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CHIEF MIMS BEING SWORN IN BY MAYOR BENNETT



MIMS' SISTER PINNING THE CHIEF



LIEUTENANT WARD AND CHIEF MIMS

Pinning ceremony held for Chief Mims

Chief Alima Mims started his career with Swainsboro Fire Department on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. A pinning ceremony for Chief Mims was held Monday, December 2, at Swainsboro Fire Headquarters. Mayor Bennett

was on hand for the swearing in and Mims' sister, Tina Knight from Alabama, pinned the new fire chief. Chief Mims acknowledged the promotions of Darin Griner and Allen Farley to Lieutenants and

presented the current Lieutenant James Ward with a Red Helmet to distinguish his current rank. Guests attending the swearing in were treated with light refreshments.

Don't miss this year's festivities around the county

Adrian Christmas Parade December 7

The Adrain Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 7 at 6 p.m. Line-up will be at 5 p.m. at the Adrian School property. Santa will be there to take pictures with the kids!

Swainsboro Christmas Parade December 7

The Swainsboro Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 7. Festivities, including arts and crafts, and live performances will begin at 2 p.m. at the Boneyard. The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. Following the parade, Santa will be in front of the Chamber of Commerce to visit the youngsters. A live Nativity Scene by Dellwood Baptist Church will also be in front of the fountain.

Stillmore Christmas Parade December 8

The annual Stillmore Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 8 at 3 p.m. Festivities will begin at 1 p.m., including arts and crafts, country store, car show, singing and a visit from Santa.

Twin City Toy Drive

The Twin City Toy Drive will be held on Saturday, December 14. All monetary donations need to be sent by Friday, December 6. This will allow Mayor Matt Donaldson and his team time to purchase items for the toy drive. See page 2B for more details.

Tax deadline is approaching

The deadline for real estate and business personal property taxes in Emanuel County is approaching! Taxes are due by December 20 each year. Be sure to submit on time to avoid late fees. Contact the tax commissioner's office if you have any questions.

City Council wraps up '24

The December meeting of the Swainsboro City Council and Mayor convened at City Hall on Monday evening, December 2, 2024. Following an invocation and pledge of allegiance, the city officials once again heard from Mrs. Jacqueline Brantley, a property owner on Green Street, requesting an update on any action regarding a derelict property adjacent to her house. Mayor Bennett advised her to request any update on the continuing problem from City Administrator Middlebrooks. Following this discussion, council considered and approved the minutes of the previous meeting. Under old business, council revisited the issue of term limits for council members which was brought up in an earlier council meeting. City Attorney Levis took the floor to discuss a rough draft prepared by his office to address the issue. In a detailed explanation, Levis listed the steps and various options that must be taken if council members chose to change the long-standing terms of city governance dealing with the number of terms that any councilmember or mayor can serve and the resolution of vacancies. Council voted to approve moving forward with the process. A complete presentation of the framework for the changes to be considered by council will be given at a later date. At this point a change to the meeting's agenda allowed for council's consideration and approval of a street closure on Lewis Street near the City Cemetery in connection with the Wreaths Across America program on December 14. The agenda change took the floor to discuss (Continued on page 2A)

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City Council wraps...

(From front page) also allowed for approval of specific acknowledgement of the service of Police Chief Randy Ellison on the occasion of his upcoming retirement. Moving to new business, council voted 5-0 to replace a pump at lift station 11 at a cost of \$17,810 and

replace bar screen parts at the treatment plant at a cost of \$25,077. Council also approved an additional month's lease on a Caterpillar front-end loader being used in the hurricane clean-up efforts. Next, council approved an expenditure to cover the cost of physical

exams for firefighters. Following this, council considered and approved for advertisement, the application of two game room license applications. The information provided on applicant's name and business license address are as follows: Krishi, DBA D &

I Food Mart, 334 West Main Street, Swainsboro and Eric Worthen, DBA Hair Tight Games, 229 South Main Street, Swainsboro. The final issue under new business was the consideration of an application for a Workforce Housing Grant. Council heard information

concerning a grant for program assistance in the development of new residential housing described as middle-income home construction funded in a public/private joint venture. Council approved a motion to move ahead with the pre-application steps

in participating in the program. At this point, council voted to move into Executive Session. According to City Administrator Herman Middlebrooks, Clearwater Solutions was awarded a 5-year contract, following discussion in Executive Session.

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STC holds Annual Legislative Breakfast

With Southeastern Technical College (STC) board members, trustees, and colleagues and board members from the Technical College System of Georgia, President Larry Calhoun welcomed congressional leaders to the annual Southeastern Technical College Legislative Breakfast on November 20, 2024, held at STC's Economic Development Center.

Georgia State Senators Billy Hickman and Blake Tillery and Georgia House of Representatives Butch Parrish and Bill Werkheiser attended.

"It's always a pleasure to host legislators for a State of the College presentation," said President Calhoun. "We truly

appreciate the time they dedicate to the important work we do and the impact it has on our communities. Their understanding and support are invaluable to our continued success."

A special thank you to Senator Tillery for sharing updates on recent legislative actions, the priorities for the upcoming session, and for addressing key issues impacting our region.

Hearing directly from President Calhoun and elected officials, this annual event provides

an opportunity for collaboration on how to best serve our part of the state. The STC Legislative Breakfast is an opportunity to hear from decision-makers who represent the STC service delivery area of Candler, Emanuel, Jenkins, Johnson, Montgomery, Tattnall, Toombs, and Treutlen Counties and learn more about the policies shaping business and industry. With insightful dialogue, we can continue addressing the opportunities and challenges that shape our future.



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Veterans discuss Wreaths Across America

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly meeting at the Franklin Memorial Library Monday, December 2, at 9 a.m. With Chair Johnny Tapley presiding, they had 40 in attendance. Emanuel County 4-H Lauren Sapp furnished breakfast consisting of sausage biscuits and grits. Shari Watt provided orange juice, grape juice, apple juice, cranberry juice and coffee. After the prayer by Veteran Emory Fennell, they enjoyed a

great breakfast. Chair Johnny then talked about the "Wreaths Across America" event that will take place on December 14, at 11 a.m. at the Swainsboro City Cemetery. If you would like to purchase a wreath for your veteran in any cemetery, please call the library and ask for Shari Watt. They will be placing the U.S. Flags on Veteran's graves at the Swainsboro City Cemetery on November 30, at 9 a.m. Veteran Emory Fennell closed

out with a prayer. Lauren and her mother will be starting a soup kitchen during the holidays for the homeless and the needy. Also, Daniel Sapp and his wife and daughter, Lauren, will be providing food items for the Veterans at the Veteran's Hospital. If you would like to donate to the Veterans at the Veteran's Hospital in Dublin, please take them by the library. The library will have deposit boxes at the library next week.

Emanuel County Senior Center holds Thanksgiving lunch

The Emanuel County Senior Center held its annual Thanksgiving Lunch on Tuesday, November 26. Seniors from all over the county gathered to enjoy turkey and dressing with all the fixings and a day of fine fellowship. Turn out for the event hit a record high with around 50 in attendance. According to Director Beth Gibson, "We are thankful to be able to serve the senior citizens of Emanuel County, and it is our pleasure to be a source of happiness during the holidays. After all, our mission is to be a family...a second home to all those who attend."

