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New board members sworn in, Teachers of the Year recognized

The Emanuel County Board of Education met on Tuesday, November 12, at 5 p.m. at the Central Office for the swearing in of newly elected board members, Elizabeth DeVane and Jeanette Harden. The monthly regular meeting then started at 5:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Brandon Jones, Cherie Hooks, Del Brown, John Allen Bailey, Tanya Lane, Elizabeth DeVane and Jeanette Harden. Board Chair Del Brown welcomed everyone

and congratulated the new board members calling the meeting to order. Brandon Jones delivered the invocation followed by John Allen Bailey leading the Pledge of Allegiance. John Allen Bailey made a motion to move item C to item A under the Superintendent's comments and then to approve the agenda. Brandon Jones seconded the motion. Del Brown, Tanya Lane, Cherie Hooks, Brandon Jones, John Allen Bailey, Jeanette Harden and

Elizabeth DeVane voted "yes". CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Warnock welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time. She congratulated the new Board Members, the Emanuel County Institute Softball team and Teachers of the Year.

a. Recognition of 2024-2025 GHSA Class A Division II Fast Pitch Softball Champions -Emanuel County Institute - Jansen Ware

Coaches: Madison (Continued on page 2A)



KENNEDY, CARDELL, GREEN, WILLIAMS, DREW AND IBANEZ



FAMILY MEMBER ASSISTS AS DISTRICT 6 NEW BOARD MEMBER, JEANETTE HARDEN, IS SWORN IN BY JUDGE DON WILKES



FAMILY MEMBERS ASSIST AS DISTRICT 5 NEW BOARD MEMBER, ELIZABETH DEVANE, IS SWORN IN BY JUDGE DON WILKES

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.

Storm recovery, main topic of Commissioners' meeting

The regular meeting of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners was held Monday, November 18, 2024, at the Emanuel County Courthouse. Chairman Hugh Foskey opened the 6 p.m. meeting, and following an invocation by County Attorney Richard McNeely, Commissioner Jim Sherrod led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the October 24, 2024, meeting were approved, and Chairman Foskey then welcomed Brian Beard with the Small Business Administration who provided a detailed explanation of the disaster relief services of SBA in conjunction with those of FEMA (Federal Emergency Management

Administration). Beard commented that there is no cost to apply for help from either agency and that the deadline for doing so is January 7, 2025. A temporary center for helping storm-affected people in this area is now open at the Swainsboro Campus of Southeastern Tech on Kite Road. In old business, the Commissioners were again made aware of a vacancy on the Department of Family and Children Services. County Administrator Guy Singletary encouraged those who may consider serving on the DFCS Board to contact their commissioner or the office of the Board of Commissioners and

indicate their interest. In new business, Singletary reviewed the progress in the ongoing challenge of storm recovery and clean-up in Emanuel County. The major contracts that have been the core of the rehabilitation efforts following Hurricane Helene were formally approved during the meeting by the unanimous vote of the Board. These contracts included agreements with FEMA for administrative involvement, as well as agreements with contractors for the physical collection and transport of storm debris and the monitoring required to ensure compliance and reimbursement of expenses the county has incurred. An additional (Continued on page 7B)

Three finalists named for Chief of Police position

The special called meeting of Mayor and City Council was held on November 14, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Swainsboro City Hall. Members present included Mayor Greg Bennett, Council member Collins, Council member Sconyers, Council member Davis, Council member Quarterman, and Council member Stafford. Following the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, minutes from the regular council meeting of October 7, 2024, October 24, 2024, and November 4, 2024, were presented. The minutes were approved 5-0. Under old

business, the council considered the proposed 2025 budget and millage rate. Council member Sconyers made a motion to adopt the 2025 budget and set the millage rate at 11.0000. The motion was seconded by Davis and passed 5-0. The council then considered increasing the pension multiplier. Council member Davis made a motion to approve increasing the multiplier to 1.5, effective December 1, 2024, seconded by Stafford, passing 5-0. Under new business, council considered the new fire department incentive. Council member

Sconyers made a motion to approve the fire department incentive program. The motion was seconded by Stafford and passed 5-0. Council considered accepting the FY 2025 Georgia Council for the Arts Community Facilities Grant. Council member Davis made a motion to approve the acceptance of the Arts Community Facilities Grant, seconded by Stafford and passed 5-0. In Executive session, Council made a motion to move forward with Adam Kersey, Ashely Riner, and Matthew Williams as the three finalists for the Police Chief position. The vote passed 5-0.

Pick up those signs

All candidates in the recent November 5, 2024, election are reminded that you are responsible for the removal of your campaign yard signs, banners and other promotional material placed during the election cycle. While it is requested that such material be removed within 7 days of the election, it is required that such action be completed no later than 15 days following voting day. The public is

reminded that signs on street right of ways, utility poles and especially

signs endangering public safety or obscuring traffic flow are illegal.

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New board members...

(From front page)
 Bussell, Mikell Clifton, Amber Grimes, Taylor Radford, Frank Wimberly (Head Coach), Jessica Wimberly
 Athletes: Mary Katherine Durden, Madison Funderburk, Caidence Gordon, Kinley Grimes, Hadleigh Henry, Senaria Hillman, Jayna Kearson, Abbey Marsh, MaKaylin Mincey, Charley Mitchell, A'Jlah Nobles, Tatiana Smith, Ronnee' Swain-Russell, Kayanna Thompson, Lola Walden
 b. Teacher of the Year Recognitions-Valorie Watkins
 Jordanna Williams - Swainsboro Primary School 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year and Emanuel County Schools 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year, Antwanette Green - Swainsboro Elementary School 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year, Arlene Drew - Swainsboro Middle School 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year, Silvana Ibanez - Swainsboro High School 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year, Lane Cardell - Twin

City Elementary 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year, Greg Kennedy - Emanuel County Institute 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year
 i. Handout provided along with presentation
 ii. Originally item a
DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA
 The Consent Agenda was presented and approved as follows:
 a. Approval of Minutes of the October 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.
 b. Approval of Financial Reports - Mollie Smith
 c. Approval of SPOST Schedule-To be Advertised-Mollie Smith
 d. Approval of ECI Fieldhouse Proposal from Dabbs-Williams-Jansen Ware
 e. Approval of Capital Outlay Architectural Contract-Swainsboro Elementary School Based Health Clinic-Jansen Ware
P U B L I C P A R T I C I P A T I O N -None
EXECUTIVE SESSION
EMPLOYMENTS:
 The Board approved the Renewal, employment, retired, retirement and resignations of the following certified and classified employees:

RECOMMENDATIONS, CLASSIFIED
 Comer, Amber - Parent Resource Manager - SHS - 11/12/2024 - NCIC Complete; Heard, Paulet - Custodian - TCE - 11/13/2024 - NCIC Incomplete
RESIGNATIONS, CLASSIFIED
 Boyette, Carla - Food Service Worker - SHS - 11/1/2024; Hughes, Janet - Custodian - TCE - 9/10/2024; Screws, Hannah - Paraprofessional - SPS - 11/1/2024; Stapleton, Pate - Data Clerk - SPS - 11/22/2024; Thompson, Emily - Paraprofessional - Pre-K - 10/25/2024; Wilkes, Jessica - Paraprofessional - SHS - 11/4/2024
RETIREMENTS, CLASSIFIED
 Barton, Tammy - Caregiver - EHS - 1/1/2025; Carroll, Trasonja - Caregiver - EHS - 1/1/2025
TERMINATIONS, CLASSIFIED
 Ellison, Brianna - Food Service Worker - TCE - 10/23/2024



DR. DENISE WARNOCK, SWAINSBORO PRIMARY AND EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOLS TEACHER OF THE YEAR JORDANNA WILLIAMS, SPS PRINCIPAL SARA TAPLEY AND ECS BOARD MEMBER JOHN ALLEN BAILEY



SUPERINTENDENT DR. DENISE WARNOCK, SES TEACHER OF THE YEAR ANTWANETTE GREEN, PRINCIPAL LARA NORTON AND BOARD MEMBERS CHERIE HOOKS AND JEANETTE HARDEN



SUPERINTENDENT DR. DENISE WARNOCK, SHS TEACHER OF THE YEAR SILVANA IBANEZ, PRINCIPAL BRANDON ANDREWS, AND BOARD CHAIR DELL BROWN



SUPERINTENDENT DR. DENISE WARNOCK, TCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR LANE CARDELL, PRINCIPAL JESSICA COLLINS AND BOARD MEMBER CHERIE HOOKS



HEAD COACH FRANK WIMBERLY, ASSISTANT COACHES, PRINCIPAL BROOKE FRYE AND BOARD MEMBER BRANDON JONES WITH THE 2024-2025 GHSA CLASS A DIVISION II FASTPITCH SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS



SUPERINTENDENT DR. DENISE WARNOCK, SMS TEACHER OF THE YEAR ARLENE DREW, PRINCIPAL DAVID MILLER, AND BOARD MEMBER JOHN ALLEN BAILEY

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WE APPRECIATE OUR MILITARY AND ALL YOU DO FOR OUR COUNTRY!

