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After early career turns, Ivy Cadle settles into State Bar pilot's seat

Although he decided early on against a career in the law, Cadle couldn't resist the call of Lady Justice.

by Linton Johnson
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Jerry Cadle has practiced law in Swainsboro since 1975—three years before his son, Ivy Cadle, was born. Therefore, it might be natural to assume the son had always dreamed of following in his father's footsteps and becoming an attorney. It might be natural, but it would be wrong.

"No, it was quite the opposite," Ivy Cadle said in an interview shortly after taking office as the 62nd president of the State Bar of Georgia. His initial reluctance to



2024-25 STATE BAR PRESIDENT IVY N. CADLE, AN AVIATION ENTHUSIAST, HOLDS A MULTI-ENGINE COMMERCIAL CERTIFICATE WITH AN INSTRUMENT RATING

pursuing a career in the legal profession, he said, stemmed from a memorably unpleasant "take your kid to work" experience when he was 15.

"I went along with my dad to the records room at the Emanuel County Continued on page 2A)



WILLIAMS, SAPP, HARRY AND BELCHER POSE AS STATE WINNERS AND MASTER 4-H'ERS

Emanuel 4-H wins first at Georgia 4-H Food Showcase

by JAKYN TYSON
The Georgia 4-H Food Showcase brought 4-H'ers from around the state to Rock Eagle 4-H Center on September 21 for the Chicken Barbecue, Turkey Barbecue, Egg Chef, and Food Challenge contests. Nataleigh Belcher, Nathaniel Harry, Lauren Sapp, and Sam Williams competed and won first place in the senior Food

Challenge competition with Williams also competed in the Egg Chef competition. Volunteers Kathy Hood and T'Neil Williams coached the team.

Food Challenge requires teams of 3-4 students to cook with "mystery" ingredients and create a dish in 40 minutes. The teams present their completed dish to a panel of judges

and are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns, nutritional value, and cost. Students qualify at the country and district level to compete at the state contest.

The Egg Chef contest calls for students to learn about nutritional value, preparation and storage, functional properties, grading, versa- Continued on page 2A)

SPD accepting applications for its annual Shop with a Cop event

Swainsboro Police Department is accepting applications for its annual Shop with a Cop program. Ages for participation in this program are 3-12. Applications can be picked up at the Swainsboro Police Department between normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until December 2.

The Police Department's annual Shop with a Cop event will be held on Thursday, December 12, at 6 p.m. They look forward to seeing everyone this year and are very excited to be able to continue this tradition with our citizens.



EMC Prompt Care holds ribbon cutting

by AVERY BERRY
Emanuel Medical Prompt Care celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, October 29, at 11:30 a.m. Following the inauguration, guests enjoyed a delicious taco bar provided by Eating Well with Linda. The atmosphere was vibrant, filled with engaging conversations, laughter, and the delightful aroma of fresh tacos, cre-

ating a warm space for everyone to connect and commemorate this important addition to our community.

Emanuel Medical Prompt Care provides urgent care services for those requiring immediate medical attention. With their establishment, residents can now access quality healthcare without needing to visit the emergency room, significantly enhancing

the well-being of Emanuel County.

The new clinic is located at 5 Medical Office Way, across from Southeastern Technical College.

Emanuel Medical Prompt Care is open: Monday-Friday 8a.m. to 6p.m., Saturday 10a.m. to 6p.m., Sunday 1p.m. to 6p.m. No appointment needed, walk-ins all day, and seeing patients of all ages.

Emanuel voters turn the vote out and up

Last week's general election wound up a busy year for voters in Emanuel County, and the big story was the impressive 68% level of turnout. Of the 14,098 registered voters in Emanuel County, a combined total of 9,662 early voting, election-day voting, and absentee ballots were cast in the November 5, 2024, election. Spurred by a hotly contested Presidential race, voters appeared to prefer the option of advance voting over election-day voting with absentees only accounting for a little more than .03%. In the Presidential contest, Emanuel County voters preferred Republican Donald Trump by 6,910 votes to 2,669 votes for Democrat Kamala Harris. Republican Rick Allen defeated Democrat candidate Liz Johnson by a total of 6,970 to 2,306. In the Georgia State Senate race, Incumbent Republican Max Burns was victorious with 6,810 votes over Shayna Boston the Democrat challenger

who garnered 2,460. In the contest for Georgia State Representative, Republican Butch Parrish defeated Democrat Madeline Ryan Smith by a tally of 7,169 to 2,097. In the race for District 5 of the Emanuel County Board of Education, Elizabeth DeVane defeated K.E. McNeal by a tally of 530 to 351. The District 6 Board of Education race resulted in the victory of Jeanette Harden with 548 votes over Tiffany Tillman Foster with 429.

Uncontested races on the ballot conferred final victory for the office of District Attorney, Trip Fitzner; Clerk of Superior Court, Kristin Cannady Hall;

Sheriff, Jeffrey Brewer; Tax Commissioner, Jessica Moran; Coroner, Jeffrey Peebles; Solicitor General, Cindy Delgado; District 1 County Commissioner, Kwame Coleman; District 3 County Commissioner, John (Johnny) Moore.

In Proposed Constitutional Amendments, Amendment 1 received 5,607 yes votes over 3,272 no votes cast. Proposed Constitutional Amendment 2 received 4,445 no votes over 4,323 yes votes. The Statewide Referendum Question A received 5,131 yes votes over 3,851 no votes.

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After early career...



IVY AND LESLIE CADLE ATOP THE FICKLING BUILDING IN MACON, WHICH HOUSES BAKER DONELSON

(From front page) school," and his career path changed direction. "My dad always told me not to be a broke doctor, so I got a master's degree in accounting," he said, "which allowed me to stay at the University of Georgia for a couple of extra football seasons." But Cadle said two years working as an accountant was enough to cause another career turn, this one permanent.

"I'm sitting there typing numbers into a spreadsheet and thinking, 'This is not for me,'" he said. "I wasn't really doing the kinds of things I wanted to do." So he and his wife Leslie decided to embark on legal careers. They were both accepted into the law schools at the University of Mississippi and Mercer University.

"We wanted to stay in Georgia, so that's how we wound up in Macon," Cadle said.

"And I had figured out by then that you didn't have to sit in the records room in the Emanuel County Courthouse to be a lawyer. There were a lot of different things you could do to be a lawyer."

What Cadle did after graduating from Mercer Law in 2007 was join the firm of Baker Donelson as an associate in its Macon office.

In 2015, he was promoted to shareholder and new litigator associ-

ate adviser. This year, he became the firm's office managing shareholder for its Atlanta and Macon offices. His practice is focused on business litigation in the areas of real estate, eminent domain, land use, zoning and conservation easements.

"I think business litigation is fascinating because everything that comes to you is a little different," he said. "Each piece of property is unique and all have their interesting issues and interesting histories and that sort of thing. I find that change and variety to be fun and engaging."

Asked how much time he spends in the Atlanta office versus the Macon office, Cadle replied, "It kind of varies by week, honestly. My law practice is statewide, so it just depends on where I need to be that day."

He is the third Baker Donelson shareholder to serve as State Bar president in the past three decades, following Linda Klein in 1997-98 and Charles "Buck" Ruffin in 2013-14. Cadle's Bar leadership path dates back to the first Annual Meeting he attended, in 2008 after the encouragement of a colleague.

"Carl Varnedoe told me about the Annual Meetings and how he really enjoyed going to them," Cadle said. "The firm would support you in leadership, so he said I should run for YLD state rep for Macon. I ran for state rep at a pool party at Amelia Island at the Sandcastle Villas, and I won and have been going to Bar meetings ever since."

Before his ascent up the State Bar officers' ladder—serving as secretary, treasurer and president-elect over the past three years—Cadle represented the Macon Judicial Circuit on the Board of Governors, served on the Executive Committee and chaired the Eminent Domain Section. He is a past president of the Macon Bar Association and past president of the American Inn of Court, William Augustus Bootle Chapter.

He is also a mediator and registered neutral with the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution. Additionally, he teaches accounting for lawyers as an adjunct professor at Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law. He remains a certified public accountant.

An aviation enthusiast with a multi-engine commercial certificate with an instrument rating, Cadle listed flying airplanes as one of his favorite out-of-the-office activities, along with golf, yard work and traveling—"which is really flying airplanes," he noted—with his wife, Leslie Cadle, who is an estate planning and probate lawyer with Smith Hawkins Hollingsworth & Reeves LLP in Macon and a frequent attendee at Bar meetings.

To witness Cadle presiding over a Board of Governors meeting is to believe that professional leadership and enjoying camaraderie among fellow Bar members with an ever-cheerful demeanor is something that comes naturally for him.

"It seems to be," Cadle agreed with a chuckle. "I think lawyers are fascinating. Because of our training, we are an interesting combination of generalists and specialists. That training and life experience seems to make us look at things critically, both from our perspective and the perspective of our clients



IVY AND LESLIE CADLE SHARE A CANDID MOMENT NEAR THEIR HOME IN MACON

and our community. I think we have a lot of opportunity as a profession to do good and to continue doing good to better our profession and our service to the public."

Along with Leslie, the new president has been joined regularly at Bar meetings since 2021 by his dad, who had eschewed Bar activities since the beginning of his career. That was because when Jerry Cadle graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law and returned to Swainsboro in 1975, the local newspaper published an article and photo on the opening of his law practice.