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Yvette "Cassandra" Sconyers, 62

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory announces the death of Mrs. Yvette "Cassandra" Sconyers, age 62, of Adrian, on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at her residence surrounded by her family. Funeral services were held Friday, November 29, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Tomlinson Funeral Home with Rev. Ervin Stapleton and Rev. Shannon Boula officiating. Interment followed in Eastbrook Cemetery & Mausoleum. The family received friends one hour prior to the time of service at Tomlinson Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Taylor Radford, Dan Johnson, Mitchel Moore, Spencer Wood, Timmy Bush and Johnny Moore.

Cassandra was born March 22, 1962, to the late Ronald and Nanette Radford of Adrian. She worked until retirement as the office manager for the Middle Circuit District Attorney's office. Cassandra was a member of Hebron Baptist Church where she and her husband Thomas attended regularly. One of her many passions was volunteering with the 4-H Organization. Cassandra received many awards as a volunteer within the 4-H organization and prided herself in the many hours spent working with the youth of Emanuel County. She



SCONYERS

was a woman who valued her faith and family above all else. Cassandra was a mother, GiGi, mother-in-law, friend, but above all, she was a devoted wife to Thomas. The two were married for 43 years and had two sons, Ted and Chet. Casandra had three grandchildren Emma, Colt and Hattie Claire. Mrs. Sconyers is preceded in death by her father.

Mrs. Sconyers is survived by her mother; husband, Thomas Sconyers of Adrian; sons, Ted Sconyers (Lindsey) of Adrian and Chet Sconyers (Joanna) of Soperton; grandchildren, Emma Sconyers, Colt Sconyers and Hattie Claire Sconyers; brother, Stan Radford of Adrian; honorary son, John Radford of Lexsy; many nieces, nephews, faithful friends and family members.

Tomlinson Funeral Home & Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Ernie Lee Roberson, 75

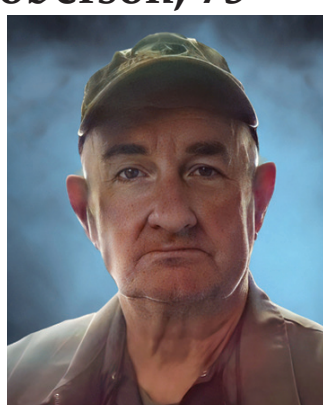
Mr. Ernie Lee Roberson, 75, of Swainsboro, passed away Thursday, November 28, 2024, at his residence following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Monday, December 2, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Chapman of Funeral Home with Reverend Mark Hardin officiating. Interment followed in the Roberson Family Cemetery. The family received friends Sunday, December 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Dakota Blount, Garrett Roberson, Ashley Roberson, Slade Fields, Jonathan Stevens and Terry Roberson. Honorary pallbearers were Charles Hadden and Shannon Stapleton.

Mr. Roberson was born on March 11, 1949, in Swainsboro, to the late Lester Roberson and Janie Durden Roberson. He grew up with his grandmother, but also knew his mother and father. Ernie quit school at an early age to take care of his family. After years of struggle, he pursued his lifelong dream of opening his own mechanic shop and had over 40 years in business.

Ernie served his country in the Army for three years and was in the Vietnam war. He married his sweetheart, Madge. They met at the skating rink where they both enjoyed skating. Together they raised four kids, Alexander, Frances, Chad, and Priscilla. Ernie worked extremely hard over the years to provide for his family, never once complaining. Even though he was tough in his own way, he always wanted what was best for his family. Ernie was always there for his family whenever they needed anything.

In addition to his mechanic shop, Ernie loved hunting, collecting guns, fishing, planting gardens, and skating in his younger days. He had a special talent for making things grow. Ernie



ROBERSON

would always give away his first fresh produce. When it came to fishing, he would always say the crickets would bite just for the fun of it. Ernie loved his guns and would collect them no matter the size.

Ernie will be remembered as one of the toughest men you will ever have known but he also had the biggest heart when it counted. He leaves behind a legacy of strength, resilience, and hard work. Ernie taught you not to always judge a book by its cover; just because someone is tough as nails, it could be a cover. His family will always carry his valuable lessons at heart. Ernie was a caring and tough father, grandfather, and person. No matter what life threw at him, he always made it out. Ernie will always be remembered as the strongest, most resilient, and hardest working man his family has ever known. Mr. Roberson is preceded in death by his parents; son, Alexander Roberson; and brother, Ronnie Roberson.

Mr. Roberson is survived by his wife, Madge Roberson; daughters, Frances Durden and Priscilla (James) Blount; son, Chad Roberson; brother, Dan Roberson, Sr., all of Swainsboro; sisters, Wanda Gordy of Swainsboro, Jan Akridge of Stillmore and Sarah Jones (Ricky) of Wrightsville; mother-in-law, Margie Fouche of Swainsboro; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Michael Lee "Mike" Whitehead, 46

Michael Lee "Mike" Whitehead, 46, of Garfield, passed away Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at Memorial Health Hospital in Savannah. Funeral services were held Friday November 29, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Mark Hardin officiating, assisted by Reverend Randy Adams. Interment followed in the Hebron Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends Friday, November 29, from 12 to 1:45 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Mitch Flakes, Tyler Flakes, Bailey Sause, Kevin Edenfield, Gavin Edenfield, Eric Woods, Hunter Bragg and Dee Akridge. Honorary pallbearers were the Twin City Precision Metals Employees.

Mike was born on March 7, 1978, in Augusta, to Warren Lee Whitehead and Lynn Stroud Taylor. He was a family man and loved the Georgia Bulldogs. Mike enjoyed golfing and the races. He was known as the one that could do it all at Twin City Precision from unloading metal off the truck, programming designs, to shipping it out. Mike was known as Pa to his grandson. He



WHITEHEAD

brought a lot of happiness to his world. Mr. Whitehead is preceded in death by his father.

Mr. Whitehead is survived by his mother; wife, April Woods Whitehead of Garfield; son, Chase Whitehead of Garfield; daughters, Railey Whitehead (Hunter) of Thomson and Chailey Whitehead of Garfield; grandson, Chipper Bragg of Thomson; brother, Chris Whitehead (Kristen) of Waynesboro; father and mother-in-law, Eddie and Kathy Woods of Twin City; sister and brother-in-law, Crystal and Mitch Flakes of Garfield; sister-in-law, Jami Woods of Twin City; special niece, Taylor Rae Flakes; special nephew, Tyler Flakes (Alisha); several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Bobby Delano Lane, 90

Mr. Bobby Delano Lane, 90, of Garfield, passed away Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at his residence following an extended illness. Funeral services were Saturday, November 30, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church with Reverend Ben Gay officiating, assisted by Reverend Randy Adams. Interment followed in the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends Friday, November 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Chris Ellison, Clay Clark, Ronnie Fleming, John Paul Johnson, Mace Henry and W.C. Grimes.

Mr. Lane was born on January 10, 1934, in Jenkins County, to the late Ben F. Lane, Sr. and Bessie Mae Johnson Lane. He was a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church where he was an avid church member until his health began to decline. Bobby was a previous Sunday School Teacher. He was born at home in a family of five. Bobby was raised on a farm his whole life. He had a passion for farming and worked from dawn to dusk. Bobby loved his family, farm, and Red Man Silver Tobacco



LANE

from his young years until he went home to be with the lord. Mr. Lane is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Maxie Ann Roberson Lane; brothers, Ben "Buddy" Lane and Charles "Babe" Lane; and sister, Dorothy Bennett.

