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ONE DOLLAR

## Emanuel County rakes in Positive Athlete Georgia awards

Positive Athlete Georgia announced its East Georgia regional winners on Saturday. Emanuel County Institute was named Most Positive School, and ECI’s Emma Mason earned the Girls Track & Field Award. David Emanuel Academy student Rylie Rowland received the Baseball Award, and Erin Hood, a student at Swainsboro High School, received the Softball Award. Swainsboro basketball coach Brice Hobbs was given the overall Boys Coach Award.

These recipients were chosen from a pool of nominees. There were approximately 4,000 nominations for the 14 various regions.

### About Positive Athlete

Positive Athlete Georgia is a movement by high-character professional athletes tied to Georgia professional and collegiate sports teams to promote the benefits of positivity to young athletes. These professional athletes believe it is crucial to begin shaping the futures of young athletes for life skills beyond athletic competition and to learn how to give back to their community. Current and former professional athletes are members of this organization, and high school athletes are invited to join based on being nominated by a coach, school administrator, parent,



MASON



HOBBS



HOOD



ROWLAND



EMANUEL COUNTY INSTITUTE

or fan for the annual Georgia Positive High School Athlete Awards. Positive Athlete’s Facebook page is designed to celebrate nominees and new members

of the organization. More than \$50,000 in college scholarships have been given away to Georgia high school student-athletes since the program’s inception.

## Don’t forget to vote!

Early voting for the June 9 election will begin Monday, May 18 at the Elections Office located at 105 South Main Street, Swainsboro. According to Elections Director Kerry Curry, the office has received 936 of the 3,053 ballots mailed out in Emanuel County. If you ordered an absentee ballot and decide to vote in person, you will need to bring your absentee ballot to the Elections Office.

Look for a sample ballot in an upcoming edition of The Forest-Blade.



PHOTO OF DESECRATED GRAVES

## Who would do this!?

A recent act of vandalism to the gravesites occupying the grounds of Moxley Cemetery located on Old Wadley Road has the community wondering, “Who would do this!?”

According to Chief Deputy Rocky Davis, the sheriff’s office first received a report of the damages on Monday, May 11, and have since taken other reports from individual families. Investigator David Way has been assigned to the case.

“We are currently working to establish a timeline on when the vandalism occurred. Anyone with information is asked to contact Inv. Way at 478-237-7526,” Davis commented.

## BOE sets tentative dates for graduation

The Emanuel County Board of Education has tentatively set dates and times for graduation ceremonies at Swainsboro High School and Emanuel County Institute. These plans are as follows:

ECI’s Class of 2020 will graduate July 24, 2020 at Rountree Stadium at 7 p.m. Swainsboro High seniors will walk July 25, 2020 at Tiger Field at 9 a.m.

Limitations may need to be made to follow CDC guidelines, but more information will be forthcoming as these dates near.

These later-than-usual commencement ceremonies are one of the many effects of COVID-19.

### Other important end-of-year information:

- Due to a waiver from the Georgia Department of Education, all state-required spring assessments and standardized tests have been canceled for this school year. This includes the Georgia Milestones (also known as end of grade or

“EOG” assessments for elementary and middle grades as well as end of course or “EOC” assessments for high schools; GKIDS 2.0; Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) 2.0; and the National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP). (Continued on page 2A)

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# Multi-month investigation lands Twin City entrepreneur behind bars

Saturday, May 9, at approximately 10:20 p.m., officers of the Twin City Police Department and Emanuel County sheriff's deputies executed a search warrant at a Twin City business setting known as The Snack Cafe, located at 702 South Railroad Avenue. Following a months-long investigation, the court order authorizing this search was applied for and obtained in Emanuel County Superior Court on May 4 by the Twin City Police Department.

Staging a ruse traffic stop across the road from The Snack Cafe on the day of the search, real-time surveillance was provided by TCPD and DOC officers as the building was secured by other law enforcement officials. Upon making entry into the establishment operated by Roosevelt Carlyle, 34, officers and deputies observed narcotics, believed to be cocaine and marijuana, and money in plain view in several locations behind a bar area.

A search was conducted on a parked vehicle at said location that law enforcement reported having been observed being operated by Carlyle regularly. This same vehicle also has been reported to be in association with a drug overdose and shooting incident. A search of this vehicle resulted in the recovery of a bag of marijuana located in a large clear jar, several packages of cigars, two amber eye dropper bottles containing an off-white liq-

uid substance, and several pills believed to be MDMA/ecstasy pills in a tied-off baggie. Other items seized during the authorized search of the South Railroad Avenue location included an Apple iPhone, two notebooks containing "owed sheets" with a list of names, phone numbers, and balances, two City of Twin City business licenses, and a total of \$2,658 in currency. Carlyle was transported to the Twin City

Police Department, where he was provided with a copy of the search warrant and list of items seized during the search. Field tests performed on seized narcotics indicated positive test results for the presence of cocaine in seized white powder substance and a positive presence of methamphetamine in the seized MDMA/ecstasy pills. Carlyle was transported to the Emanuel County Jail without incident and charged



CARLYLE

with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, and possession of MDMA.

## BOE sets tentative

(From front page)

- Information about HB 251/school transfers will be posted on the school district's website ([emanuel.k12.ga.us](http://emanuel.k12.ga.us)). Applications will be available beginning May 13 and will last for 14 days. These applications must be mailed to the Emanuel County BOE at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. All mailings must be postmarked before June 1 to be eligible.
- Each school will con-

duct honor programs virtually. Stay tuned to your school's website and social media regarding updates.

- Beginning Monday, May 11, schools will be requesting students/parents to return all school property such as but not limited to textbooks, library books, other school materials, etc.
- School nurses will contact parents whose children have medication left at school and

schedule a time for pick-up. Medication not picked up by May 22, 2020 will be properly disposed.

- Phone lines for the Central Office resumed Monday, May 4, 2020. These lines will remain open from 8 a.m. to noon daily until May 22, 2020. Before May 22, a decision will be made whether to continue this schedule or expand the timeframe. The office, however, will remain closed to the public.

This same information applies for phone lines at each school, which opened again Monday, May 11.

- Teachers will be in contact with parents if there are plans for your child to be retained next school year.
- Proms remain canceled at this time.
- School sponsors are currently requesting refunds for events and activities that did not take place. All refunds will be finalized by May


15. Questions regarding refunds should be directed to your child's school beginning May 11.

- Students new to Emanuel County Schools for the 2020-2021 school year, including those entering pre-K and kindergarten, can begin the registration process by contacting your child's zoned school starting May 11. Office staff will ask for basic enrollment information over the phone. If you are able

to, fax or email requested information; this will expedite the enrollment process. When schools reopen at a later date, parents and/or legal guardians will have to bring those documents in person to the school for verification. Additional information can be found on the district website.

- Third nine weeks' report cards were available for pick-up Monday, April 27, at each school locations. Year-end report cards will be available for pick-up Thursday, May 21, and Friday, May 22. Any report cards not picked up by Friday, May 22, will be mailed to the address on file at your child's school.

- Emanuel County Schools is planning a regular start to next school year with teachers reporting on July 27, 2020. Students first day on Monday, August 3, 2020. Start dates will be confirmed as directed by federal and state agencies.
- Students who have left items at school before school closures will be available for pick-up on Thursday, May 21, and Friday, May 22.
- Final transcripts will be sent to colleges using GA Futures. Unofficial transcripts can be emailed by the school counselor to the students or to a specific recipient as requested by a student. Official transcripts may take more time and will be sent by the U.S. Postal Service. Please contact your counselor for transcript requests.
- School yearbooks are tentatively planned to be available for pick-up on May 21 and May 22 with report card distribution.




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## Emanuel County Vice Chairman Sherrod recognized for academic achievement in Lifelong Learning Academy

ACCG, Georgia's County Association, recently awarded county officials with certificates for completing requirements in the Lifelong Learning Academy. Recipients were recognized for their achievements in a special announcement sent to the ACCG membership. Emanuel County Vice Chair Jim Sherrod was honored for successfully completing the core requirements in the Lifelong Learning Academy.



**SHERROD**

educational opportunities to further their knowledge on how to better serve their communities."

The Lifelong Learning Academy was created with input from county commissioners who identified courses based on the issues and decision-making challenges regularly faced by county officials. To ensure the course requirements and curriculum remain relevant and engaging, the ACCG Lifelong Learning Committee – comprised of county commissioners and staff from both ACCG and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia – meet regularly to review and adjust accordingly. Through this collaborative approach, the Lifelong Learning Academy has been successful in equipping county officials with the necessary skills to meet the needs of their constituents.

"It is both an honor and a privilege to serve the fine citizens of Emanuel

County. I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges presented in helping Emanuel County grow and prosper," said Sherrod. "It hasn't always been easy making decisions that arise in a county such as ours, but I knew going into this that it wouldn't be. I have people ask me all the time, 'Why would you want to put up with that headache?' I tell them I don't feel like it's a headache when you get to help people with their concerns and issues. The ACCG does a very good job of helping you prepare for such decisions that can and do affect every person in this county. I look forward to continue serving for as long as the citizens of District 4 and our Good Lord sees fit."

ACCG is Georgia's county association and works on behalf of county officials and their communities by providing public policy and legislative advocacy, leadership development, civic and community engagement initiatives, insurance and retirement programs that specialize in local government needs and other cost-saving programs. Formed in 1914 when county officials came together to help fund the state's first highway department, ACCG today serves as a catalyst for advancing Georgia's counties. For more information, go to [www.accg.org](http://www.accg.org).

## Oak Park home damaged by fire

by Bill Cahill, SFD PIO  
What started as a supper meal of grits and sausage ended with a fire damaging the kitchen area of the home.

At 6:14 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, county firefighters from Nunez, Oak Park, and Swainsboro, along with sheriff's units, were sent to 323 NE Railroad Avenue in Oak Park. The fire was quickly extinguished with fire damage confined to the kitchen area and some smoke damage in the



**DAMAGE TO INTERIOR OF HOME ON NE RAILROAD AVENUE IN OAK PARK**

house.