"Less than three weeks later," Ivy explained, "my dad had a letter from the Bar, admonishing him for advertising. He was very active in the community and was a great role model of what community involvement looked like, but he had nothing to do with

the State Bar until I got into leadership. There was an open seat for the Board of Governors, and he figured out that coming to these meetings was fun and interesting and he would get to see a bunch of people he already knew. I was there to meet people; he wound up coming to see people he already knew. He found that enjoyable and rewarding, and now we enjoy getting to go to meetings together."

Much more, at least for Ivy, than that initial visit to the courthouse records room.

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Emanuel 4-H wins...

(From front page) Turkey Barbecue, and Egg Preparation Demonstration contestants also create and present an educational demonstration that displays their knowledge of the essential components of safe and healthy cooking with poultry products.

Students competing in the Chicken Barbecue and Turkey Barbecue contests prepare dishes outdoors on charcoal grills using chicken halves and ground turkey. Their finished dishes are presented to a panel of judges. Participants have 2.5 hours to complete their dish and must utilize best food safety practices. They consider nutrition, versatility, and cost as they select their recipe for the competition.

Chicken Barbecue,

for the faculty, staff, and graduate students from UGA Poultry Science Department, UGA Nutritional Sciences Department, and South Carolina State Extension who served as judges for this special event," said Kasey Bozeman, Georgia 4-H Extension Specialist for Science Programs. Food Showcase was presented by Cal-Maine Foods and Egglund's Best, with additional support from Ken and Chris Jones, Ed and Dorothea Graham, and Kasey Bozeman.

The Emanuel County 4-H team will compete in the National 4-H Food Challenge in College Station, TX in 2025 and also achieved Georgia 4-H Master status. Georgia 4-H empowers youth to become true leaders by developing

necessary life skills, positive relationships, and community awareness. As the premier youth leadership organization in the state, 4-H reaches hundreds of thousands



EMANUEL 4-H FOOD CHALLENGE TEAM MEMBERS WILLIAMS, BELCHER, SAPP, AND HARRY PREPARE THEIR STATE-WINNING DISH DURING THE COMPETITION

annually through UGA Extension offices and 4-H facilities. For more information on Emanuel County 4-H, its programs, or how you can get involved

as a 4-H member, volunteer, or donor, contact Emanuel County Extension at (478) 237-1226 or visit the office 129 N. Anderson Drive in Swainsboro.

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Waters is featured artist at Kalmanson Gallery

by JACQUIE BRASHER
 Raven Waters of Reidsville, Ga. will be the featured artist for November-December at The Kalmanson Gallery of Emanuel Arts Council. An opening reception will be held Thursday, November 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.



WATERS

Waters describes himself "like a gymnast training for the Olympics." He paints every day and has not missed a single day in several years. Waters was born in upstate New York in 1953 and has been a creator using wood and clay since the mid-60s. He has been painting for over 20 years.



ART BY WATERS

Waters was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War after which he returned to his home in Rochester, NY. He stayed in New York for about a year before taking a trip to Florida, where he ended up living most of his life. From 1977-2002, Waters was a Letter Carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. In 2001, after meeting his wife, Janisse Ray, Waters taught himself to draw and paint in watercolors.

he has been painting nonstop. He also built his 24x32 studio with a 14-foot ceiling to have plenty of wall space for hanging paintings. To see some of his art, go to ravenwatersart.com.

grams in all areas of the arts for the general betterment and benefit of the people of Emanuel County and surrounding areas. The EAC is supported by the City of Swainsboro and Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce, and operates through membership, donations, fundraisers, and grants.

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Betty Elaine Wilson, 90

Betty Elaine Wilson, age 90, a beacon of warmth and kindness, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 26, 2024, in Palm Harbor, Florida. A memorial service was held Sunday, November 10, at 3 p.m. at Curlew Hills Memory Gardens of Palm Harbor. A graveside service for family and friends, and burial beside her husband, will be held Saturday, November 23, at 2 p.m. in the Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Betty was born February 6, 1934, in Cumberland County, North Carolina. Her early years were spent in North Carolina, where she attended East Carolina University in Greenville. After marrying Guy Wilson of Ayden, NC, Betty chose to embrace homemaking and being a mother. Together, Betty and Guy built a marriage of almost fifty years, spanning three states. They eventually settled in Swainsboro, where she resided until a few years after her husband's death in 2004. She then moved to Palm Harbor, Florida, to reside with family. Betty spent her life dedicated to her family, her faith, and her community.

A long-time member of the First Baptist Church in Swainsboro, Betty was active in Sunday School and the Women's Missionary Union. Her faith was a guiding light in her



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life, and she lived by the teachings of kindness and compassion and Jesus Christ. Betty often shared her wisdom and humor with those around her, embodying the spirit of community and togetherness. She was known for her fun, loving personality.

Betty Elaine Wilson's life was a testament to the power of love, faith, and family. In her ninety years, she created a legacy of warmth, generosity, and kindness that will continue to inspire and guide her loved ones for generations to come. Her memory will be cherished and her spirit celebrated, as she joins Jesus, her beloved husband, and friends and loved ones who have passed before her.

Mrs. Wilson's legacy is carried on by her two daughters, Christy Wilson Childress of Palm Harbor, FL and Cindy Wilson Sheppard of Statesboro, who were the center of her world. She was a proud grandmother to six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, each of whom brought her immense joy.

Florine Rich, 84

Mrs. Florine Marsh Rich, 84, of Swainsboro, passed away Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at Emanuel County Nursing Home following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 9, at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery. Family received friends one hour prior to the service. Pallbearers were John Atkinson, George Jones, David Smith, Ashton DeLoach, Justin Rogers, and Richard Braddy.

Florine was born March 6, 1940, in Twin City, to the late Fred Marsh and Elyce Rachels Marsh. She enjoyed talking on the phone to friends and family and watching soap operas. Florine was a homemaker, and of the Baptist Faith. Ms. Rich is preceded in death by her parents; husband,



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Clifford Rich; daughter, Florence Monroe; sister, Joyce Moore; and brother, Gerald Marsh.

Ms. Rich is survived by her brother, Robert Marsh (Cindy) of Swainsboro; sister, Molly McNeely of Swainsboro; stepdaughter, Wanda Chavis of Kite; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.



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WJBF attends Veterans at the Library

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the Franklin Memorial Library Monday morning, November 11, at 9 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, they had 52 in attendance. DAR, Joyce Fennell and Shari Watt provided sausage, grits, freshly cut up fruit, and pastries, orange juice, grape juice, apple juice, cranberry juice and coffee. After the prayer by Veteran Emory Fennell, Shari Watt introduced three people from WJBF who were attending the veterans meeting to present Veteran John Tapley with the "WJBF Salute to Service" award for the month of November 2024. They interviewed Johnny and will run the Salute on November 20, at 5 p.m. on WJBF. If you miss it, it will be online at the WJBF site. They also had a new veteran to attend the Veterans at the Library meeting for the first time, William Gilbert Vicain. William served in the U.S. Army from November 1974 to February 2001. He was part of the 1st Battalion, 61st Air Defense Artillery. Vicain served in Germany, Fort Carson, Colorado, Fort Ord, California and Fort Bliss, Texas. His highest rank was Command Sgt. Major. 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, Thursday night, November 21, at 5 p.m. Advance tickets are required and can be obtained by contacting Terry Reynolds at 478-494-3758, Richard Driggers at 912-290-1108, Nick Kraus at 912-687-6781 or Kurt Anderson at 678-614-0593. This event will include social time, prime rib meal, with silent and live auction items. All the proceeds go directly to 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.



WARE AND FRYE

Frye gives update on EGHC to Exchange Club

At the regular meeting of the Exchange Club on Tuesday, November 5, Swainsboro Exchange Club member Janson Ware invited Peyton Frye, COO of East Georgia Health Care, to give an update on the many medical services East Georgia Health Care provides to its 13-county service area.

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Tiffany, Amber, Remington and Grandkids

Editorials Columns

Lost in translation

I think the talking heads have already said about all that can be said on the subject of this election to replace Mr. Joe Biden. However, before we move on, I just have one last thing. This comment concerns a situation that is not quite as bad as it used to be, but if you listen carefully, you can still pick it up. They won't come right out and say it, but it's still out there. Sadly, it was especially evident during this political season, and with all the pontification and "brilliance" of the network news stars on display, you could see it plain as day.

If you were raised in the South, you are naturally considered by the folks in the rest of the country and on TV and internet and everywhere else to be just a tiny bit slower. You know it, and I know it. They try to

hide it as just a cute affectation, "oh yes, bless your little hearts, you talk slower, move slower and of course, you think a little slower". Now in a few isolated cases, we all know that might be true, but during the closing days of the election, when those "academics" on The View and Good Morning America and MSNBC really turned up the volume on the heavy breathing and the spitting and sputtering, us Southerners got subtly accused of having too much religion, too little education and too much gun ownership. We just aren't equipped well enough on the IQ chart to understand all this complicated stuff! Personally, I am sure this characterization is all just a big misunderstanding. Most likely it's not that "they" consider us underdeveloped, "they"

just don't have time to slow down and listen carefully to how we speak or understand how our internal clock ticks. Also, I believe there is some serious paranoia at work here, and they are worried that down here we all communicate in some sort of secret, sinister language that we learned right after the Doctor slapped us and announced, "It's a big, fine bouwee, or it's a purty 'lil gull". Now, surely we can easily clear this up. My suggestion would be to establish a center for discussion of this cultural phenomenon. We could have a few "retreats" down here for the purpose of educating our sophisticated and much more educated brethren and sisteren on life in the South. In order to fully immerse them in the true South, we definitely need to have it in late August

when the gnats, mosquitos and ticks are having their homecoming celebrations and world-wide convention right outside the sand dunes off of Highway 80. Maybe we could rent one of those great big revival tents or maybe just find us an old church with no screens on the windows. But before all of that, we could invite some of those network egg-heads, sorry, I mean exceptional people, to come down to Nadine's Diner and have a dialogue with some of our local folks to foster better understanding. "Now, Mr. George Stephanopoulos, did you have a question for one of our Southern hosts?"