Thank You!

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EMC NURSING HOME RESIDENTS WITH CANDY READY TO SEND OVERSEAS

EMC Nursing Home residents donate to soldiers

Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home was blessed by the community with an abundance of candy during Halloween. The residents wanted to donate the extra candy to our soldiers overseas. Activity Director Missy Mills contacted *Operation Shoebox* in Belleview, Florida and they readily accepted all of the candy. The EMC Nursing Home residents were excited to “pay it forward”.

Christmas Market coming to First Baptist Church Swainsboro

The First Baptist Church Swainsboro will be hosting its annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 9am to 2pm. Vendors from all over Georgia will be selling their crafts and delicious goodies, making it a great time to start your Christmas shopping or treat yourself to something special. Whether you’re looking for unique gifts for your loved ones or just want to browse the stalls for inspiration,

the Christmas Market is sure to have something for everyone. There will be everything from handmade jewelry to home decor and baked goods. The Christmas Market is a great way to support local businesses and get into the holiday spirit. So, mark your calendars and come out to First Baptist Church Swainsboro on November 23 for a fun and festive day of shopping and celebration!



STC STAFF WITH SANTA

Southeastern Technical College to host annual 'Pictures with Santa' event

Southeastern Technical College (STC) is spreading holiday cheer this season by hosting the annual “Pictures with Santa” event on Tuesday, December 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at 346 Kite Rd., Swainsboro - Building 2. The event, free and open to the public, promises to be an evening of festive fun for families and

children.

“We are excited to bring the community together for this holiday tradition,” said Emily Jarrell, STC Admissions Coordinator. “This is a wonderful opportunity for families to make memories, enjoy fun activities, and get a picture with Santa - all at no cost.”

In addition to the opportunity to meet and take a picture with Santa Claus, the event will feature a variety of engaging activities for kids. From holiday crafts and games to festive treats, there will be plenty of entertainment to keep little ones excited while they wait for their turn with Santa.

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Roger Wheeler, 58



Mr. Roger Eric Wheeler, 58, of Swainsboro, passed away Sunday, November 17, 2024, at Emanuel Medical Center. Graveside service will be Thursday, November 21, at 2 p.m. at Wheeler Cemetery with Reverend Morris Brantley officiating. Family will receive friends Wednesday, November 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors.


Pallbearers will be Kirtus Smith, Josh Hall, Paul Purvis, Anthony Douglas, Mark Driggers and Norman Sherrod.

Roger was born November 27, 1965, in Swainsboro, to the late Roy Eugene Wheeler and Viley Linda Woods Wheeler. As a boy, he was raised in Emanuel and Treutlen counties with his two brothers, Robbie and Elec. Roger met his high school sweetheart, Sharon, in 1985, and they soon married and had three children, Eric, Monica and Ben.

Over the years, Roger worked hard in different areas of construction work. In 2005, he started his own contracting business, Roger Wheeler Construction. Roger worked for many families doing various jobs. He knew the value of hard work and the importance of family and friends. Roger enjoyed spending his time at the river fishing for red breast and crappies. Some of his favorite memories were of the Ogeechee River with his sons and the River Rats crew. Roger always had a love for camping and spending time near the water. He spent the last several years enjoying time with his family at Clark Hill Lake and the Altamaha River.

Roger's greatest pride

Mary Odom, 81



Mrs. Mary Louise Marsh Odom, 81, of Swainsboro, passed away Sunday, November 17, 2024, at Emanuel County Nursing Home following an extended illness. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 20, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Jonathon Shepard officiating. Interment will follow in Union Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. Family will receive friends 1 hour prior to services.

Pallbearers will be Thomas Renew, Tina Young, Terri Howard, Natalie Drew, Amy Crane and Miranda Kay Brantley.

Mrs. Odom was born May 10, 1943, in Statesboro, to the late Mr. William Luther Marsh and Mrs. Ollie Hudson Thompson. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jimmy Odom; daughter, Meloney Wilkes; grandson, Michael Holley; sisters, Katherine Moore, Marie Hillman and Eva

Charles Colcock, VII, 86




Mr. Charles Jones Colcock, VII, 86, of Twin City, passed away Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at Memorial Health Hospital in Savannah. Funeral services will be Saturday, November 23, at 2 p.m. at Twin City Methodist Church with Reverend Randall Smith officiating. Interment will follow at El Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in Twin City. Family will receive friends Saturday, November 23, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Twin City Methodist Church.

Pallbearers will be Mr. Colcock's grandsons, Lawson Estridge, Mason Hamby, Matthew Hamby, Miles Hamby and Morgan Hamby.

Mr. Charles was born March 14, 1938, to the late Charles Jones Colcock, VI and Henrietta Gatch Colcock. He was a 1956 graduate from Benedictine Military School in Savannah and a Lieutenant in the Georgia National Guard. Mr. Charles was an avid outdoorsman and marksman. He enjoyed looking for artifacts and cooking for his friends. Mr. Charles retired from National Welders as an Assistant Manager. Mr.

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Frances Johnson, 85



Mrs. Frances F. Johnson, 85, of Canoochee, passed away Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin while surrounded by her family. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 16, 2 p.m. at Peebles-Curry Memorial Chapel with Elder Will Martin officiating. Interment followed at Hebron Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. Family received friends from 12 to 2 p.m. Saturday, November 16, at Durden Hudson Funeral Directors.

Pallbearers were Wesley Peebles, Dylan Dixon, Jeff Farmer, Sammy Flanders, Mitch Johnson and Grey Thurman. Honorary pallbearer was Emmitt Joiner, Jr.

Mrs. Frances was born June 2, 1939, to the late Joe E. Farmer and Ida Mae Faircloth Farmer.

She was a 1959 graduate of Swainsboro High School. Frances' first job was at Powell Smith Hospital in Swainsboro as a nursing assistant when she was only a teenager, where she would meet and eventually marry the love of her life. She was working at Public Finance in Swainsboro when she married on September 11, 1960. Soon after, Frances took a break from employment in 1962 to start a family. She returned to the workforce in the early 1970s after her youngest daughter started school by taking a job at Sears in Swainsboro. Years later, Frances took a job with the Department of Labor in Statesboro

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Editorials Columns

A list for Thanksgiving

I have never been one to rush the seasons, but next Thursday, the 28, will be Thanksgiving Day. Now, I know I am jumping the gun a bit, but I wanted to be ahead of the pack in discussing this special day and a few of my extra reasons to be thankful.

It goes without saying that we are all thankful to be where we are now, considering where we were on September 27, 2024. We will always remember what was lost in the early morning hours of that day, and we will always be thankful for the people who stood up in the middle of that shock and loss and did their best to help us move ahead. Because of their extraordinary acts, we are, for the most part,

able to celebrate this Thanksgiving and the normal things that make up the customary routine of our lives. It takes a lot of work to keep that ordinary world in place, and so one thing that I am thankful for this year is the fixers. "Fixing" things has always been a respected and traditional part of commerce in small-town America. Every community had those "Mom and Pop" shops that mostly took care of the odd jobs of repairing things. There aren't nearly as many folks doing that now, but I am still thankful for the people who do. They fix things like chain saws, toasters, washing machines, used cars, computers, lawn mowers, air condition-

ers, leaking roofs, leaking tires, broken chairs and a whole long list of other stuff. And if you want to get the true picture of the local economy or politics, etc., just hang around one of these shops a little while. You will learn a lot. Unfortunately, the world seems to be moving toward a completely disposable society now, where nothing ever gets fixed, just thrown away. I guess in the future, maybe robots will become the new fixers. I'm sorry, but I don't think R2D2 will ever be on my "thankful" list. But in the meantime, I am also thankful for the farmers who grow our food. The Department of Agriculture says it will take about 45 million turkeys this

year to get us through Thanksgiving. That's a lot of hard work for somebody. A long time ago, there was a turkey farm somewhere around Greensboro, Georgia on the road many of us took back and forth to Athens. During four years of school, I was entertained as I passed by that farm from early summer into the Fall. The turkeys of that huge flock would get larger and larger with each month until one day, around mid-October, poof, no more turkeys, everything disappeared. That was a little sad, but that 14-pound smoked turkey on the fourth Thursday in November sure tasted fine. Another group that I am more and more thankful for is all

Charles Schwabe



the folks who get up, go to work, and keep a smile on their face all day long. Whether they're working at the drive-through window at the fast-food place, or at the bank, the doctor's office, or wherever, they just give you the feeling that they've been waiting all day long for you to come by. Some people are just like that. It's a shame there aren't a whole lot more.