This was the second

this week. Develop safe cooking practices to save your home!

## Limited Reopening Plan for City of Swainsboro Departments

All City employees have resumed normal "pre-virus" work schedules as of Monday, May 11.

Swainsboro City Hall will reopen to customers on Thursday, May 14. However, the drop box as well as phone and online transactions should continue to be utilized wherever possible. If it is absolutely necessary to conduct business inside, the following instructions must be followed:

1. Entry will be from the front doors only. Exit will be through the rear doors.
2. Distancing of at least 6 feet will be required.
3. No more than 10 customer occupancy at any one time.
4. The use of protective masks is strong encouraged.
5. Persons displaying obvious signs of illness cannot be admitted but will be helped remotely.

City Public facilities, such as the City Auditorium, Vann Community House, Gymnasiums, ball fields, and Spashin Sports will remain closed until at least May 31. Currently, public parks may be used for walking only. No events or gatherings should be planned in any city park through June 2020.

State officials have encouraged cities to formulate their own individual plans for the resumption of regular activities. However, any directives, orders or other instructive measures from the office of the governor may require modifications to this plan as we move forward.



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## EGSC celebrates our nurses

This month EGSC is recognizing nurses! Nurses' Week is recognized every year around Florence Nightingale's birthday on May 12, and, this year, in addition to the week and the month of May, the entire year is devoted to our nurses in celebration of Nightingale's 200th birthday. This is also a time for people to say thanks to nurses everywhere. EGSC would like to say congratulations to our nurses who graduated last week and give a big thank you to the nurses in our community. Happy Nurses' Week, Nurses' Month and Year of the Nurse!



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May 14 - Virtual Counselor Workshop - 1 p.m.

For more information on EGSC's schedule and response to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, visit [www.ega.edu/COVID19](http://www.ega.edu/COVID19)



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## Linda Flanders, 73




### FLANDERS

Linda Flanders, 73 of Boaz, Alabama, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2020 at Diversicare in Boaz. Marshall Memorial Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Dukes and Nellie Margaret Tapley. She was born and raised in Macon. She married and moved to Swainsboro, where she had her son, Brian, then she moved on to Sandersville. She was a manager at KFC for over 25 years, and she retired and lived in Georgia until she moved to Alabama to be closer to Brian. She was a huge lover of dogs and could always be counted on to love any dog she saw. Linda painted shirts and wood crafts for her family to fight over. Lindor chocolate was her go to snack. Gatlinburg was her favorite place to visit; she would go to the mountains anytime that she could convince someone to go with her.

Linda is survived by

## Cecil Herbert Reddish, 92




### REDDISH

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. Cecil Herbert Reddish, 92 of Swainsboro, at Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home.

Private memorial services will be conducted at a later date. The family received friends at the home of Mrs. Jeanine Reddish on Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mr. Reddish, affectionately known by most as “Coach,” was born April 1, 1928 in Ludowici to the late William Lester and Blanche Schuler Reddish. Coach graduated from Jesup High School, where he excelled in many athletic events. In 1943, as the starting quarterback, he led the team to victory over Valdosta State, achieving one the most prominent high school football careers. In 1944 he and fellow team member Jack Davis won the state high school doubles tennis championship. Mr. Reddish was recruited as a junior in high school to Auburn University for two years before returning home to marry his high school sweetheart, Jeanine Carter Reddish, in 1948. Coach transferred to Livingston State University, where he played quarterback and safety for the football team. In 1950, he was named team captain, president of the junior class, Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities, and all-conference in the Alabama Intercollegiate Athletic Association. He also led all small colleges with 14 interceptions as a safety and graduated from Livingston in 1951 with a B.S. in Science. He also held a master’s degree from the University of Georgia as well as a master’s degree in administration and two six-year specialist’s degree from Georgia Southern College. From 1962-1970,

## Helen Williams, 72




### WILLIAMS

Graveside services for Helen Williams, 72, were held Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Bishop Willie Freeman serving as eulogist. She transitioned from this earthly life on Monday, April 20, 2020 after an extended illness.

Helen Williams was preceded in death by her father, Jay C. Pullen; sisters, Christine Bell, Brenda Jones, Debbie Pullen, and Betty Jean Walker; brothers, Leroy Pullen and Bonnie Pullen; and grandsons, Demetrius Jones and Ivan Jones.

Survivors include her devoted husband, Elder Jerry Williams of Swainsboro; mother, Lurie Lee Pullen of Swainsboro; five sons, Michael Pullen, Kenneth Jones, Reginald (Karen) Jones, and Terrence Jones, all of Swainsboro, and Timothy Jones of Augusta; four daughters, Torri (Raymond) Shanks, Heather (Recardo) Carswell,

## David Keith Jackson, 51



### JACKSON

Mr. David Keith Jackson, 51 of Swainsboro, passed away Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta following a brief illness.

Mr. Jackson was born April 14, 1969 in Millen to J. L. Jackson and Cecilia Holton Jackson. He graduated from Jefferson County High School in 1986, and he went on to be credit manager at Farmers Furniture. Jackson was a devoted Christian, father, and employee. He loved Sunday school and being with his church family in Dellwood. Jackson was a faithful man and always stepped outside of his comfort zone. At Farmers Furniture, he served in various positions over the years. He was inducted into the President’s Club for five years in a row, an accomplishment he was very proud of. Although Jackson was committed to his career and church, his real passion was being a daddy. He was a true family man and loved to brag on his children when he would speak to someone. Jackson was so outgoing and always said, “Looking good, feeling good!” Indeed, he is looking good and feeling his best in Heaven. He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his wife, Kimi Kight Jackson of Swainsboro; mother, Cecilia Jackson of Louisville; sons, David (Cait-

lyn) Jackson and Remington Jackson, both of Swainsboro; daughters, Victoria (Mitchell) Cowart of Twin City and Redleigh Jackson of Swainsboro; brothers; Michael Jackson and DeWayne Jackson, both of Louisville; grandson, Drew Jackson of Swainsboro; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Graveside services were held Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Eastbrook Cemetery and Mausoleum with Reverends Joe Bedgood and Josh Black officiating.

Pallbearers were Dean Wilcher, Brad Poole, Lance Poole, Ollie Freeman, Billy Kitchens, and Jeff Rogers. Honorary pallbearers were the employees of Farmers Furniture.

There was a walk-in viewing from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020 at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, the 10-people, 6-foot rule was enforced.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Center of Hope to distribute food

Center of Hope Food Pantry’s next distribution day is set for Thursday, May 21, from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

All distribution days will be on the third Thursday of each month. However, in the case of serious need, visit Saint Philip Church at 231 South Racetrack Street in Swainsboro or call the church at 478-237-9562 on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The pantry is grateful for the persons who have made monetary donations, particularly Denny Key and the Mill Creek Foundation. Donations can be mailed to Saint Philip Center of Hope Inc., P.O. Box 6, Swainsboro, GA 30401. Check should be made payable to the church.



## Denny L. Riner, 74

Mr. Denny L. Riner, 74 of Swainsboro, passed away Thursday, May 7, 2020, at AU Medical Center in Augusta following a brief illness.

Mr. Riner was born September 18, 1945 in Swainsboro to the late Ira T. Riner and Georgia Brinson Riner. He was of the Baptist faith, and he was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Riner of Swainsboro; son, Greg (Cindy) Riner of Swainsboro; daughter, Deneen Denny of Port Wentworth; brothers, Larry Riner of Swainsboro and Ted Riner of Portal; grandsons, Daylan Riner, Ashley (Lynnsey) Denney, and Zack Denney; and several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Brian Patrick officiating. Interment followed at Union Primitive Baptist



**RINER**

Church Cemetery.

There was a walk-in viewing from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020 at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, the 10-people, 6-feet rule was enforced.

Pallbearers were Mark Smith, Bryce Wilkerson, Ashley Denney, Zack Denney, Ricky Thompson, Lynn Thompson, Darrell Morris, and Corbin Wiggins. Honorary pallbearers are employees of Better Built Buildings, Daniels Creek, and Boggy Bottom Hunting Clubs.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Ennis Warner, 67

On Friday, May 8, 2020, Mr. Ennis Warner, 67, entered into eternal rest after a brief illness at the Augusta University Medical Center.

Deacon Ennis Warner was born March 2, 1953 to the late Mr. Charlie Warner Sr. and the late Mrs. Vallie Burton Warner. At an early age, he joined Willow Springs Baptist Church, where he faithfully served as chairman deacon and Sunday school teacher.

A graveside service will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Willow Springs Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev.



**WARNER**

Joel Davis officiating. All requirements for COVID-19 must be observed at the graveside service. The distance requirement of 6 feet must be observed at all times.

Whitaker Funeral Home of Metter is in charge of arrangements.

## Gloria Jean Miller-Wadley, 74

Graveside services for Gloria Jean Miller-Wadley, 74, were held Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Bishop Jerdy Miller presiding. The Lord called her home April 23, 2020 after several brief illnesses.

Gloria Jean Miller-Wadley was born January 5, 1946 to Jerdy and Sarah Miller. She was a member of Little Rock Baptist Church, and she graduated from Emanuel County Schools in Swainsboro as part of the Class of 1965. She retired from New York Telephone Company after working there for more than 25 years. Gloria was loved by everyone she came in contact with. She was kind and considerate, always putting others first. Gloria enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends. She visited many states and countries, including Italy, China, Jamaica, Hawaii, Egypt, Mexico, Vietnam, Africa, all of the Caribbean Islands, Israel, Las Vegas, Canady, and many other exciting places. She was



**MILLER-WADLEY**

preceded in death by her husband, Arecelious Wadley; a son, Franklyn Barnes; a brother, Johnie Miller; and sisters, Shirley Miller and Jaclyn Miller.