"Yes I do. Sir, can you say you are satisfied, indifferent or disenchanted with your understanding of national politics?"

"Son, I can say I'm happier than a dead hog in

Charles Schwabe



the sunshine. Know what I mean?"

"No, not really. Well, ma'am how about you, are you comfortable with politics today?"

"Oh my goodness, I would say not much more than last night's okra. Have you eaten?"

"Well, let me ask this gentleman here an important, "Sir, do you think people in the South are educationally disadvantaged?"

"Well sir, people up north pay us four dollars and fifty cents for a bale of pine straw we used to burn to get rid of and a

dollar for a bottle for water coming right up out of the ground. "What do you think, Mr. Hefagumpalas?"

"Now, Nadine, before we go, did you have a question for me?"

"No sir, Mr. Stephasomething, I just need to know if ya'll wanted maters and sweet tea with your okra?" Obviously, language barriers still exist. Some things take longer to change. In the meantime, look for the latest release at Barnes & Noble: *Living Southern in an English Speaking Country*.

My Blade history

As you are reading this column, I hope you are enjoying a calm, pleasant day. However, waking up on, Sept. 27, a storm was passing through with much wind and heavy rain. I looked forward to good opportunity for writing. Nope! There was no power throughout my apartment. All was not lost. I found that I could write, save, and wait for internet to return. With light of a Coleman lantern, I wrote for

you to read at a later day. Now forward to purpose of the column. It is a great joy for me to have this connection with my hometown, and the *Blade*. My mother, Inez Proctor was business manager from the time Mr. W.E. Gray bought the paper from Mr. Hobby until her retirement. Mr. Gray owned the ice plant and a fish market. Both were very essential and profitable in those years, but not criteria for publishing a weekly news-

paper. He turned all the printing over to Bob Gentry who had experience with Savannah Morning News. He was brother of Hixie G. Scott who is a well-remembered teacher at SHS. After the beginning editors, the editor who enabled the *Blade* to become prosperous and good coverage of our town was Jerry Pryor, a recent University of Georgia Journalism grad and husband of Swainsboro Belle, Rita Johnson. Often my

mother and Jerry walked around the square and encouraged shop owners to advertise and value the local paper. I loved the time I could spend at the *Blade* doing small, odd jobs. On Wednesday, the *Blade* was published and delivered the next day. I had the special job of inserting the "second sheet" between the folded, double-sided pages. I also rolled and addressed *Blades* being mailed. My ink covered fingers spread black

Shirley Proctor Ywiss



all over my face. Surely all of this is now done automatically, but by my hands at that time. I loved being a part of the excitement of sending out the *Blade*. I was also very well paid. After all was finished and the *Blade*

was "put to bed," The Busy Bee Cafe delivered a box filled with the best smelling and tastiest hamburgers and icy cold cokes. I still love the *Blade* and proud to be able to write a column. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com.

Sink or swim!

On a sticky, hot summer day, probably a 4th of July, the Scott "clan" decided it was high time for a picnic. Brown Springs, the swimming hole to die for, was the best place in the whole wide world to have a picnic. Secluded, soft and spongy green grass, pine trees, and room enough to park the cars around the banks of the clear, icy cold bubbling spring was perfect. You had to get there early to claim your spot for parking or there would be no picnic for you that day. The area was small and very popular with the locals. The spring was about the size of a small house, with a narrow sandy beach and shallow water,

and the middle of the spring was an abyss of unknown proportions. The bubbling water kept anyone from actually sinking so the kids were fairly safe.

The "clan" consisted of those family members around at the moment, but on this particular day, it was probably like this: Big Daddy with Big Momma, Aunt 'Cile, Donnie, Momma and me in Big Daddy's old ramshackle, black, aged to grey, 1930's something, four-door car which was boxy and big enough to hold a square dance. Uncle Waitus, Aunt Margie and Gail in their round bubble car. Both cars had a push button starter to crank it, a

long stick shift with a round knob, in the floor, and choke knob. You had to be careful not to flood it. If you flooded it, you were in trouble and you would have to wait and wait until it got unflooded before you could try again. Big Momma always had trouble with that. I can see her now, stomping the gas pedal trying to start it just right without flooding it.

Uncle Aubrey usually always had the newest car in the "clan." Most of the time, it was a white, four-door Ford, that looked sort of like a bubble with a rounded top. But he kept it so clean you could lick the seats. I didn't get to ride in Uncle

Aubrey's car much, unless Momma had to borrow his car on occasion. He kept his car spotless! Tommie Faye and Buddy would load up with him on this day.

Uncle Waitus and Aunt Margie's bubble car was newer, but they didn't mind getting it dirty, and we kids could stand up on the floor in the back and sometimes go splurging on Sundays. That meant going to Quick's Service Station and getting a Dixie Cup of vanilla or chocolate ice cream with a pull off cardboard tab lid and wooden flat spoon. With them would be Gail, and her Momma, Alice and maybe Pat.

Gail was sort of my cousin. As it turns out, she was as good as any cousin because she lived with my Uncle Waitus and Aunt Margie. That was good enough for me. We had lots of fun together and I spent many a day and night at their house, helping Aunt Margie can pears and peaches, swimming in the #2 wash-tub in the yard, and running through Uncle Waitus's turnip patch and bee hives. We all loaded up and head out North in a convoy of bubble cars and a square jalopy of sorts, squealing children in bathing suits, and hot and sweaty adults. I never saw any adults in a bathing suit that I remember. To the contrary, voile dresses, white sandals, corsets, stockings, girdles, or who knows what, was worn to picnics, and any place else, even in the hottest days of a South Georgia summer, by the Scott "clan" women. Uncle Aubrey and Uncle Waitus has a penchant for starched white dress shirts and rolled up the sleeves to mid forearm to give them a casual look, I suppose. Uncle Waitus's black, lace up ankle boots were shined to perfection, and he wore sus-

La'Rose Tapley



penders for his trousers and socks both. I don't think he wore his black bow tie to the picnic, however. Uncle Aubrey almost always wore a tie, tucked into his shirt opening between buttons and his trousers hiked up to his chest, complete with an ever-present cigar.

The cars are unloaded, the watermelons put in the water for cooling, and the doors opened on all cars so the ladies could sit and fan. We kids pile out, strike out for water so cold it took your breath away, splashing and pushing each other into the clear, freezing water. We are allowed to stay in the water until our lips turn blue.

Being the little girl, whose momma wasn't a fan of water, I never was taught to swim. I had been led to believe by the powers that be, that a teaspoon of water could drown me. Momma shrieked for help every time I got in water more than ankle deep, so I was more than cautious for fear of getting in the deep part where the hole was. Uncle Waitus, being the jolly, and mischievous man that he was, came around one day and picked me up in his arms. He gingerly walked around to the other side of the springs and threw my flailing arms and legs into that spring as close to the center as he could get me. "Now, LaRose, you can swim!" Yep, I could swim alright. I was practically walking on water by the time I got out of that hole, laughing, crying and screaming every inch of the way. But in my desperation to survive, I had actually

taken some strokes to glide me out of the mess I was in. I've never forgotten how to do that.

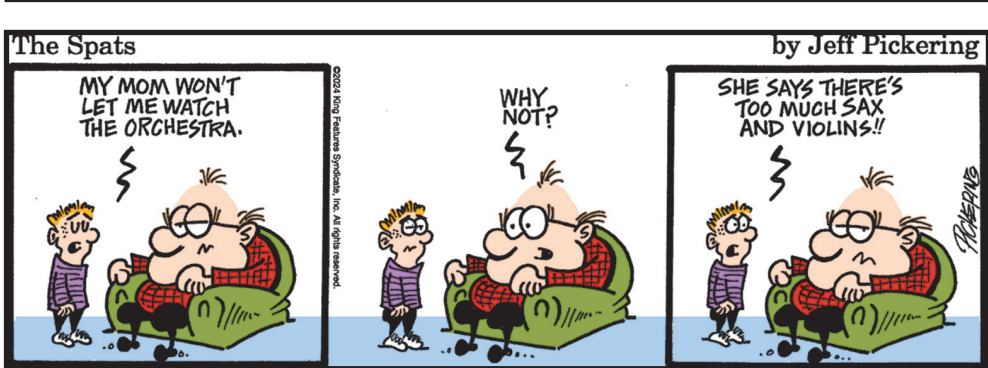
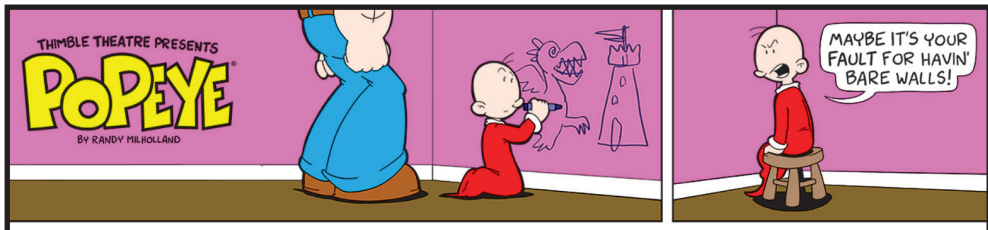
By this time, all of us in the water had turned seriously blue, and the activity had us starving! The picnic was spread, watermelon cut, tea poured, and we ate our fill of fried chicken, potato salad, cakes, fried pies, and some of Aunt Margie's emerald green and ruby red canned pears and peach pickles.