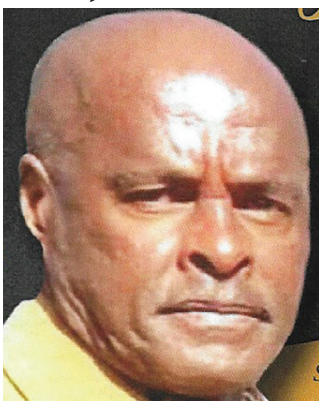
Mr. Lane is survived by his daughter, Beth Lane of Swainsboro; sons, Jefferey Lane (Faye) of Garfield, Mark Lane (Sandy) of Twin City and Matthew Lane (Kelly) of Garfield; grandchildren, Heather Sapp (Randy) and Mattie Grace Lane; great-grandchildren, Hunter Lane, Mason Lane, Cayden Lane, Jaxon Sapp and Logan Sapp; sister, Ann Fordham (Jerry) of Statesboro; sister-in-law, Betty Lane of Adrian; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Levon Cross, 62

Levon Cross, age 62, departed this life on Monday, November 25, 2024, after an extended illness. A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, December 1, at 2 p.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Rev. Melvin Adams officiating.

Levon was born October 28, 1962, in Swainsboro, to the late George and Sadie Cross. He attended Emanuel County School system and was a member of The Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Swainsboro. Levon moved to Jacksonville, FL for many years and was a self-employed landscaper. He also worked for a law firm. James' passions were landscaping, lawn care, planting flowers and mowing. He loved the beauty of nature, watching it grow and seeing how his hard work paid off. Mr. Cross



CROSS

is preceded in death by his parents; and seven brothers.

Mrs. Cross leaves to cherish his memories with his son, Chris Sanders of Swainsboro; granddaughter, Emyree Cross of Jacksonville, FL; brothers, Roger Richards, Donnie Cross and Andre McCloud, all of Swainsboro; sisters, Sadie (Wayne) Brown of Swainsboro and Inez Cross of Jacksonville, FL; other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Peggy Janice Boss, 86

Peggy Janice Boss, age 86, passed away peacefully on November 26, 2024, after an extended illness in At Home Senior Living of Cochran. Funeral services were held Friday, November 29, at 11 a.m. at Hawthamock Baptist Church with Reverend Cail Pressey officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends Friday, November 29, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Hawthamock Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Bobby Brightwell, Tim Hendley, Drone Hudson, Allen McDaniel, Craig McNeely and Craig Rowland. Honorary pallbearers were the Women of Wisdom Sunday School Class at Hawthamock Baptist Church.

Peggy was born April 29, 1938, in Trion, GA, to the late Albert Wesley "Tub" Dover and Vinnie Lucille Dover, but lived many years in Swainsboro. She was a member of Hawthamock Baptist Church. Peggy was a devoted wife, loving mother, amazing grandmother, but most importantly, a child of God. She was blessed to be able to raise her children on a farm in Swainsboro. Peggy was a fantastic seamstress, staying busy making clothes for her children, family and community. She later entered the workforce and subsequently retired as a factory worker using her skills in sewing. Peggy enjoyed her church family, singing, knitting, puzzles, game shows, Sunday dinners with family, and a fierce game of kickball with the grandkids. In 2017, Peggy was diagnosed with Parkinson's that resulted in her moving to At Home Senior Living



BOSS

of Cochran in March 2021. There, she was known as "Grandma" and "Granny" by everyone. Mrs. Boss is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 56 years, Clint Boss; daughter, Janice Hudson; grandson, Greg Boss; brothers, Tommy, Roy "LaVaughn", David and Marvin; sisters, Vinnie, Sadie, Brenda and Shirley.

Mrs. Boss is survived by her sons, Marcus Boss (Amy) of Swainsboro and Frank Boss (Debra) of Statesboro; grandchildren, Sharon Hudson, Mitchell Hudson (Karen), Shanna Dupree (Todd), David Boss, Daniel Fuller, Andrew Fuller, Tabatha Brewer (Seth), Johnathon Edge, David Olson, Brandon Olson (Kriston) and Brett Olson (Alana); 22 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Trish Willis (Robert) of Twin City; many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the entire At Home Senior Living team who became extended family and provided loving care to "Grandma."

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Gideons International, P.O. Box 365, Swainsboro, GA 30401 in memory of Peggy Boss.

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Inflation hits North Pole!

Are you ready? I mean really ready? Because as Trooper Terry used to say, "Hey Kids, you better come running" cause its time! Yep, only 20 more shopping days to the big day. Time to get it together and charge ahead into Christmas, and the operative word here is CHARGE! Let's review for a moment: we have Venmo, MasterCard, American Express, Visa, PayPal, Bitcoin, and I am sure Elon will soon invent his own currency, and then there's the "what's in your wallet" lady. So, with all of these encouragements to buy more and more, the business of borrowing money to finance Christmas-giving has

gotten bigger than Santa Claus himself. This year's estimate of the amount the average American will spend on "good tidings to all" comes in at a chart-topping, all-time record of \$1,012 per person. If you do the math, figuring there are a minimum of 3 Christmas shoppers per household, that comes to \$387,572,000,000 spent on Christmas. But that's not even close to the actual figure for last year which was a few billion over a trillion dollars. While you were dozing in the recliner recovering from Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday moved through and swept up about 10 per cent more dollars than

they did last year. That means we are headed for a total 2024 tab of ... well you see where this is headed. My phone doesn't have that many zeros. Interestingly enough, the breakdown on spending has men spending more than women, Republicans spending more than Democrats, and Christians spending more than non-Christians. If you have kids under 18 at home, you will be spending about double what the empty-nest crowd spends. You probably already knew that. Right? It might be smart to make sure none of those sweet little "under-eighteen" darlings at home read this. They'll be running

calculations on the smart phone on Christmas morning making sure Santa didn't shortchange them. The Gallup polling people say that the bright side of all of this is that the average Christmas shopper has more consumer confidence and is not deterred from a little increased spending this year and feels moderately hopeful about the future. Actually, it does seem that the general mood has lightened up a bit since the election, and regardless of your political leanings, a new group moving into Washington in January will certainly create change, and that will naturally stir up all the chickens in the coop

Charles Schwabe



and add a little drama to life. I guess new drama is better than the old worn-out drama, so here we go. At the very least, it will create some heightened interest and provide something new to talk about. One thing is for sure, time will move on, and this country has, for the most part, always been good about giving everybody a fair shot. If the new crowd falls short with their chance, then there will be plenty of time later for the

unhappy tribe to say, "I told you so." But in the meantime, let's concentrate on the season of good will, and do our best to ward off the spirit of old Ebenezer. help our fellow man and spend our portion of the "chart-topping" Christmas dollars with our local merchants. Just one last question; are you really going to wear that sweater with the blinking Rudolph nose again this year? Charge merrily ahead, shoppers!

