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ONE DOLLAR

Emanuel County Recreation Department Wins GRPA Agency of the Year Award

The Emanuel County Recreation Department has scored big! The Georgia Recreation and Park Association’s 2024 Agency of the Year Award is now on display inside the Connie Kight Gymnasium, along with numerous other trophies and honors.

Recreation leaders Jerry Lawson, Mitchell Hudson, and Deandra

Coleman accepted the plaque Wednesday night at the District 1 Annual Awards and Officer Installation Banquet in Springfield.

This achievement holds special significance as it’s the first year the recreation department has been managed solely by Emanuel County. The department previously won the award

in 2002, 2009, 2016, and 2022 when it was a joint venture with the City of Swainsboro, but this year’s win is a testament to the county’s ability to continue a recreational legacy of excellence on its own.

The Agency of the Year award is judged across seven districts with recreation departments (Continued on page 5A)



Photo by Wanda Thompson Scarborough
BRYCE AND BUDDY

Happy Halloween!

Bryce Johnson, age 6, is the son of Chelsea and Jeremiah Johnson of Swainsboro, and attends Twin City Elementary. As you can see, Bryce and his dog Buddy, are ready for Halloween.

Trick-or-treating will be Thursday, October 31. Suggested hours are from 5 to 8 p.m. Please observe all traffic, pedestrian and health and safety regulations if planning to participate in Halloween activities. Happy Halloween to all!

EGSC Foundation Casino Night returns

The East Georgia State College (EGSC) Foundation is excited to host a Casino Night fundraising event for the second year in a row. The event will be held on Thursday, November 7 at 6 p.m. at the Nordson Center located at 210 West Moring Street in Swainsboro. The EGSC Foundation appreciates Nordson for being the venue sponsor of this year’s Casino Night!

The event will feature casino games that guests can play for a chance to win various prizes. Tickets for the event are \$50 and include play money for the casino games and food. A silent auction will also be held during the event.

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CEO MILTON GRAY PRESENTS KEYS TO SUPERVISING TELLER AVERY WILLIAMS WITH CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD BILL SIMMONS, OPERATIONS MANAGER DANA KIRBY, AND EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT ZAC FRYE PRESENT

Citizens Bank opens new branch

The Citizens Bank of Swainsboro opened their new Drive-Thru Branch on Monday, October 28. The office is located on 571 South Main Street, and many will remember it as the former Spivey State Bank Drive-Thru Branch. The branch office will offer extended banking hours and 24-Hour ATM service with deposit capabilities. Hours of operation will be Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12p.m. Beginning November 2, the new branch will be the exclusive location for Saturday banking. The

downtown office will no longer offer Saturday banking.

“Our commercial and consumer customer base continues to grow,” said CEO Milton Gray. “This branch will allow us to offer extended hours and provide an additional location to make it more convenient for customers to bank with us. Establishing a drive-thru branch on South Main Street has been in our strategic plan for the past few years, and we were fortunate to be able to acquire this popular location to serve our valued customers.”

Avery Williams will be the supervising teller for the new office with additional tellers supporting her as needed. “Avery is one of our best and most experienced tellers. She is excited and ready to provide prompt, professional, and quality banking services to our customers,” said Mr. Gray. “Our guiding principle has always been to provide quality, professional, and convenient banking services to our valued customers, and this new location will support these ideals.”

City Council holds special meeting

A special meeting of the Swainsboro City Council and Mayor was called to order Thursday evening, October 24, at 6 p.m. Following an invocation and pledge of allegiance, council considered two items under old business. The proposed 2025 city budget was considered, and two related motions were passed: one motion for the advertisement and public comment period of the new budget and the second motion for advertisement of the public notice of the new millage rate for city taxes. The second issue under old business concerned changes to the Alcohol Ordinance. No comments regarding the change were received from the council in the

first hearing, and no action was taken. Under new business, council approved the city administrator’s contract with a change made by motion to adjust the severance formula for Administrator Middlebrooks. Council then considered agreeing to a plan proposed by

the county, the state and FEMA to deal with the pick-up and removal of storm debris. This plan reportedly provides 75 % funding from FEMA, 12.5 % funding by the State of Georgia and 12.5 % funding by Emanuel County to underwrite storm clean up along road- (Continued on page 5A)

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5. Collaborating with parents, community members, and stakeholders to address challenges and identify solutions.

I am deeply passionate about the future of education in our district and am committed to serving with integrity, compassion, and dedication. Together, we can work to ensure that our schools are places of inspiration, innovation, and excellence for generations to come.

I humbly ask for your support and trust in this important endeavor. Together, let us build a brighter future for the students of Emanuel County.

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November 3 proclaimed Georgia Retired Educators Day

Governor Brian Kemp has issued a state proclamation declaring Sunday November 3, as Retired Educators Day in Georgia. Members of the Emanuel Retired Educators Association recently accepted a similar proclamation signed by Swainsboro Mayor Greg Bennett. The annual celebration not only thanks former educators, but it also brings awareness to the work still being done by so many. Members of the local association remain steadfast in their interest in and efforts to promote and support education, as well as the welfare of children in Emanuel County.



LIONS CLUB MEMBERS PREPARING FOR PANCAKE SUPPER



GUESTS ENJOYING A PREVIOUS PANCAKE SUPPER

Twin City Lions Club pancake supper set for November 7

Twin City Lions Club will host their annual pancake supper Thursday, November 7 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Lions Club Warehouse located at Highway 23 – Metter Road. Eat in or take out. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased from any Lions Club member and at Durden Banking Company, Inc. in Twin City.



KING'S CROSS QUARTET

Oak Chapel to hold Homecoming

The first Sunday in November is always a special time for Oak Chapel Baptist Church. It's time for the annual homecoming service. This homecoming will be something to celebrate as we gather to give thanks for the restoration and updating of the sanctuary and old social hall as well as for protection during the recent hurricane. Homecoming activities will begin on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 10:00 with King's Cross Quartet bringing a program of special music. Following the welcome and brief history of Oak Chapel, Brother Jim Harrell, pastor of Nunez Baptist Church, will bring the homecoming message. Following the morning message, King's Cross will close out the service, and a covered dish luncheon will be served in the church social hall.

Pastor Harrell and his wife, Tammy, live in Twin City, with their daughter Zoie. They also have a son and daughter-in-law, Russ and Destiny Harrell, and granddaughter Sarah Pate. A graduate of Swainsboro High

School, East Georgia State College and of Georgia Southern College, Jim is Senior Vice President of the Citizens Bank of Swainsboro, where he has been employed for the last 26 years. He has served as pastor of Nunez Baptist Church since July of 2015. The special music will be brought by King's Cross Quartet, a popular Southern Gospel group featuring local tenor vocalist, Kendall Hadden.

Pastor Tommy Henry invites everyone to join in the homecoming service and stay for the luncheon.

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Emanuel Family Medical Clinic holds ribbon cutting

by AVERY BERRY
Emanuel Family Medical Clinic ribbon-cutting was held on Thursday, October 22 at 11:30 a.m. Following the ribbon cutting, refreshments were served by Linda Jordan. All in attendance were invited to tour the updated facility, which includes new flooring in the patient lobby, new paint throughout the office, and updates to staff offices. Community members were also able to visit with the new provider, Dr. Sydney McRae. Emanuel Family Medical Center, formerly known as Swainsboro Healthcare, is located at 305 Kite Road.

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MLK Commemoration Community Choir to hold practice

Practices for the MLK Commemoration Community Choir will be Sunday, November 3 and Thursday, November 14 at 5 p.m. at St. James Baptist Church. All singers, (young and old), are welcome to join this in preparation for the MLK Commemoration Services 2025. For more information, contact Matt Howard at 478.268.2406.



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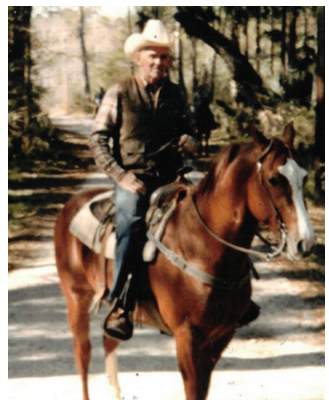
Ms. Melissa Johnson Wheeler, age 57, of Swainsboro, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at PruittHealth Swainsboro. Family will receive friends Wednesday, October 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. Lisa was born September 26, 1967, in Swainsboro, to Carlton Allen Johnson and Mary Smith Johnson. She was a proud resident of Swainsboro. Lisa was a daughter, mother, sister and “NaNa”. She was such an outgoing person who loved music and dancing. Lisa enjoyed going to motorcycle rallies and spending time with her family and friends. She was always the life of the party and was always smiling. Lisa was always independent, full of life, dependable, and had a personality that would light up the room. Ms. Wheeler was



WHEELER preceded in death by her father. Ms. Wheeler is survived by her mother; Mary S. Johnson of Swainsboro; son, Remington Lamb; daughters, Tiffany Lamb and Amber Howell; brother, Allen Johnson, all of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Kelcie Morris, Dalton Morris, Chestlee Lamb, Emberlie Lamb, Walker Wade and MaryJane Scarboro; several aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends. Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Edwin Thompson, 93