After waiting the allotted time before getting a promised cramp, we were allowed back in the spring for more fun and frolicking on that summer day. It was late in the afternoon before we gathered up towels, food, drinks, and toys to make the trip back home, happy and exhausted.

Picnics during war times were few and far between for many. Many food staples were rationed with stamps and many families, including our own, had loved ones in harm's way. But the Scott "clan" is thankful for the memories of Brown Springs and for the family that was able to enjoy and share good times for a summer picnic making memories that have lasted a lifetime. We are blessed!

Brown Springs is located on private property and isn't even on a map today and most people have never heard of it. It is located north of Swainsboro near Coleman's Lake and Midville. Comments can be made to eibbob72@gmail.com. I love hearing from you!

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TCE STUDENTS PERFORMING FOR VETERANS



VETERANS AT THE LUNCHEON

TCE recognizes Veterans at Veterans Day Luncheon

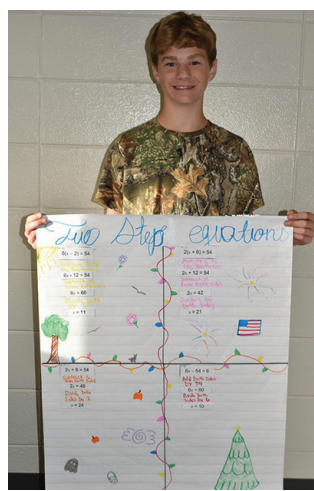
On Thursday, November 7, TCE celebrated veterans by hosting a Veterans Day Luncheon in the media center. Papa Bucks BBQ donated the barbecue, and TCE teachers and staff cooked the sides. The Music Club performed for the veterans. The veterans also enjoyed seeing all of the artwork and letters the students of TCE created for them. After the luncheon, the veterans enjoyed the Veterans Day program at ECI.

Swainsboro Middle School 7th graders learn to "Express Themselves"

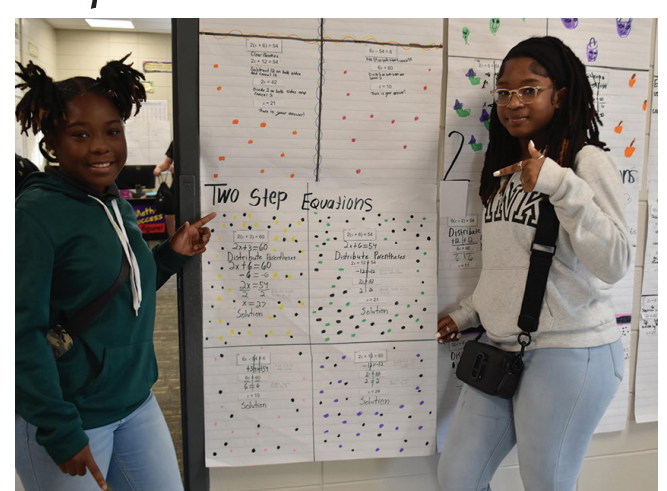
Seventh graders at Swainsboro Middle School had the chance to "express themselves" as they engaged with a task created by the Georgia Department of Education in Dr. Thomas's math class on October 31 and November 1. The students were working on solving linear equations, and the task required a sequence of steps, multiple modes of learning, and various forms of practice to complete. According to the DOE website, the task is "intended to determine how well students can form, write, and solve linear equations using factoring and the distributive property, and also use variables to represent equations in real-world problems and represent word problems in equivalent equations." The engagement portion of the task included evidence-based instructional strategies such as

scaffolding, collaborative pairs, and independent and whole-group practice. Also, a student-generated product was created by the end of the task. At the beginning of the task, each student was given a whiteboard and a Ziploc bag with the materials necessary to complete the task as they made their way to their various stations set up in the classroom. Dr. Thomas projected a word problem-style riddle on the board, and the students were required to read it and determine which algebraic expressions would answer the riddle correctly. Using their whiteboards, the students worked through this portion of the independent practice, but soon, they transitioned to the work session with a partner in their student group. The content of this activity was scaffolded by providing the stu-

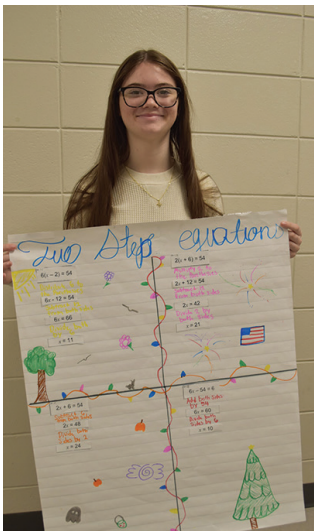
dents with a portion of the steps required to complete each algebraic expression and fewer and fewer steps until no steps were provided, and the students had to determine all the steps for themselves. Each portion of this process was documented on an oversized Post-it note used by each collaborative pair. During the reflection portion of the activity, the students were allowed to engage in "Math Talks" with other student groups to compare and contrast the steps used to solve each problem and gain a deeper understanding of materials they had never engaged with before. These "Math Talks" included small debates about the final products and how the problems were solved, leading to a rich experience and a solid understanding of algebraic expressions.



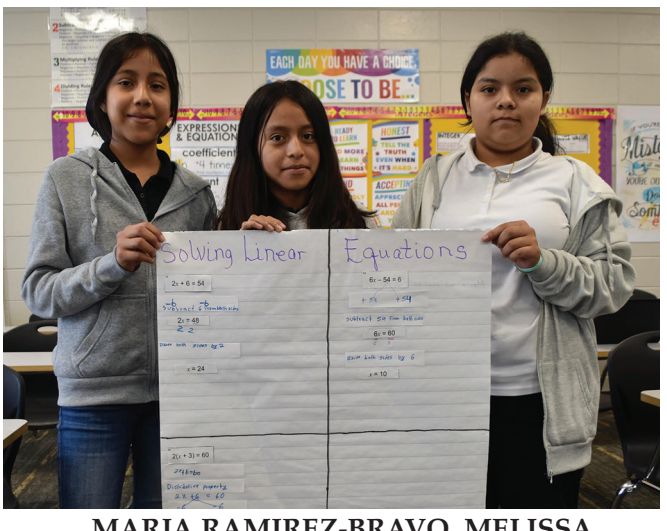
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Remembering Shelia Diane Johnson-Archie

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Have you ever been called unforgettable? We had a life-long Emanuel County citizen many have described as unforgettable. She was Shelia Diane Johnson-Archie, who transitioned to be with the good Lord in August. We have reviewed information about her, collected memories and tributes from her family, childhood friends, and coworkers. Let's start at the beginning; Shelia was the third oldest of five children of Mr. Allen Johnson, Sr. and Mrs. Clara Bell Colbert Johnson. She had an "indescribable" love for her parents! Shelia considered her mom as one of the strongest women she knew. Her dad taught her so much through the years and she cherished their bond. Her dad, Mr. Allen Johnson Sr. said, "Shelia was always an obedient child, and I never had any major trouble out of her. She made sure I was taken care of before and after her mother had passed away. If I needed anything, she never hesitated to go out of her way to make sure I got it. I am blessed to have had such a lovely and wonderful daughter. I am also delighted that she left behind three of the greatest grandchildren that any grandfather could have asked for. I will miss you dearly and until we meet again... Love, your father."

Shelia's younger years were at Summertown Elementary School. Then on to Swainsboro High School for great experiences which included many things: cheerleading, track and field, basketball and other extracurricular activities. Shelia loved people and made friends (some came, some went) throughout high school. One cousin, Cora Brown, became more like a sister because of their closeness. Cora wrote, "Shelia did a lot of wonderful things for people and never asked for anything in return. When my sister was ill, she was always there every morning with a breakfast from the hospital for her. She was just that kind of a person! When my niece was ready to give-up on life and God, Shelia talked with her through everything that was making her feel as though she had nothing to live for, I sat there and cried like a

baby. Shelia was so compassionate and patient with her. I learned a lot that day myself, even though she was not talking to me. She had so much love to give and she gave it to everyone she knew. That is one blessing she did not ask for but was bestowed upon her. That is why good always came back to her."

Then there was Jackie Polan, since childhood, they were the best of friends. Jackie said, "My sister was very loving and caring to anyone she met. Shelia loved giving her first and last. Everyone asked me to only write a few lines, but I could write a book. To everyone, live by love and prayer! To my sister and family, Shelia was always by my side through good times, bad times, sad times, and sad times." Another was Annette May, who became one of her best friends because they were two of a kind. Their friendship never wavered. Forever loved and best friend, Annette stated, "Shelia had a great love for family, community, team spirit." These great memories stayed with Shelia throughout her life." After high school, she went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education from Georgia Southern University. A few years later, Shelia married Alexander. They welcomed a beautiful baby girl (Alexandria, nickname-Zan) who Shelia loved and affectionately called her backbone. Alexandria said, "Mom, life is not the same here on this earth without having you around. I truly miss arguing with you about doing the right thing, but you always end up doing whatever you wanted to. You reminded me that you were the one that gave birth to me. I miss coming home from work, in the evenings, eating some of your delicious cooking. I also miss the random phone calls throughout the day, checking to make sure I was okay. Most of all, I miss your unconditional love you showed me, the whole family. I am thankful you were always one phone call away whenever I needed you-Your Oldest Child."