Return to the square

First, I must thank LaRose Tapley for the nostalgic pleasure of Saturday afternoon on the square. Her descriptions gave me a word picture of the Bone Yard filled with farm trucks, wagons, buggies, and some cars. These visitors had worked hard all week and having a day around the square in the city of Swainsboro was a holiday. Along with the folks from the farms were many local cars filling the parking places. Town folks also looked forward to Saturday "on

the square." Many just sat in their cars just to watch folks walk past as they went in and out of the stores. Rosenberg's, Erlich's, Herman Subotnick's, Darling's and United five and Ten aisles were filled with shoppers or "just lookers". Drug stores, Harrison's. Lewis', Davis's and Blacks were refreshment stops for milk shakes, sundaes, or the costly banana splits. Ice cream cones were bought to lick as you walked around the square. In my latter teens I was not

part of any of this festivity for I was working. Annette McDaniel and I had a Saturday job at the United Five and Ten. Mrs. Alpha Flanders was the manager and taught her young employees the art of salesmanship. She told us that we should be considerate of customers even if they were just looking. One of the early morning assignments for Annette and I was to fill the candy case. There were bins of different candies and a bin of mixed nuts. As we filled, there

was much temptation to test a piece. The mixed nuts were most tempting especially the large Brazil nuts. We felt it our responsibility to taste all of the nuts. I doubt that anyone who bought nuts on Saturday ever received a Brazil nut in their bag. A new attraction bought more shoppers into the store when an aquarium of goldfish was placed in front of the store. They could purchase fish, a bowl, and fish food. The fish were caught in a little net and placed in a

Shirley Proctor Twiss



cardboard box filled with water from the tank, and new owner went home with new pets. We had a short break for supper, so of course we had a Lucille Lewis hamburger and bottle of coke. The highlight of the workday was when store was closed at nine o'clock, and we received our pay. All

salespeople gathered in the lighted back of store. Mrs. Flanders gave out pay envelopes to full time staff. Then she counted out three one-dollar bills to Annette and I. We felt rich for a week. However, I spent most of my pay before leaving the store. Shirley can be contacted at sptwiss@gmail.com.

I like you - Do you like me?

I was a homely looking kid. Stringy, dishwater blond hair, fair skin with freckles, a crooked front tooth and pleasingly plump, as Bigmother used to say. I didn't have a lot going for me but in third grade, I noticed a shy boy in the 4th grade whose brother was in my class. The brother was not bad, but kind of a clown in class. The shy boy was something else though. I was smitten! This shy boy in his overalls with long Johns peeping out of

the bottom of his trousers and a half smile turned up one side of his face was about the best-looking boy I had ever seen! He could have had any girl he wanted with his looks and shy demeanor. I watched him for a year of two. As it turned out, Shy Boy with the long John's was watching me too. We started passing notes in school. You know the kind. "I like you - do you like me?" Then it was LE + ST and on and on. All of sudden we were

a couple. I felt soooo special! Here I was, this ugly, fat, tween with a boyfriend to die for! We were just entering eighth grade. On a blazing hot Sunday afternoon in 1956, we jumped into a borrowed car with tin cans tied to the back bumper and dead fish under the hood and sped down Highway 80 toward Adrian trying to outrun all our friends whooping and hollering behind us. I was perspiring, not sweating, mind you, in my

conservative beige sheath going away dress from Rosenberg's, complete with pill box hat and veil, high heels, white gloves, purse, etc. You get the picture. This was mid 1950's remember. Now, our lives had just been sealed into perpetuity! We had been sweethearts for as long as we could remember, now we were husband and wife, and nothing could stop us. We were invincible! Atlanta bound! Yes! We did it! and so it was that we headed off on our two-day honeymoon to the Capitol of Georgia with \$50!

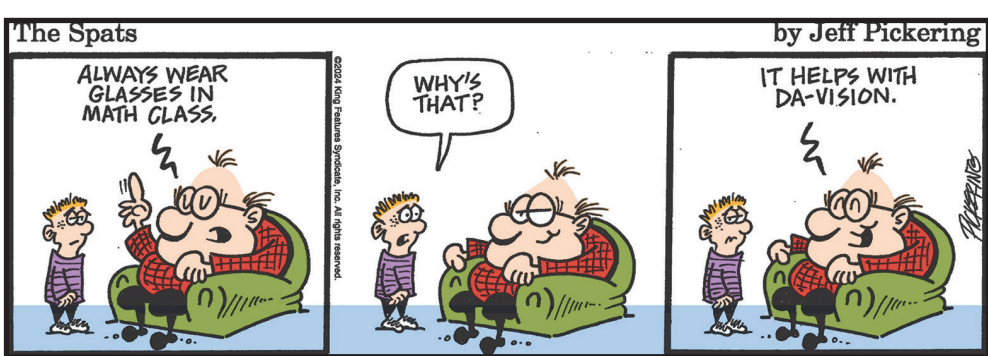
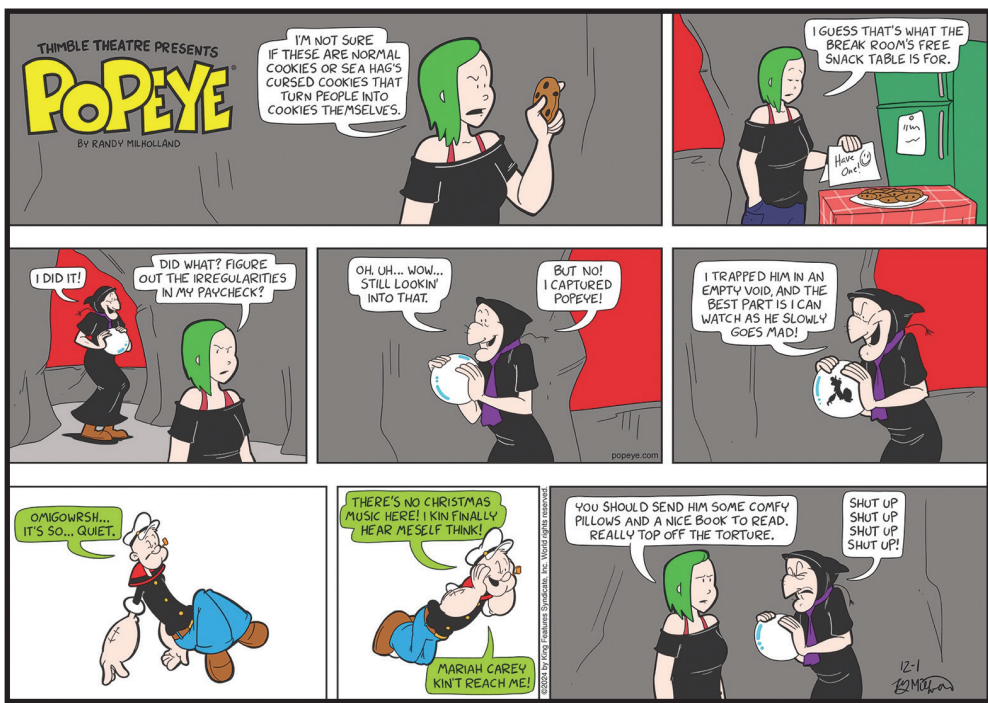
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Our very special first night was spent in Griffin! Georgia at the Peter Pan motel. No joke. Glamorous, wouldn't you say? We drove into Atlanta the next day and went to the wonderful Fox theater and saw the stars in the ceiling and watched the movie Bus Stop starring Marilyn Monroe. It was way more beautiful than the Peter Pan motel. Then, being the good granddaughter that I was, we stopped by to see my Granny Elkins in East Point and then headed on to Jonesboro's Wagon Wheel motel with pay television. We watched it until we ran out of quarters. We chowed down on hamburgers, peanuts, cokes and chips.