Charles Edwin Thompson, age 93, of Edgewater, Florida, passed away Saturday, October 12, 2024, surrounded by family. A Celebration of Life is planned for a later date. Charles was born June 19, 1931, to James Leon and Sarah Cooper Thompson of Swainsboro. He grew up on the farm plowing fields with a mule. From that came a growing love of horses and eventually a love of riding quarter horses. For many years he enjoyed raising, training, and racing Standard Bred horses. It was never work for him and the thrill of the race never got old. Charles loved to name new foals after members of his family and his family got a kick out of seeing their very own “namesake” horse. He enjoyed taking his grandchildren on trail rides and round-ups, and they relished every minute of being “true cowboys and cowgirls.” The grandchildren were given a childhood of imagination and adventure with the freedom to roam and play, and they are grateful for that opportunity. Charles accomplished many things by just doing them and learning as he went. One of his very good veterinarian friends often said that his working knowledge of horses was a great asset to him on calls. Charles was a kind and tenderhearted person and would



THOMPSON help those who needed it whenever he could. Mr. Thompson is preceded in death by his parents; siblings; and son, Samuel Richard Thompson. Mr. Thompson is survived by his companion, Dawn Cerbone of Edgewater, Florida; children, Leon Thompson, Joe Thompson (Mary) both of Canoochee, Rita Warnock (Jonathan) of Soperton, Ralph Thompson and Martha Walker (Wiley) both of Swainsboro; sister, Joyce T. Salter of Waynesboro; sister-in-law, Jean Thompson of Statesboro; “Pa-Pa” to 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter expected soon; “Uncle Charles” to all his nieces and nephews; and “Charlie” to a host of lifetime friends. Should family or friends desire, a donation may be made in memory of Charles to: The Reubin Thompson Memorial Foundation, c/o Clarke Johnson, 166 Pinewood Drive, Vidalia, GA 30474. Chapman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Judy Hightower Kersey, 80

Mrs. Judy Hightower Kersey, age 80, of Adrian, passed away Sunday, October 20, 2024, at her residence. Funeral service will be Wednesday, October 23, at 11 a.m. at Williams Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Lamar Kersey officiating. Interment will follow in Williams Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery. Family received friends Tuesday, October 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Rick Ragsdale, Ralph Logue, Wayne Kersey, Howie Kersey, Buck Mills, Matt Kersey, CJ Kersey, and Ethan Kersey. Judy was born April 7, 1944, in Dublin, to the late James Dillon Hightower Sr. and Frances Linger Hightower. She was a small but MIGHTY woman that loved her family and friends greatly. Judy worked many jobs throughout her 80 years, including Emanuel Medical Center and Movies To Go. She was blessed with an amazing artistic ability to paint beautiful masterpieces that she loved to share with others. Judy enjoyed cooking and baking delicious food for her family and friends any chance she could. She enjoyed many trips to the mountains with her husband and



KERSEY friends over the years. Judy loved the lord and was a member of Williams Chapel Church. Mrs. Kersey is preceded in death by her parents, brothers, James Dillon Hightower Jr. of Wadley, AL and Johnny Bruce Hightower of Dublin. Mrs. Kersey is survived by her husband of 51 years, Willard “Polie” Kersey, Jr.; daughter, Rebecca “Becky” Moore (John) of Adrian; sons, William Thomas “Tommy” Bell (Helen) of Kite and James Willard Kersey (Kim) of Swainsboro; brother, Jerry Edmond Hightower (Debbie) of Cochran; grandchildren, Ashley King (CJ), Jessica Shurling (Jonathan), Brittany Wren (Wesley), Dakota Kersey (Krystyna), Paige Ross (Will), Khloe Kersey, and Zoey Kersey; and ten great-grandchildren. Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Penny Lee Blalock, 63

Mrs. Penny Lee Blalock, age 63, passed away Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, October 25, at 2 p.m. in the Chan Stanley Memorial Chapel of Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial followed in Dublin Memorial Gardens with Pastor Joe Gabbard officiating. Family received friends Friday, October 25, from 1 to 1:45 p.m. at the funeral home. Pallbearers were Dylan Ward, Damon Ward, D.J. Lathan, William Brantley, Todd Evans and Gage Brantley. Mrs. Blalock was born February 23, 1961, in Swainsboro, to the late Earl Hood and Elon Watts Grant. She was a former manager with Krispy Chic in Vidalia. Penny was a happy and fun-loving person who loved her family and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She loved to cook and enjoyed feeding people.




BLALOCK Mrs. Blalock is preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Terry Harrison. Mrs. Blalock is survived by her two sons, Michael Harrison (Sweets) and Shane Hairr (April); two daughters, Terri Lee Lathan (Daniel) and Delaine Evans (Todd); brother, Earl Hood, Jr. (Connie); grandchildren, Daylon Hairr, Devin Renfro, Damin Renfro, Dylan Ward, Damon Ward, Kylan Evans, D.J. Lathan and Jayla Lathan. Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory/Dublin Chapel was charge of funeral arrangements.

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Halloween Frights!

As we all know, the spookiest time of the year is almost upon us. Before you know it, terrifying creatures of frightful description will be on the streets, knocking on doors, and flying across the land under the luster of a full moon. This year, however, the blood curdling screams and unearthly howls will not be coming from witches or demons, but instead from a far more terrifying spectacle; the ghoulish presidential candidates on CNN or Fox every night. Yes, the chilling sight of supernatural apparitions and nightmarish monsters who show up at your front door looking for candy cannot hold a candle to the hair-raising hor-

ror of the Democrat and Republican nominees looking for your vote. So, as a tribute to trick or treat which is an activity much more wholesome than politics, we would like to offer a review of the more popular costumes for Halloween, 2024. First of all, there is the “*Kamala, now you see me, now you don’t*” costume. It is, of course, a rumpled, distressed look, stylish brown pants suit that regularly morphs into something totally different, sort of like her campaign policy positions. It also comes with a special feature that allows the wearer to completely disappear into thin air when they hear the words “Southern border”. Additionally,

this costume is equipped with a mini teleprompter, a CD of the greatest “word salad” hits, and instructions on how to salute members of the military when you are leaving or arriving on Air Force 1 or 2. The next costume we feature is the “Donald”. Naturally, this costume comes with the iconic red tie complete with authentic food stains from McDonalds or Burger King. The coat pockets are especially large to accommodate subpoenas and summons, as well as classified documents from various bathrooms at Mar a Largo. This popular costume also includes the very desirable Trump Gold Sneakers, and the Trump-Time Gold wrist-

watch all of which are collector’s items because nobody ever bought any. A special feature of this costume is a fact-check sensor that was donated by ABC news and causes the blond Donald wig to fly off the wearer’s head anytime someone says, “The border is secure”. Both of these costumes have been selling quite well with the “*Kamala*” coming in at 55 percent favorability and the “*Donald*” at 55 percent favorability which means there might be a problem with election results on the evening of November 5. New voters in Mexico, China, and Cuba who are planning on crossing the border in time to vote really need to get out

Charles Schwabe



there and purchase the new “*Alejandro Mayorkas, Come on Over Ya’ll*” costume. It features a certified voter registration card accepted at all drug cartel crossing points and a solar powered ATM card good in all 50 states, with unlimited use, and no expiration date. Well, there’s the rundown on some of the more popular Halloween costumes this year. There are many more, such as the Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Green

costume kit which includes a Climate Gun, and the MSNBC costume which is a plain brown bag with no cutouts for seeing, hearing or speaking that is suitable for anyone who is just really ashamed of themselves. Sadly, the Nancy Pelosi “Wicked Witch of the West” costume will not be available this year because it was just too frightening for pets or babies or NFL linemen to look at. It has, however, been shipped to Ukraine to assist in the war effort.

Trick or Treat

Do you remember when Trick or Treat was not a tradition of Halloween? I do, but I do not know the origin or meaning for October 31 as Halloween. I do know it is celebrated and enjoyed each year. Back in my era of the “Fabulous Fifties,” my observance started by going to Darlings or United and buying a

mask which we called a “false face.” That was the limit of store-bought costumes. Any costumes were homemade and most seen were ghosts made from an old bed sheet. Our Halloween early evening started by gathering with a group of friends and going out tricking. This was not malicious just playful. Actives were such as

turning over porch furniture, soaping car windows or hiding porch plants behind bushes. Does this sound like fun? A carnival was started in SHS gym by senior class and that became our Halloween celebration. These new traditions were more fun. There was always bobbing for apples, fortune telling, and a spooky

dark room filled with *goolies and ghostiest, long legged beasties and things that go bump in the night*. Candy apples, popcorn balls, hot dogs with slaw, and hot chocolate with a marshmallow on top were treats. The highlight of the evening was crowning the SHS Halloween Queen. Homerooms selected their queen. The honor

Shirley Proctor Twiss



of SHS Queen was won by total of coins donated into a quart jar. Often this was won by a jar containing a \$5 donated by a father or grandfather. This was all safe and sane

fun and a great donation towards the Senior class trip to Washington. That was Halloween celebrated in the “Fabulous Fifties.” Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com.