The busy days of year's end will soon begin to crowd in around us, but before that happens, now

is a good time to stop and consider your own list of things you are thankful for. Of course, our families, our church, our country, and the freedoms we cherish are far and above at the top, but don't forget to add those "ordinary" folks to your list who bring their light, their skill and their story to this life for everyone to enjoy. They make the world a richer place for us all. I hope you have a long list, and I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Elections past

In case you have not noticed, we are very close or have just passed the national elections for our country. This brings me back to a time when there was little or no competition for the votes of Georgia. We were called "Yellow Dog Democrats". Georgians would vote for a yellow dog if he were a Democrat. I do not know how this start-

ed, but I do know why. We had just suffered through the years of the *Great Depression*. Many folks in Emanuel County and through our state had lost everything, businesses, jobs, income and even homes. Hope for assistance was bleak until the Democratic candidate, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, offered us a New Deal. After his election in 1933 prosperity

returned with jobs and many programs that erased the hardships. Therefore, for several following elections, we were considered loyal to a Democrat, even if it was a yellow dog. Of course, this was fatuous, but the yellow dog tale continued. We also had ties with FDR because of his bout with polio and recovery and death at Warm Springs. As the

hearse carrying his body passed through the state, Georgians lined the roads. I was so eager to be able to vote at age eighteen. My birthday is November 8, and election date on the Tuesday after first Monday in November was Nov 3. I missed being able to vote by five days. In the next election, I was living in Atlanta. I had to my cast my first ballot as

Shirley Proctor Twiss



an absentee. If possible, I do not vote early, mail in or absentee. I love the process of going to the polls, marking my ballot, placing it in the box and walking out wearing a "I Voted" pin. I am no

longer a total yellow dog Democrat, but I would surely vote for FDR if he were still around. On November 5, 2024, enjoy the American privilege of voting and proudly wear your pin all day.

Portrait a reminder of a remarkable accomplishment

My bucket list is not only complete, my bucket runneth over. My portrait of the Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name now hangs in the Wellstar School of Nursing at Kennesaw

State University, where she received her degree at the age of 45. That's correct. At a time when most of her friends were winding down, she was just getting wound up. Some of you are famil-

iar with her story, but as a personal privilege, may I share it again? We met in high school. She was a member of the National Honor Society and was voted Most Dignified by her

high school classmates. I didn't do anything noteworthy except graduate. In one of the stereotypical cruelties of those times, I headed off to college totally unprepared and unqualified. She went to work as a secretary, as young women of that time were expected to do. It should have been the other way around. We married, and I began my scramble up the corporate ladder while she concentrated on running an efficient household and raising our children as a stay-at-home mom. But something was missing. College. When we returned from a tour of duty in Washington courtesy of the Bell System, we were empty-nesters with two children in college – a son at Furman and a daughter at UGA. That left Mom as the lone family member without having enjoyed the college experience. So, we decided it was time for her to go to college. She does. And succeeds. After 25 years away from the schoolbooks, she gets a nursing degree from Kennesaw College, now Kennesaw State University, becomes a registered nurse and enjoys a rewarding career as an occupational nurse at Delta Air Lines. Having two children in college was a snap. All they needed was money. Having a wife in college was a different matter. I learned to work the dishwasher and the clothes dryer and to balance the checkbook. I learned to tippy toe across hardwood floors and not make a sound when she was studying algebra.

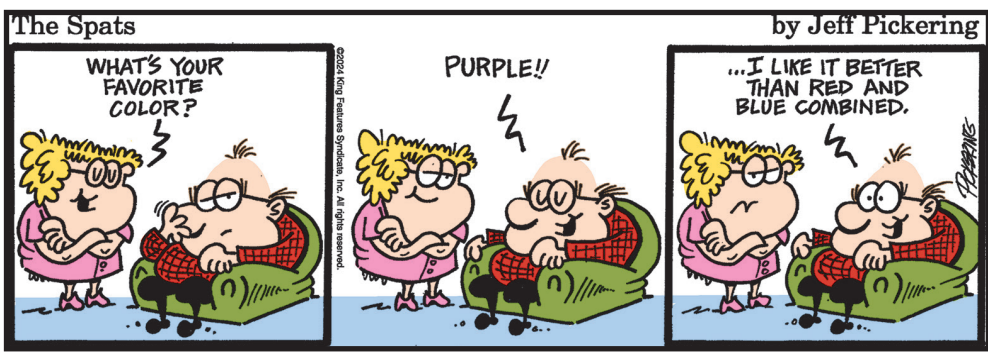
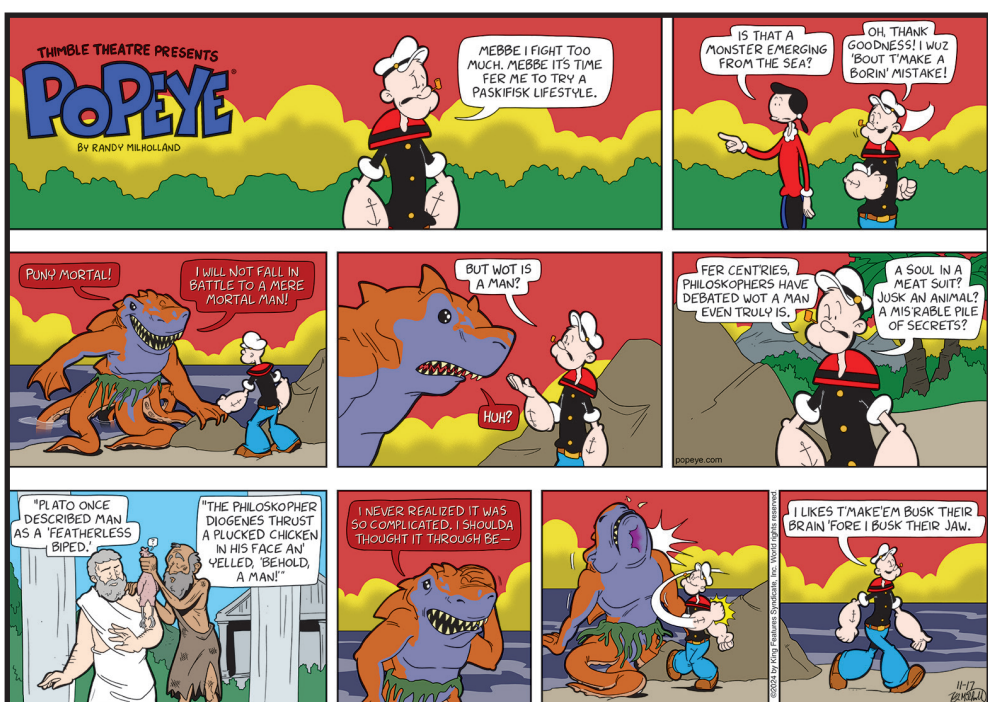
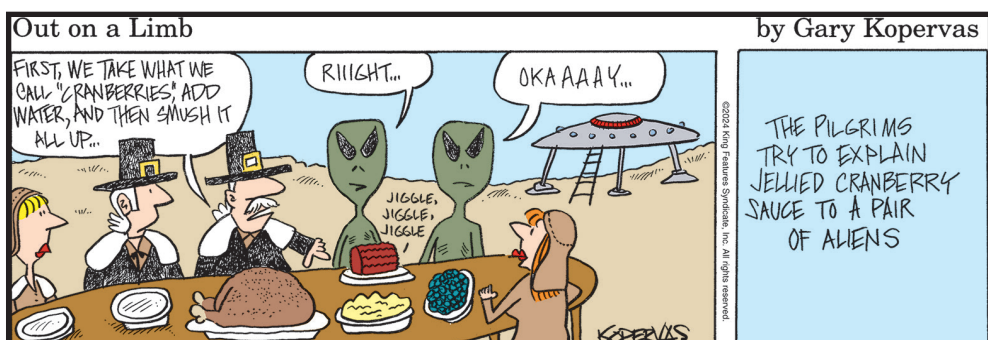
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Can I get some love here? It was during her time at Kennesaw that our son had graduated and was in the throes of breaking up with a longtime girlfriend. Trying to be helpful, Momma mentioned that one of her lab partners had just broken up with her boyfriend. Despite their age differences, the two had become good friends while cutting up dead stuff in lab class. You tend to get to know people pretty well when you are dissecting frogs together, I suppose. Only out of profound sense of loyalty to her would our son even consider going out with someone his mother recommended, let alone someone who cut up deceased stuff with her. But he agreed. And just as a favor to his mother. The rest, as they say, is history. Momma's former classmate is my daughter-in-law, Jackie, the mother of my grandchildren and the grandmother of the four great-grandchildren. Not only did my wife get a superb education in the Kennesaw nursing program, but she also secured us a splendid daughter-in-law. Some might think that this story ended four years ago when the Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name passed away after a brief illness. But, in fact, it was just the beginning. Why not honor her leg-

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VETERANS EATING BREAKFAST

Beta Sigma Phi feeds Veterans

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the First Methodist Church Social Hall Monday morning, November 18, at 9 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, they had 45 in attendance. The Beta Sigma Phi provided cheese eggs, grits with sausage, biscuits and muffins,

orange juice, grape juice, apple juice, cranberry juice and coffee. After the prayer by Veteran Emory Fennell, they enjoyed the outstanding breakfast. Veteran Johnny Tapley talked about all the activities that they have been involved in the last ten days, including five different school Veteran's

Programs, raising of the new 8' X 12' U.S. Flag on the new flagpole at Harmon Park, and The Service of Remembrance and Appreciation event on the downtown square. He also talked about the upcoming "Wreaths Across America" event on December 14. Two weeks before that date

on November 30, they will be placing U.S. Flags on the Veterans graves at the Swainsboro City Cemetery to assist in wreath placement two weeks later. Also, Veteran Terry Reynolds is in charge of the upcoming 13th Annual Sportsman's Banquet and Auction that will

be held this Thursday night, November 21, at 5 p.m. at Beaver Creek Plantation, 3698 Hwy. 80 East, Twin City. Advance tickets are required and can be obtained by contacting Terry Reynolds at 478-494-3758, Richard Driggers at 912-290-1108, Nick Kraus at 912-687-6781 or Kurt Anderson at 678-614-0593. This

event will include social time, prime rib meal, with silent and live auction items. All the proceeds go directly to the local Wounded Warriors group which is a Georgia Non-profit 501 C3 organization that gives opportunity to Wounded Veterans and their family to enjoy the great outdoors.