Four years later, a very energetic, baby sister came along, who kept everyone on their toes. Brittany stated, "Mama, words can't describe how much I miss your



JOHNSON-ARCHIE

presence, sense of humor, and everything you have done for me. I cherish the conversations that we had daily and the quality time we spent with one another. I know there were times we would have disagreements over simple things like what we were eating for dinner. I always loved that at the end of the day, you realized I wanted the best for you. I will always love you and you will always be in my heart until we meet again-Love, Your Baby Girl."

In the fall, Shelia started working at Emanuel County Head Start in Oak Park, Georgia. She worked there for many years and enjoyed every minute of it. Shelia deemed it a pleasure to teach her very first class, work with some of the most wonderful ladies, and treated all her students like they were the apple of her eye.

Many years later, they welcomed their miracle/genius baby boy (Alexander, nickname-Zae). Alexander writes, "I miss your beautiful smile, kind wisdom, and positive spirit. You were the strongest woman I have ever known. I truly appreciate all the love and support you gave me throughout my life. Thank you for always being there no matter the occasion. You always had an open ear no matter how busy you may have been. I loved and admired how you remained positive no matter what obstacles life had thrown your way, Words could never describe the amount of love I will always have for you, and you will

always be "My Warrior"-Love always, Your Miracle Child." Plus, a professional blessing came when Shelia was promoted from teacher to director. She felt blessed to have great people and great memories during her time as director. Shelia remained in that position until she retired.

Other loving memories/tributes of Shelia: "Ma Shelia, as I called her, held a very special place in my heart and contributed to many special moments in my life. I have a strong bond with Zan and Brittany; therefore, Ma Shelia was always giving us advice when we were younger or laughing at some of the cray things we did! No matter what, we knew she had our backs and encouraged us to always stay close as cousins. I didn't realize that going to see her during the 4th of July weekend would be my final time laying eyes on her in the flesh. I am so glad that I stopped by to offer my support to my cousins and to wrap my arms around Ma one more time. She smiled, talked, and asked about my family. Of course, we laughed...that's what I will miss the most! Laughter was always present whenever I visited their house! My bond with Zan, Brittany, and Zae will remain forever because Ma made sure we knew that family is everything! May she forever rest peacefully in the arms of the Lord!" Submitted with love, Cherri Harrison-West

"Aunt Shelia was the epitome of a true "auntie." It was never a dull moment with her. She

was loving, funny, smart, but most of all, she was a real one. The times I spent with Aunt Shelia were pleasant and fun! She would always let me know she was there if I ever needed her. One quality that stood out about my beloved aunt was the fact she was always the same whenever I saw her. It did not matter who was around. One of my favorite memories was when she started dancing at her surprise birthday party! She said, "come on niece, I betcha can't drop it to the floor like me!" Her beautiful smile matched her beautiful heart. I was so blessed to have her as my aunt." Forever Loved, Truly Missed and NEVER Forgotten, Dr. Tiffany Lee

Thierry Miley: "Ms. Shelia meant so much to me. From the first day I met her, she was such a joyful person to be around. Ms. Shelia was very easy to talk to and did so much for me and my wife. From day one she treated me very well. I will always be thankful for that. I will always miss her and love her."

Maeola Edwards: "Shelia will truly be missed by me and the rest of our family. I could always count on her to come whenever I needed her. She would lend an open ear whenever I was alone and needed someone to talk to. I am going to miss the countless hours that Shelia and I spent together as well as hours on the phone. I loved her so much! She will always have a special place in my heart."

Roma (Archie) Marion: "Shelia Archie was a great mother to her children and her family. Whenever there was a crisis in the family (death or sickness), Shelia and her children were some of the first ones to give their support. I will always remember the fun times me and my sister-in-law had together. Shelia will truly be missed."

"My name is Chloe Colbert and Shelia was my cousin. There are quite a few memories of her as a child. I loved coming to her house because she always had some type of animals around. Coming from Atlanta, we didn't have chickens and goats running around in the yard. One of my favorite memories of her as a child was...One day, I was out playing in the yard and stepped on the biggest ant pile! I SCREAMED,

Shelia came outside and ran to me. They picked me up and brought me inside the house. Shelia put me in front of a box fan and rubbed alcohol on my feet and legs where I had been bitten. In my eyes, at such a young age, you could not convince me for years that she wasn't in fact the Hero that saved my life! When it was all over, Shelia cursed out everybody (my dad included) for letting me play outside alone. She will forever be remembered as a FIERCE, LOVING, and protective mama bear." With Infinite Love, Chloe Colbert

In honor and memory, The Johnson-Archie Family will be presented with a plaque of their beloved Shelia by the 1973 Georgia High School Association (GHSA) Region AA Girls State Track & Field Championship teammates. She played a major role (shot put and discus) on Swainsboro High School's first integrated athletic championship team. Teammate Yvette Roberts-Mercer stated, "Shelia was a great friend and an amazing athlete. Her devotion to friends and family alike was unmatched. I will always admire the athletic versatility she displayed throughout her career in sports. She was a key contributor to the 1973 girls state championship track & field team and the 1975 girls state runner up basketball team. Shelia's legacy in Swainsboro will never be forgotten. She will forever live in our hearts."

Teammate Karen Wilson-Faircloth wrote, "Shelia was a sweet girl. She always had us laughing! I know Shelia was a good athlete and student, I, also, know Shelia worked hard and it paid off. I'm sure this world was a better place because of her."

Teammate Sheryl Harris-Howard said, "With much love, my memories of Shelia takes me back to us playing at her cousin's house (The Browns) on the Hike! She always had a warm and caring spirit but was straight forward with everyone who knew her. As Shelia and I entered high school, we participated in basketball, track and field. She was a great athlete and a person of integrity. Shelia will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Rest in peace, Shelia! Your legacy lives on through your children!"



JOHNSON-ARCHIE WITH HER CHILDREN



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2ND ROW: BETTY MITCHELL, GLENICE BROWN, ELAINE JONES, SARRINA GREENE, SHELIA JOHNSON
3RD ROW: COACH JAMES WHITE, CAROLYN PARRISH, ELEASE TURNER, CLARA MACK, SHERYL HARRIS, YVETTE ROBERTS, TERRY WALTERS-TRAINER
LADY THEIRS NOT SHOWN: JUDY BENNETT, DEBRA NESBITT, AUDREY SCOTT

1973 GHSA CHAMPS

Seedling Garden Club holds auction

Members of the Seedling Garden Club held its annual auction on Monday, November 11, 2024. Members and guests met at The Venue for a sit-down dinner and auction. President Nancy Lisenby welcomed everyone and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and the first to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. No business session was held. Nancy made the following announcements: prayer for Paula Karrh's family for the death of her daughter-in-law, prayer for Sue Stockholm who had pacemaker put in that day, and thanks and loving thoughts extended to Secretary Imogene Buckley who will be

moving to another town soon. Nancy reported that the flowers were planted at the Emanuel County Nursing Home and encouraged everyone to take part in caring for them. Monday, November 11, being Veterans Day, it was reported that the garden club placed a flower and flags at the Blue Star Highway Memorial Highway located at Emanuel County Courthouse in honor of Veterans. The marker is a project of Seedling Garden Club.

Member Dess Smith blessed the food. Everyone enjoyed the meal of lasagna, green beans, garlic rolls, and chocolate pie prepared and served by Linda Jordan of "Eating Well



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CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS

With Linda." After a fun time of fellowship, the fun really began as the auction began. Club members took auction items and that ranged from all types of Christmas gifts from floral designs to decorations, gift baskets full of Christmas goodies and homemade deserts. The auctioneers, Halie Kate Johnson and Aubrey Harrison, did a great

job getting the bidding going and having some bidding against each other, which is always fun. This auction is the only money-making project the club has. This money goes to promote garden club projects local and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. This year, 25 items were up for auction.

The club was delighted to welcome members

of Glad Garden Club and the community to take part in this fun time. Hostesses serving for this meeting were Martha Cobb and Diana Malone. They decorated the tables with red cloths and beautiful Christmas designs. Attending were 15 Seedling Garden Club members and eight guests. After all items were auctioned off, the meeting was dis-

missed. As each guest departed, they were given a gift bag from Martha Cobb's aunt Flossie from Alabama who could not attend but sent gifts, which everyone appreciated.

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

City of Twin City 2025 Budget Process Public Notice

The Mayor and City Commission of the City of Twin City shall have a Budget Hearing on the 2025 budget on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:00PM. This meeting will be held in the City Commission Chambers at the Twin City Police Department.

Eugenia A. Ducker, City Clerk



JROTC AND SENIOR BETA CLUB MEMBERS WITH COL. GARRITY, III

Veterans Day program held at ECI

Emanuel County Institute recently held its annual Veterans Day program, gathering students, staff, and community members to honor local veterans for their service.

The program began with the presentation of the flag by ECI's JROTC students. Mrs. Dena Walden led the

crowd in the National Anthem. Members of the Senior Beta Club then welcomed everyone and gave an invocation, expressing thanks to the veterans in attendance.

Guest speaker Colonel John T. Garrity, III shared remarks about the importance of service and appreciation for the sacrifices veterans

have made. His message highlighted the values of commitment and dedication seen in those who have served in the military.

Adding to the event, the middle school chorus and the school band performed patriotic songs, giving the audience a musical reminder of the day's purpose. Several

veterans were in attendance and were recognized for their service, with applause from students and staff.

ECI's Veteran's Day program provided a chance for the school and community to come together, honoring those who have dedicated themselves to serving the country.

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Rocco Tucker visits Swainsboro

Employees at Berni's on West Main recently had the privilege of meeting Veteran Rocco Tucker. Turner was raising funds for the SHARE Military Initiative.