Timber owner says Okefenokee mining ban would violate Constitution

One of the names that comes up in the controversy regarding the possible permitting by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to allow mining for titanium dioxide on Trail Ridge at the edge of the Okefenokee by Alabama-

based Twin Pines Minerals is attorney Joe Hopkins of Charlton County. To the environmental groups fighting the permitting process, Hopkins, president and CEO of Toledo Manufacturing Company, is a political power respon-

sible for the deafening silence coming out of Gov. Brian Kemp’s office as well as the EPD and assorted members of the Legislature. They have it wrong, Hopkins told me by phone. He had gotten in touch with me to correct what he con-

sidered misstatements on my part in an earlier column on the Okefenokee. I had called him the owner of Toledo Manufacturing. Not so. He is president along with other shareowners he chose not to identify and calls it a “small privately held company.” He also took issue with my referring to him as a “timber baron.” We might have to quibble over that one. Toledo owns tens of thousands of acres of land in the county, including a 30,000-acre tract directly north of Twin Pines’ property. Hopkins wanted to set the record straight about his perceived role in the Okefenokee dispute. To him, it is all about the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which protects private property rights. “My position is based on my support of the U.S. Constitution and the guarantees protected. Statutorily banning mining over a certain geographic area eliminates due process of law and terminates a private property right that landowners currently have,” he says. Testifying against The Okefenokee Protection Act in March 2023, which would have prohibited future mining on Trail Ridge, Hopkins said the permitting process couldn’t be bypassed without infringing on property rights. “The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution provides that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law,” he said. “That’s what your EPD does. Make your case for seeking a permit. You may lose but you have had your due process of law. If we pass this bill, that goes away.” The bill did not pass. He says he has no inter-

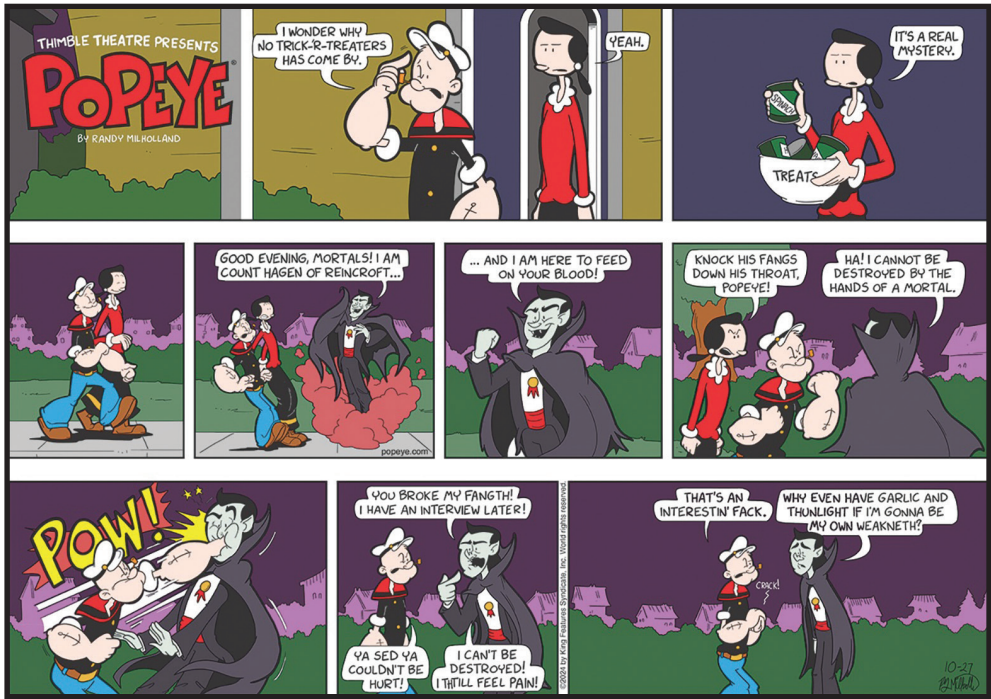
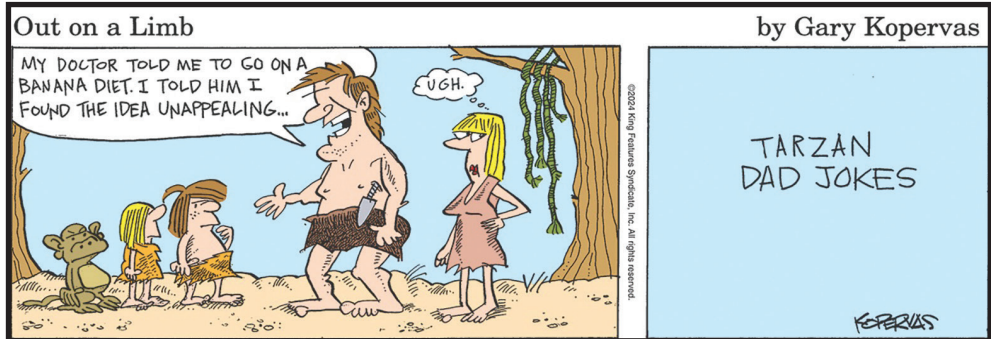
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est in Twin Pines or their efforts. Interestingly, he does say that if chemical giant Chemours, which is rumored to be buying Twin Pines, were involved, “I have met with Chemours in the past, but I have no agreement with them to mine. If it is determined by studying past and current mining operations up, down and near Trail Ridge that mining the Toledo deposit would have no adverse effect on the swamp, they would certainly be my company of choice to do the mining due their long history of successfully mining heavy minerals in our area.” Hopkins says mining has been conducted up and down Trail Ridge for close to 70 years. “Why don’t we all pause, do a three-year study to determine what effects mining has had on water tables on Trail Ridge and then make a decision based on scientific evidence?” he says. “A moratorium on any future permits could be enacted until the results are in. All parties could provide their own experts to monitor the research to satisfy themselves that the results are accurate.” As for Twin Pines’ application seeking to withdraw more than 1.4 million gallon daily in its mining operation, Hopkins offers this perspective: “Pumping 1.4 million gallons of water per day over a 365-day period equals 511 million gallons a year,” he says. “One inch of rain over 400,000 acres (the Okefenokee swamp) equals 10,861,718,271 gallons of water. 511,000,000 divided

by 10,861,718,271 equals a little less than 5% or 1/20th of an inch or rainfall over the swamp.” The Okefenokee gets roughly 50 inches of precipitation annually. Citing the number of man-made canals and ditches (canoe trails) that already exist in the swamp and drain water from the Okefenokee, Hopkins says he would be glad to sit down with a hydrologist and have them explain to him how the water drawn out of a well would adversely affect the water levels in the swamp. Another solution for those opposing mining in the Okefenokee, according to Hopkins, would be for them to purchase the titanium from the landowners that are in the area that they wish to ban from mining. “That would permanently resolve this issue,” he says, “and would be a win/win situation. The swamp would be saved by those who think it will be harmed; the landowner will be compensated for the mineral, and everyone can go home satisfied.” I have given Mr. Hopkins the opportunity to offer his position on the proposed project as I have opponents. Whether you agree or disagree with him is for you to decide. I did mention to him in our conversations that the final judge will be the Court of Public Opinion. And that’s you. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

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Back to Columbus for Lady Dawgs

by RON WEATHERFORD

The ECI Lady Dawg softball team will be packing their bags next week for another trip to the Elite 8 round of the state playoffs in Columbus. If should be familiar surroundings for the Dawgs. This marks the eighth time in the last 10 years the Lady Dawgs have made the trip to West Georgia.

These seniors on the Lady Dawgs team have packed their bags for a trip to Columbus and the Elite 8 round all four years of their high school careers. They advanced to the Elite 8 round last week by sweeping the number 2 seed from region 7, the Trion Bulldogs. ECI shut out Trion in the first game 12-0 and ended the best of 3 series in the second game 15-2.

To say the Lady Dawgs have been cooking in the first two rounds would be an understatement. They have outscored their first two opponents, Telfair Co. and Trion, 52-3. As the cliché goes, the competition only gets stronger from now on, as there are no average teams that

make the Elite 8.

After a scoreless first inning in the opening game against Trion, the Bulldogs put the scoreboard operator to work, posting 7 runs in the second inning. They added 3 more in the third inning to lead 10-0. The Lady Dawgs closed out the game in the fourth inning putting 2 more on the board to run rule the Bulldogs from North Georgia, 12-0. The Lady Dawgs pelted 14 hits during the opening game. Getting multiple hits during the game were Senaria Hillman 3, with 2 doubles, Dot Russell 2, with a double, Lola Walden, and Kayanna Thompson 2 hits each, and Jayna Kearson, 2 hits with a triple. Mary Katherine Durden toed the rubber for the four innings, giving up just 2 hits while striking out 7 Trion batters.

Playing as the visiting team in the second game of the double header, the Lady Dawgs took an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Trion scored their only runs of the series in the bottom of the first, with ECI still leading 3-2. The Lady Dawgs

scored 4 runs each in the second, third and fourth innings, for another run rule 4 inning game, defeating Trion 15-2. The teams' bats got a workout, getting 17 hits in the second game, with 7 Lady Dawgs getting multiple hits.

Ending the game with 3 hits along with 3 RBI each were Kayanna Thompson and Senaria Hillman. Getting 2 hits against Trion pitching were Jayna Kearson, Kinley Grimes, Dot Russell, Lola Walden, and Abbey Marsh. Mary Katherine Durden once again stood in the circle allowing just 3 hits, 0 walks, striking out eight.