Williams crowned Tiny Miss National Forestry Queen

Braylee Jade Williams is the six-year-old daughter of Kylie and Jeremy Williams of Swainsboro. She is a first-grade student at David Emanuel Academy. On April 27, 2024, Braylee won the title of Little Miss Pinetree Festival Queen, which led her to a state level competition in the 85th Annual Miss Georgia Forestry Pageant in Tifton June 21-23, becoming the new 2024 Tiny Miss Georgia Forestry Queen. Braylee competed in several aspects of the competition which included interview, fun fashion and beauty. Awards she received are best personality, fun fashion winner, prettiest smile and prettiest face.

Pageant, held November 1 - 3, at the Gressett Auditorium on Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, where she became the new 2024 Tiny Miss National Forestry Queen. She competed in several aspects of the competition which included interview, fun fashion and beauty. Awards she received are interview winner, fun fashion winner, prettiest dress, best personality, most photogenic, prettiest smile and prettiest face.



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Rolling in Success: EGSC Foundation Casino Night raises funds for College and Students

The East Georgia State College (EGSC) Foundation hosted its Casino Night fundraising event on Thursday, November 7, for the second year in a row. The event was held at the Nordson Center at the SEC Conference Complex and featured casino games that guests played for a chance to win various prizes. A silent auction was also held during the event to raise funds for the EGSC Foundation.

"We are so thankful to all the community members who came out to support our Casino Night fundraiser," said Harley Smith, Vice President for Institutional

Advancement at EGSC. "The event would have not been possible without the community members and businesses that stepped up to be sponsors and support this event. For the second year in a row, I have seen so many people come together to support our college, and it makes me so happy! The college is a vital part of our community and I'm thankful we have a community that is willing to support us and our wonderful students."

The "Jackpot Sponsors" of the event were Durden Banking Company, Citizens Bank of

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Nordson Corporation was the venue sponsor for the event, and Davis Marketing company and Action Signs were in-kind and signage sponsors.

EGSC would also like to thank the community members and businesses that were either sponsors or donated silent auction items. The sponsorships and auction items helped make the event a huge success.

All the money raised from the event will benefit the EGSC Foundation. The mission of the EGSC Foundation is


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2024 All Region softball team

In this year's state playoffs, three of the top four teams made the trip to Columbus to play for a state Championship. Three of the top eight teams in the state were from Region 3A, with Emanuel County Institute bringing home the State Championship this year. Our Region consists of Metter High School, Emanuel County Institute, Screven County, Bryan County, Claxton High School, Jenkins County, McIntosh County Academy and Portal High School. This is a huge accomplishment for these girls. Congratulations!

Coach of the Year, Frank Wimberly - ECI; **Player of the Year,** Jayna Kearson - ECI; **Pitcher of the Year,** Mary Kathryn Durden - ECI; **Offensive Player of the Year,** Julia Dews - Screven; **Defensive Player of the Year,** Lauren McMillan - Screven.

FIRST TEAM: Jayna Kearson - ECI Senior, Mary Kathryn Durden - ECI Sophomore, Julia Dews - Screven Senior, Lauren McMillan - Screven Senior, Emma

West - Metter Freshman, Zacarea Walker - Metter Junior, Judson Vining - Metter Freshman, Peyton Verbel - Metter Sophomore, Jordan Verbel - Metter Senior, Senaria Hillman - ECI Freshman, Kayanna Thompson - ECI Senior, Abbey Marsh - ECI Senior, Lola Walden - ECI Junior, Kinley Grimes - ECI Senior, Ronnee' Swain-Russell - ECI Junior, Ashley Stanley - Screven Senior, Anna Kate Whithrow - Screven Sophomore, Aveonna Moore - Screven Junior, Emily Johnson - Bryan County Sophomore, Camryn Parker - Bryan County Junior, Elizabeth Harvey - Bryan County Junior, Jayda Jordan - Claxton Junior, Halie Barnes - Portal Senior

SECOND TEAM: Janiya Deloach - Metter Senior, Anslee Sheppard - Metter Senior, Charley Mitchel - ECI Freshman, Tamia Pierce - Screven Senior, Maddison Mitchell - Screven Junior, Conner Miller - Claxton Senior, Taylor Bennett - Claxton Senior, Abi Kirkland - Claxton Sophomore, Hannan Hendrix - Claxton Junior,

Gaby Francis - Claxton Junior, Lauren Sanderson - Bryan County Senior, Lila Hannah - Bryan County Junior, Laura Gayle Dailey - Jenkins County Senior, Kylee Wallace - Jenkins County Sophomore, Ava Brantley - Jenkins County Senior, Lynnsey Lane - Jenkins County Sophomore, Emma Johnson - Portal Junior, Laila Parker - Portal Sophomore, Rebie Grace Pylant - Portal Freshman, McKinley Motes - Portal Freshman, Madison Waters - MCA Junior, Delaney Middleton - MCA Senior, Amaya Tucker - MCA Junior

HONORABLE MENTION: A'jlah Nobles - ECI, Karly Garrison - Claxton, Kimora Hemphill - Jenkins County, Mya Abraham - Jenkins County, Hillary Garvin - Jenkins County, Jakhaila Oglesby - Jenkins County, Hilda Reyes - Portal, Ariel Scarborough - Portal, Katielyn Yates - Portal, Autumn Reed - Portal, Faith Roberts - MCA, Caro Hodges - MCA

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DAR enjoys adventures of collecting Indian Artifacts program

The November meeting of Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter of the DAR enjoyed a program on the Adventures of Collecting Indian Artifacts, in celebration of National American Indian Heritage Month. Mary Elizabeth Woods, Vice Regent, introduced the guest speaker, Ricky Prince, of Metter. Mr. Prince displayed an impressive collection of artifacts and provided a wealth of information. He began collecting at the early age of seven years old when he found his first arrowhead. The presentation was filled with historical information and entertaining stories of the speaker's adventures.