Tucker's journey from U.S. Marine to passionate advocate for veterans' health is a poignant testament to resilience, community, and the transformative power of the SHARE Military Initiative. Enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1986, Rocco quickly proved his leadership capabilities in boot camp at Parris Island, earning a meritorious promotion



TUCKER WITH BERNI'S EMPLOYEES

as a squad leader. His career took him across the globe, from Camp Pendleton, CA to Okinawa, Japan.

Despite his commendable service, which included surviving the effects of a lightning strike and multiple traumatic injuries, Rocco faced significant challenges upon returning home. The physical and emotional toll of his experiences manifested in PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, and sleep insomnia, leaving him feeling isolated and misunderstood. "When one of my guys didn't come back one night, it weighed heavily on me," Rocco shares, reflecting on the burden of survivor's guilt and the deep scars left by his military service.

Rocco's turning point came when he joined the SHARE Military Initiative. "At SHARE, you're not alone. You're with people who understand, and they look out for you," he explains. The

program's comprehensive approach to treating brain injuries and mental health issues offered Rocco the personalized care and support he desperately needed. Unlike the VA's lengthy processes, SHARE provided immediate, tailored interventions that helped him regain balance and hope.

Inspired by the life-changing impact of SHARE, Rocco has embarked on an ambitious mission to give back. On October 19, 2024, he set off on a 722-mile bike ride (22 representing the 22 veterans per day lost to suicide), starting at his home in The Villages, Florida, continuing to Parris Island, South Carolina, and concluding at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia. This journey aims to raise awareness and funds for the SHARE Military Initiative. "It's okay to ask for help," Rocco insists, inviting others to join him for a mile or more, or simply cheer him on.

Along the way, he will connect with communities, stopping at firehouses, police stations, and veteran groups to share his story and encourage other veterans to seek the help they need.

Rocco's dedication goes beyond personal healing; he is committed to ensuring that other veterans receive the same no-cost, high-quality care that transformed his life. "100% of the proceeds I raise will go directly to SHARE," he emphasizes, underscoring his commitment to our cause.

As Rocco pedals forward, his message is clear: you are not alone. His heartfelt journey is a testament to the power of community, the importance of seeking help, and the profound difference one individual can make. Rocco not only honors his own journey but also paves the way for countless others to find hope and healing through SHARE.

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ECI VARSITY CHEER SQUAD: GRACE ELAINE SWYGERT, MATTI COCHRAN, SAMADHI SALGADO, LAURAN BEDGOOD, JONI WIMBERLY, WESLYN SNELGROVE, ALYSSA BARNES. BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: ERIN STANFORD, JANNA SCOTT, KANYON OLIVER, SMITH WILLOUGHBY, AUBREY HUDSON, JAYDEN ROBERTSON, ALLIE RIDGON, TAYLOR ROBERSON, MARY ELLA WALDEN, HALLI KATE JOHNSON AND COACH ANNA JOHNSON

ECI Varsity Game Day squad competes

ECI Varsity Game Day squad competed in their first competition of the year at South Effingham High School on Saturday, November 2. The team received the best band chant routine for the entire competition, first place for Single A division and second place overall in the competition. All seniors were honored in a special ceremony at the end of the competition. The team is coached by Anna Johnson and Jeana Durden. They will travel to Columbus, GA on Thursday, December 5 and Friday, December 6 for the State Game Day Championship.

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Swainsboro Tigers shift focus to state playoffs after Toombs County test

by ROOSEVELT YOUNG

Last Friday, the Swainsboro Tigers traveled to Toombs County to finish out their regular season. This game was originally postponed due to Hurricane Helene, which put a pause on football and many other high school sports across Georgia. Facing Toombs County, one of the top-ranked teams in the state, was never going to be easy. But true to their fighting spirit, the Tigers showed up ready to compete.

Toombs County was strong on both sides of the ball, with a balanced attack that could run and pass effectively. Despite the Tigers' best efforts, the Bulldogs pulled away, winning 44-8. Even though it was a tough game, Swainsboro never gave up and battled until the final whistle.

There were some shining moments for the Tigers, especially from their younger players. Freshman Kamarion Dukes had a standout performance with two interceptions in the first half.

Later, when junior quarterback Kason Edenfield got injured, Dukes stepped in at quarterback during the third quarter. He managed to make a few good throws and scored the Tigers' only touchdown of the game with a gutsy 35-yard run up the middle. The young talent on this team, like Dukes, gives fans plenty of reasons to be excited for the future.

Now that the regular season is done, the Tigers find themselves ranked 25th out of 32 teams in the GHSA Single-A Division I public state playoffs. Their next challenge is against 8th-ranked Northeast Macon. This isn't the first time the Tigers have faced off with Northeast Macon; the teams have a bit of history, including scrimmages and an unforgettable playoff game in 2018 where the Tigers blocked a field goal attempt in overtime to secure a trip to the Final Four.

Over the past two years, Swainsboro has made deep playoff runs, reaching the state championship game and finishing as the runner-up. These

experiences have made the team tougher and more determined than ever. The players, especially the seniors, know what it takes to play on the biggest stage and are eager for another shot at bringing home the title.

This is the sixth year in a row that the Tigers have made it to the state playoffs. For them, this time of year is familiar territory. The coaches and players know that everyone starts with a clean slate, and anything can happen. To bring home their first state championship since 2000, the Tigers need to win five straight games. The seniors understand what's at stake and are ready to give it everything they've got.

For those wanting to cheer on the Tigers, the playoff game against Northeast Macon will be on Friday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Thompson Stadium, 1210 Shurling Drive, Macon, GA 31217. Let's come together, Tiger Nation, and support these young men and their coaches as they push for a state title!



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Bulldogs vs Trojans in first round of State Playoffs

by RON WEATHERFORD

The ECI football team will make the trip to McRae Saturday, November 16, to face Telfair County in the first round of the Class A Division 2 playoffs. The Bulldogs will enter the playoffs as the number 4 seed with a 7-3 season record.

Telfair is number 1 seed after defeating Wilcox Co 30-28 Friday to determine the champion from region 4 with an 8-2 season record. This is the first ever region championship for the Trojans.

Telfair knocked ECI out of the playoffs in 2022 in the first round.

Region 3 seeding was already determined two weeks ago with Metter, Jenkins, McIntosh and ECI; the playoff teams in that order.

ECI faced Metter Friday night in the last regular season game. Although having no meaning in the final region seeding, the two teams are each other's biggest rivalry with bragging rights on the menu.

The Bulldogs jumped on the Tigers early in the first quarter 10-0 and had all the momentum before Metter reeled off 28 unanswered points the last 3 quarters to defeat the Bulldogs 28-10. After conducting a flawless first drive to open the game, the Bulldogs struck first on the fifth play of the game. Jackson Kennedy

faked the defense, keeping the ball to ramble 33 yards to the corner of the endzone to put the Bulldogs up 7-0 early in the opening quarter. The Bulldogs extended their lead on their next possession with a Oisin Matthews 35-yard field goal to put the Bulldogs up 10-0 in the first quarter. Metter got their first points of the game midway through second quarter. A Kennedy pass was picked off on a diving interception by the Tiger defender deep in Bulldog territory. Metter scored a few plays later to close the Bulldog lead 10-7 at halftime. The Tigers took their first lead of the game 13-10 with 6:16 left in the third quarter. Penalties after big gains and turnovers plagued the Bulldogs the second half and they could not muster another scoring drive.

Metter put 15 more points on the board in the fourth quarter to give the Bulldogs their third loss of the season, 28-10.

In other region 3 vs region 4 first round playoff games, Metter will host 4 seed Hawkinsville, Jenkins Co. will host 3 seed Wheeler Co. and McIntosh will travel to Rochelle to face number 2 seed Wilcox Co.



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Despite the loss, Eagles perform well at Friday night's game

by ASHLEI BOATRIGT
 David Emanuel Academy traveled to Augusta Friday night for the first play-off game of the series. The Eagles entered the playoffs in the 8th position and took on number one ranked and undefeated Westminster of Augusta. The Eagles did take a loss Friday night as they were out-matched by the Wildcats 55-8.

niors set the example of the mindset and type of program that we want to build. I couldn't be prouder of them, or happier to have been their coach. No, this season wasn't as successful as we wanted to have, but I know the underclassmen are hungry. We will get back to work this offseason and look to reach our goals next fall. I again, cannot thank David Emanuel Academy, the administration, the board, and the school community enough for entrusting me with the opportunity to coach and lead such a great group of young men."

As for Week 9, the team performed well and the following players earned Player of the Game Status:

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This game wraps up the Eagles' season. We are already looking forward to watching this program grow and come back bigger and better next Fall.