The Bulldogs will face Irwin Co. at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 30, in their first game. The Bulldogs play out of region 3 in Class A division 2. Along with ECI, two other teams from Region 3 also advanced. Number 2 seed from region 3, Metter will play one of the Lady Dawgs' old foes in Columbus, Lanier Co. and Screven Co. also advanced to Elite 8 and will face GMC.



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TARVER

Tarver selected as Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen

Bryson Tarver has been selected as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen for SHS. This award recognizes and rewards high school seniors who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. Tarver was selected by his teachers and peers because he demonstrates these qualities to an outstanding degree. He will now move on to the scholarship portion of the program by writing a personal statement and essay. Scholarships are awarded to essay winners at the chapter, state, division, and national levels.

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Eagles soar past Matadors in Homecoming game

by ASHLEI BOATRIGHT

After a rough three weeks, David Emanuel Academy brought some dynamite into Friday night's game against Memorial Day. The Eagles soared right by the Matadors to the tune of 44-12 on Friday, October 25th. Considering the Eagles have won three contests by more than 30 points this season, Friday's blowout was nothing new. Clayton Hood continued his habit of posting crazy stat lines, rushing for 156 yards and four touchdowns on only 11 carries, while also picking up 44 receiving yards and a touchdown. With that strong performance, he is now averaging an impressive 100.5 rushing yards per game. Sailor Powell also helped with two touchdowns in total. David Emanuel Academy wouldn't let Memorial Day keep a hold of the ball as they managed to force three fumbles. The Eagles can thank Tucker Free and Jace Farmer for forcing all of them. Friday's victory snapped David Emanuel Academy's losing streak at three games and leaves them with a 3-4 record. Friday's game was Homecoming for the Eagles. After the hurricane caused DEA to reschedule games, HOCO festivities were postponed. The Eagles enjoyed a day full of festivities including a parade, banner competition, and pep rally. David Emanuel crowned their Homecoming King and Queen on Friday as well.

Congratulations to Clayton Hood and Kyli Bell! Players of the week for David Emanuel - *Offensive Player of the Game*: Offensive Line - Jaxson Wiggins, Jonah Boatright, Brody Fleming and Mason Williams with 347 Total Yards, 7 Touchdowns, 0 Sacks; *Defensive Player of the Game*: Tucker Free: 6 Tackles, 1 TFL, 1 Sack, 2 Caused Fumbles; *Special Teams Player of the Game*: Bryan Beasley: 2 Tackles, 1 Blocked Punt; *Practice Player of the Week*: Nolan Powell; *Ware's BBQ, MVP*: Clayton Hood: 156 Rushing Yards, 4 TDs, 44 Receiving Yards, 10 Tackles, 2 TFLs, 1.5 Sacks; *Cheerleader of the Week* was Addalyn Terwilliger and *Cheerleader of the Game* was Lyla Martin. These girls work hard, have positive attitudes and are eager to help wherever they can!

David Emanuel Academy has the luxury of staying home for another week and will welcome Fullington Academy at 6 p.m. on Thursday. This is DEA's Senior Night. Seniors will be recognized at halftime.



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MARTIN

Emanuel Retired Educators meet at Swainsboro Primary

The Emanuel Retired Educators Association held its October meeting in the Swainsboro Primary School Media Center last week with sixteen members attending. President Verdell Brinson called the meeting to order, and Swainsboro Primary Principal Sarah Tapley provided a warm welcome from the school and thanked EREA members for their years of service and continuing support.

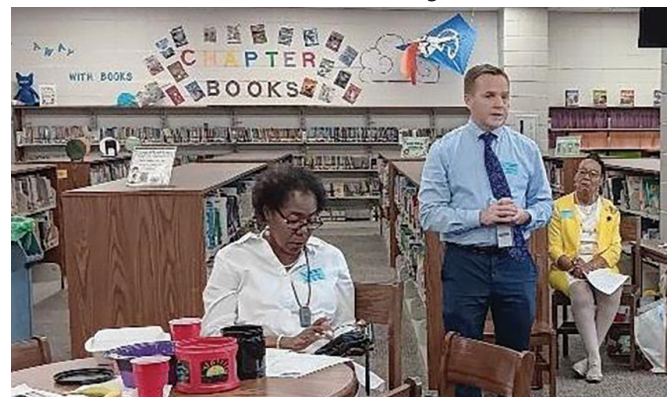
Following a delicious

meal provided by the SPS lunchroom, Damien Scott, Emanuel Medical Center CEO, was introduced and provided an enthusiastic update regarding recent developments at the hospital. He reported that the Emergency Room remodel is well underway and will provide a psychiatric safe room, as well as three rooms for Fast Track care. Scott hopes the work will be completed by April 2025. Also announced was the opening of

Emanuel Prompt Care in the former Bellamy dental office on Kite Road. The office is open seven days a week and has been used heavily since it opened. Several new staff members have joined Emanuel Medical Center including Hospitalist Dr. Vinh Dong, Dr. Caroline Musa at Swainsboro Internal Medicine, Dr. Sydney McRae at Emanuel Family Medical Center, and Dr. Randy Brown who will specialize in vas-

cular surgery. A new EMC Nursing Home Activities Director, Missy Mills, has been hired, and Scott hopes that renovations at the nursing home will begin next year. Information about the Georgia HEART Program was also shared, and Lynn Brinson is the EMC contact for information on this outstanding program that provides tax benefits for local support of our hospital.

President Brinson reminded members that Georgia Retired Educators Day will



SCOTT SPEAKS TO EREA MEMBERS

be observed Sunday, November 3. She distributed red ribbons and encouraged members to wear them that day when they attend a church of their choice. The next EREA

meeting is set for Wednesday, November 20, at Swainsboro Middle School at noon. Representative Butch Parrish and Senator Max Burns will provide a legislative update.

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Bulldogs overwhelm Claxton 63-13

by RON
WEATHERFORD

The ECI Bulldogs, playing their second home game of the week, defeated Claxton Friday evening on homecoming week to improve their season record to 6-2. The offense posted 4 touchdowns in the first quarter with the defense adding 7 more with a strip for a touchdown to lead 35-0 in the first. They added 21 more in the second quarter to lead the Tigers 56-7 at halftime. Claxton's only score of the first half came after a busted pass coverage got them deep in Bulldog territory after a 55-yard pass. When asked about the two-game week, coach Kearson commented, "Super proud of our players and coaches for being able to keep it together for two games this week and not only that we had to navigate homecoming week as well. It was a good week!!"

Tyler Foreman got the first two touchdowns for the Bulldogs in the game. The first came on a two-yard run and the second on a 51-yard run on the first play of a drive. The Bulldog defense also put points on the board in the quarter. Vintavius Hughes stripped the ball from the Claxton quarterback, taking it home for a 33-yard defensive

touchdown. The passing game got in the act on the Bulldogs' next two possessions. After a Jackson Kennedy to Foreman 22-yard pass to the Claxton 31, Kennedy went to the air again to Chase Johnson for a 31 touchdown.

The Bulldogs closed out the first quarter scoring with another passing touchdown. Kennedy hit Daon Bethea on the visitors' sidelines for a 67-yard touchdown pass to put the Bulldogs up 35-0. The Bulldogs used Ab Marsh to score in three plays on their first drive in the second quarter. Marsh picked up 12 on a running play, another 40 on a pass from Kennedy and found the endzone on the third play on a 5-yard run to add to the Bulldog lead 42-7. The Bulldogs put two more touchdowns on the Claxton defense in the second quarter. Chase Johnson scooted for a 20 touchdown and Davis Johnson hit James Parker for a 57-yard touchdown pass to close out the first half for a 56-7 lead. With a running clock and the starters taking a rest on the sideline, the JV got the last points for the Bulldogs on the opening drive of the third quarter. LJ Tarver smoked the middle of the Tiger defense for a 25-yard touchdown

run to put the Bulldogs up 63-7.

The Tigers scored their second touchdown of the game in the third quarter on a 74-yard run. The Bulldogs had 514 yards of offense against the Bluejackets from Savannah, 278 yards on the ground with record setting passing night. The two quarterbacks were perfect on the night going 7-7 for 236 yards and 3 touchdowns. Tyler Foreman, 87 yards and two touchdowns and LJ Tarver, 87 yards with a touchdown led the pack of Dawgs on the ground. Chase Johnson rushed 3 times for 42 yards and Ab Marsh carried the ball 3 times for 31 yards. Jackson Kennedy was 6-6 pass for 179 yards and two touchdowns. Davis Johnson threw one pass for 57 yards for a touchdown. Chase Johnson led the 5 receivers with 2 catches for 46 yards with 2 touchdowns. Also catching touchdowns passes were Daon Bethea with a 67-yard touchdown, and James Parker caught a 57 yarder for a touchdown.

With 2 games remaining, the region 3 play-off seedings are still up in the air. The Bulldogs have an important region match-up in Sylvania Friday against Screven Co.



OFFENSIVE LINE PLOWED THE WAY FOR 514 YARDS OF OFFENSE AGAINST CLAXTON



MARSH BREAKS THIS TACKLE FOR A FIRST DOWN



TARVER TAKES DOWN TIGER RUNNER FOR A LOSS

Tigers face tough test against top-ranked Savannah Christian

by ROOSEVELT
YOUNG

Last Friday, our
beloved Tigers faced

off against the top-ranked Savannah Christian Red Raiders, the number one team in the state in Single A Division I. True to their spirit, the Tigers didn't back down, ready to meet the challenge head-on.

