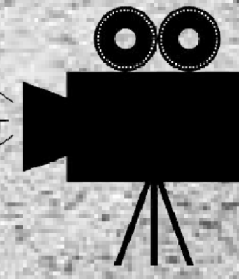
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WEEK 2024

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FILM DRUG FREE

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MON-BBQ DAD VS SOCCER MOM

TUES-THROWBACK TUESDAY

WED-HEALTHY MINDSET

9TH & 6TH BABIES - 10TH & 7TH TODDLERS

11TH ADULTS 12TH & 8TH SENIOR CITIZENS

THURS-SAY BOO TO DRUGS

FRI-SPIRIT DAY

TWIN CITY ELEMENTARY

MON-NEON DAY

TUES-HOLIDAY DAY

WED-WACKY TACKY DAY

THURS-BOOK CHARACTER DAY

FRI-TEAM SPIRIT DAY



SWAINSBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MON-WAKE UP DRUG FREE

TUES-THESE PAWS DON'T TOUCH DRUGS

WED-BE A JEAN-IUS

THURS-SAY BOO TO DRUGS

FRI-TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS

SWAINSBORO PRIMARY

MONDAY-WAKE UP DRUG FREE

TUESDAY- THESE PAWS DON'T TOUCH DRUGS

WEDNESDAY- BE A JEAN-IUS, BE DRUG FREE

THURSDAY- SAY BOO TO DRUGS

FRIDAY- TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS



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MISS SOUTH CAROLINA WORLD AYALA WITH TODDLER TIME PARTICIPANTS AND FRANKLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY STAFF

Franklin Memorial Library to host Toddler Time

by KAYLA WILLIAMS
Franklin Memorial Library will host Toddler Time every Friday at 10:30 a.m. October 11 was no different...Mrs. Shari prepared for her toddler bunch and was eager to see her little ones once again. Everyone started arriving and she began her weekly story time and craft. This time together opens the door for every child in attendance to not only meet new friends but walk through the door of literacy. At this specific Toddler Time, two new little boys got this experience too. They were brought in by their aunt, Miss South Carolina World Carlene Ayala. Carlene is a Swainsboro native and stopped by with her nephews to

enjoy our Toddler Time and allowed all the children to wear her crown and sash. She wanted to experience this opportunity with her nephews and watch how Mrs. Shari conducts her time with the little ones. Carlene would like the opportunity to use her platform to promote "Education with a Purpose", a project she is working on that increases the love of literacy in our community. This promotion of literacy starts with the local library, the benefits of reading to your children at such a young age and on up will benefit them greatly as they grow. According to Ferst Readers, Top Literacy Statistics, "The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) found

that children who were read to frequently are also more likely to count to 20 or higher than those who were not (60% vs. 44%), write their own names (54% vs. 40%) and read or pretend to read (77% vs. 57%)." Reading helps build your child's mind and imagination and it all starts with you at home. Look at our Facebook page or stop by today for a calendar of all the events and the next Toddler Time! Bring your little ones and their siblings because we love having them and look forward to seeing them. Mrs. Shari and Carlene will be working together on some things for our little ones so be on the lookout!

Ferst Readers 3rd Annual Character Contest moved to October 28

Due to Hurricane Helene, Emanuel County Family Connection's 'Characters' program has been moved to October 28. Emanuel County Ferst Readers is sponsoring a virtual fundraiser to get books into the homes of children under five living in Emanuel County. Local "celebrities" are asking for you to donate to Ferst Readers by casting a vote for them. Every \$4 vote you make will provide another book for a child, so vote as many times as you like and for as many

characters as you like. Beginning October 28, you can see your favorite celebrity in their book character costume on Facebook. There are 14 Book Characters raising money for Emanuel County Ferst Readers. We will be using social media to do online voting/donations. Each vote costs \$4 which will furnish a book to children 0 to 5 years old who live in Emanuel County. The books get mailed to the homes along with an activity page for parents to teach their child litera-

cy and vocabulary skills. This "come in mail" program gets children excited about books and supports the love of reading. There are children in Emanuel County who do not have age-appropriate books in the home and many who do not attend preschool. This is a setback for those little ones when they start kindergarten. Family Connection wants to play a part in preventing that by getting children enrolled in Ferst Readers and raising the money for this program that is free to the families.



CHARACTER CONTEST PARTICIPANTS

Henry and Hall bag 10 point bucks

Pictured is Cassidy Henry weighing her 10-point buck in at Hunters Outdoor Hub, located on North Main Street in Swainsboro this past Saturday. Josh Hall also got a nice 10-point to enter the 'Big Buck' contest being sponsored by Chris Jukes, owner of Hunters Outdoor Hub.