Alas, our two-day honeymoon was over, and we drove home on Tuesday with a total of \$11 to last till next payday. Not too bad. Only problem was, we forgot to count on losing two pay days. Not to worry, we were so much in love, we'd figure something out. We returned the

Editorial Cartoons



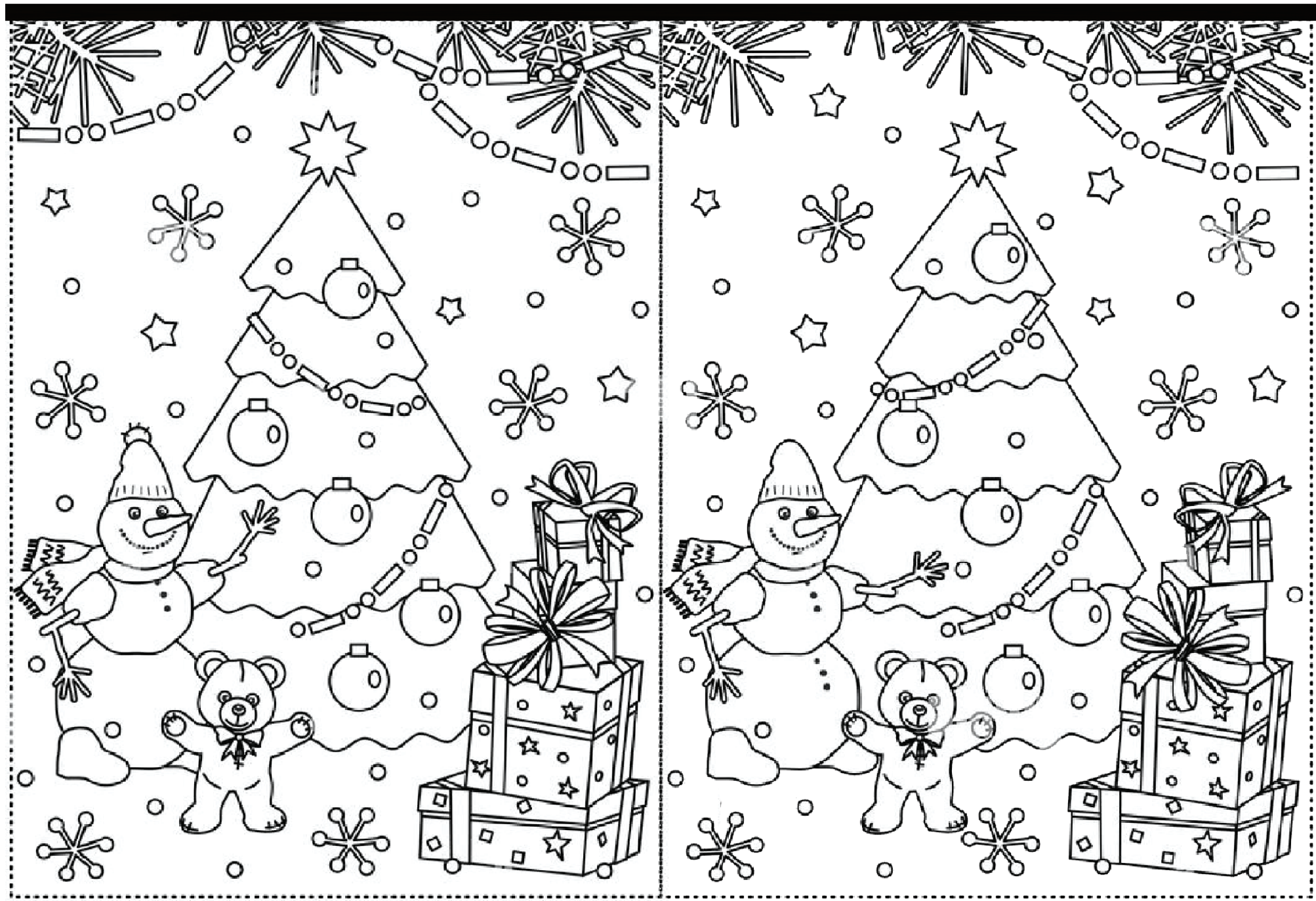
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Gail Williamson,
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RESIDENTS ENJOYING THE MUSIC BY DELLWOOD BAPTIST YOUTH
Dellwood Baptist Church visits Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home

The day before Thanksgiving, Emanuel Medical Center was blessed with a visit from Dellwood Baptist Church Youth Group. Residents enjoyed singing and clapping along.



FCA: #Giving Tuesday

#GivingTuesday

WHAT IT IS: www.givingtuesday.org

#GivingTuesday started in 2012 and is a day set aside to inspire generosity. It occurs each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. In 2024, #GivingTuesday was December 3rd, but it's not too late to give. It is a movement that encourages people to look beyond themselves by donating their time, talent or treasure to help others. This day provides a wonderful opportunity for nonprofit organizations to share their story, their needs and their goals with new donors and engage current or lapsed donors.

#GivingTuesday and East GA/Emanuel County FCA

Historically, we have asked businesses, stores, and restaurants to partner with East GA/Emanuel County FCA for #GivingTuesday and donate a portion of their sales from the day to support FCA Huddles in our area. Our goal is \$5,000. The money raised on #GivingTuesday will be utilized in our "Development Org". This will help us provide much needed resources for our huddles (i.e., bibles, devotional guides, study helps, lanyards, bracelets, snacks, drinks, etc. for all of our huddles).

Participating in #GivingTuesday is a great way for a person to give back to FCA without having to give out of their personal checking account. All gifts are tax deductible as FCA is a 501(c)3. They will receive a tax receipt for 2024 from FCA.

Some examples of giving:

Donating a portion of their overall sales (5-20%) on #GivingTuesday to Emanuel County FCA.

Donating \$1 per item sold

(i.e., pizza sold; FCA receives \$1 per pizza ordered on #GivingTuesday).

Placing a Giving Jar at your checkout.

Donating an item (pizza or otherwise) that will be given away to one person who chooses to donate online to our Development Org during #GivingTuesday (see next bullet).

You can go to the "Secure Donation" link on my personal giving page.

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Your partnership on #GivingTuesday will help us spread the Gospel to our local coaches and athletes and help them be disciples who make disciples. We are thankful for you!

This year, our goal is to raise \$5000 for our local FCA Huddles. Would you be interested in helping FCA reach this goal and participating in #GivingTuesday on December 3rd?

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to discuss some ideas for how you could partner with us. I look forward to hearing from you!