Survivors include a granddaughter, Katrina Barnes of Swainsboro; grandsons, Franklyn Barnes Jr. and Donty Barnes, both of Swainsboro; brothers, Jerdy Miller, James Miller, and Derrick Miller, all of Miami, Florida; sisters, Selena Smith, Thelma Joyce, and Angela Reddick, all of Miami; a special friend, Vincent Premier of Brooklyn, New York; and a host of other relatives and close friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Wanda A. Phillips, 53

Graveside services for Wanda A. Phillips, 53, were held Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Rev. Mario D. Webb Sr. presiding. She entered into eternal peace Monday, April 27, 2020 at her home in Stillmore.

Wanda A. Phillips was born October 29, 1966, the daughter of the late H.S. Phillips Jr. and the late Mattie Mae McCloud Phillips. She retired from the U.S. Army in 1008 at the rank of staff sergeant after 22 years of honorable service as an aviation operations specialist. She also worked as site registrar for Central Texas College in Hinesville. Wanda was a faithful member of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Lexsy, where she served with admirable service as president of the JB Gospel Singers, lead singer of The Evening Stars, co-director of Gethsemane's youth choir, a member of the mission team, and as church photographer.



**PHILLIPS**

Survivors include her devoted son, Shaun D. (Banita Hines) Phillips of Ramstein Air Base, Germany; two sisters, Sharon Y. Phillips of Hephzibah and Karen K. Phillips of Hephzibah; loving uncles and aunts, Leroy (Sylvia) Phillips of Stillmore, Rose (John) Davis of Akron, Ohio, Mary Phillips of Twin City, Geneva Wadley of Swainsboro, Elliot Dave McCloud of Macon, and Willie Bell of Twin City; and a host of loving cousins, spiritual sisters and brothers, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Carolyn B. Foskey, 74

Carolyn B. Foskey, 74 of Bonifay, Florida, passed away May 7, 2020 at Bonifay Nursing & Rehab.

She was born January 28, 1946 in Swainsboro, and she was preceded in death by her father, James Barger, and her mother, Jenette Barger.

Survivors include her three children, Susan Foskey of Swainsboro, Sandy Wheeler and her husband, Carl Wheeler, and Larry Foskey and his wife, Kelly Foskey, of Bonifay; nine grandchildren; six great-grand-



**FOSKEY**

children; and two brothers, Ray and Charles Barger.

Memorialization will be by cremation. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date in Swainsboro.



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## Early voting begins May 18, 2020.









## Loving our pets to death

by SHARI WATT

So many of us are animal lovers, and our companion pets are like our children. We want them with us all the time, and they also want to be near us all the time. They want to go where we go. However, it is sometimes best they are left at home for their safety and welfare.

While shopping at Walmart the other day, I ran into a frustrating situation that prompted me to write this article. I came out from buying groceries and was horrified to discover a small-breed dog that had been left unattended in the car next to mine. Yes, two of the windows were down a couple of inches, but it was the middle of the day and starting to get warm. I put in a call trying to get someone to come and check on the dog. While waiting, I kept a watchful eye on the dog. I kept hoping the owner would return soon or someone would come to help.

I waited more than 20 minutes before I saw a policeman coming through the parking lot. I flagged him down and voiced my concerns about the dog. He got out to look at the dog and told me the windows were down, so the dog was getting air. It looked fine. It didn't seem to be in distress. He told me to go home and not to worry about the dog. But I did worry.

I had many concerns that kept racing through my mind. No, the pup wasn't in distress at the time, but the day was getting warmer. How much longer was its owner going to be shopping in Walmart? Would its owner return before the dog started to overheat and get in distress? With the windows down a few inches, the dog was getting some air, but with a metal car sitting on black pavement and the sun shining into the window, I feared the inside of the car was quickly heating up. The air coming into the cracked windows was not enough to cool a car down at the rate it might be heating up.

I had to leave to take my groceries home, but I did return to Walmart to see if the car was still there. I was relieved to see that it was gone. Hopefully, the dog was safe at home. I know this little dog was someone's baby. It was well cared for, and I'm sure it was loved, but sometimes we just need to be reminded our fur babies are better off left at home.

Please don't ever think you will only be five minutes in a store. It's not going to happen. Leave your pets at home!

Now that I'm on a roll educating and reminding pet owners about pet welfare, please allow me to address another one of my "pet peeves." I cringe when I see a dog riding in the back of a truck on top of the toolbox. Guys, I know you love your dog and think it's cool to have him go with you everywhere. Your dog is enjoying having the wind blowing in his face. He is standing or sitting on the toolbox and taking in the sights as you go flaying down the road... But have you thought about how quickly this fun could be deadly for your dog?

All it would take is a quick slamming on the brakes or making a sharp turn, and your dog could go sliding out of your truck. When that happens, your beloved pet could be thrown into the path of an oncoming car or under your rear wheel! Please remember dogs don't have hands to grab onto something when sliding. How would you feel if your beloved pet died or was severely injured because of a joyride in your truck? We all know how quickly fun can turn into tragedy.

Also, you should never tie or chain a dog in the back of a truck close to the side where it can jump over the side of the truck body and hang itself or be dragged to its death. Please think about the safety of your beloved pet!

Remember that a toolbox and a truck bed can heat up quickly when sitting








in the sun. This can cause a dog's body temperature to heat up quickly, and it can cause painful blisters to form on the pads of their feet. Wouldn't it be more fun and safer to let your dog ride up front with you? Then he can enjoy handing his head out the window, letting the wind blow in his face, and being closer to the one he loves: you!

With the summertime heat fast approaching, this is a friendly reminder

from one pet lover to another. Please don't leave your pet inside a parked car while shopping, even with the windows down a little. Also, don't leave your dog in the back of a pick-up truck with the sun beating down on it.

You love your companion pet, and they love you. Please use some common judgment when it comes to your pet so both of you can have many happy and healthy years together!

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CRASHED HONDA (LEFT) AND INVOLVED RAM PICK-UP (RIGHT)

## Highway 56 North crash injures one

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

On Monday, May 11, there was one lane closure of the northbound lane on Highway 56

North in the Stevens Crossing area. Due to the length of the work, a pilot car leads traffic through the construction zone.

At the intersection of Stevens Crossing Road, a flagman had stopped a four-door 2019 Honda CR-V in the north lane awaiting the pilot lead southbound traffic. Suddenly a four-door 2007 Dodge Ram 1500 pick-up truck struck the rear of the Honda. The force of the impact pushed the Honda 140

feet into the southbound lane. The flagman was able to avoid being struck.

At 2:15 p.m., county EMS, firefighters, and first responders from Summertown and Swainsboro, along with sheriff’s deputies, were dispatched to the crash. Both drivers were evaluated by EMS, and the operator of the pick-up was transported to Emanuel Medical Center. The crash was investigated by the sheriff’s traffic unit.

## One injured in Highway 192 South crash

by BILL CAHILL

The operator of a 2001 Toyota Camry was injured during a collision on Tuesday, May 12. The 911 call around 9 a.m. sent county EMS, firefighters from Stillmore, and sheriff’s deputies to 2514 Highway 192 South.

Units located a two-vehicle crash involving a 2004 Toyota Camry. The injured party was transported to Emanuel Medical Center by EMS.

The sheriff’s traffic unit conducted the investigation.



SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT



# DRINKING WATER WEEK

As we celebrate Drinking Water Week, May 3 -9, 2020, we're highlighting how Jacobs is making this year's theme, "It is there when you need it," a reality through our projects and team of dreamers, makers and doers.

Celebrate the award-winning, more than 28-year partnership between Jacobs and the City of Swainsboro, Georgia in this article.

**Going for the gold – Delivering high-quality drinking water in Georgia**

The 2020 Summer Olympics may have been postponed until 2021, but there is no lack of gold in Swainsboro, Georgia. Jacobs and the City of Swainsboro, partners for over 28 years, were recently awarded the Georgia Association of Water Professionals' (GAWP) Drinking Water Facility Gold Award. The award recognizes drinking water treatment facilities that perform above and beyond minimum standards to run efficiently and effectively.

Jacobs' 21 operating staff work diligently to supply clean water for the city, achieve highquality treated wastewater effluent and maintain roadways and public spaces. More than 7,500 residents depend on Jacobs for clean drinking water in Swainsboro, but a lot goes into ensuring the city's drinking water is reliable and up to state and federal regulations.

**Ensuring quality drinking water**

In 2018, the City tasked Jacobs with helping select a tank maintenance company to evaluate and complete repairs to four elevated water tanks. The repairs were necessary in order to meet the standards of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and the American Water Works Association, in addition to decrease water loss.

Jacobs selected American Tank Maintenance to complete the repairs. The repairs were completed in one year but the cost was spread over five years in order to limit the financial impact to the City. Following, the Georgia EPD recommended the City repair or replace two additional tanks due to their age and condition. While the cleaning, painting and repairs on the first four tanks were completed swiftly, Jacobs needed to understand how taking the two tanks offline would affect system pressure and insurance ratings. Jacobs worked with city engineers to conduct line pressure testing, and as a result, it was determined they needed to take one tank offline and secure funding for a new tank.

To make the new tank a reality, the Swainsboro City Administrator secured a low interest loan, getting 50% of the cost forgiven. The City and Jacobs are currently collaborating on obtaining the new tank and getting it into full production. The new tank will ultimately improve the overall safety of the water system in addition to the infrastructure that will help to attract new industries.

"Our repairs in recent years and the eventual introduction of the new tank are about refocusing on the community'sneeds and concentrating our efforts on improvement, planning and value," says Project Manager Don Dodson. "We are committed to supporting our client-partner by keeping the facility operational and protecting public health and the environment. The GAWP award is just a reflection of the standard we set for delivering high-quality drinking water to our community."

While the results of the new tank have yet to be realized, the overall repairs have resulted in a decrease in water loss, remarkable cost savings and an improved cost per gallon treated.

**A winning partnership**

Most of the staff call Swainsboro home and continue to be invested in the community where they live and work. Whether they are mentoring disadvantaged kids, serving as volunteer firefighters, supporting the local booster club and the chamber of commerce, or volunteering to support the annual Pine Tree Festival, the Jacobs teams goes above and beyond to improve and preserve the quality of life in the community.