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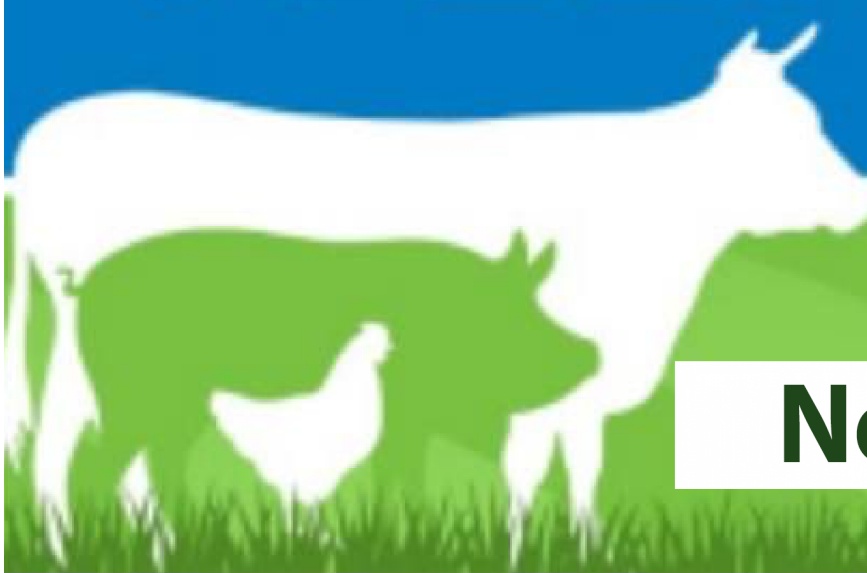
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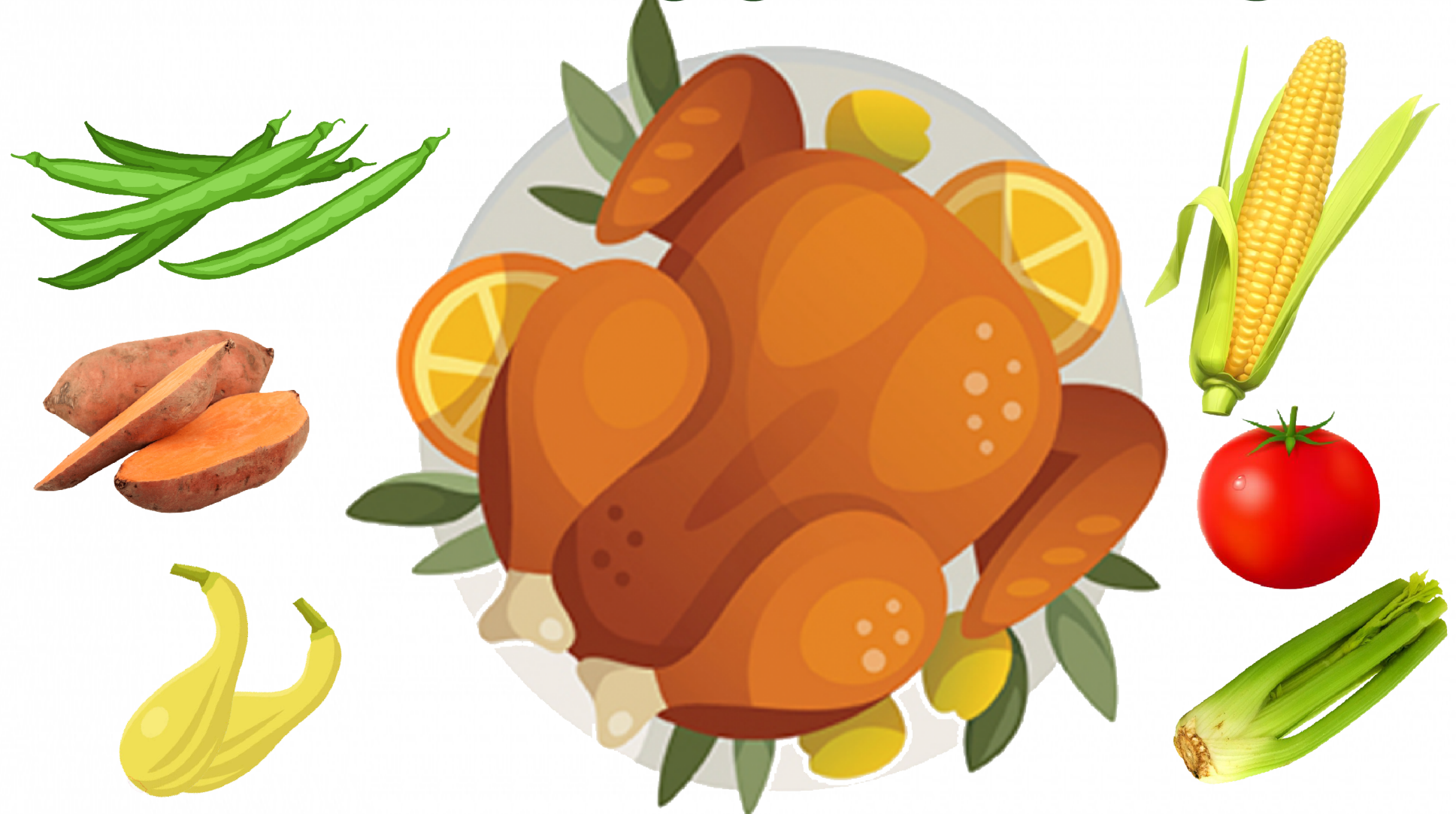


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Turnovers and miscues end Bulldogs' season

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

The ECI football team made the trip to McRae Saturday, November 29, for a first-round state playoff game against Telfair Co. The number one seed from region four, Telfair Co. Trojans, ended the fourth seeded Bulldogs' season with a heartbreaking 22-19 win to advance to the second round against the Bulldogs from Trion.

You could look at a few missed opportunities or miscues that would have tied or won the game for the Bulldogs. The big blow for the Bulldogs was the fumble on third and goal from the one-foot line after driving the ball from their own 20 late in the fourth quarter. "I'm so proud of the fight our kids played with Saturday night," commented head football coach Chris Kearson. "It didn't end up going our way in the end, but I love our kids, coaches, and community now more than ever. I would like to thank everyone that played a part in our season from the bottom of my heart." commented Coach Kearson.

Telfair took the game's first lead on a 44-yard pass from Cook to Livingston. The two-point try was good to put the Trojans up 8-0. ECI got on the board late first quarter after a 70-yard drive. Tyler Foreman scored his first touchdown of the game from 16 yards out. Oisín Matthews kick was good with Telfair leading 8-7 entering the second quarter. The Cook to Livingston combo struck again for a 26-yard touchdown. The two-point try was good and the Trojans led 16-7. The Bulldogs scored their second touchdown of the game on a Jackson Kennedy to Chase Johnson 39-yard touchdown pass. Trailing 16-13 the Bulldogs two-point try was stopped and the half ended with Telfair leading 16-13.

The Bulldogs took the opening kickoff of the second half and drove to the Trojan 23 set up by another Kennedy to Johnson pass for 36 yards. The drive stalled to set up a field goal try. The kick was wide left, and the score remained 16-13 Telfair. The Bulldogs took their first lead of the game with 6 minutes remaining in the third quarter. Kennedy hit a diving Daon Bethea in the endzone from 38 yards out for an ECI touchdown. The two-point try was stopped and the

Bulldogs led 19-16.

The Trojans took back the lead with 8 minutes left in the game. The Bulldog defender missed timed his leap for the pass knockdown and the Cook to Livingston pass resulted in an 87 yard touchdown as Telfair took back the lead 22-19.

Looking to tie or take the lead the Bulldogs drove the ball down to the Trojan red zone. Needing a field goal for the tie, the Bulldogs failed to convert on a fourth and two at the Telfair 9 turning the ball over to the Trojans. Telfair gave the Bulldogs another chance to tie or take the lead taking over at their own 20-yard line. Kennedy hit Kanyon Thompson in the middle of the field for a 45 yard first down gain down to the Trojan 35. The Bulldogs found themselves second and goal inside the one a few plays later, looking to take the lead late in the fourth quarter. The second downplay was stopped setting up and third and goal from inside the one. The Bulldogs fumbled on the next play to give the ball back to Trojans. The Bulldogs had one more chance to get close for another field goal try or touchdown, but a couple penalties got them way behind the chains to end any threat. The Bulldogs rushed for 205 yards against the Trojans. Tyler Foreman led the way with 95 yards. Ab Marsh carried the ball 7 times for 60 yards and Chase Johnson toted it for 39 yards and a touchdown.

Jackson Kennedy was 9-16 for 186 yards and two touchdowns. Chase Johnson caught 3 Kennedy passed for 85 yards with a touchdown. Daon Bethea caught 2 for 44 yards and a touchdown and Kanyon Thompson hauled in one for 45 yards. Telfair ran out the remaining few seconds to defeat the Bulldogs 22-19.

Seven seniors strapped on the red E helmet for the last time for the Bulldogs



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SENIORS STEELE AND HANDSOM TAKE DOWN RUNNER FOR A LOSS

game as an ECI Bulldog were James Parker, MJ Williams, Brian Steele, Clayton Stripling, Oisín Matthews and Kanyon Thompson.

The Bulldogs will be back in the weight room during the offseason preparing for the 2025 season when they open up at home against Wilcox Co. in August.