In His Strength Alone and Your Partner in His Work,

Scotty W. Hattaway
scottyhattaway@fca.org
 East GA FCA/Emanuel County

Area Representative
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Wreaths will arrive in Swainsboro several days prior to December 14th. Please let us know who will pick up your wreath(s) and their contact information or if you wish for your wreath(s) to be placed by volunteers (In Emanuel County ONLY)

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Kirby speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, November 19, at the Rustic Grille at 7 p.m. With President Paul Cerpovicz presiding, they had 9 in attendance including guests, Melisa Kirby and Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz. Cheryl Goodman won the cookies and cream cake donated by Cheryl Goodman and gifted it to Melissa Kirby. The program for the evening was hosted by Dess Smith. Substituting for Dess, Deana Patrick introduced Melissa Kirby, Swainsboro Downtown Development Director. Melissa presented a program about the proposed Barbara and Tobe Karrh Community Arts Center, who oversees the renova-

tion of the historic Dixie Theater as it becomes the Karrh Center Theater, centerpiece of the Karrh Community Arts Center on Green Street. The completed Center will include a gathering plaza in front of the building, offices for the Emanuel Arts Council, an art gallery, and community meeting spaces. The City of Swainsboro was awarded a Cultural Facilities Grant for fiscal year 2025 from the Georgia Council for the Arts, the Georgia Department of Economic Development team specialized in supporting arts and culture. The Cultural Facilities Grant supports the acquisition, construction, restoration, or renovation of buildings and space to be used for arts program-



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 ming. The Dixie Theater was built in 1934 by W.M. Karrh. His grandsons, Bill and Jim, donated the former theatre to the City of Swainsboro for redevelopment into a Community Arts Center in 2014. In 2017, the renovation of the Dixie Theater began with renovations of the building and construction of the façade. The building stills needs a marquee outside and seating needs to be installed, and the 241 seat Karrh Center Theater is aiming for a Summer 2025 opening.



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Empowering Future Leaders: Swainsboro JROTC Cadets explore opportunities at Georgia Southern University

by TAMMY GRAY, EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOLS PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST

Thirty-three Swainsboro High School JROTC Tiger Battalion cadets attended a ROTC scholarship presentation and Georgia Southern University campus tour. The cadets learned about leadership, officership,

and what it takes to be a cadet at a senior Army ROTC program. One of Swainsboro's former SHS Tiger Battalion commanders, now Georgia Southern ROTC Cadet, Staff Sergeant Hayleigh Jordan, spoke to our Cadets and gave them insight into the life of an Army Cadet. We are super proud of Cadet Jordan and thank her for leading the way. Also, former SHS student Georgia Army National Guard Soldier and future Savannah State University Eagle Battalion Cadet Kiera Moses spoke to our Cadets about Basic Combat Training and Army Individual Training. Our cadets had a great time touring the campus, and SFC Robinson and Major Oliver are super excited about our program and the growth of our cadets.



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Matt W. Donaldson
MAYOR

November 20, 2024


The City of Twin City is gearing up for the 5th Annual Mayor's Christmas Toy Drive.

There are many needy children in and around Twin City. We want to make sure that all children have a joyous holiday season. This initiative will be fully funded by private donations, so we are asking for your help with this worthy cause.

We are asking that local businesses, churches, schools, City departments, and City strategic partners support our efforts with a financial contribution or a gift donation. We will use 100% of the financial donations to purchase toys for our local children. We are planning to have the giveaway event on Saturday, December 14th, therefore we are asking for all monetary donations to be sent by Friday, December 6th. This will allow us time to purchase items.

I want to thank you in advance for your consideration. Enclosed with this letter, you will find a picture of the over 500 toys we gave away last year. We could not do this without the generosity of our donors!

If I do not see you before, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my City family to yours!

Respectfully Yours,


Matt W. Donaldson
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2024 Mayor's Christmas Toy Drive Donation Form

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Fannin County Sheriff's Department ham-handed in dealings with local mother

It seems as though my mother was a criminal and I am just now finding out about it. All this time, I thought she was a conscientious parent who fixed my school lunch, washed and ironed my clothes, made sure I went to church and was active in the PTA. Little did I know.

When I was 10, we lived in College Park, south of Atlanta. Both my parents worked, which made me a latchkey child, although I had no idea what that meant at the time since we didn't own a latchkey. We didn't need one. We never locked our doors. No one did.

From Labor Day to Memorial Day, I could be found at S.R. Young Elementary learning long division, diagramming sentences and trying to find Uruguay on the map for reasons that escaped me. Come June, I was out of there. The next three months were mine.

I remember those summer days as mostly idyllic. Sleep late. Eat when I got ready. And in the afternoon, hop on my bike and pedal to downtown College Park and enjoy an ice cream treat at Gordy's Drug Store. Afterwards, I would cruise up and down Main Street and finally home.

I haven't been to College Park in a number of years, but I am guessing that from our house to the drug store was at least a mile and I probably added another mile or so touring the town. Where was my mother? At work, operating a switchboard (look it up) at an insurance company. I didn't see the need to bother her for approval of my ice cream excursions.

Fortunately, that was a long time ago and was in College Park. Were it today and in Fannin County, Momma would be in a heap of trouble. Just ask Brittany Patterson. Her son, Soren, 10, unbeknownst to her, was walking toward the little town of Mineral Bluff, less than a mile from their house when he was spotted by a passerby who followed him, interrogated him and decided to call the police.

I have a great respect for law enforcement and rush to their defense whenever I hear yammers of police brutality and defunding the police. However, in this case, there is no way I will give the Fannin County Sheriff's Department a pass on their ham-handed dealing of the situation. Instead of what should have been a simple, "Please tell Soren to let you know



Dick Yarbrough

the next time he wants to walk to the store," two knuckleheaded deputies arrested Patterson and handcuffed her in front of her children. Nice.

The arrest warrant calls her action a "gross deviation from the standard of care a reasonable person would exercise." I call the Fannin County Sheriff's Department's actions a gross deviation from the standard of common sense a law enforcement agency should exercise. Is this all they have to occupy their time? Let's buy them a radar gun.

According to a bodycam recording the action, Patterson told the two Barney Fife wannabes, "Last time I checked, it wasn't illegal for a kid to walk to the store."

"It is when they're 10 years old," responded a female deputy (I'm thinking maybe Aunt Bee here) before leading the handcuffed Mom off to the pokey.

Now, the Georgia Division of Family & Children Services is involved. (This gets more asinine by the minute.) Authorities told Patterson they'd let her go with a "safety plan," which includes Soren having a GPS tracking app on his phone.

She declined. "I did nothing wrong," she said. "I'm going to fight for that." Good for her.

The legal ball is now in local district attorney Frank Wood's court to see if he actually chooses to prosecute her. If convicted, Brittany Patterson could face a fine up to \$1,000, spend up to 12 months in jail, or both.

The incident has gotten Fannin County, home of the town of Blue Ridge and one of my favorite places to visit, national attention, none of it good and all of it deserved, thanks to the Fannin County Sheriff's Department and the nosy-Nellie who started all this.

As for me, when you get upset with my hyperbolic screeds, please cut me some slack. It's not my fault. I am an emotional wreck. I have just discovered my sweet momma was actually a criminal for not authorizing and supervising my one-mile bicycle rides to Gordy's Drug Store to eat ice cream. Where was the nanny state when I needed it?

You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.

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Grand jury returns 29 true bills, 2 no bills

The October 2024 term of the Emanuel County Grand Jury reconvened on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, to consider cases presented by the District Attorney's Office.

The Grand Jury jail inspection committee members that were selected on October 30, 2024, are to select a date to tour and inspect the Emanuel County Jail as required by law, and the committee will submit a report with its findings to the Grand Jury on December 13, 2024.