The Red Raiders received the opening kickoff and immediately took it all the way back for a touchdown, setting an early tone. However, the Tigers responded with a bang. On their very first play, they handed the ball to Jabios Smith, who took a sweep for an impressive 60+ yard touchdown, bringing the score to 7-6 after a missed extra point.

Despite this quick answer from the Tigers, the Red Raiders settled in and showcased why they're at the top of the classification. Calm and collected, they scored three consecutive touchdowns in the first quarter, leaving the Tigers struggling to find momentum offensively.

Even though the game was heavily controlled by Savannah Christian, the Tigers never gave up, battling through to the end. By halftime, the score stood at 48-6 in favor of the Red Raiders. Late in the

fourth quarter, Marco Danford provided a bright moment with a sensational run up the middle for a touchdown, finishing the game at 48-12.

The Tigers and coaching staff recognized that while this game was challeng-

ing, it provided valuable experience with playoffs around the corner. A key factor in this matchup was Savannah Christian's status as a private school. Under the new GHSA playoff system, public and private schools in this classification won't face each other in the state playoffs. Since our region is nearly evenly split between public and private schools, the Tigers have encountered teams that other playoff contenders may not have faced all season.

Next week, the Tigers have a bye before heading to Lyons to take on the Toombs County Bulldogs. In our next article, we plan to sit down with Coach Roberts and a few Tiger players to discuss the season, power rankings, and the upcoming playoff run.

Tiger Nation, let's continue to support these young men and their coaches. Go Tigers!

It was time for her prayers before jumping into bed. Little Susie began her prayer by thanking God for all His blessings that day. She did really good on her tests and her best friend came to visit her after school. So she spent a special time thanking Him for all the good things He did for her that day. But when it was time for her to conclude her prayer, she said, "Good night, Dear Jesus, wherever You are. We're moving to New York in the morning. It's been nice talking to You. Amen." To her, Jesus could only hear her prayers if she was in the right place at the right time.

There are times when each of us feels that God is not paying attention to us when we pray. It seems as though the doors of heaven are locked tight and God is too busy to hear us. Or maybe we've moved away from Him and He no longer cares about us or our needs. Even the writer of Psalm 102:1 felt that way when he wrote: "Hear my prayer, O Lord, let my cry for help come to You."

This was no ordinary prayer. He was desperate and begged God for His attention. He sensed a distance between himself and God, was in a crisis and could not endure this sense of alienation. And he continued by saying, "Do not hide from me - answer me quickly!"

Perhaps a lesson we can learn from this prayer is that God's "time piece" is different from ours. It includes eternity. We must always remember that He is at work in and with us shaping us into Christ's likeness.

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Toombs wins battle of Bulldogs

by RON WEATHERFORD

The ECI Middle School team hosted Toombs Co. Thursday in another middle school championship game. This marks the ninth time the Middle School Football Team has played for the championship.

The Bulldogs posted another undefeated season with a 6-0 record. The only close game ECI had during the regular season was against Toombs Co.

The Bulldogs began the season with a 44-0 win against North Tattnall and followed that up with a 52-0 defeat of South Tattnall. In between the two Tattnall County wins, the Bulldogs defeated their eventual championship opponent, Toombs Co. 24-20. They defeated their neighboring city, Metter 50-30 and took care of Bryan Co. 32-14. Their last win of the regular season came as a 1-0 forfeit by Jenkins Co. The Bulldogs defeated Metter in the first round of the playoffs 24-7, setting up a rematch with Toombs Co. ECI came up short against Toombs Co., losing to the Bulldogs from Lyons 47-20.

“We came up a little short in our goal to win the championship, but our kids fought hard to the end,” commented head coach Greg Kennedy. “Toombs County came in with a very good game plan and executed it very well. We had a few costly turnovers that put us behind early on and we were not able to get some key defensive stops. Toombs was the better team today.”

ECI came into the game with an undefeated 7-0 season, hosting the championship game after defeating the Toombs Bulldogs earlier in the season. Turnovers played a big role in the first half for Toombs Co. They recovered their own squib kick to start the game, eventually scoring to take an early 6-0 lead. With Toombs leading 12-6 late in the second quarter, the Bulldogs had a promising drive, but another turnover put the ball back into the hands of the Toombs offense. They put the last points on the board with 41 seconds left in the half to lead the Bulldogs 19-6. ECI put two more touchdowns on the board in the second half, but it was not enough as Toombs Co. pulled away for a 47-20 win.

When asked about his team and the season Coach Kennedy had this to say, “I’m very proud of the accomplishments of this year’s football



SCENES FROM CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

team. This group of kids put in a lot of hard work since June, and it was evident throughout the season. I’m excited to see this group of 8th graders develop as they enter high school. They have a bright future if they continue to

work hard in the weight room and play together as a team. They were all a pleasure to coach.”

Along with Coach Kennedy, the middle school team is also led by Coach Chase Ellison and Coach Artie Fields.



TOUCHDOWN CHASE BANKS - SMS TIGERS’ RUNNING BACK BREAKS THROUGH WEST LAURENS DEFENSE FOR THE SCORE

Dominance on display: SMS Tigers set sights on Championship Glory

by ROOSEVELT YOUNG

Last week was an exhilarating one for the Swainsboro Middle School (SMS) football program as they competed in the MGMSAA semifinals against West Laurens Middle School, vying for a spot in the championship game. The SMS Tigers delivered a commanding performance, securing a 26-0 victory over WLMS on Wednesday.

The scoring opened with Chase Banks’ 9-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. The second quarter showcased the Tigers’ powerful running game, as Kyle Johnson sprinted for an impressive 60-yard touchdown. Just before halftime, Jayvion Sherrod threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Jeffery Davis, further extending the Tigers’ lead. Sherrod continued to shine, adding a 2-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter, followed by a successful two-point conversion.

Not to be overshadowed, the SMS Tiger defense, respectfully known as the “Wreckin Crew,” demonstrated remarkable strength and discipline, echoing the physicality of their high school counterparts. The defense pitched a shutout, cementing the Tigers’ 26-0 victory.

After the game, I had the opportunity to speak with some of the players. Eighth-grade

quarterback and middle linebacker Jayvion Sherrod emphasized the importance of leadership, toughness, and grit as the team prepares for the championship. “I love this team,” he said. “They’ve done an amazing job this season, but we have more work to do. We have to leave no doubt about who’s the best on the field.”

Eighth-grade offensive lineman Cameron Ricks shared his focus on success in the championship. “Our job is to control the line of scrimmage, making sure no defenders get to our quarterback or running backs. As offensive linemen, we love making pancake blocks, and we plan to get plenty of those in the championship game.”

Wide receiver and defensive back Caleb Jones reflected on the team’s growth this season. When asked about the challenge ahead, he said, “Containing Dublin’s run game is going to be key. They’re big and physical, but we can match their intensity. We’re ready for the challenge.”

Head Coach Corey Chalker also shared his thoughts on the semifinal victory and offered a preview of the upcoming championship matchup: MGMSAA Semifinals Recap

“Against WLMS, we established a solid ground game, led by our offensive line and sup-

ported by the backs and receivers on the perimeter. We remained disciplined, committing only one penalty. Our focus on minimizing mistakes and taking care of the ball was a huge factor in the outcome. Defensively, our team came out with a point to prove, swarming to the football with physicality and discipline. Their effort resulted in a shutout and earned us a spot in the MGMSAA Championship.”

M G M S A A Championship Preview

“Looking ahead to Dublin, we’re up against a skilled and disciplined team running a time-tested Wing-T offense. In our first matchup, we secured a 14-6 victory in a defensive showdown. Since then, both teams have improved. Our game plan is to bring discipline, effort, positive attitudes, and toughness to every play. We’re grateful to have the support of our parents, teachers, administrators, coaches, and community, who consistently rally behind our student-athletes.”

The championship game will kick off at a special time 6 PM on Wednesday October 30 at Tiger Field. Let’s come together, Tiger Nation, and support these talented young athletes as they aim to bring the championship home!

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Seedling Garden Club holds October meeting

Thankful to be alive after the storm hit our area, Seedling Garden Club met on Monday, October 14, 2024, at Swainsboro Methodist church social hall. President, Nancy Lisenby called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. She opened meeting by thanking all for coming and thankful we were all well and alive. She shared an inspirational moment titled "God's Greenhouse." People have greenhouses to protect plants and to grow plants. God also has a greenhouse for us humans. His is to help us grow and protect us. He sure protected us during the storm, and we are so thankful to be in His Greenhouse.

President Lisenby introduced the Honorable Judge Kathy Palmer who presented the program for the meeting. Her program was on "Plant Propagation". Judge Palmer was born on a farm in Wrightsville, Georgia and being the third girl born into the family she was expected to work on the farm as her other siblings were required. This instilled in her the love of gardening that she has today. She stated, "working with plants brings her joy as well as being therapeutic at times when her job as a Judge gets hectic." She presented the program wearing her red Ga. Garden Dawg's apron. Members enjoyed seeing her worktable with plague that read, "It's Not Hoarding if its Plants." In her presentation, using her own plants, she taught us

how to prepare plants to root them and to care for them as they root. She likes to use hormone herilcom to help the process and reminded everyone to save newspapers to use for mulch in flower beds. She shared a funny story of her Aunt Callie saving cuttings from her old fashion coleo plant she had been saving since 1960. She later passed the plants to her family members. The most unusual plant she showed was called "Tooth Ache Plant" used for medicinal purposes. The members were taught how to take a gallon jug and make a greenhouse out of it. (There is that greenhouse use again).