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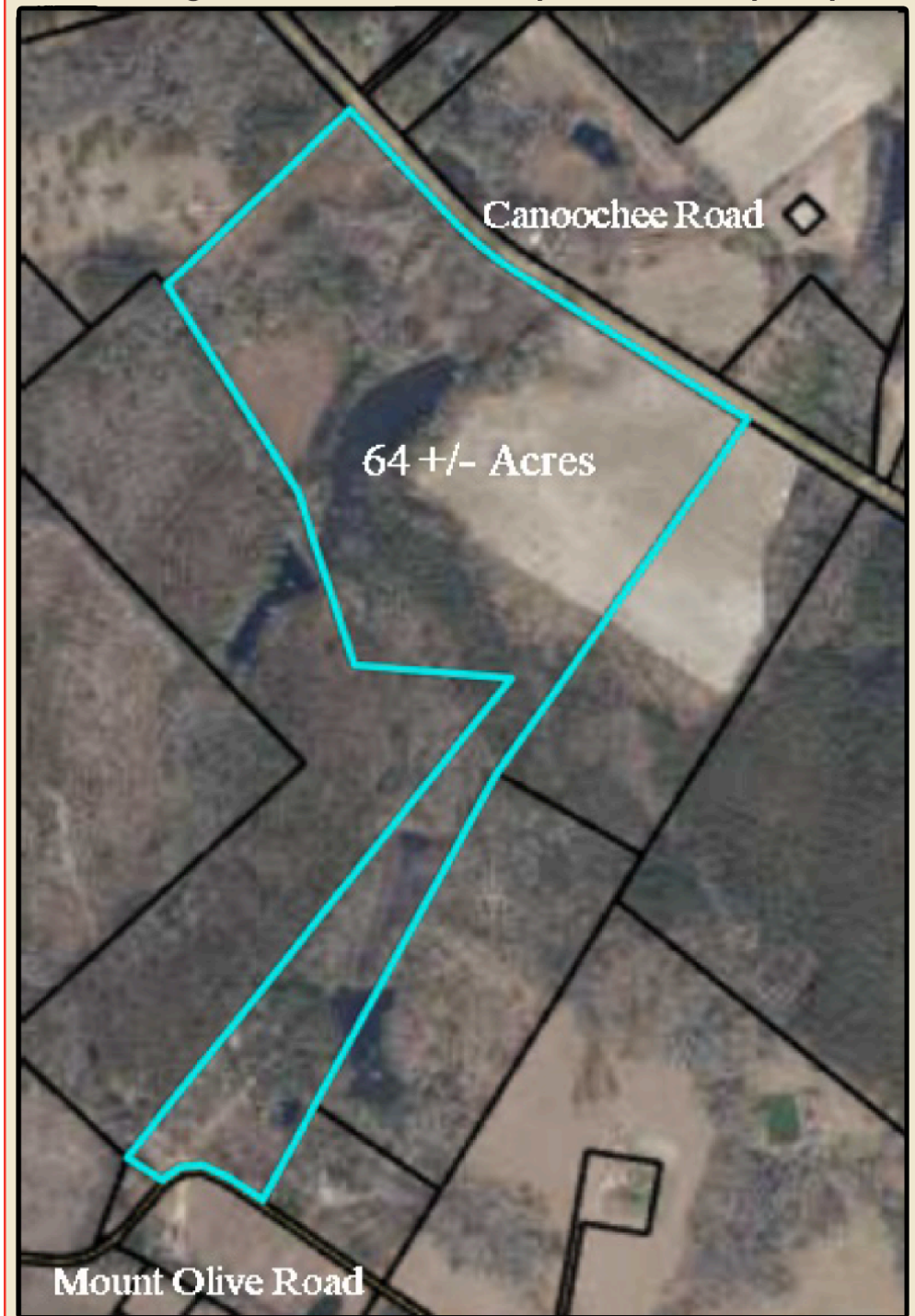
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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 21 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.
This 21 day of October, 2024
Jessica Wingate
Petitioner
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by COLCRAFT, INC. to DURDEN BANKING COMPANY, INC., P.O. Box 1560, Swainsboro, GA 30401, dated October 23, 2020, and recorded in Deed Book 504, pages 324-329, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in December, 2024, to wit: December 3, 2024, the following described property:

TRACT ONE: All that tract or parcel of land situate together with improvements, lying and being in the 58th G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia in or near the City of Stillmore, containing six (6) acres more or less, fronting on the Western side of Second Street North (Georgia Highway 56). Said property is bounded now or formerly as follows: North by Tract No Two described below; East by Second Street North (Georgia Highway 56); South by an alley and lands of the City of Stillmore; and West by lands of Zachery W. Hooks.

Said property is the same conveyed by a Warranty Deed dated September 7, 1974 from Garland A. Collins to Colcraft, Inc., which is recorded in Deed Book GS, page 545 of the records of the Clerk of Superior Court in Emanuel County, Georgia and designated as all of Blocks 38, 46, 47, Lots 2 through 6 inclusive to Lot 48, containing 6 acres as shown on a plat of survey dated June 15, 1973, made by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, which is recorded in Plat Book 7, page 128 of the records of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia.
Said property is currently identi-

fied by the Emanuel County Tax Assessors as Map 154, page 042. SUBJECT TO: Existing easements for public utilities, rights of ways, existing lease agreements and Agricultural Covenants if applicable.

TRACT TWO: All that lot or parcel, of land situate together with improvements, lying and being in the 58th G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, in or near the City of Stillmore, containing 3.440 acres more or less, as shown on a plat of survey prepared by George William Donaldson, Surveyor, dated September 10, 2020 and recorded in Plat Book 23, page 481 of the records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia to which reference is made for a more full, complete and accurate description. Said property being bounded as shown on a plat, now or formerly, as follows: Northeast and East by N 2nd Street; South by property of Colcraft, Inc.; and on the West by property of Zachery W. Hooks.

Said property is a portion of that property conveyed to Zachery W. Hooks by a Personal Representative's Deed of Assent dated August 3, 2020, which is recorded in Deed Book 501, pages 1-2 of the records of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said property is that property conveyed by Zachery W. Hooks to Colcraft, Inc. by a Warranty Deed dated October 12, 2020, which is recorded in Deed Book 503, pages 575-576 of the records of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said property is a portion of that property currently identified by the Emanuel County Tax Assessors Office of Map 154, Parcel 041.

SUBJECT TO: Existing easements for public utilities, rights of ways, existing lease agreements and Agricultural Covenants if applicable.
Said Deed to Secure Debt was executed to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$150,921.60, with interest at the rate specified therein together with all other indebtedness of the borrower to the lender then due or that might thereafter become due, or thereafter become contracted, which was or would be evidenced by a note or notes.

The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt 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 Deed to Secure Debt. 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 Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees. Notice of intent to collect attorney's fees has been given, as provided by law.

Said property is commonly known as N. Second Street, Stillmore, GA 30464, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the subject property is: COLCRAFT, INC., or tenant or 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 Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, and covenants, etc.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) 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.
Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: H. Wade Johnson, Durden Banking Company, Inc., P.O. Box 160, Twin City, GA 30471, 478-763-2121.

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein.
This sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being Durden Banking Company, Inc., as Attorney in Fact for Colcraft, Inc., P.O. Box 1560, Swainsboro, GA 30401. Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. Attorney P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the estate of Lonzy W. Williams late of Emanuel County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 25th day of October, 2024

Name: Julia Nell W. Byrd
Title: Executor
Address: 2676 Hwy. 192 S, Twin City, GA 30471
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD LARSON MADISON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0131
NOTICE

IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.
TO: Unknown Heirs of Joe Louis Brown, Benjamin Brown, Robert Madison, Louis Madison, Willie Madison, Jessie Madison, Dorothy Madison, and Ellen Cooper
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before December 2, 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
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHNNY LEE PARKER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0132
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
CHRISTINE PARKER has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of JOHNNY LEE PARKER 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 DECEMBER 9, 2024.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objec-

tions 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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SONYA BOWENS GAMBLE NOTICE TERMINATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: Gary Wilson and any heir at law of the said Gary Wilson; and any person or entity having any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the following described property.
Take notice that:

The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
One certain house and lot and all improvements thereon in or near Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District, Emanuel County, Georgia, and being located in what is known as Lake Luck Subdivision. Said property being located in what is known as Lots Ten (10 and Eleven (11), Block C, revised plat of said subdivision recorded in deed records, Swainsboro, Georgia, Deed Book DR, Page 1B. Said property facing Lake Luck Drive a distance of 117 feet and running back on the East side a distance of 150 feet and being 94.5 feet wide in the rear. Said property being bounded on the North by Lake Luck Drive; on the East by Lot No. 11A, Block C, of said plat; on the South by lands of Waller-Flanders Development Company; and on the West by Lot No. 9, Block C, of said plat.
Known and Numbered as: 136 Lake Luck Drive
As described in Deed Book 186, Page 627 & Deed Book DR, Page 1B. Further described as Map & Parcel S06028.

Will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 11th of December, 2024.
The tax deed to which this notice related is dated November 7, 2023, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 563, pages 606-608.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the 11th day of December, 2024, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Sonya Bowens Gamble, 3550 Hamlin Square SW, Atlanta, GA 30331.
If you have questions or would like to know the redemption amount, please contact my attorney, Morgan

Morris Boulineau, at P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401, 478-237-2271.
Please be governed accordingly. This 8th day of November, 2024.

Sonya Bowens Gamble
3550 Hamlin Square SW
Atlanta, GA 30331

Morgan Morris Boulineau

Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401
478-237-2271
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of LENEISE B. DAVIS, 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 7th day of November, 2024.
Etha Lin W. Bell, Executrix of the Estate of

Lenise B. Davis, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM JAMES FORRISTER JR., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 23E0120
NOTICE

[For discharge from office and all liability]
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:



This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before December 2, 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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Sheriff's Reports

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

November 8

Deputies responded to Jet Food Store in reference to complainant stated he was talking with a friend and offender went up to him yelling and got in his face. C/p stated offender said the firearm c/p had on his hip was the only thing keeping him safe and c/p handed the firearm to his friend and before he turned around, offender struck him in the back of the head then multiple more times in the upper body and head. Deputies watched the video footage, and it showed everything c/p stated.