The District Attorney's Office presented 31 bills of indictment to the Grand Jury, and the Grand Jury returned 29 true bills and 2 no bills.

True bills included:
A,ya Lanae Mobley: Aggravated assault; Driving under the influence (less safe) (alcohol)
Jamaury Jacolby Dixon: Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer
Lorenzo Perry: Habitual violator; Driving under the influence (less safe) (alcohol)
Tykierrianna Kenara Jackson: Aggravated assault, family violence; Cruelty to children in the 3rd degree (x2)
Jamal Laquan Allen:

Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; Obstruction of an officer
Carolos Luis Ortegallica aka Luis Carols Ortega, Luis Carlos Ortegaulloa: Theft by receiving stolen property; Driving without a license
Jyquavious Desmond Mincey: Exploitation and intimidation of disabled adult, elder person or resident
Jonathan Michael Harbin: Theft by receiving stolen property; Possession of marijuana, more than an ounce; Possession of firearm during commission of a felony; Obstruction of an officer
Jasper Timothy Baker: Terroristic threats
Willie Albert Shivers: Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; Driving while license suspended; Obstruction of an officer; Operating a vehicle without insurance; Open container
Robert Stephen Sanders: Aggravated assault; Unlawful acts of violence in a penal institution
Veronica Ann Kelly: Aggravated assault; Battery; Cruelty to children in the 3rd degree (x2)
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Batts: Aggravated assault; Cruelty to children in the 1st degree
Jaylen Lekeith Somerville: Theft by receiving stolen property; Possession of marijuana, more than an ounce; Obstruction of an officer; Possession of firearm during commission of a felony
Mack George Odom: Robbery by force; Criminal trespass; Obstruction of an officer; Terroristic threats (x4)
Clevie Gerome Williams, Jr.: Home invasion in the 1st degree; Aggravated battery; Cruelty to children in the 3rd degree (x2); Criminal attempt to commit a felony
Amber Courtney Carter: Cruelty to children in the 2nd degree
Kayla Louise Mitchell: Cruelty to children in the 2nd degree; Criminal attempt to commit a felony; Public indecency
Devin Jay Beachboard: Possession of illegal weapon (x2); Possession of firearm by convicted felon
Efrain Cruz: Criminal attempt to commit a felony
Demetric Jamil Hill: Sale of cocaine; Trafficking meth or amphetamine;

Possession of cocaine with intent to distribute
Jeffery Wayne Waters: Possession of meth
Lacey Lorraine Smith: Possession of a schedule IV controlled substance; Possession of marijuana, less than an ounce; Possession of firearm during commission of a felony
Jerry Dwane Montgomery: Rape; Aggravated sodomy (x2); Incest; Aggravated assault, family violence
Dale Marie Montgomery: Aggravated sexual battery; Aggravated assault, family violence
Rodney Keith Wilson: Aggravated assault (x2); Simple battery; Possession of illegal weapon (x2); Criminal use of an article with an altered identification mark (x3); Theft by receiving stolen property (x7)
Emonyeya Daishawn Eley: Theft by deception; Forgery in the 1st degree; Identity fraud
Stanley Dewitt Boatwright: Statutory rape
Antwan Joseph Clark and Hakeem Shaki Hurst: Fleeing or attempting to

elude a police officer; Possession of marijuana, more than an ounce; Possession of firearm by convicted felon
No true bills included:
Jeffrey Alan Fennell: Possession of illegal weapon (x2); Possession of firearm by convicted felon
Dontay Washington: Statutory rape

Two sentenced in Superior Court

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

Thurston Badie non-negotiated a Nol Pros on one count kidnapping and was fined \$50; guilty-alford on one count aggravated assault with 20 years probation; Nol Pros on one count aggravated assault; Nol Pros on one count poss of firearm during

commission of a felony. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 20 years to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody from 7/12/21-11/20/24. The above sentence may be served on probation provided the defendant shall comply with the Conditions of Probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.

Steve Wayne Alger negotiated a guilty plea on one count child molestation. He was fined \$50 with 20 years probation, 8 years to serve, bal. prob.; one count child molestation with 20 years, 8 years to serve to run concurrent with count one. Defendant is sentenced for a total of 20 years, with the first 8 years to be served in confinement and the

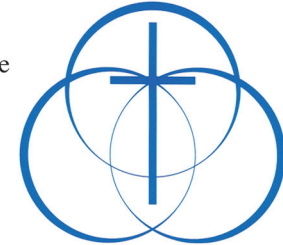
remainder to be served on probation. Defendant is to receive credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. Upon service of 8 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; PROVIDED, that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Court as part of this sentence.



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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 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

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 run-

ning 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

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 Leneise B. Davis, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF MATTIE MAE PARKER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24E0136
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
MICHAEL EDWARD PARKER has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of MATTIE MAE 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 23, 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
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 Telephone Number

EDEL W. HODGES, JR. NOTICE TERMINATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: Shane David and any heir at law of the said Shane David; 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:
All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Oak Park, in the 58th G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 1.00 acre, more or less, and being bounded as follows: on the North a distance of 215 feet by Fowler Road; on the East a distance of 218 feet by Lot 33; on the South a distance of 215 feet by Lot 4 and on the West a distance of 218 feet by Lot 31, said property can be more particularly described as Lot 32 of Sandy Lake Subdivision, East on that Plat of Survey prepared by A. G. Wells G.R.L.S. Number: 1656 dated June 25, 2000 and recorded in the Deed records if the Emanuel County Clerk of Superior Court, said plat having been recorded in June 30, 2000 in Plat Book 19, Page 260. Said plat of survey is by reference incorporated herein for a more complete and accurate description.
As described in Deed Book 436, Page 409. Further described as Map & Parcel 101021A.
 Will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 27th 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 624-626.
 The property may be redeemed at any time before the 27th day of December, 2024, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Edsel W. Hodges Jr., 5067 Paynes Chapel Road, Millen, Georgia 30442.
 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 18th day of November, 2024.

Edsel W. Hodges Jr. 5067 Paynes Chapel Road Millen, Georgia 30442
Morgan Morris Boulineau Attorney at Law P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401 478-237-2271

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF LESLIE ERIN HUTCHINSON, DECEASED.
 All creditors of the estate of Leslie Erin Hutchinson, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Larry S. Hutchinson, Administrator of the Leslie Erin Hutchinson Estate
 Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
 P. O. Box 767
 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
 (478) 237-4225

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF BILLY C. BRINSON, SR., DECEASED.
 All creditors of the estate of Billy C. Brinson, Sr., deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Carolyn Amerson Brinson, Administrator of the Billy C. Brinson, Sr., Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.
 This 18th day of November, 2024.
RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
 Attorney for Carolyn Amerson Brinson,
 Administrator of the
 Billy C. Brinson, Sr., Estate
 Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
 P. O. Box 767
 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
 (478) 237-4225

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF GARY ALEXANDER MOSELEY
 All creditors of the estate of GARY ALEXANDER MOSELEY, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to James Malcolm Moseley, care of J. Kendall Gross, J. KENDALL GROSS, P.C., P.O. Box 695, Metter, Georgia 30439. This November 21st, 2024.
 James Malcolm Moseley
 Administrator of the Estate of Gary Alexander Moseley, Deceased

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF SUSAN MAE FLEMING BRYANT
 All creditors of the estate of SUSAN MAE FLEMING BRYANT, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all

persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to Linda B. Hairr, care of Cindy C. Delgado, J. KENDALL GROSS, P.C., P.O. Box 695, Metter, Georgia 30439. This November 21st, 2024.
 Linda B. Hairr
 Executor of the Estate of Susan Mae Fleming Bryant, Deceased

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: E.L. SEX: M DOB: 9/11/2008 CASE #24JV98 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.
NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO: AMANDA BURGESS

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking custody of the above named child pursuant to its Petition for Dependency; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated November 20, 2024 you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.