"The City of Swainsboro will never accept anything less than excellence in the standards of safety and quality of the water we provide for our citizens," says City of Swainsboro Mayor Charles Schwabe. "Jacobs has understood this and have delivered upon that mandate."

"Whether it be hurricane season, a global health pandemic or an extreme summer, ensuring the community has access to clean and safe drinking water is a top priority for us," adds Don. "The City and its residents rely on us day in and day out to make sure the community continues to run efficiently."

This marks the third consecutive year that Jacobs received the GAWP Gold Award for perfect compliance on the water system. Swainsboro was also the recipient of the GAWP Wastewater Facility Gold Award twice in the last three years.

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# Savvy Senior: How the coronavirus relief aw helps retirement savers and retirees

Dear Savvy Senior,  
What can you tell me about the retirement account changes that Congress recently passed in response to the coronavirus crisis?

Seeking Answers

Dear Seeking,  
Tucked into the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, that President Trump signed into law in late March were a series of changes that can help retirement savers in need of cash, as well as help preserve the retirement savings accounts of current retirees while the stock market is down. Here's a rundown to how three provisions in the CARES Act might help you, or someone you know.

## Hardship Withdrawals

Normally, if you took money out of an employer-sponsored retirement plan or IRA before 59 1/2, you'd be hit with taxes and a 10 percent tax penalty on that amount. But the CARES Act waives the early distribution penalty on up to \$100,000 of such distributions in 2020 for what the law calls "affected individuals." You are, however, still on the hook for income taxes on any amounts withdrawn, but the new law allows you to pay them over three years.

To qualify for this penalty-free hardship withdrawal, you must either have been diagnosed with coronavirus (COVID-19), have a spouse or dependent diagnosed with it or experienced adverse financial consequences as a result of being quarantined, furloughed, laid off, having work hours reduced, being unable to work due to a lack of child care due to COVID-19, or closing or reducing hours of a business you owned

or operated if you had COVID-19.

## Bigger Loans

The CARES Act will also allow you to take larger loans against the money you've saved in your 401(k) or 403(b) during the six-month period after the law was implemented, which was March 27. IRAs do not allow loans.

Normally, you can borrow only up to \$50,000 or 50 percent of your vested account balance, whichever is less. The CARES Act will double that: up to \$100,000 against the amount you've saved in your plan.

Borrowers typically have five years to repay a loan or the amount will be treated as a distribution and taxed. But you also need to know that if you leave or lose your job, you may be required to pay back the balance early, or owe taxes and, possibly, an early-withdrawal penalty.

This provision also helps those with an existing 401(k) loan by allowing them to delay repayments that are due in 2020 for one year.

## Suspended RMDs

Starting in 2020, individuals who turn 72 are required to take annual mandatory distributions from their tax-deferred 401(k)s and IRAs. In prior years, this requirement kicked in after savers turned 70 1/2 years of age.

This is known as the required minimum distribution or RMDs.

The CARES Act suspends RMDs for 2020, including those for inherited IRAs, which means you can skip taking your required distributions this year if you wish.

The one-year waiver of RMDs will help retirees, who would otherwise have been forced to base their minimum withdrawals for 2020 on their account balance

as of Dec. 31, 2019, when the stock market was near record levels. It will also give the market time to recover before resuming distributions in 2021.


Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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"God?" she asked. "Was He our God?"

What a difference our makes! We worship Him because we *belong* to Him. More than our Creator, He is our Redeemer who, through the work of His Son on the cross, reclaimed us to become His very own!

Our worship leader wrote in Psalm 95:3 that "The Lord is a great God." As he continued to write, he emphasized the fact that *this* God "is our God!" This God whom we worship is a personal God - our very own God. He wants us to understand the implications of this important fact: God has redeemed us - reclaimed us - through the work of His Son on the cross and we now belong to Him.

As he continues to write about *our* God, he draws a picture that illustrates our relationship to Him. He reminds us that "we are the people of His pasture and the flocks under His care." How very touching! *Our God* is the good shepherd who feeds His people in His pasture and protects them with His hand. But the picture does not end there. This picture only becomes complete when Jesus declared Himself as the "Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep."

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# Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

## DEA Senior Class of 2020



This week's Cooks of the Week are members of David Emanuel Academy's Class of 2020. School has been out for almost two months due to COVID-19, stripping these seniors of many momentous occasions like spring break and prom. Although graduation plans have been altered a bit because of the pandemic, this group would like to share three recipes perfect to use for graduation parties—when the time is right, of course.



From the kitchen of *DEA Senior Class*

### Fiesta Pinwheels

- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 c. sour cream
- 1/4 c. picante sauce
- 2 Tbsp. taco seasoning
- Dash garlic powder
- 1 can (4.5 oz.) chopped ripe olives, drained

- 1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilis
- 1 c. finely shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 c. thinly sliced green onions
- 8 flour tortillas (10")
- Salsa

In a small bowl, beat cream cheese, sour cream, picante sauce, taco seasoning, and garlic powder until smooth. Stir in olives, cheese, chilis, and onions. Spread about 1/2 cup on each tortilla. Roll up jelly-roll style; wrap. Refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight. Slice into 1" pieces. Serve with salsa.



From the kitchen of *DEA Senior Class*

### Sun-Dried Tomato Spinach-Artichoke Dip

- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 c. shredded smoked Gouda cheese
- 1/2 c. shredded fontina cheese
- 1/2 c. chopped water-packed artichoke hearts

- 1/4 to 1/2 c. soft sun-dried tomato halves (not packed in oil), chopped
- 1/3 c. finely chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- Assorted fresh veggies and crackers

In a 1.5-quart slow cooker, mix spinach, cheese, artichoke, hearts, sun-dried tomatoes, onion, and garlic. Cook, covered, on low 2-3 hours or until cheese is melted. Stir before serving. Serve with vegetables and crackers.

Note: This recipe was tested with sun-dried tomatoes that can be used without soaking. When using other sun-dried tomatoes that are not oil-packed, cover with boiling water and let stand. Drain before using.



From the kitchen of *DEA Senior Class*

### Caramel Pecan Ice Cream Dessert

- 1.75 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 c. quick-cooking oats
- 1 c. chopped pecans
- 1 c. packed brown sugar
- 1 c. butter, melted
- 1.5 c. caramel ice cream topping
- 2 quarts vanilla ice cream, softened

In a large bowl, combine the flour, oats, pecans, and brown sugar. Add butter and mix well. spread in a thin layer in a 15"x10"x1" baking pan. Bake at 400° for 15 minutes or until golden, stirring occasionally. Crumble while warm, then let cool.

Press half of crumb mixture into a 13"x9" dish. Drizzle with half of caramel sauce; spread with ice cream. Top with remaining caramel sauce and crumb mixture. Cover and freeze until firm. Remove from freezer 10 minutes before serving.

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What's On Your Mind?

BY BISHOP BERTHA JONES

It doesn't matter whether you are home, in the store, or watching TV; everyone is reminded or is already thinking about COVID-19. But, I'm here to tell you that the world is not at peace if we're thinking about it.

Jesus said in St. John 14:27, " Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Jesus has left us his peace. . . So how do we obtain it when it seems everything around us is negative? The answer, again, is found in God's word.

When we read Isaiah 26:3, the prophet tells us, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusts in thee."What is your mind staying on? Are you keeping it on the Lord, or are you keeping it on the virus, the president, the governor, your bills, or the world economy? Are you trying to keep up with something no one can keep up with? God has all authority and power, and nothing will happen or change unless He allows it. Today, I encourage you to control that which you can and watch God work in your life. Malachi 3:16 tells us that a book of remembrance is being made for those that fear the Lord and think upon His name.

The other question we need to ask ourselves is how do you continually think or keep your mind on the Lord? Saint John 1:1 let us know that, "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the Word was God." The peace God left for us was His word. Now that the remedy for peace has been established, let us train our minds to continually be on the Lord. Paul tells the church in Philippians 4:8 what we should think. He stated whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and a good report, he stated if there be any virtue and praise, think on these things. So, I ask again today, what's on your mind? Remember, God will keep you in perfect peace if you keep your mind on Him.

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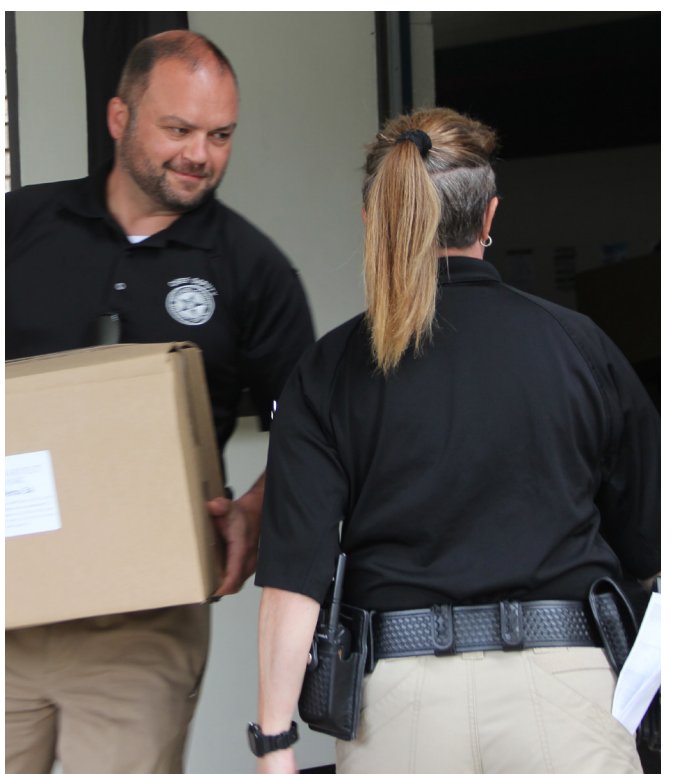
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# Waters harvests first turkey

While participating in a weekend youth quota hunt at Hugh Gillis Public Fishing Area during the weekend of March 27 and March 28, 12-year-old Brittany Waters harvested her first turkey.