In the business session: no minutes were presented due to secretary being ill and unable to attend a recent meeting. Treasurer's report was presented by treasurer, Kay Peacock. These were approved as presented. Yonna Bailey reported Yard of the Month will be put on hold until Spring. We laughed and said our Yard of the Month sign may be in Nunez after this storm hit. Nancy reminding everyone of the Oleander Annual meeting to be held October 16th in Savannah at the Landings. Club donated a basket to be auctioned off and saved tabs in support of Ronald McDonald houses were also carried.

Under new business: Members were reminded to meet at Emanuel County Nursing Home to replant the planters at the home. Martha Cobb

reported that our annual November auction will be held on November 11 at The Venue. This is the club's only money-making project. Club member, Wanda Scarboro, was congratulated for winning the Award of Excellence in Monochrome Photography for her entry in the 2024 Perry Fair. Her entry entitled "My Baby Doll" won over the 560 other entries. We are so proud of Wanda; the club is very pleased to have her as club's photographer. Paula Karrh gave an informative horticulture moment for the month of October and November. These are always very educational.

Hostesses for the meeting were: Linda Dekle, Jane Durden and Jill Briercheck. They served pimento cheese sandwiches, cookies and soda. The serving table was beautifully decorated for a Fall theme using Fall leaves, flowers in pumpkins. Fifteen members (15) and one (1) visitor were present.

President Lisenby adjourned the meeting with Wanda Ellis winning the door prize. Upon leaving members were given a potted, rooting plant from the Tooth Ache plant used in program presentation. Thanks to Kathy for this gift.

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

Seedling Garden Club plants Pansies

Seedling Garden Club planted Pansies at Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home on Monday, October 21. Members of the club voted to help beautify the Nursing Home with the planting of these hardy, colorful flowers in planters. Anyone interested in joining the Seedling Garden Club can call Nancy at 404-644-0135.



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DAR accepts Proclamation of National American Indian Heritage Month

Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter members, Judy McWhorter and Frances Bender, look on as Mayor Greg Bennett signs a proclamation recognizing November as National American Indian Heritage Month. The history and culture of our nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples. Their contributions have enhanced the greatness of America today.

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FERST READER COSTUME CONTEST PARTICIPANTS

Cast your votes for the Emanuel County Ferst Readers Costume Contest

It's TIME!! Monday, Oct 28, was the start of the Ferst Readers Costume Contest. There are over 300 children enrolled in the Ferst Readers program, and we don't want them to be without books next year, so watch on Facebook and other social media platforms for the great book character costumes running through the month of November. Get in those last-minute tax deductions and cast your vote for your favorites.

Photos and voting links will be posted on the Ferst Readers of Emanuel County Facebook page, as well as the Emanuel County Family Connection Facebook page. Also, each of our participants

will be sharing their own photos and campaigning for your votes! <https://tinyurl.com/Ferst2024> 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. 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. Each vote costs \$4 which will fur-

nish a book to children 0 to 5 years old who live in Emanuel County. The books get mailed to the homes along with an activity page for parents to teach their child literacy and vocabulary skills. This "come in mail" 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.

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 Peterson 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, includ-

ing 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 were 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 matching the bride's bouquet. Her hair and makeup were done by stylist, Sydney Dorsey. The groom's mother wore a lace, navy blue gown. Her hair and makeup were done by stylist, Pam Claxton of Twisted Scissors Salon.

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 song "Yellow" by Coldplay (instrumental) was the mothers' and grandmothers' processional. 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 Baldridge.

The reception, hosted by the bride's mother, was held at Quinney Oaks following the ceremony.

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 was inspired

by the works of her favorite artist, Claude Monet, and chose soft pastels in both the ceremony and reception spaces, creating a beautiful, ethereal atmosphere that mirrored the serene landscapes and delicate color palettes characteristic of his paintings. Erin Wadopian, the couple's talented planner, expertly transformed their vision into a stunning reality. Each table became a breathtaking display, adorned with vibrant, watercolor-like floral centerpieces that seemed to dance with color. The rich hues of blues, pinks, and yellows blended seamlessly, forming an enchanting mosaic that captivated every eye. Surrounding these floral masterpieces, lifelike butterflies fluttered gracefully, enhancing the whimsical charm of the decor. This vibrant combination created a magical atmosphere, inviting guests to fully immerse themselves in the beauty of the celebration. The seating chart enhanced the garden party setting, as it 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 Lambeth 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



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAMS

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 flattering cowl neck design 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 parents of the groom, was held Friday night, 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.

On the morning of the wedding, the bridesmaids gathered at the bridal cottage at Quinney Oaks to enjoy mimosas and a delicious brunch. The spread included orange juice, coffee, bagels with cream cheese, an assortment of fresh fruit, and mini fritтата muffins as they got ready for the ceremony.

To prepare for the day, the bride wore a silk white slip dress trimmed with feathers and completed her look with a pink floor-length duster featuring ruffles, which matched her bridesmaids' pajamas. The bridesmaids wore pink silk pinstripe pajamas that the bride had gifted to them. The junior bridesmaids were dressed in matching pink silk button-down muumuus, while the flower girl wore a coordinating pink silk button-down jumper with a matching pink tulle bow.

The couple has purchased a home in the beautiful Forest Hills neighborhood, nestled within Swainsboro's enchanting golf and country club. They're currently navigating the ups and downs of remodeling the property, working hard to create a space that truly feels like home. It's a journey filled with excitement, challenges, and the hope of transforming their new space into a place where they can build lasting memories together.



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Burns speaks to Veterans

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the Franklin Memorial Library Monday morning, October 28, at 9 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, they had 47 in attendance. Shari Watt provided pancakes with syrup, sausage biscuits, sausage, freshly cut up fruit, orange juice, grape juice, apple juice, cranberry juice and coffee. After the prayer by Veteran Emory Fennell, Shari Watt then introduced Emanuel County School Superintendent Denise Warnock to tell a little about what was happening in our schools and also about the five Veterans Day events that TCI, ECI, SHS, SES and SMS are having on November 7, 8, and 11. Dr. Warnock also mentioned about the "Gold Cards" that are available to get into school events free for senior citizens available at the Board of Education office on North Main Street. She provided all veterans with an Emanuel County Schools note pad that had a handwritten note inside written by different middle school students. State Representative Butch Parrish then introduced Georgia State Senator Max Burns. Senator Burns is a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in the 1960's after graduating from Georgia Tech. Senator Burns discussed some of the bills that go through the house and senate and how that happens. He also discussed the upcoming challenges facing both the house and senate for the 2025 session

concerning the Georgia Clean-up. Senator Burns' area consists of parts of 11 counties and over 200,000 citizens. Veteran Wayne Cannady then introduced Richie Howard, director of the Volunteer Clean-up organization, as part of the "Ministry of the Southern Baptist Association". They are covering all of Georgia and are still present in Emanuel County assisting some local citizens with the clean-up of their yards. They are located at the First Baptist Church on West Pine Street. They DO NOT except payment of any of the work that they do for the citizens, so go by and sign up. Also, Veteran Terry Reynolds is in charge of the upcoming 13th Annual Sportsman's Banquet and Auction that will be held at Beaver Creek Plantation, 3698 Hwy. 80 East, Twin City, GA 30471. It will be held on Thursday night, November 21, 2024, (because of Hurricane Helene), at 5 p.m. Advance tickets are required and can be obtained contacting Terry Reynolds at 478-494-3758, Richard Driggers at 912-290-1108, Nick Kraus at 912-687-6781 or Kurt Anderson at 678-614-0593. This event will include social time, prime rib meal, with silent and live auction items. All the proceeds go directly to our local Wounded Warriors group which is a Georgia Non-profit 501 C3 organization that gives opportunity to Wounded Veterans and their family to enjoy the great outdoors.



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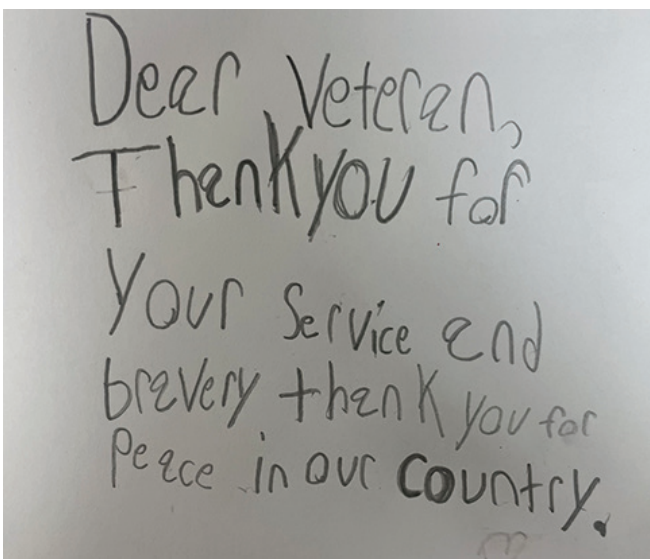
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Family Connection co-hosts Family Literacy Night

On Thursday, Oct. 24, Family Connection co-hosted the Family Literacy Night at SES. The theme was "Halloween Escape the School". Families were invited to attend this fun event where they were served homemade soup prepared by the teachers and then participated in the Escape Room activity.