COACH GUYER WITH THE TEAM

Photos by Crystal Hammock



THE EAGLES TAKE THE FIELD



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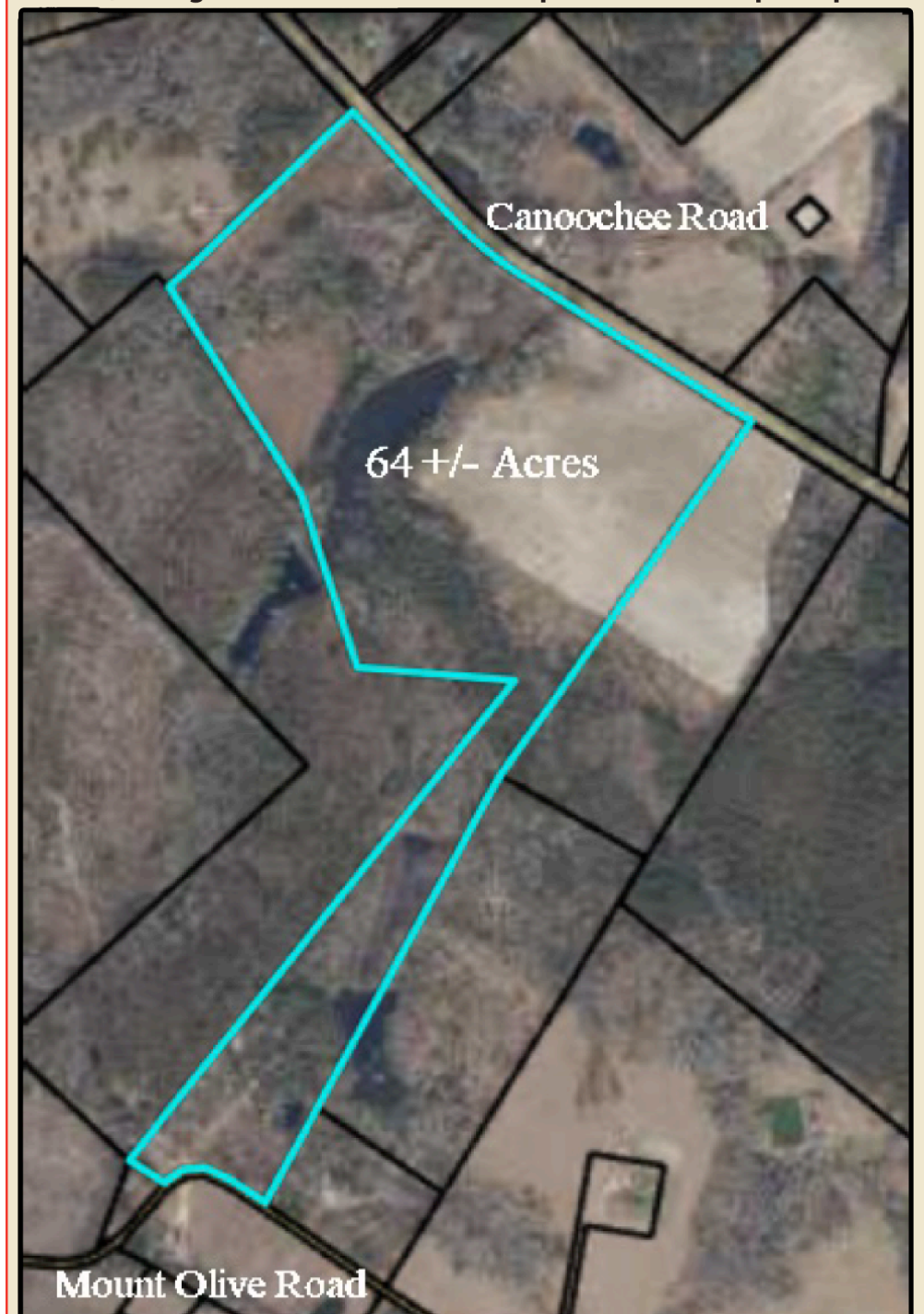
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Lisenby speaks to Four Rivers

The Four Rivers Patriots Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting Thursday night, October 17, at Chatters Restaurant in Lyons at 7 p.m. With President Steve DeWeil presiding, they had 19 in attendance. After the invocation by Chaplain Emory Fennell, the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the Pledge to the SAR, President Steve asked Dess to introduce the speaker for the evening, Mike Lisenby, a retired lawyer. Mike and his wife Nancy live in Swainsboro. Lisenby spoke to on the "Formation of the Colonies, meeting will be on 1600's/1700's. The next January 16, 2025.



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Daughtry speaks to Mill Creek

The Mill Creek Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting Friday, October 15, at the Old Timey Restaurant at 6 p.m. With President Randy Jones presiding, they had six in attendance. After the invocation and Pledges to the U.S. Flag and the SAR, President Randy introduced Mill Creek Chapter member Hu Daughtry to present his program for the evening. Hu and his wife Susan live in Metter, and he is a retired



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Pharmacist. His presentation was on "The Ballard of Tom Dula/Dooley".

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There is no doubt in my mind that God heals us that we might bring honor and glory to Him by serving Him faithfully. If He restores our health, we must realize that it is a gift of His grace and we show our gratefulness to Him by giving Him the glory and working with Him in this, His world.

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Arshane Stevenson Austin, 37, arrested 11/5/24; Probation revocation; SPD

Joshua Hunter Brewer, 28, arrested 11/11/24; Hold for Pulaski Co.; SPD

Lorenzo Keith Brinson, 27, arrested 11/9/24; City probation violation; EC SO

Rufus Jason Brinson, 38, arrested 11/8/24; Sale of meth/Use of communication facility in commission of a felony involving controlled substances; EC SO

Kiwani Tijuan Burroughs, 46, arrested 11/9/24; DUI less safe - alcohol/Speeding; GSP

Kimberly Latrell Carswell, 43, arrested 11/7/24; Driving while license suspended / revoked / JAG Probation hold / Criminal attempt to commit a misdemeanor / Obstruction of law enforcement; SPD

William Coleman, 37, arrested 11/6/24 Bench warrant (x2); EC SO

Bailey Renne Collins, 18, arrested 11/9/24;

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

October 31
Complainant stated she took her kids trick-or-treating and noticed a foreign object sticking out of some of the candy.

November 11
Officer was dispatched to Waffle King in reference to a customer being irate and yelling and cussing at employees and customers. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail for disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Officer observed a vehicle with a

Simple battery / Criminal trespass; EGSC

Larry Maurice Corley, 38, arrested 11/6/24; Sentence to state / Escape - felony; EC SO

Bobby Wayne Daw, 49, arrested 11/11/24; Possession of meth w / intent; EC SO

Anna Marie Denmark, 26, arrested 11/7/24; DUI less safe - alcohol/Seatbelt violation/Open container/Holding/supporting wireless telecommunications device; GSP

Heather Nicole Denton, 31, arrested 11/9/24; Possession and use of drug related objects/No license on person/DUI less safe - alcohol; GSP

Lewis Hanson Edwards, 42, arrested 11/6/24; Child support lockup order; EC SO

Grady Ashley Evans, 63, arrested 11/7/24; Probation violation - felony; EC SO

Matthew Shepherd Findley, 36, arrested 11/9/24; DUI less safe - alcohol/Speeding; GSP

Brittany Kayla Fulmer, 34, arrested 11/5/24; Possession of meth w/intent/Seatbelt violation; SPD

Nishika Sade Gillis, 33, arrested 11/4/24; Simple battery; SPD

Marcus Ashley Graham, 44, arrested 11/11/24; Possession and use of drug related objects/Probation violation - felony (x2)/ Possession of meth/ Possession of firearm by convicted felon; EC SO

Benjamin Lee Hall, 40, arrested 11/7/24; Bench warrant; EC SO

Heather Lynn Henry, 44, arrested 11/8/24; Sale of meth/ Trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana or meth/Possession and use of drug related objects/Possession of firearm or knife during commission of or attempt to commit certain felonies; EC SO

Johnnie Gregory Hiers, 39, arrested 11/7/24; Possession of meth w / intent/Seatbelt violation/DUI less safe - combination/Parole violation; SPD

Dale Farrell Hobbs, 55, arrested 11/11/24; Possession of meth/ Bench warrant; EC SO

Westley Morgan Holloway, 27, arrested 11/10/24; Possession of schedule II controlled substance/Possession

and use of drug related objects; EC SO

Scott Andrew Hopkins, 49, arrested 11/6/24; Child support lockup order; EC SO

Richard Charleston Howard, 37, arrested 11/6/24; Hold for Washington Co.; SPD

Bradikus Reshad Jenkins, 34, arrested 11/10/24; DUI - combination/Driving while license suspended/revoked; EC SO

Verlon Levon Johnson, 49, arrested 11/7/24; Disorderly conduct/Hold for Jefferson Co.; SPD

Demontrae Jackson Jones, 35, arrested 11/6/24; Probation violation - felony; EC SO

Desirae Dawn Little, 34, arrested 11/7/24; Hold for Houston Co./ Driving while license suspended / revoked; EC SO

Logan Ollielake McGraw, 24, arrested 11/8/24; Trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana or meth; EC SO

Darion Lamar Moody, 31, arrested 11/9/24; Hold for Bulloch Co.; GSP

Joshua Ryan Moon, 32, arrested 11/5/24; Bench warrant - city;

EC SO

Everette Warren Muth, 60, arrested 11/11/24; Possession of firearm by convicted felon (x3); EC SO

Cleveland Phillips, 46, arrested 11/4/24; Probation violation; EC SO

Stephanie Layne Roberson, 35, arrested 11/8/24; Disorderly conduct; EC SO

Caleb Joseph Schott, 30, arrested 11/8/24; Possession and use of drug related objects; EC SO

Robert La'Jarrion Thomas, 29, arrested 11/5/24; Probation revocation; SPD

Tyrone Deshaun Thompson, 42, arrested 11/5/24; Hold for Knox Co., TN; EC SO

Charlene Denise Wadley, 47, arrested 11/7/24; Disorderly conduct; SPD

Logan Chaz Wilkes, 25, arrested 11/7/24; Possession and use of drug related objects/ Open container/ License: 60 days to change name/address; EC SO

Michale Eugene Wilkes, 41, arrested 11/9/24; DUI less safe - alcohol/Headlight requirements; GSP

non-working headlight, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Driver informed officer that he did not have his license on him due to it being suspended in the past. Upon further investigation, the driver's license was suspended in 2014.