Accompanied by her father, the two hunted Friday, March 27, and returned with no luck. The following day, Brittany and her father returned with the harvested bird and, according to Brittany’s mother, lots of excitement!

Drawn from a mix of other names, Brittany was selected to participate at the weekend hunt where she bagged her first turkey. However, her luck didn’t end there...

According to an employee with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Brittany’s harvested turkey has been the first to have been reported from this location, dating back to 2001.

Brittany is the youngest daughter of David and Stephannie Waters. She loves to sing and cook and is an upcoming seventh grader at Swainsboro Middle School.



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# Jail Report

The following persons have been booked into Emanuel County Jail, according to Emanuel County Sheriff Tyson Stephens, 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 (ECSCO); 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); or Probation Office (PROB).

Fioon Lakeal Robertson, 24, 529 Gumlog Rd., Apt. L2; entered 5/4/20; Probation/State Court/Middle Ga Probation; ECSO

Samuel Robert Watkins, 28, 153 Junco Way, Savannah; entered 5/4/20; Driving While Unlicensed/Expired; released 5/4/20; ECSO

Ronald Enorth Mack, 55, 1026 Coursey St., Twin

City; entered 5/5/20; Speeding 15-29 MPH over, Driving lic susp/rev, Taillight Requirements, VGCSA possession Cocaine; released 5/8/20; TCPD

Arthur Lee Hazel Jr., 50, 2012 Carp Dr., Augusta; entered 5/5/20; VGCSA possession Crack Cocaine, Fleeing/attempt to elude ofc, VGCSA Possession of Drug Related Object, Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 5/10/20; SPD

Tyler Gaiage Clark, 26, 775 Kennesaw Dr., Forest Park; entered 5/5/20; VGCSA Possession of Drug Related Object, VGCSA Marijuana/poss less than oz, Disorderly conduct, Obstr/ofc, Hold for Out of County Billing; SPD

Samantha Pearl Clark, 20, 775 Kennesaw Dr., Forest Park; entered 5/5/20; Fleeing/attempt to elude ofc, Give false name/false info/police, Hold for Out of County Billing; released 5/8/20; SPD

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Dewayne Lashon Sanders, 45, 425 N. Coleman St.; entered 5/5/20; Disorderly conduct; SPD

Antonio Letez Thomas, 28, 726 Longview Road; entered 5/5/20; Driving lic susp/rev, Speeding 15-29 MPH over, Give false name/false info/police, Seat belt violation; released 5/5/20; GSP

Kawaski Artez Brooks, 41, 429 Harris St.; entered 5/5/20; Driving lic susp/rev; released 5/5/20; SPD

Melody Nichole Dennis, 32, 138 McKenzie Dr.; entered 5/5/20; Headlight Requirements, Dui/drugs, Driving lic susp/rev; released 5/8/20; SPD

Robert Edward Davis, 51, 421 Youngblood St.; entered 5/6/20; Too Fast for Conditions, Driving lic susp/rev; released 5/6/20; SPD

Lashon Quatavus Sherrod, 27, 335 East Pine St.; entered 5/6/20; VGCSA Marijuana/poss less than oz; released

5/6/20; SPD  
Tyberous Bernard Brown, 44, 430 Rentz St.; entered 5/6/20; Driving lic susp/rev, Windshields/front door cracked/tinted/matls proh; released 5/6/20; SPD

John Claudie Lockett, 41, 232 Queen St., Twin City; entered 5/6/20; Probation/Twin City PD/Middle Ga Probation; released 5/7/20; TCPD

Christopher Cloud, 34, 4344 Barrington Pl., Macon; entered 5/6/20; Probation/Superior Court; ECSO

William Alvin Skidmore III, 33, 3301 N. Forkloop Rd., Greenbank, West Virginia; entered 5/7/20; Speeding < 14 MPH over, Driving lic susp/rev; released 5/7/20; ECSO

Hunter Dewayne Yaughn, 30, 3928 Turtle Creek Rd., Patterson; entered 5/7/20; Hold for Out of County Billing; ECSO

Jamie Obryant Walker, 35, 368 Oak Grove Church Rd.; entered 5/7/20; Aggr

assault, Firearm poss by conv felon, Parole Violation; SPD

Jaquavious Monterio Woods, 21, 1824 Stephens Pond VW, Loganville; entered 5/7/20; Flee/attempt to elude police/fel/off, Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation, Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; SPD

Stephen Delmas Scott, 25, 305 Pughsley St.; entered 5/8/20; Driving lic susp/rev; released 5/8/20; SPD

Jason Smoak Lanier, 41, 113 Brezzes Dr., Unit 21 A, Lexington, South Carolina; entered 5/8/20; Speeding 15-29 MPH over, Open Container, Dui/alch; released 5/9/20; GSP

Warren David Donaldson Jr., 19, 142 Injunction Rd.; entered 5/9/20; DUI/Alcohol/Under 21 YOA/0.02 grams or more; released 5/9/20; GSP

Steven Tyrone Kirkland, 52, 41 Redoak Rd.; entered

5/9/20; Crim trespass; SPD

Milton Howard Brown, 47, 627 Mathis St., Twin City; entered 5/9/20; Theft/taking, Hold for Out of County Billing; TCPD

Nickey Rodney Hicks, 51, 20 Daniels Ln., Davisboro; entered 5/9/20; Theft/conversion; TCPD

Joseph Paul Williams, 33, 151 Buckwil Dr., Apt. 3; entered 5/9/20; Simp battery, Disorderly conduct, Probation/Superioir Court; ECSO

Roosevelt Carlyle Jr., 34, 220 Highway 192 N., Twin City; entered 5/10/20; VGCSA possession Cocaine w/ intent to distribute; TCPD

Kelcey Lamar McCoy, 19, 140 Lonnie Ln., Apt. 231, Americus; entered 5/10/20; Speeding < 14 MPH over, Hold for Out of County Billing; GSP

# Police Reports

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

## May 4

Officer was dispatched to a South Main Street address in reference to criminal trespassing on private property.

Officer responded to the area of Empire Expressway in reference to a miscellaneous report.

Officer responded to an address on Mable Avenue in reference to a miscellaneous report.

## May 5

Officer responded to an address on Brown Street in reference to an unwanted person.

Officer was dispatched to a North Green Street address in reference to theft by taking.

Officer was dispatched to an address on South Main Street in reference to harassing phone calls.

Officer was dispatched to an address on Kite Road in reference to disorderly conduct.

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officers to an address on North Green Street in reference to disorderly conduct.

Officer was dispatched to an address on South Main Street in reference to an intoxicated person. An arrest was made.

Officer responded to a South Main Street address in reference to a damaged vehicle.

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officers to an address on South Main Street in reference to a dispute.

Officer responded to a Gumlog Road address in reference to a damaged vehicle and criminal trespassing on private property.

Victim reported the theft of a 2019 gray Hyundai Sante Fe.

Officer attempted to make a traffic stop in reference to a speeding driver. The offending driver complied at first but drove off again as soon as the officer exited his patrol unit to attempt to make contact. The driver was later apprehended and transported to the Emanuel County Jail.

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officers to an address on South Main Street in reference to a dispute in progress. Arrests were made.

## May 6

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to an uninsured vehicle. The driver was written a citation and the vehicle was towed.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to windows of a vehicle being darkly tinted. During the traffic stop, officer learned that the driver's license was suspended. An arrest was made.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to

a vehicle displaying a tag registered to a different vehicle. During the traffic stop, occupants informed officer they recently received the involved car from a family member. However, an additional party pulled up to the scene and reported the vehicle to have been stolen by the occupants. The vehicle was towed until proof of ownership could be provided.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a speeding driver. During the traffic stop, officer learned that the driver's license was suspended. An arrest was made.

Officer was dispatched to an address on East Pine Street in reference to harassing phone calls.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a speeding driver. During the traffic stop, an arrest was made for possession of marijuana (less than an ounce).

## May 7

Officer responded to an address on South Main Street in reference to a report of disorderly conduct.

Complainant reported the abuse/neglect of an elderly/disabled.

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officer to a South Main Street address in reference to theft of lost or mislaid property.

# Sheriff's Reports

According to Emanuel County Sheriff's Office...

## May 4

Deputy responded to Highway 23 North and assisted with a tractor accident.

## May 5

Complainant filed a report in reference to a stolen dog. According to complainant, the dog was stolen from his residence two weeks prior. Dog showed back up to his residence on May 4. Complainant mentioned two males who had been on his property and asked his lawyer to get the subjects to stay off the premises.

Deputies responded to a location on Highway 1 South at I-16 Eastbound's off ramp in reference to a vehicle fire. Driver was unlicensed, thus arrested and transported to the jail.

Complainant on Highway 56 South reported damage to a power pole at her business due to a truck driver hitting the fixture. Complainant stated owner of the trucking business agreed to pay the expenses of the damage.

Complainant struck a deer and damaged her vehicle while traveling Highway 1 South.

## May 6

Deputies assisted with a civil dispute on Leonard Lane.

Complainant stated someone took \$700 from him.

Deputies responded to a residence in Twin City in reference to a 911 call that reported an offender putting his hands on the complainant. Complainant told deputies she only wanted to get her belongings and leave, and deputies stood by while she did that.

Complainant on Brinson Cemetery Road reported a suspicious incident in which her estranged husband was knocking on her door. Complainant further stated offender had been sending her threatening texts. Complainant needed the report for documentation to add to TPO file. Deputy walked the perimeter and was unable to locate anyone, any vehicles, or any footprints before leaving.

## May 7

Complainant reported

an offender for driving his four-wheeler at 2 a.m. and 3 a.m., going dumpster diving, and strewing trash everywhere.

Complainant struck a deer and damaged his vehicle while traveling Highway 80.

Complainant reported a lost vehicle tag.