Each grade had to read the History of Halloween and The Salem Witch Trials. Then the families


had to answer riddles and do literacy activities to discover the code that allowed them to escape. If they escaped the room, they then unlocked a spooky chest that opened to reward them with a new book. Family Connection would like to thank the Mill Creek Foundation for funding these books.

Another big event of the night was the door prize drawings. One of Family Connection Collaborative partners is East Georgia

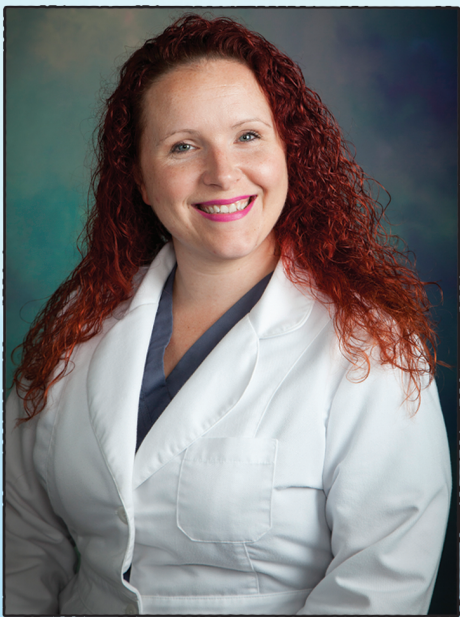
HealthCare. They donated fantastic sports equipment prizes for the drawing, with the grand prize being a basketball goal. Other prizes were soccer balls, flag football sets and a football. Family Connection prizes were gift bags with books, t-shirts, fall decor, mugs, and other sports equipment.

The attendance was exceptional, and it was an outstanding family engagement event.

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Second Grade: Raegan Snyder

Third Grade: Reed Baird, Wyatt Collins, Anthony Crawford, Matthew Crawford, Kynslee Gordon, Joseph James, Averie Kraus, Ciara Matthews, Korbin Miller, Kalari Rackins, Gray Rich, Grace Sanchez, Paisley Snyder, Alli Spicer,

E'Niya Steele

Fourth Grade: Jeb Cavannah, Raylon Cumbee, JD Elmore, Nickolas Howard, Destiny Pittman, Lyra Roundtree, Cyril Salinas, Jaiden Sapp, Haven Taylor, Zayden Thames

Fifth Grade: Paisley Allen, Madison Beacham, Christian Bynum, Kayceon Gilmore, Kendall Hodges, Violet Lai Tyam, Izzy May, Makayla Mitchell, Cash Rigdon, Kambri Sutton, Ava Underwood, Jayceon Williamson

HONOR ROLL:

First Grade: Elizabeth Alexander, Jacyiah Bady, Brantley Dawkins, Harley Greenhaw, Hendley Hadden, William "Tate" Hooks, Walt Kasper, Macy Kersey, Madison Knoeferl, Anorra Mack, Codi Moore, Gunnar Morris, Knox Newsome, Brayden Riley, Ty Riner, Kinzeleigh

Robinson, Tucker Rountree, Treasure Sapp, Harvier Washington, Slayter Wilkerson

Second Grade: Lawson Brantley, Kingston Gunn, Bailey Oliver

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Fourth Grade: Liam

Allen, Canady Cole Allmond, Max Coker, Raylon Cumbee, Rosie Freeman, Sadie Lambert, Maka'Lyn Moody, Isabella Pitts, Daniel Roberson, Jaiden Sapp, Livi Simmons, Caleb Telgen, Jorie Walden, Briyla Wiley

Fifth Grade: Chancie Archer, Christian Bynum, Hunter Hatcher, Kendall Hodges, Noah Hokpins, Jayden Hughes, Khloe Lanier, Jaxon Parcell, Kadelynn Scott

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First Grade: Luis Beltran, Chadwick Blackburn, Paul Matthew Blackburn, Allie Braddock, Brinslee Brown, Jaiylen Brown, Christian Collins, Elle Denney, Tucker Edenfield, Brantley Fagler, June Freeman, Aubrey Frye, Brinlee Greenway, Kayleigh Harrison, Braylon Hendley, Jolene Hill, Zayleigh Holloway, Bryce

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Sheriff’s Reports

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

October 17
Complainant stated she received a text that appeared to have come from her banks, so she clicked on the link and logged into her account. Unknown suspect took \$240 from one account and \$300 from another account. Accounts are at Citizens Bank and Truist Bank.

October 21
Deputy observed a possible broken-down vehicle sitting at the stop sign and upon making contact, he discovered the vehicle was unattended. A Citizen parked at a nearby business advised an older male got out and left in another vehicle. Deputy then called the listed number attached to the vehicle with no contact. Deputy went to the reg-

istered owner’s address and made contact with a subject that stated his father is the driver and it randomly runs out of gas. Deputy then waited almost 20 minutes for anyone to arrive to get the vehicle out the roadway as it was impeding traffic and causing traffic to back up. Deputy then requested a tow and vehicle was removed. Victim states while he was in NC, his neighbors

dogs killed his chickens. Victim stated he has cameras and would check them.
October 22
Victim states she rents from offender, and he has been harassing her about moving out and threatened to burn her out. The trailer was damaged during the hurricane and offender hasn’t fixed it.
October 24
Complainant stated

she was traveling on Kite Hwy and the vehicle in front of her had an unsecured load and debris fell from the vehicle and she struck it, causing moderate damage to her vehicle. Vehicle in front of her continued driving. Complainant went to ECSCO to report she ordered her tag through the mail, and she never received it. Deputy was dis-

patched to US 1 in reference to a damaged tire on a vehicle. Complainant stated she ran over an unknown item in the road causing her tire to go flat.
October 25
Investigators executed an arrest warrant for Oak Park PD. Offender was taken into custody and transported to EmCo Jail.

Six sentenced in Superior Court

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

Dominique Butler, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count aggravated assault. He was fined \$50 with 25 years, 10 years to serve, bal. prob; one count possession of firearm/knife during commission of crime with 5 years probation to run consecutive with count one; one count possession of meth with 3 years to serve to run concurrent with count one; one count possession of marijuana less than ounce with 12 months to serve to run concurrent with counts one and three; one count possession of drug related objects with 12 months to serve to run concurrent with counts one and three; one count possession of drug related objects with 12 months to serve to run concurrent with counts one and three. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 25 years, with the first 10 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. Upon service of 10 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Kyle Edenfield, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count burglary – 2nd degree. He received 5 years probation, complete the way up. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 5 years to be served on probation. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Paul Reinberg, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count financial transaction card fraud with 2 years to serve; one count financial transaction card fraud with 2 years, 1 year to serve, bal. prob.

to run consecutive with count one; one count financial transaction card fraud. He was fined \$50 with 2 years probation to run consecutive with count two. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 6 years, with the first 3 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. Upon service of 3 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Paul Reinberg, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty plea on one count criminal attempt to commit financial transaction card fraud. He one year to serve. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 1 year. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

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

Larry Corley, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count trafficking meth. He was fined \$1,000

with 30 years, 10 years to serve, bal. prob; one count possession of marijuana less than an ounce with 12 months to serve to run concurrent with count one. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 30 years, with the first 10 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. Upon service of 10 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Thomas Self, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of meth with intent. He was fined \$500 with 30 years, 3 to serve, bal. prob. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 30 years, with the first 3 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. Upon service of 3 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the

defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Thomas Self, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count possession of meth with intent. He was fined \$500 with 30 years, 3 to serve, bal. prob. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 30 years, with the first 3 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. Upon service of 3 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Thomas Self, repeat offender, negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count theft by taking. He was fined \$50 with 5 years, 3 years to serve, bal. prob.; one count theft by taking with 5 years probation to run consecutive with count one; one count theft by taking with 5 years probation to run consecutive with count two. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 15 years, with the first

3 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. Upon service of 3 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence. The Court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under

O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a). **Jeremy Lane** negotiated a guilty-alford plea on one count burglary in the 1st degree. He was fined \$50 with 20 years probation, enter and complete inpatient rehab; one count impersonating an officer with 5 years probation to run concurrent with count one. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 20 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody from 11/20/21-10/16/24. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

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See David Hall
October 31, 2024 at 10:00am
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City of Swainsboro Budget Hearing
December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2025