Officer took a report where complainant stated she and her ex-boyfriend were supposed to make arrangements for her to pick their daughter up and offender made a big fuss about it and began to call and text her being disrespectful, so she blocked him. C/p stated when she arrived at offender's grand-

mother's house to pick her daughter up, offender began to threaten her, and she left to go get her brother for her protection. When c/p arrived back at the residence, offender started walking towards her car then turned and walked to his vehicle and began reaching for an unknown object. Offender then walked to c/p's vehicle telling her to get out of the car repeatedly in an aggressive tone, then kicked the side of her vehicle. C/p stated she left again because she was concerned for her safety and offender called and threatened her and her brother.

Officer was dispatched to Crump St. in reference to someone trespassing. Offender was staying in a tent and advised he could not stay there. A small, twisted bag with a white substance was found and tested positive for meth. Officer asked offender if he uses drugs, and he stated he did and was asked if his bag could be searched and he stated yes. A pill bottle labeled to a female was found with pills inside and other pills were found wrapped in paper. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Officers were dispatched to N. Racetrack St. in reference to complainant being struck in the face.

C/p stated offender has been harassing him and was at the shop and acted like he was going to put his hands in his pockets and was verbally stating comments that c/p felt like might be a threat to him. C/p stated he wants offender to get his vehicle and parts, and he did not want to work on it anymore. Contact was made with offender who stated he did not threaten anyone.

Officers were dispatched to N. Anderson Dr. in reference to a woman hitting a male. Offender stated she gave victim \$100 to do a plumbing job and she has been getting the run-around from him and she tried calling him three times before she showed up where he was at. Offender stated that victim told her he was going to bring her money back and he never did, nor did he get back in touch with her. Offender stated that the victim seemed like he was going to hit her, so she hit him. Offender was criminally trespassed and transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer met with complainant about a report of fraud. C/p stated she filed to purchase a residence in Statesboro and discovered there was a charge made under her name at the college in Statesboro for rent. C/p advised she did not live there, and some unknown person was renting under her name.

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Dr. Schecter speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, November 5, at the Rustic Grille at 7 p.m. With President Paul Cerpovicz presiding, they had 16 in attendance, including four guests, Division 17 Lt. Governor Chris Wiggins, Jeanette LaFond, Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz and EGSC President Dr. David Schecter. Jeff Palmer won the red velvet cake donated by President Paul and Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz won the Dominos' Pizza donated by Domino's. The program

for the evening was hosted by David Gribbin who introduced Dr. David Schecter, President of East Georgia State College. Dr. Schecter has been EGSC President for about three years. He thanked the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club for their financial support of EGSC, especially during this time of recovery from Hurricane Helene. Dr. Schecter is a Political Scientist, and he gave a short summary of what was been happening during this Election Day 2024. He explained about how the Electoral College works and why the candidates

spend a lot of time in the "swing" states and very little time in "blue" states and "red" states, while looking for the magical 270 electoral votes. Dr. Schecter's advice about the whole process was to go home and go to bed, get ready for both sides to declare "victory", be ready for the process to take some time, be prepared for the results to go to court, don't be confused by different ways of counting provisional ballots, and be sure to be careful about who "calls" the election. A very interesting and timely presentation.



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EGSC TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Grand jury returns 27 true bills, 2 no bills

The October 2024 term of the Emanuel County Grand Jury reconvened on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, with The Honorable Judge Robert S. Reeves presiding. The grand jurors elected Gail Williamson to serve as foreperson, Melissa Cann to serve as assistant foreperson, and Kala Allmond to serve as clerk. Judge Robert S. Reeves appointed

Patrick Sweet to serve as bailiff. The grand jurors and bailiff were sworn in by Judge Robert S. Reeves as to their duties. The grand jury considered 29 bills of indictment, involving 33 defendants, submitted to it by the office of the District Attorney, returning 27 true bills and 2 no bills. The Emanuel County Jail must be inspected

annually by the Grand Jury, as required by law. A committee of grand jurors was selected and will tour and inspect the jail at a later date and time to be determined and will submit its findings to the Grand Jury as a whole at the next meeting. There being no further business, the Grand Jury recessed, subject to recall, this 30th day of October, 2024.

True bills included:

Terence Alonzo Hall: Fleeing or attempting to elude; Driving while license suspended; Obstruction of officer; Speeding
Dominique Antwan Giles, Javari Javontay Larry and Shiheed Ja'Mill Small: Theft by shoplifting; Possession

of marijuana less than ounce

Tyson Hackett: Making false statement; Driving under the influence; Driving while license suspended; Giving false info to law enforcement; Open container

Kenton Antwone Shivers: Possession of controlled substance w/intent to distribute; Possession of marijuana; Possession of drug related objects; Driving on suspended, cancelled or revoked registration; Operating vehicle w/out insurance; Affixing of plate to conceal or misrepresent identity; Failure to stop at stop sign; Failure to yield right of way

Quantez Rashavius Gillis: Fleeing or attempting to elude; Reckless driving; Driving under the influence (alcohol); Driving while license suspended; Open container

Paul Johnson: Robbery by intimidation; False imprisonment; Obstruction of officer; Theft by taking

Johnnie Lee Dixon: Home invasion in first degree (x2); Aggravated battery; Possession of firearm during commission of a felon (x4); Aggravated assault (x3); Possession of firearm by convicted felon (x2)

Sabrina Michelle Howell and Thomas Alex Howell: Neglect

to a disabled adult, elder person or resident; Exploitation and intimidation of disabled adult, elder person or resident (x2)

Derrick Varquise Knight: Malice murder; Felony murder; Aggravated assault; Possession of firearm during commission of felony; Possession of firearm by convicted felon

Corey Gates: Fleeing or attempt to elude; Driving w/out license; Driving on suspended, cancelled or revoked registration; Operating vehicle w/out insurance; Possession of marijuana; Speeding

Steven Tyrone Davis: Interference w/government property; Hindering emergency telephone call; Obstruction of officer; Simple battery, family violence

Jermaine Devontae Reese: Fleeing or attempting to elude; Aggravated assault on peace officer; Theft by receiving stolen property; Interference w/government property; Use of license plate to conceal identity

Ashley Brown: Cruelty to children in second degree; Driving under the influence (alcohol)

Alverso Lekeith Knight: Possession of cocaine w/intent to distribute; Possession of

marijuana w/intent to distribute; Obstruction of officer; Possession of drug related objects; Failure to wear seat safety belt

Legarion Gavonta Early: Loitering or prowling; Obstruction of officer; Possession of firearm by first offender probationer

Richard Lee Smith: Window tint violation; Driving while license suspended; Possession of marijuana; Possession of firearm by convicted felon

Zachary Lavar Howard: Aggravated assault; Interference w/government property

Jammal Doyle: Aggravated assault

David Smith: Aggravated assault

Javaris Davis: Aggravated assault; Criminal trespass

Crystal Lawanda Lockett: Aggravated assault; Cruelty to children third degree (x2)

Michael Wayne Solomon: Aggravated assault; Cruelty to children third degree

Ronald Shaye Shepard: Theft by deception

Serenity Akayla Burke, Christina Neoma Mack aka Christina Mack Howard and Dwight Dietangion Nixon: Possession of cocaine w/intent to distribute; Possession of marijuana; Possession of drug related objects; Possession of firearm during commission of felony (x2); Failure to stop at stop sign; Obstruction of officer

Gary Jordan Thigpen: Theft by receiving stolen property

Brian Eickelburger and Kory Dunn: Failing to pay for natural products or chattels

No true bills included: Atlas Alioto Daniels: Terroristic threats

Brian Maurice Rucker: Aggravated assault

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Read Matthew 6:1-8. Jesus tells us that when we give or do services, do not tell others so they can give us praise. Their praise will be your reward. If we serve in secret then God gets the glory and we get the reward. Jesus said even when we pray in secret God will reward us openly.

So may I encourage you today to live in the secret place with God. No one needs to know your life with God. Stay in the secret place in prayer, the Word and serving others. The benefits of doing things in secret (with God) are out of this world.

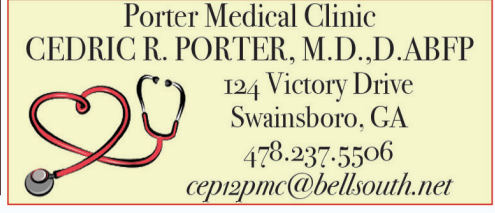
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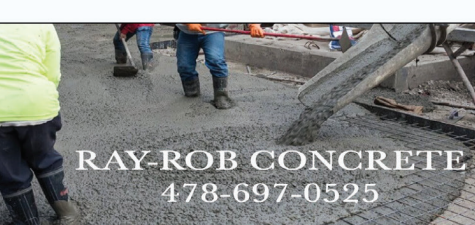
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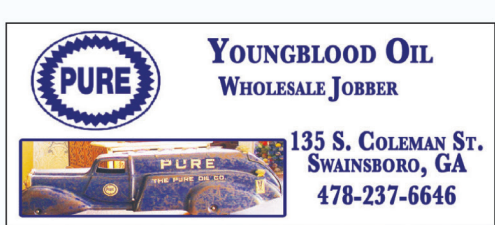
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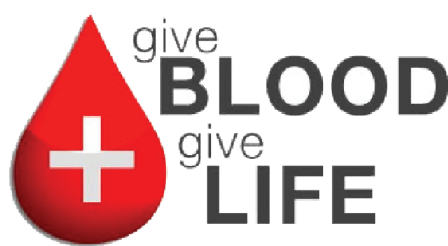
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