Complainant reported a private property crash with damage to both involved vehicles.

## May 9

Complainant stated he accidentally ran into the ditch with his cousin's vehicle, causing damage.

Deputies, along with Twin City police, conducted a search warrant at the intersection of Highway 192 South and Ward Street. During the search, suspected marijuana, cocaine,

and ecstasy were found, along with a large amount of U.S. currency.

## May 10

Deputy responded to a residence in reference to an unruly juvenile.

Complainant struck a pig while traveling Highway 56 South, causing damage to her vehicle.

Complainant reported offender for trespassing.

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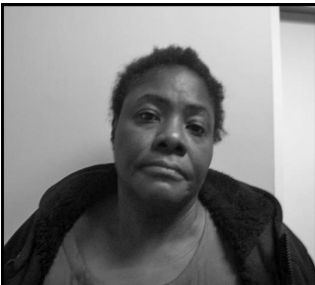
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Pursuant to OCGA § 40-6-391 notice is hereby given that, Eliza Parker, of 211 Industrial Way Swainsboro, GA 30401 was convicted of the offense of DUI 2nd on the 29th day of April, 2019 in the State Court of Emanuel County Georgia.



Pursuant to OCGA § 40-6-391 notice is hereby given that Rosie Mae Carswell of 256 S. Racetrack Street APT B. Swainsboro, GA 30401 was convicted of the offense of DUI 2nd on the 6th day of March, 2020 in the State Court of Emanuel County Georgia.

# Twin City Police Reports

Officers with the Twin City Police Department (TCPD) reported...

## April 30

Officers executed a search warrant at a North Railroad Avenue address. An arrest was made.

## May 6

Victim reported a stolen vehicle.

## May 7

Officer observed an offender with two outstanding warrants. When attempting to make contact, the offender fled on foot. Officers gave chase and apprehended the offender and transport-

ed him to the Emanuel County Jail.

Complainant contacted officer in regard to an item of found property.

## May 9

Officer arrested an offender with an outstanding warrant involving violation of parole. The offender was transported to the Emanuel County Jail and booked on this warrant as well as a theft by taking warrant from Twin City.

Officer responded to an address on Brown Avenue in reference to a simple battery offense.

Officers of Twin City Police Department and deputies with Emanuel County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at an address on South Railroad Avenue. An arrest was made.

Officer was contacted by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in reference to an offender involved in a theft by conversion of vehicle. An arrest was made.

## May 11

Complainant reported striking a deer while traveling on Parrish Pond Road.



# Editorials Columns

## Job

I enjoyed being a part of an afternoon Bible study group at my church. (Are you proud of me, Mrs. Mae Vann?) We intensely studied one complete book of the Bible. It was a diversified group, and discussions were always interesting and challenging. I admit I had little knowledge of Job. I knew he was known for his patience. Many times, I have heard the expression that someone had the patience of Job. I knew this was a good thing.

After the first class, we unanimously recognized that the story of Job would be difficult

to read and interpret from the Bible or our commentary and require much patience. This was after reading only the preface.

For the next weeks, we learned Job was a good and prosperous man. He was described as a blessed man who lived righteously with faith in God. Job had it all.

As with many of us, the good times do not last forever. Travails came into his life. His children died. He was covered in boils from head to toe. Theft took all of his wealth, and his livestock was stolen. Plagues of locust destroyed his food supply. There is no

parallel to the tests that Job endured and continued to be full of faith. Remember, Job was a man of patience.

The new year of 2020 began in my area of South Carolina filled with hope and good fortune. In a short time, we were lamenting that we had never seen such times as were ahead. The coronavirus shocked us and changed the lives of everyone. We feared what we were beginning to learn about this enemy. We stay in our homes. Wear masks and gloves. Walk a safe distance from others. Everything is done to avoid close contact.

Commerce closes, and jobs are lost. Food and cleaning supplies dwindle from shelves. We wash our hands at every opportunity and hope our soap supply does not run out. These are tough times.

While COVID-19 still dominates our lives, tribulations continued. Our usually pleasant weather brought tornadoes our way. During April, we had our sleep interrupted three evenings by the woeful sound of warning that meant, “Get to the safest place in your house immediately.” I was lucky and had no damage as my cat and I sheltered in a small interior bathroom with lots of pillows. The dip of a tornado is unbiased, and many very close by were not lucky. The delightful downtown (called Ram Cat Alley) of Seneca on Lake Keowee was demolished and one loss of life. The next two hit several neighborhoods throughout my city. Miraculously, with the destruction, there were no deaths in Greenville.

Now, I know patience

## Shirley Proctor Twiss



is a virtue and a blessing, but I continue to watch the sky. If I see a plague of locusts headed my way, I fear my patience will be lost.

By the time you are reading this, I hope and pray that we are again giving and receiving close hugs and warm handshakes. Stay well and stay safe.

Shirley can be reached at [sptwiss@gmail.com](mailto:sptwiss@gmail.com).

## Cotton picking days

The summers were long, hot, and humid. The old hound dogs needed a daily bath in burnt motor oil and some careful tick and flea extermination to make it through the dog days of summer.

Sweat rolled into the eyes and down the backs of farm workers as they furiously picked cotton in the hot, dry cotton fields that seemed to stretch for miles.

Colorful Indian blankets were stretched out

under the cool persimmon trees with several tiny babies staying relatively safe from the hot Georgia sun on the soft blanket surfaces. Two or three mason jars held lukewarm water nearby for those of extreme thirst. The sun rose higher and, with laser-like precision, punished the cotton pickers as they dragged their sacks over thorns, thistles, and sharp rocks. They had to meet their daily quota of 400 pounds a day while

their knees and back took more punishment.

Meanwhile, Mama was preparing a southern feast back at home. She had caught two roosters from the yard, rung their necks, and was feather-picking them in a scalding pot of hot water.

She had picked a peck of fresh butterbeans, heirloom tomatoes, along with fresh squash and vine-ready cucumbers.

The pot of butterbeans was already boiling furiously with a fist-like chunk of fatback for seasoning. The kitchen was getting too hot for Mama's comfort, and she occasionally wiped her brow with a dishcloth while she took the buttermilk biscuits from the oven.

She knew her family would be hot, tired, and sunburned from a day in the cotton field, but she knew that fried chicken, fresh butterbeans, and sliced tomatoes always made them just a little more thankful for their favorite meal. Tonight, she would surprise them with a sweet blackberry pie with heavy cream.

She left the pots to simmer on the stove and went into the backyard to fill up the old #2 washtub with

cold well water.

It had always been a tradition for the kids to strip down to their underwear and plunge into the ice-cold washtub when they came home. It took their breath away, along with the dry dust that had filled their nose, eyes, and ears. At that precise moment, she mentally knew what it was like to be reborn and to experience a fresh beginning because she had also felt refreshed in her dad's own #2 washtub.

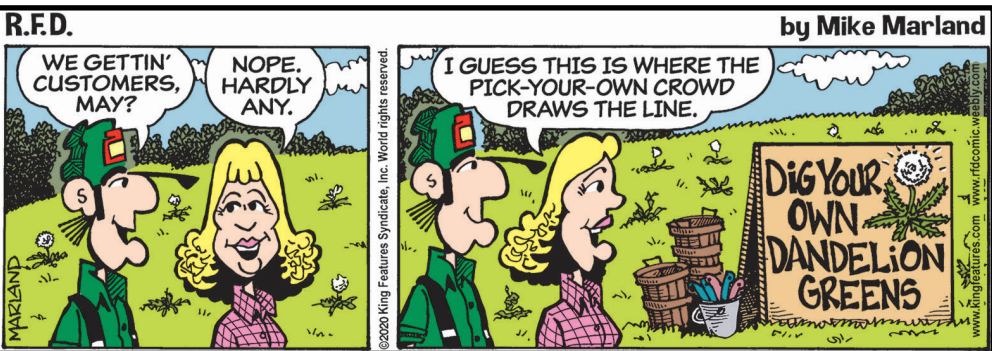
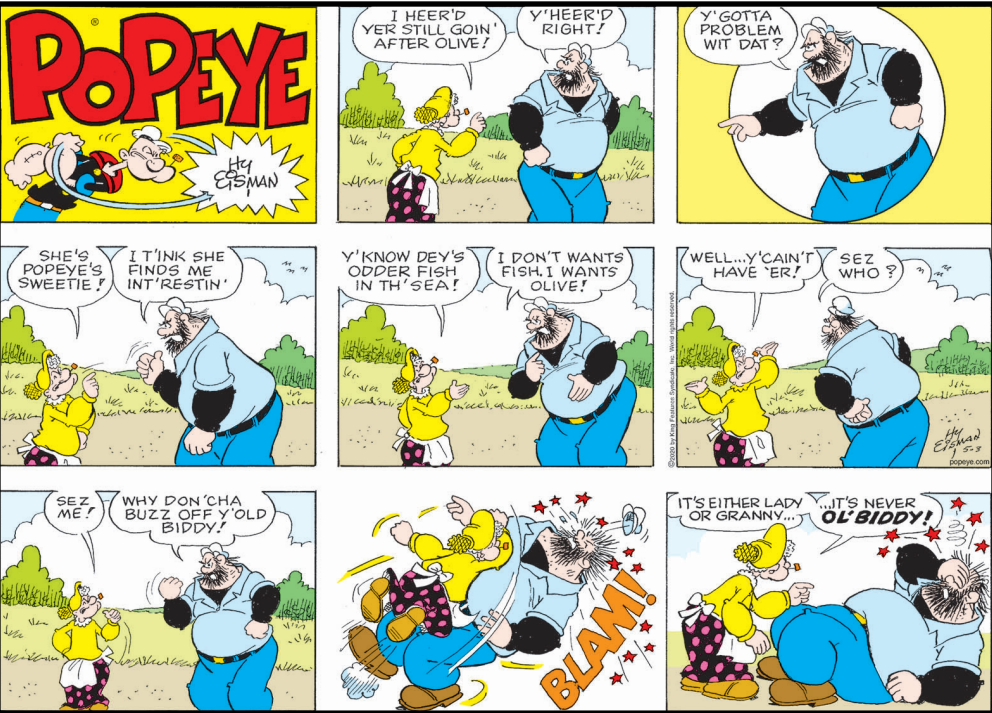
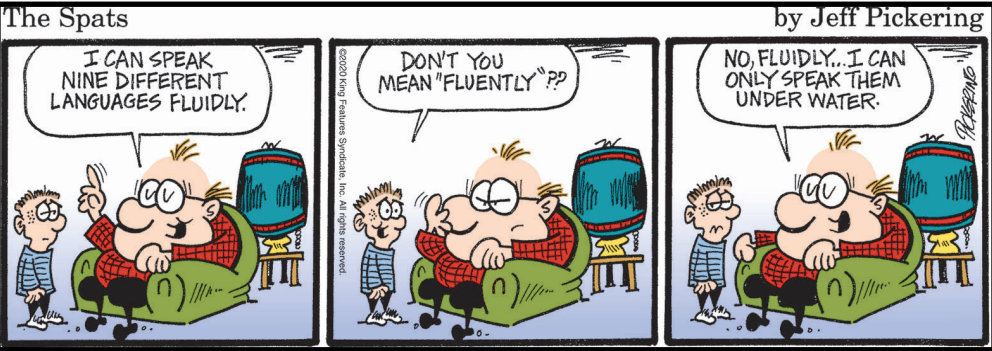
After the family had eaten a big meal on the long wooden table, we went out on the porch and studied the star-filled heavens. The family listened to the silence, and Dad told us that God was more like silence than anything else.