HENRY



HALL

NOTICE

The City Commission of Twin City does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held in the City Commission Chambers on November 5, 2024 at 7:30PM and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2024 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

CITY WIDE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Real & Personal	17,349,622	17,021,110	20,355,577	20,686,775	22,368,407	23,182,241
Motor Vehicles	470,630	237,026	343,010	305,370	409,130	372,280
Mobile Homes	180,024	209,648	224,410	226,980	236,945	425,900
Timber - 100%						
Heavy Duty Equipment						
Gross Digest	18,000,276	17,467,784	20,922,997	21,219,125	23,014,482	23,980,421
Less M & O Exemptions	493,417	496,278	512,515	607,076	539,765	594,826
Net M & O Digest	17,506,859	16,971,506	20,410,482	20,612,049	22,474,717	23,385,595
State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value						
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	17,506,859	16,971,506	20,410,482	20,612,049	22,474,717	23,385,595
Gross M&O Millage	18.473	21.321	19.359	19.852	18.843	18.182
Less Rollback (LOST)	11.260	14.104	12.476	13.233	12.462	12.046
Net M&O Millage	7.213	7.217	6.883	6.619	6.381	6.136
Total City Taxes Levied	\$126,277	\$122,483	\$140,485	\$136,431	\$143,411	\$143,494
Net Taxes \$ Increase		-\$3,794	\$18,002	-\$4,054	\$6,980	\$83
Net Taxes % Increase		-3.00%	14.70%	-2.89%	5.12%	0.06%



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\$2,999 DUE AT SIGNING AFTER ALL OFFERS
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Legals

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF LESLIE ERIN HUTCHINSON, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 24E0127
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: LARRY S. HUTCHINSON has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of LESLIE ERIN HUTCHINSON deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before November 4, 2024.

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

DON E. WILKES
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Alyson Abell
Clerk of the Probate Court
125 S. Main Street
Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
Address
(478) 237-7091
Telephone Number

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT WAYNE GULLEDGE, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 24E0125
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: MELISSA GULLEDGE has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of ROBERT WAYNE GULLEDGE deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before November 4, 2024.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF BILLY C. BRINSON SR., DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 24E0126
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: CAROLYN AMERSON BRINSON has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of BILLY C. BRINSON SR. deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before November 4, 2024.

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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 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
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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

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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.
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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
() NO 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?”
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.

-2 - Provides for a state-wide Georgia Tax Court.

House Resolution No. 598
Ga. L. 2024, p. 1189
“() YES
() NO 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?”
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
() NO 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?”
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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of JOY R. BROWN, 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 15th day of October, 2024.
S. LOWELL BOWEN, executor/ executrix of the estate of JOY R. BOWEN, decedent.
443 Pendleton Springs Road Lyons, Ga. 30436
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SERVICE LINE INVENTORY FOR THE CITY OF OAK PARK, GEORGIA

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Oak Park, Georgia at Oak Park City Hall, 3857 Harrington Street, Lyons, Georgia 30436 until 11:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. No submitted bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days. A Utility Contractors License is not required for bidding. The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment and labor necessary to determine service line material on all water services 2 inches in diameter and smaller. Time allotted for contract is 120 consecutive calendar days for substantial completion. Proposals for the complete work in one general contract shall be made on the proposal form provided and shall contain prices in words and figures for the work bid on. The project is proposed to be funded with a State Revolving Fund loan. All SRF requirements apply. Drawings and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the City of Oak Park, Georgia and at the offices of Turnipseed Engineers in Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia. Copies of the plans and specifications must be obtained from Turnipseed Engineers, 4210 Columbia Road, Building 3, Augusta, Georgia 30907, upon receipt of \$50.00. *Digital copies of the documents are not available.* The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

CITY OF OAK PARK, GEORGIA

By: Mickey Lindsey, Mayor

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SERVICE LINE INVENTORY FOR THE CITY OF TWIN CITY, GEORGIA

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Twin City, Georgia at City Hall, P.O. Box 980 or 112 South Railroad Avenue, Twin City, Georgia 30471 (Shipping Address Only – No Mail Received at Street Address) until 1:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. No submitted bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days. A Utility Contractors License is not required for bidding. The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment and labor necessary to determine service line material on all water services 2 inches in diameter and smaller. Time allotted for contract is 120 consecutive calendar days for substantial completion. Proposals for the complete work in one general contract shall be made on the proposal form provided and shall contain prices in words and figures for the work bid on. The project is proposed to be funded with a State Revolving Fund loan. All SRF requirements apply. Drawings and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the City of Twin City, Georgia and at the offices of Turnipseed Engineers in Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia. Copies of the plans and specifications must be obtained from Turnipseed Engineers, 4210 Columbia Road, Building 3, Augusta, Georgia 30907, upon receipt of \$50.00. *Digital copies of the documents are not available.* The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.
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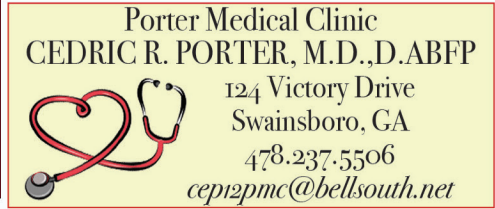
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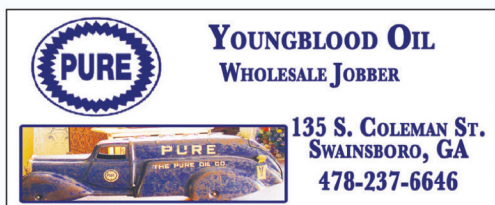
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- Max Burns**
 (Incumbent) Republican
- Shayna Boston**
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- _____
Write-in

For United States House of Representatives District 12
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- Rick W. Allen**
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Write-in

For State House of Representatives District 158
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- Kristin Cannady Hall**
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Write-in

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Write-in

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- _____
Write-in

For County Commissioner District 1
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- Kawame Coleman**
 (Democrat)
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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-wide homestead exemption that may differentiate among political subdivisions.

House Resolution No. 1022
 Ga. L. 2024, p. 1191

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for a statewide 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?"

- Yes**
- No**

- 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.

Correction: Due to fault of The Forest Blade only half of the ballot printed in last week's paper (10/16/24). This is the corrected full ballot.