Deputy followed a vehicle in the left lane for over a mile, preventing traffic to pass, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Deputy asked the driver for his license, and he provided three different insurance cards that were all expired. The driver seemed extremely nervous and was visibly shaking. Deputy asked the driver to step out of the vehicle and as he started to get out, he became combat-

ive, and offender was handcuffed. K9 officer arrived and K9 alerted, so the vehicle was searched to find a quantity of drugs and cash. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

November 12

Deputy was dispatched to EMC ER in reference to victim being bit by a bulldog. Victim appeared to have a large laceration to the top of her foot that required stitches. Victim and witness stated they were riding the golf cart on Ebenezer Church Rd. when the bulldog jumped on the golf cart and attacked victim. Victim and witness advised there have been several issues with the same dog being aggressive towards people. AC1 was contacted and advised deputy later that they picked it up and would quarantine it for 10 days due to it not being up to date on rabies shots. Deputy spoke with the owner of the dog who advised the dog does bark at people passing from time to time but is normally not aggressive towards people. He stated the victim and witness had small dogs with them and his dog

was barking at them as they passed by the first time. The owner was advised to keep his dog in his yard.

Deputy spoke with complainant in reference to trash being thrown in his yard. C/p advised there was a credit card bill addressed to offender amongst the trash and Code Enforcement was contacted.

Deputy met with complainant who stated her residence received damages during the storm and a contractor gave her an estimate. C/p advised she paid offender \$6,000 and he advised he would return with paperwork detailing repairs and a full invoice for the cost so she could send it to her insurance and FEMA, but offender has not returned to being repairs nor will he answer her calls.

Deputies responded to Daisy Ln. in reference to a dispute. Victim advised offender has anger issues and they got into an argument and offender hit her in the face with a vape. Victim stated she called someone to go get her, but offender would not let her leave. Offender was GOA. Deputies

advised victim to get her things and removed her from the residence and transported her to a safe location. Upon further investigation, it was found that this was the fifth time in six months that deputies had been called to the residence for the same problems. Deputies advised victim that it may be time to seek love somewhere else.

November 14

Deputies responded to S. Main St. in reference to a motor vehicle accident on private property.

Victim works for FedEx and was delivering a package to Walgreen's and noticed a trash bag on S. Main St. so he parked his truck by the front door like he usually does and went to get the trash bag out of the road. Victim got back to his truck and offender confronted him about parking at the door then went inside Walgreen's and started yelling him. When victim exited the store, offender had pulled in front of victim's truck, blocking him in.

November 15

Deputies responded to W. 3rd Ave. in reference to a report of a

cellphone being taken. Complainant stated he bought the phone for offender, and she won't give it back. Offender stated c/p broke her phone and had to buy her a new one and now he wants it back, but she helped pay for it.

Complainant stated an individual claiming to be an officer told her she had two failure to appear for jury duty and was given two citation numbers and advised it would cost her \$500 each and that she had warrants for her arrest with a 24-72 hour hold if she were arrested. C/p stated the subject advised she could make a payment by phone and the charges would be lifted, but she did not give them any payment info. C/p was assured this was a scam.

November 16

Deputies were dispatched to W. 3rd St. in reference to an unwanted person harassing the caller. Complainant stated she took a stalking order out against offender, and he was served with papers at her residence the same day. C/p advised that since offender being served, he had continued to call her asking

her to drop the order against him and he constantly rides by her residence and pulls in her yard and gets out of his vehicle and begins beating on her front door. C/p was advised to report the violation of the stalking order to EmCo Superior Court. Deputies attempted to make contact with offender but were unsuccessful.

November 17

Deputy was dispatched to I-16 to assist GSP on a traffic stop. Trooper advised he stopped offender for a window tint violation and discovered a clear plastic bag containing pressed pills consistent with ecstasy. Deputy was advised to place a hold on offender, and he was transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputies responded to JM Spearman Rd. in reference to a domestic. Victim stated offender picked her up by her ears and was yelling at her and has done this multiple times. Offender stated he never put his hands on victim, but victim has jumped on him and hit him multiple times in the past.

Veterans attend five Veterans Day events

The "Veterans at the Library" were busy in recent days attending all the Emanuel County School System Veterans Day events. Five schools hosted Veterans Day presentations in tribute to those who have served in our nation's military. At 12 p.m. Thursday, November 7, 31 Veterans enjoyed a luncheon at the Twin City Elementary School and were entertained by the TCE singing group. At 1:30 p.m., they arrived at the ECI auditorium where they listened

to the ECI High School band play, and a program was presented by the students. On Friday, November 8, at 12 p.m., 25 Veterans arrived at Swainsboro High School for an outstanding luncheon and watched the famous Swainsboro High School Color Guard post the colors. Then on Monday, November 11, at 11:30 a.m., 45 veterans arrived at the Swainsboro Elementary School for a great luncheon and listened to the Elementary School Student pro-

gram. At 12:30 p.m., 45 Veterans arrived at the Swainsboro Middle School where the veterans were treated to 20 "wax figures". When they stepped on a star on the floor in front of each figure, it would come alive and recite what soldier they were, a little about the soldier, what war they fought in and when they died. Emanuel County students impressed each one of the veterans with their participation and the respect they have for our history.



TWIN CITY ELEMENTARY EVENT



SWAINSBORO HIGH SCHOOL EVENT



EMANUEL COUNTY INSTITUTE EVENT



SWAINSBORO MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT



SWAINSBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Swainsboro has narrowed down the applicants for the Police Chief position to three finalists. The three finalists are Adam Kersey, Ashley Riner, and Matthew Williams. Council will make a decision from the finalist panel at a later date.

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Jail Report

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

Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); Probation Office (PROB); or East Georgia State College (EGSC).
 Tanya Adkinson, 55, arrested 11/14/24; City probation violation; SPD
 Victoria Katherine Jolie Averill, 21, arrested 11/15/24; Hold for Burke Co.; SPD
 Charles Everette Beale, 50, arrested 11/16/24; Holding for Johnson Co.; JCSO
 Joshua Hunter Brewer, 28, arrested 11/11/24; Hold for Pulaski Co.; SPD
 Starquita Shunette Brooks, 39, arrested 11/15/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked; SPD
 Nelson David

Camacho, 28, arrested 11/14/24; Theft by receiving stolen property - felony; ECSSO
 Kesha Rena Campbell, 41, arrested 11/13/24; Child support lockup order; ECSSO
 Simone David, 27, arrested 11/14/24; Theft by receiving stolen property - felony; ECSSO
 Bobby Wayne Daw, 49, arrested 11/11/24; Possession of schedule II controlled substance (x2)/Possession of meth; ECSSO
 Douglas Gerod Franklin, 26, arrested 11/15/24; Probation violation - felony (x3); SPD
 Johnny Wayne Franklin, 72, arrested 11/17/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSSO
 Marcus Ashley Graham, 44, arrested 11/11/24; Possession of drug related objects/ Probation violation - felony (x2)/Possession of firearm by convicted felon; ECSSO
 Dale Farrell Hobbs,

55, 11/11/24; Possession of meth/Bench warrant (x2); ECSSO
 Jaquan Kentrell Hodges, 19, arrested 11/13/24; Theft by shoplifting; SPD
 Shannon Leon Howard, 43, arrested 11/13/24; Disorderly conduct/ Public indecency sagging pants/Public crunk; SPD
 Robert Tracy Hutcheson, 55, arrested 11/14/24; Murder/ Concealing the death of another/Parole violation; ECSSO
 Jarone Montai Johnson, 37, arrested 11/17/24; Affixing materials that reduce or increase light transmission/reflectance of windows/windshields/ Possession of schedule I controlled substance; GSP
 Davon Lachristopher Jones, 31, arrested 11/15/24; DUI - combo/ Holding/supporting wireless device/Seatbelt violation/Driving while license suspended/

revoked/Open container/Speeding/Headlight requirements; GSP
 Jakobian Sentell Jones, 25, arrested 11/18/24; ECSSO
 Zachery King, 31, arrested 11/17/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked/ Failure to stop at stop sign; ECSSO
 Josues Alejandro Gonzales Martinez, 18, arrested 11/14/24; Theft by receiving stolen property - felony; ECSSO
 Kisho Jermell Patrick Mayes, 26, arrested 11/16/24; Driving while license suspended/Expired registration/No insurance/Speeding; ECSSO
 Ira Lee Moore, 66, arrested 11/12/24; DUI less safe; GSP
 Samuel Lee Morgan, 52, arrested 11/13/24; Bench warrant - felony/Interference with officer/Driving while license suspended/revoked; SPD
 Everette Warren Muth, 60, arrested 11/11/24; Possession of firearm

by convicted felon (x3)/ Possession of meth; ECSSO
 Jennifer Ashley Peaden, 43, arrested 11/16/24; Hold for Hamilton Co. SO; ECSSO
 Teofilo Cifuentes Roblero, 64, arrested 11/16/24; Driving while unlicensed/Tag lights required/Suspended tag/No insurance/Hold for ICE; ECSSO
 Kevin Lamar Smalls, 35, arrested 11/15/24; Driving while license suspended/revoked ECSSO
 Jermaine Levon Smith, 48, arrested 11/13/24; Probation violation - felony; ECSSO
 Roger Smith, 46, arrested 11/12/24; Court protection order; ECSSO
 Sean Robert Speed, 29, arrested 11/13/24; Parole violation; ECSSO
 Darion O'Maury Woods, 18, arrested 11/12/24; Theft by receiving stolen property - felony; SPD
 Artavious Jaquan Worthen, 26, City probation violation; SPD

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Stillmore Planning and Zoning Commission will have a hearing on December 3rd, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Stillmore Community House for the purpose of making a recommendation to City Council regarding the requested variance.