That night, we dreamed we had moved to a mansion filled with earthly riches, and we woke only to find out that we were already there.

## Ronnie Johnson



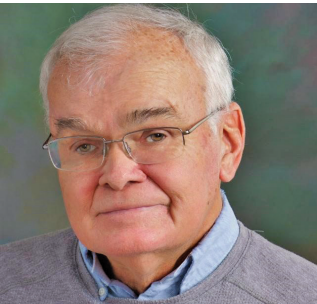
## Editorial Cartoons



## Watt Thoughts: Rights versus safety as American citizens

Some people are now being arrested for violating the governor's shelter in place declaration. Apparently, groups are not allowed to have more than 10 people in most states. If the group has more than 10 people and breaks up when asked to do so, there's no problem. If the group has more than 10 people but can follow the six-foot rule, they are usually given a pass. These gatherings can be backyard barbecues, people hanging out, people congregating at parks, and so on. Churches, however, vary by state order. In Georgia, almost all churches comply with the governor's order and are either conducting services online, offering a drive-in setting, or canceling services altogether. One small church has been in the news and several people were cited for a violation as they were too close together and police urged them to move outside.


## Dwight Watt



Is this a violation of our constitutional rights and freedoms? I realize the intent is to make us safe, but have we given up freedoms to our Democratic and Republican governors? We have people like Bill Gates and others (particularly Democratic leaders, although some Republicans are included) pushing for Trump to shut down the entire country and allow no one to leave home for two weeks, which he has not done. If he *did* announce that (I will oppose it if he does), numerous people would go hungry and literally starve. Notice the ones who push this are not living paycheck to paycheck and are worth millions.

These people are not the working Americans—the ones on frontlines now facing the virus as cleaners, trash pickup, store clerks, stockers, health-care professionals, truckers, and so on—but the ones living in gated houses, often in gated communities, with more food on hand than just what's needed tonight, the next few days or needing to live on fast food.

Do we Americans want the freedom to travel and congregate taken from us? What happens in the next energy crunch, like an oil embargo, major winter storm, electrical grid failure, or whatever? Just some food for thought...



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# King is first A&O graduate

A&O Men's Aftercare Center would like to recognize its first graduate, Antonio King. He is the program's first graduate, having recently completed all requirements to earn his certificate. In six months, he has fulfilled all studying, volunteer hours, and church obligations. King is now on the road to obtaining his GED.

A&O extends its gratitude to all organizations that helped make King's accomplishments possible, along with all the center's successes. Donations and support have been received from Citizens Bank, Durden Bank, Chapman Funeral Home, Custom Furniture, the Mill Creek Foundation,



**KING (LEFT) WITH REV. KEITH MCKINNEY OF A&O AFTERCARE**

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## Six make President's List at STC

Southeastern Technical College announced Tuesday its President's List for Spring 2020 semester. These students earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credit hours for the semester. Six students from Emanuel County received the honor of being on the President's List: Kourtney Boswell, Cheryl Cannady, Brant Mullins, Laketia Pullen, Amanda Rivenburg, and Je'Ona Washington.

Others on the President's List from various counties include James Barnes, Kayla Lewis, Jena Lovett, Madison Hand, Carolina Lamm, Teresa Lopez, Macee Wise, Mary Smith, Aracely Gonzalez, Abigail Allmond, Casandra Castro, Toniya Cook, Presley Craft, Trennton Folsom, Spencer Garner, Katelyn Lockett, Keiesha McArthur, Maci McLendon, Heli Patel, Mackenzie Sager, Drake Schnelle, Ashley Warf, Gina Williamson, Danita Fee, and Hunter Williams.

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### Emanuel County 4-H'ers compete in Virtual Project Achievement competition

More than 425 fourth, fifth, and sixth graders participated in Georgia 4-H's recent Virtual Cloverleaf Project Achievement contest. In response to the cancellation of five area Project Achievement contests due to the COVID-19 crisis, Georgia 4-H faculty and staff quickly developed the Virtual Project Achievement Contest.

Last year, more than 3,700 youth collectively participated in more than a dozen Cloverleaf Project Achievement contests around the state. Thirteen area contests were originally scheduled for this year. While eight contests were held before March, more than 1,500 youth were registered to participate in the remaining contests. Ultimately, youth from 47 counties in all regions of Georgia were able to compete through the Virtual Project Achievement Contest.

More than 40 Emanuel County youth were scheduled to participate in the Southeast Area Cloverleaf Project Achievement contest at Swainsboro Middle School on March 21. Through Virtual Project Achievement, four youth were still able to submit their projects and compete.

"I am truly thankful to be a part of an organization that continuously works to provide opportunities for youth in Georgia," said Jakyn Tyson, Emanuel County 4-H agent. "Virtual Project Achievement was an opportunity for our students to showcase their hard work, and I'm glad we were able to make that happen for them."

The Project Achievement competition helps youth develop leadership, creativity,

public speaking skills and a deep understanding of their desired project area.

Youth select from 62 project focus categories and prepare presentations on the county and area levels. When competing on the area level, participants prepare and are judged on a four-to six-minute presentation about their selected subject. For the online contest, youth uploaded a video of their presentation and their work was evaluated virtually by 170 UGA Extension staff and volunteer judges.

All four of Emanuel County's competitors placed in their project area:

- Sam Williams, fifth grade, homeschool,

first place, Companion Animals

- Jayden Slater, sixth grade, David Emanuel Academy, first place, General Recreation

- Addalyn Terwilliger, sixth grade, David Emanuel Academy, second place, Marine & Coastal Ecology

- Bryan Beasley, sixth grade, David Emanuel Academy, first place, Sheep & Meat Goats

"This year's 4-H Project Achievement competition looked different, and we have had to recognize the participants creatively through social media and online meeting tools," added Tyson. "Awards and medals will be coming later, but these youth deserve recognition for

not only researching and creating demonstrations, but for going the extra mile and recording and submitting their work."

Georgia 4-H empowers youth to become true leaders by developing

necessary life skills, positive relationships, and community awareness. As the largest youth leadership organization in the state, 4-H reaches more than 242,000 people annually through

University of Georgia Cooperative Extension offices and 4-H facilities. For more information on Emanuel County 4-H and how to get involved, visit [extension.uga.edu/Emanuel](http://extension.uga.edu/Emanuel).



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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Notice of Application for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to Discharge Treated Wastewater Into Waters of the State of Georgia.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has received a new NPDES permit application for the reissuance of an existing NPDES permit. Having reviewed such application, the Environmental Protection Division proposes to issue for a maximum term of five years the following permit subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions:

City of Swainsboro, Post Office Box 600, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, NPDES Permit No. GA0039225, for the Yam Grandy Creek Water Pollution Control Plant located at 574 Industrial Way, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401. Up to 3.0 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Yam Grandy Creek in the Altamaha River Basin.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below, or via e-mail at [EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov), no later than thirty (30) days after this notification. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "NPDES permit reissuance – Yam Grandy Creek Water Pollution Control Plant – GA0039225 (Emanuel County)" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. A public hearing may be held where the EPD Director finds a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit or group of permits. Additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division.

A fact sheet or copy of the draft permit is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. A copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK, Jr. Dr., Suite 1152E, Atlanta, GA 30334, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information contact: Benoit Causse, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-1511 or e-mail [benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov).

#### Emanuel County Schools School Choice (HB 251)

Applications Accepted May 13, 2020 – June 1, 2020

Parents may request to transfer their child to another public school in the district for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year if the school has available space after its assigned students have been enrolled. The Emanuel County School System considers factors such as projected enrollment and maximum class size when determining available space. The chart below indicates space availability by school and grade for 2020-21. Parents will be responsible for transportation for a student attending school outside his/her attendance area.

School	K	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9-12
Swainsboro Primary *	0	0	0							
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Swainsboro Middle *							15	0	0	
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The School Choice application and additional information can be found on the Emanuel County Schools website: [www.emanuel.k12.ga.us](http://www.emanuel.k12.ga.us).

Due to the Covid 19 social distancing restrictions, applications must be mailed to the address below and postmarked no later than June 1, 2020 to be considered.

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\* Transfers for Kindergarten students will not be considered until after the first 10 days of school. Only Kindergarten students who are enrolled and have completed a School Choice transfer form application during the HB 251 window will be considered for transfer.