The City of Swainsboro will hold a public hearing Friday, November 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing written and oral comments from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for the fiscal year 2025. Georgia Act 1405, which was passed by the Georgia General Assembly, requires a hearing on the proposed use of the funds in relation to the overall budget before the budget is adopted each year. All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens, and organizations representing the interest of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and submit comments. Any person needing special services should contact Herman Middlebrooks, Jr., coordinator of ADA services, at city hall. A copy of this information, the entire proposed budget and additional background materials are available for public inspection from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at City Hall, Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE								
The City of Swainsboro does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the								
Swainsboro city hall on November 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 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 ROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY								
City Area	CITY WIDE		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	VALUE	Real & Personal	141,465,306	134,331,543	169,697,674	168,727,255	141,246,093	204,592,516
		Motor Vehicles	2,444,600	1,116,201	1,770,830	1,530,920	1,522,920	1,505,490
		Mobile Homes	92,241	88,654	84,823	138,468	203,571	383,656
		Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	20,148	0	0	0
		Gross Digest	144,002,147	135,536,398	171,573,475	170,396,643	193,310,779	206,481,662
		Less Exemptions	22,366,654	10,039,428	9,552,913	12,130,033	12,426,661	17,923,893
		NET DIGEST VALUE	121,635,493	125,496,970	162,020,562	158,266,610	180,884,118	188,557,769
	RATE	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	26.2380	26.6050	21.1850	21.4910	18.9900	17.9000
		Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	6.8850	7.2000	6.7800	7.3000	6.9900	6.9000
		NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	19.3530	19.4050	14.4050	14.1910	12.0000	11.0000
	TAX	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$2,354,012	\$2,435,269	\$2,333,906	\$2,245,961	\$2,170,609	\$2,074,135
		Net Tax \$ Increase	\$30,507	\$81,257	(\$101,363)	(\$87,945)	(\$75,352)	(\$96,474)
		Net Tax % Increase	1.31%	3.45%	-4.16%	-3.77%	-3.36%	-4.44%

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. HUTCHISON 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.
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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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF PEGGY C. LANDAVERDE, DECEASED.
 All creditors of the estate of Peggy C. Landaverde, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Santana Mincey, Administratrix of the Peggy C. Landaverde Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.
 This 24th day of September, 2024.
 RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
Attorney for Santana Mincey Administratrix of the Peggy C. Landaverde Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
 P. O. Box 767
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
 (478) 237-4225
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF HELEN C. WOMACK, DECEASED.
 All creditors of the estate of Helen C. Womack, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Eddie James (Jimmy) Womack, Jr., Executor of the Helen C. Womack Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.
 This 26th day of September, 2024.
 RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
Attorney for Eddie James (Jimmy) Womack, Jr., Executor of the Helen C. Womack Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
 P. O. Box 767
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
 (478) 237-4225
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, EMANUEL COUNTY
 Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Henry L. Glisson, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for FIRST BANK MORTGAGE: a Division of First Bank of Georgia, its successors and assigns dated 3/12/2003 and recorded in Deed Book 199 Page 361 and modified at Deed Book 458 Page 595 Emanuel County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$93,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on November 5, 2024 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:
 All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 5.01 acres, more or less, as shown on that particular plat of survey prepared by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, on February 1, 1971, which is recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 143, of the records of the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court. Said plat by reference hereto is incorporated herein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said tract of land being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by lands of Jack E. Davis, Sr.; East and South by a 50 foot road; and West by lands of Jack E. Davis, Sr.
 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
 Said property is commonly known as 213 New Turner Drive, Swainsboro, GA 30401 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Henry L. Glisson, Jr. or tenant or tenants.
 Fay Servicing, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate,

amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.
 Fay Servicing, LLC P.O. Box 814609 Dallas, TX 75381-4609 1-800-495-7166
 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.
 Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
 The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.
 US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust as agent and Attorney in Fact for Henry L. Glisson, Jr.
 Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.
 1216-3290A
 THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1216-3290A
Notice of Sale Under Power State of Georgia, County of Emanuel. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by R&F Georgia Properties LLC ("Grantor") to Newtek Small Business Finance LLC ("Grantee"), dated November 22, 2019, and recorded December 10, 2019 in Deed Book 489, Page 452, Emanuel County, Georgia records (the "Security Deed"), conveying the after-described property to secure a Guaranty dated November 22, 2019 (the "Guaranty") relating to a certain Note dated November 22, 2019 in the original principal amount of \$1,738,800.00 from Place Vendome Holding Co., Inc. and 308 Glenwood Associates LLC to Grantee (the "Note"), with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Emanuel County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2024, the following described property:
 All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate, and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting a distance of Three Hundred Eight and Seventy-two One-Hundredths (308.72) feet on the Southern side of East Main Street and containing Six and Thirty-Five One-Hundredths (6.35) acres as shown on plat of survey made by Aubrey E. Scott, Jr., Surveyor, dated June 8, 1982, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Plat Book 12, Page 176, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said property is bounded on the North by East Main Street, lands now or formerly belonging to Mrs. J.A. Garret and lands now or formerly belonging to Cuba Rowland; on the south by Eastwood Estates Subdivision; and on the West by lands now or formerly belonging to D.F. Gilpin.
 Being the same property conveyed to R & F Georgia Properties LLC from Place Vendome Holding Co., Inc., a Nevada corporation, d/b/a R & F Marketing by Quitclaim Deed dated May 9, 2008 and recorded on June 6, 2008 in Book 311, Page 437.
 A.P.N. S07-018
 TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL of the following: (i) all buildings, structures and improvements now or hereafter located on the real property or any part or parcel thereof and all fixtures affixed or attached, actually or constructively, thereto; (ii) all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, easements and appurtenances belonging thereunto or in any wise appertaining thereto and the reversion and reversions, remainder or remainders thereof; (iii) all Rents accruing therefrom, whether now or hereafter due; (iv) all accounts and contract rights now or hereafter arising in connection with any part or parcel thereof or any buildings, structures, or improvements now or hereafter located thereon, including without limitation all accounts and contract rights in and to all leases or undertakings to lease now or hereafter affecting the land or any buildings, structures or improve-

ments thereon, (v) all minerals, flowers, crops, trees, timber, shrubbery and other emblems now or hereafter located thereon or thereunder on or on under any part or parcel thereof; (vi) all estates, rights, titles and interest therein, or in any part or parcel thereof; (vii) all equipment, machinery, apparatus, fittings, fixtures, furniture, furnishings, mobile homes, modular homes and all personal property of every kind or description whatsoever now or hereafter located thereon, or in or on the buildings, structures and improvements thereon, and used in connection with the operation and maintenance thereof, and all additions thereto and replacements thereof; and (viii) all building materials, supplies, goods and equipment delivered thereto and placed thereon for the purpose of being affixed to or installed or incorporated or otherwise used in the buildings, structures or other improvements now or hereafter located thereon or any part of parcel thereof.
 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note, Guaranty and Security Deed. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorneys' fees (notice of intent to collect attorneys' fees having been given).
 Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC is the present holder of the Note, Guaranty and Security Deed. Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC may be contacted at: Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC, 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 130, Lake Success, NY 11042. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **610 East Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401** is/are: R&F Georgia Properties LLC or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC as Attorney in Fact for R&F Georgia Properties LLC. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ROBINSON FRANZMAN LLP, 191 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 2600, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Telephone: (404) 255-2503.
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF BILLY DAWSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0122
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: WILLIE J. DAWSON JR. has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of BILLY DAWSON deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before November 11, 2024.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the

petition may be granted without a hearing.
 DON E. WILKES
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Jeanie Hooks
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 P. O. Box 70
 Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
 Address
 (478) 237-7091
 Telephone Number
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- Executrixes of the Estate of Betty Jo Roundhead, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
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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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 This affidavit is made in compliance with Georgia Code Annotated Title 10 Chapter 1 Section 490.
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF GARY ALEXANDER MOSELEY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0119
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: JAMES MALCOLM MOSELEY has petitioned for to be appointed administrator of the estate of GARY ALEXANDER MOSELEY 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 25, 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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 Judge of the Probate Court
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 Clerk of the Probate Court
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 In Re: Jessica Marie Wingate Civil Action File No. 24CV228
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 GEORGIA, Emanuel County
 Notice is hereby given that Jessica Marie Wingate, the undersigned, files his petition to the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia on the 21ST day of October, 2024, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Jessica Marie Wingate to Jessica Mari Bell. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.
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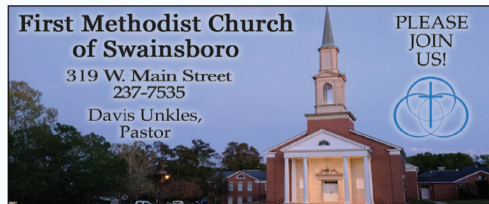
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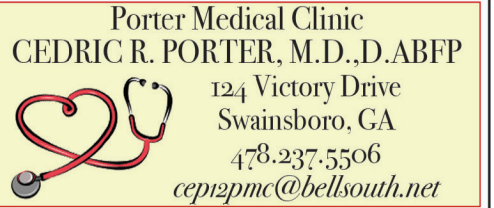


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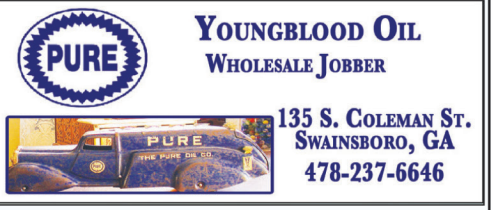
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SO *this* MEANS

Step on crunchy leaves, Eat something pumpkin flavored, Get lost in a corn maze, Decorate the front porch, Bake a dessert using apples, Spot a ghost for Halloween, Fill the house with fall-scented candles, Go for a walk in the fall colors, Carve a pumpkin Drink apple cider, Make soup, But most of all

BE Thankful & Greatful

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