A public hearing will be held at Stillmore City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on December 10, 2024 to consider a zoning variance request for said property to be rezoned from residential property to commercial property located at N. Second Street, Stillmore, Georgia (Parcel# 154040) and owned by ZW Hooks Farms.

Both hearings are open to the public.

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

November 9
 Officers were dispatched to N. Coleman St. in reference to an unknown male subject on complainant's porch. C/p stated this is the second time this man has went to her residence and knocked on the door and she does not know who he is. Officer was unable to locate the male subject.

Officers were dispatched to Sunset Inn in reference to complainant advising she had damage to her vehicle from offender and he also hit her in the face. There have been multiple calls in the past regarding the same two subjects.

November 10
 Officer was dispatched to Arden Dr. in reference to a custody dispute. Complainant stated she has a custody agreement with her son's father/offender, and he was supposed to drop their son off at 6 p.m. but did not until after 7 p.m. C/p stated she tried to contact offender multiple times with no answer before her son arrived

home.

November 11
 Officer was dispatched to N. Central St. in reference to a dispute. While enroute, officer was informed that the caller requested EMS to the location. Upon arrival, officers were attempting to make contact with anyone inside and advised blood was found in and around the entry way and on the door. A male subject approached and informed he was one of the residents and stated there was no one else inside and gave permission for officers to enter the residence. Blood was found on the floor inside the doorway with a gun on the table with a spent shell casing in the chamber. The male subject stated he was asleep when he heard someone banging on the door to his room and he got up and found his brother bleeding from his arm and yelling to take him to the hospital. The male subject also advised he did not know his brother had a gun and that his brother's girlfriend was there. The male subject also advises he took

his brother to the hospital, so officer went to EMC ER to speak with the victim.

Officer responded to Richard St. in reference to two dogs being in victim's yard and one biting her. Officer observed two dogs tied together with a rope and contact AC1. Victim stated she noticed the dogs and attempted to read the collar to possibly contact the owner, and one bit her. AC1 arrive and one dog was aggressive while trying to detain it. A positive identification on the dogs were made and AC1 stated he has had several encounters with the dog owner and attempted to make contact with him but was unable to make contact.

Officers were dispatched to Sonic in reference to terroristic threats. Complainant stated offender has been making threats against him and he went to Sonic to settle the dispute and offender threatened to stomp his head in. Offender denied making a threat towards c/p. A trespass warning was issued to c/p on behalf of Sonic's

Management.

November 12
 Officer initiated a traffic stop and after running the tag, found that the registration was canceled, and it did not have valid insurance. Vehicle was towed.

Officer responded to a call for service at Domino's where the caller stated she had a transaction from her PayPal that she did not make. Complainant stated she had a charge from Domino's that she did not make, and an employee of Domino's reviewed the transactions to find there were no transactions made for that amount.

Officer took a walk-in report where complainant stated she noticed a scratch/scuff marks on the hood of her vehicle.

November 13
 Officer was dispatched to Family Dollar in reference to a shoplifter. Complainant stated a male subject entered the store and asked a worker where an item was located and was advised where to find it and he began looking around the store. Upon viewing camera footage, offender was observed grabbing the item and other items and conceal them in a bag, then exited the store. C/p stated when offender exited the store, the alarm went off and offender was seen running to a vehicle and left the premises.

PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3)	TOTAL COMPLETION COST	EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
SPLOST VI (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2027)							
Acquiring, constructing, and equipping the following capital outlay projects at a total maximum cost of \$20,000,000:							
(i) pay for the acquisition, construction, and equipping of renovations and improvements of facilities including land improvements throughout the system, including but not limited to	6,500,000.00	6,500,000.00	2,230,869.33	3,331,172.49			June 2027
(ii) system-wide equipment and systems including lighting, HVAC	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00					
(iii) Instructional and Administrative technology, software systems and licenses	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	312,375.78				June 2027
(iv) Textbooks including instructional materials and resources	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00		404,800.74			June 2027
(v) safety and security upgrades	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00					June 2027
(vi) facilities equipment and furnishings	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00		73,949.77			June 2027
(vii) transportation vehicles and equipment including buses	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00					June 2027
(viii) upgrades to sound systems, PA and intercom systems	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	52,318.00	37,966.22			June 2027
(ix) band equipment and uniforms	500,000.00	500,000.00	27,675.26	27,982.58			June 2027
	\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ 2,623,238.37	\$ 3,875,871.80	\$	0.00	

(1) The School District's original cost estimate as specified in the resolution calling for the imposition of the Local Option Sales Tax.
 (2) The School District's current estimate of total cost for the project(s). Includes all cost from project inception to completion.
 (3) The voters of Emanuel approved the imposition of a 1% sales tax to fund the above project(s) (and retire associated debt). Amounts expended for these projects may include sales tax proceeds, state, local property taxes and/or other funds over the life of the project(s).

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following abandoned vehicle will be sold for storage and towing fees on **December 5, 2024** from 10am-4pm. Vehicles are stored by the City of Swainsboro. **All bids must be sealed and taken to the Swainsboro Police Dept.** Anyone with an ownership interest of any of these vehicles should contact the Swainsboro Police Dept.

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Emanuel 4-H Forestry Judging Team competes in district contest

Six Emanuel County 4-H'ers participated in the Southeast District 4-H Forestry Field Day. The contest was held September 11, 2024, at the UGA Vidalia Onion and Vegetable Research Center in Lyons. Team members were Benton Harry, Elizabeth Harry, Nathaniel Harry, Sam Lawrence, Karaleigh Mills, Calvin Singletary, Dessie Singletary, and Lyndon Singletary.

The Georgia 4-H forestry program teaches youth to identify up to 70 Georgia tree species, as well as 40 common pests and diseases that impact those trees. The forestry field day competition also allows youth to test their science-based knowledge and critical thinking skills by using pacing and a Biltmore stick to calculate sawtimber volume. Participants in high school must also complete a compass course. This year's team was coached by Jakyn Tyson, Emanuel County 4-H Agent with the help of retired Emanuel County Extension Agent and volunteer leader Phil Torrance. Emanuel County 4-H Forestry programs are made possible by the generous support of Interfor of Swainsboro.

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Storm recovery, main...

(From front page) contract with the cities of Emanuel County, as well as with Johnson County specified the intergovernmental agreement that will simplify the collection of debris in those municipal areas of the county and some limited areas shared by Johnson and Emanuel County. Administrator Singletary commented that the scale of damage suffered throughout the county has become much wider and more evident as the clean-up moves along. Due largely to the geographic size of Emanuel County, and also the extensive network of dirt roads in heavily wooded areas, the total cubic yardage of debris has far exceeded the earlier estimates of the total job. Even though the work has consistently moved forward, there is still much more to be done. Singletary left no doubt that the county would finish the job, but he encouraged everyone to do their best to get all storm debris moved from their property to the roadside as soon as possible. In other business, the Administrator brought the Board up to date on the construction of the new county office building located adjacent to the Post Office. Singletary

said the project was on schedule and nearing completion with an anticipated opening date in February. The county has several other major projects currently in process. Singletary said the county was carefully monitoring the progression of new projects at the recreation complex including the gym renovation, the softball complex and the construction of a competition size swimming pool. The Administrator concluded his new project update with the status of the new radio communication system for county law enforcement and emergency services. This important project continues to move toward completion in the coming year. Following these updates, it was agreed that 2025 should be a year of major progress for Emanuel County. On that note, the agenda was concluded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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by TAMMY ALLEN
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our friends, coworkers and family have shown by their generous giving. We want to spotlight the businesses in Emanuel County that also support early childhood literacy by giving to this fundraising project, and this week's spotlight is Daniels Chevrolet. If you would like to help Family Connection

get books into the homes of children birth to 5 years old, please let us know. You can give online to Ferst Readers of Emanuel County by voting for your favorite character and help us reach our goal of \$10,000 at <https://tinyurl.com/Ferst2024>. The contest will run through November 30.



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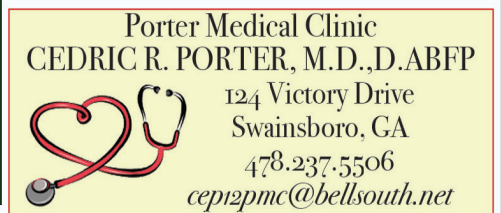
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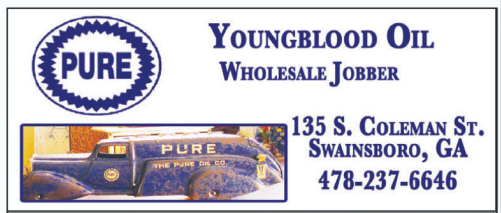
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