You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the 9th day of JANUARY, 2025 at the **EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., for a FINAL HEARING** on this issue and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted.

The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Hearing will become final at the Final Hearing unless the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication fails to appear at the Final Hearing on the petition, the Findings of Fact and Interlocutory Orders made will become final without further evidence and will be governed by the Juvenile Court Code as if made at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing, the Interlocutory findings and Orders shall be vacated and disregarded, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion.

A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court.

This _____ day of _____, 2024.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Eva Estelle Collins, 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 21st day of November, 2024.
 Richard Gregory Bush, Executor of the Estate of Eva Estelle Collins, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Billy Dawson, 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 21st day of November, 2024.
 Willie J. Dawson, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Billy Dawson, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

SONYA BOWENS GAMBLE NOTICE TERMINATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: James B. Daniels and any heir at law of the said James B. Daniels; 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 tract or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District, Emanuel County, Georgia, as shown on a plat prepared by Billy Flanders, surveyor, dated June 5, 1974, and recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 206, said plat is hereby incorporated herein for a more full, complete, and accurate description hereof. Said property being bounded as shown on said plat, as follows: Northwest by Stevens Street; Northeast by property of Bobby Ricks; Southeast by other property of Adrian Housing Corporation; and Southwest by land now or formerly owned by Frank Flanders.
Said property is the same as described in a Quitclaim Deed from the United States of America, acting by and through Farmers Home Administration to Lola Mar Habersham dated August 2, 1983, and recorded in Deed Book IG, Pages 35-36, of Emanuel County Clerk's Records.
As described in Deed Book 257, Page 420. Further described as Map & Parcel 095C020.
 Will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 27th 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 621-623.
 The property may be redeemed at any time before the 27th 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 21st 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

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF TOOMBS

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: The Estate of Gary Eugene Waters, deceased.
 All debtors or creditors of the Estate of Gary Eugene Waters, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are to make immediate payment to me.
 This 25th day of November, 2024.

HILLARY D. EARLS
 Attorney for Executor, Gail Waters
BRYANT & O'CONNOR LAW FIRM
 P.O. Box 28
 Vidalia, GA 30475

TO: GARY N. WILSON, EAGLE NECK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., GLOBAL PARTS INTERNATIONAL, INC., MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, ELLINGTON INSURANCE, INC., and anyone claiming an interest in the property described below.
 Take Notice That:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
 All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting 90 feet on Richard Street, and extending back between parallel lines a distance of 258 feet, and being designated as Lot No. 6 on a plat prepared by Frank J. For, Surveyor, dated April 21, 1961, and recorded in Emanuel County Clerk's Office in Plat Book 1, page 401, and plat made by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, dated May 1, 1969, an drecorded in Plat Book 5, Page 96, aforesaid records, and to which plat reference is hereby made for descriptive and all other legal purposes. Said Lot No. 6 being more minutely described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake located on the northern edge of Richard Street which is located 707.63 feet North 88 degrees 56 minutes West from the northwest corner of the intersection of U.S. Highway No. 1 and Richard Street; thence running North88 degrees 56 minutes West along the northern edge of Richard Street 90 feet; thence turning and running North 01 degrees 04 minutes East a distance of 258 feet; thence turning and running South 01 degrees 04 minutes West a distance of 258 feet to the point of beginning. Said plat is hereby incorporated by specific reference for descriptive and all other legal purposes.

Said tract of land is known as 214 Harmon Road, Swainsboro, Emanuel County, Georgia and further known as Map/Parcel S28047 in the Tax Assessor's Office of Emanuel County, Georgia.
 Will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 30th day of DECEMBER, 2024.
 The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 7th day of November, 2023, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 563, at page 609-611.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 30th day of DECEMBER, 2024, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: 12 Siebald Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30458.

ROBERT K. BELL, JR. INVESTMENTS, INC.
 Stephen T. Rushing, Esq.
 Taulbee, Rushing, Snipes, Marsh & Hodgin, LLC
 12 Siebald Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30458
 912/764-9055

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT WAYNE GULLEDGE, DECEASED.
 All creditors of the estate of Robert Wayne Gullede, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Melissa Gullede, Administrator of the Robert Wayne Gullede Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.
 This 26th day of November, 2024.
RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Melissa Gullede, Administrator of the Robert Wayne Gullede Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
 P. O. Box 767
 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
 (478) 237-4225

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
 Under and by virtue of Power of Sale contained in the Security Deed from **Jerry Cox and Jenny Cox** to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., dated November 2, 2011, filed for record November 8, 2011, recorded at Deed Book 361, Page 171, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, in the original principal amount of \$60,031.02 aforesaid records together with a Promissory Note of equal date and value, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold, by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse Door, or designated area at **EMANUEL COUNTY, Georgia**, or designated area, within the legal hours of sale on the first **TUESDAY in January 2025**, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 53rd O.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 1.07 acres, and being known and designated as Pared "B", as shown on a plat prepared by Marvin D. Clements, dated November 28, 1994, and revised on December 16, 1994, which plat is recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 228, of the records of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said **property being** bounded as shown on said plat as follows: On the Northwest by lands of Dr. Cedric Porter, on the Northeast by Parcel "A" as shown on said plat; on the Southwest by lands of Joanne W. Cox; and on the Southwest by other lands of Jerry and Jenny Cox.

This is the same property conveyed to Jerry Cox and Jenny Cox by Joint Survivorship Warranty Deed of Jimmy Ray Johnson, et/k/a J. R. Johnson dated January 13, 199S, recorded in Deed Book 69, Page 123, Emanuel County Superior Court Clerk's records. Together with that certain 2012 CMH Manufactured Home with Vehicle Identification Number of CLH0J5S90TNAB. Said legal description is controlling but the property is commonly known as **35 Wolf Lane, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401.**
 Tax and Parcel ID Number: 093-058

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed and Note, including, but not limited to, the nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees and other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed and Note. Said property will be sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; and all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **Jerry Cox and Jenny Cox** and / or tenant(s).
 The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the United States Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. **VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.** and its counsel are acting as debt collectors. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Attorney-in-Fact for Jerry Cox and Jenny Cox. For information on modifying or altering the loan or acquiring further information about this Security Deed:
 Contact:
 Jason Godwin Godwin Law Group
 3985 Steve Reynolds Blvd, Bldg D Norcross, GA 30093
 Phone: 470-427-2683
 Email: jgodwin@godwinlawgroup.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lane Storage has payments past due. Contents include various miscellaneous items. **Auction will be held December 10, 2024 at 9am.** For questions contact Kacie Sumner 478-494-2674.

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