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## Some random thoughts on some random subjects

A flag-waving salute to the United States Air Force’s Thunderbirds and the Navy’s Blue Angels who roared across Georgia’s skies in tandem last week, paying tribute to our state’s heroic first responders. The event was an example of everything that is good about this great country. Hopefully, we stopped being intransigent political partisans for a brief moment and became Americans. ...

Meanwhile, back on the ground, COVID-19 rages on. Good people are being taken from us on a daily, almost hourly, basis but the virus seems to have skipped the idiots driving 100 miles an hour on our freeways. If the virus doesn’t get them, hopefully the police will. ...

On the other hand, have you see the pictures of the crystal clear skies in places like Los Angeles and New Delhi and the deep

blue waters of the perpetually muddy canals in Venice? It is too bad that it takes a pandemic for us to see how we have mucked up the environment. ...

It looks like the Soybean Queen squishes from one cow patty to another. The New York Times has reported our newly minted senator, Kelly Loeffler, got a nice going-away present from her former employer, the Intercontinental Exchange, which is headed by her husband, Jeff Sprecher. Even though she had resigned from the company months earlier to accept Gov. Brian Kemp’s appointment to the U.S. Senate seat held by Johnny Isakson, who retired due to ill health, the company rejiggered her compensation package to allow her to cash in her stock options and walk away with an additional \$9 million. This, after try-

ing to explain away stock transactions made on her behalf in the immediate aftermath of a senators-only meeting on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic. I get the feeling gazillionaires play by different rules than do We the Unwashed. ...

It will be interesting to see if women’s groups show the same level of righteous indignation about the sexual assault charges that have been leveled against Democratic presidential contender Joe Biden as they did when Brent Cavanaugh was nominated for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court. Don’t hold your breath. If they turned a blind eye to Bill Clinton’s zipper rippers, you can bet they will see no evil in Joe Biden’s purported peccadilloes. ...

On a personal note, a good man passed away recently. John L. Clendenin was chairman and CEO of

BellSouth Corporation from the company’s inception in 1984 until his retirement in 1996. He promoted me to vice president and then made sure I earned the job every day. He was not an easy man to work for but he made me a better person for the experience. John Clendenin was a man of the utmost integrity, proving that you could run a big public company and do it the right way. ...

Watching Donald Trump and the national media go at it reminds me of my fly fishing days. It wasn’t hard to spot the trout. The trick was to get them to take the bait. You could float it by them 10 times and on the 11th try, they would finally bite. So it is with Trump and the Inside-the-Beltway media. They seem less interested in gathering the facts than in goading the president into a diatribe. It may take

## Dick Yarbrough



several confrontational questions to get him to bite but when he does, that becomes the news. I find the whole thing tiresome. The media needs to quit goading and Trump needs to quit biting. Take your fight to the schoolyard playground, boys and girls. We have a pandemic going on. ...

Finally, among the fan mail I received last week was one castigating me for my less than complimentary opinion of that noted statesman and philosopher, Colick Kaperdoodle, and another one informing me that he deliberately ignores my writings but knows for a fact that I am an ardent supporter of (naughty word) Biden. (How does he

know that if he ignores my writing? It is probably wise that I not ask.) Even worse, an émigré from the land where it snows 10 months a year and all their buildings are rusted thinks I am humor-impaired. That’s like being called ugly by a warthog. Strong opinions begat strong reactions and no pandemic can change that fact, thank goodness. Please stay safe and stay well and keep those cards and letters coming.

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## Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re : Name Change Civil Action File No. 20CVA1

### FINAL ORDER

The above and foregoing Petition to Change Name coming on to be heard pursuant to law, and it appearing that notice has been published pursuant to law and that no objections have been timely filed, and it further appearing that sufficient grounds exist for the granting of the relief prayed for in said Petition and that no reason appears showing why said prayers should not be granted,

(a) That the name of Joyce Richards, Petitioners , be changed to DayYah Bhat,Tsizown Yisrael (b)That such name change shall not operate to authorize petitioner to fraudulently deprive others of any legal rights under the law.

**SO ORDERED**, this\_\_\_\_\_ day of\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**JUDGE**, Superior Courts Southern Judicial Circuit

Presented by: Joyce Richards Petitioner

### INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the City of Stillmore, Georgia is seeking sealed bids for the sale of the following described parcel of land: All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 57<sup>th</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, being designated as Parcel 1, containing 0.156 acre, more or less, together with all improvements thereon as shown on that certain plat of survey dated April 15, 2013, prepared for Vincent Mincey and Terri V. Mincey by George William Donaldson, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, and recorded in Plat Book 22, Page(s) 417, Emanuel County records. Said plat and the reference thereof are incorporated herein for a more complete and accurate description.

The within described tract is bounded, now or formerly, according to the aforementioned plat as follows: North by lands of Vernie Mae Mercer; East by the right-of-way of Oak Street; South by Parcel No. 2 of said survey; and West the right-of-way of Perkins Lane.

Subject to any and all applicable zoning ordinances, easements, restrictive covenants, and/or rights-of-ways in use or of record. Bids will be accepted at City Hall located at 307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Stillmore, Emanuel County, Georgia, 30464. Bids will be opened on Friday, May 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the same location. Bidders are responsible for the delivery of their bids in a timely manner. Reliance upon U.S. Mail or other carriers is at the bidder's risk. Late bids will not be considered.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, accept any and all bids, and to waive technicalities and informalities. Conveyance of the above-described property will be made my quit claim deed.

Brent Carter  
City Attorney

### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, EMANUEL COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Earl Lanier to Associates Financial Services of America Inc.** dated **6/30/2000** and recorded in Deed Book **146** Page **294** Emanuel County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by **Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A**, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of **\$42,859.42**, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on **June 2, 2020** (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING, SITUATED AND BEING IN THE CITY OF TWIN CITY, 1560TH G.M. DISTRICT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, FRONTING ONE HUNDRED FIVE (105) FEET ON THE EAST SIDE OF GEORGIA HIGHWAY 192 SPUR, AND EXTENDING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) FEET, AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS; NORTH BY LANDS OF MRS. EVELYN WRIGHT; EAST AND SOUTH BY LANDS OF J. ROSCOE BROWN; AND WEST BY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF GEORGIA HIGHWAY 192 SPUR, SAID PROPERTY IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY PLAT MADE BY JOHN A. MCGILL, SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 24, 1972, WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK, EMANUEL COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 269, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.**

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **238 W Broad St., Twin City, GA 30471** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): **Earl Lanier** or tenant or tenants. **Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC** is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. **Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC**

**1600 South Douglass Road  
Suite 200-A  
Anaheim, CA 92806**

### (800) 561-4567

Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.

**Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A** as agent and Attorney in Fact for **Earl Lanier** Aldridge Pite, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637. 2191-1150A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 2191-1150A

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of PAUL HENRY MOORE, decedent late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This the 27th day of April, 2020. CHRISTINE W MOORE, executrix of the estate of PAUL HENRY MOORE, decedent. 37 Wilcher Lane Midville, Ga. 30441

### IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN THE INTEREST OF:  
B. J. SEX: M DOB: 03/21/2005  
CASE # 20JV53  
D. J. SEX: F DOB: 01/09/2007  
CASE # 20JV54  
Children Under 18 Years of Age**

### NOTICE OF SUMMONS

**TO: Gary Dale Joyner, Jr. and any unknown biological, legal, and/or putative father of the above named children born**

### to Brandy Joyner at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia.

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 to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced children; 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 \_\_\_\_April 16\_\_\_\_, 2020, 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 \_\_\_\_23rd\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_July\_\_\_\_, 2020 at the **EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., for a FINAL HEARING** 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. Prior to the Final Hearing a Provisional Hearing on the petition will be held before the Court on \_\_\_\_July 9\_\_\_\_, 2020\_\_\_\_ at 10:00 a.m. in the **Juvenile Courtroom at the EMANUEL County Courthouse, Swainsboro, Georgia.**

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. You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the children and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the children unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file: A petition to legitimate the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Emanuel County Juvenile Court. The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Provisional 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 disregard-

ed, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion. 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. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020. Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Ann Clark Compton, 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 May, 2020. Thomas L. Clark, Executor of the Estate of

Ann Clark Compton, decedent Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re : Name Change Civil Action File No. 20CVA1

### FINAL ORDER


The above and foregoing Petition to Change Name coming on to be heard pursuant to law, and it appearing that notice has been published pursuant to law and that no objections have been timely filed, and it further appearing that sufficient grounds exist for the granting of the relief prayed for in said Petition and that no reason appears showing why said prayers should not be granted,

(a) That the name of Joyce Richards, Petitioners , be changed to DayYah Bhat T’ sizown Yisrael (b)That such name change shall not operate to authorize petitioner to fraudulently deprive others of any legal rights under the law.

**SO ORDERED**, this\_\_\_\_\_ day of\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**JUDGE**, Superior Courts Southern Judicial Circuit

Presented by: Joyce Richards Petitioner



## NOTICE Police Officer (Police Department)

The City of Twin City is seeking qualified candidates to fill the position of Police Officer. This is a full-time position with benefits after the ninety (90) probation period. The responsibilities of this position are to provide protection of life and property, enforcement of federal, state, and local laws, response to emergency situations, and investigation of criminal activity. The starting salary is negotiable based upon training and experience.

The City is offering a one-time signing bonus of \$1,000 for a one-year employment contract and \$2,000 for a two-year employment contract.

**Minimum Requirements:**

- Must possess and maintain Georgia Peace Officer Certification;
- Must possess and maintain a valid Georgia driver's license; must be a U. S. Citizen;
- Must be 21 years of age (birth certificate required);
- Must possess a high school diploma or GED; supplemented by 5 months previous experience and/or training involving law enforcement or security work; or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for this job;
- Must pass an extensive background investigation including a pre-employment drug screen; Previous drug use may be a disqualifying factor;
- Must be able to work a 12-hour shift including on-call status, nights, weekends, holidays, court dates and possible overtime.

All interested applicants should complete an employment application at City Hall or may print one online at [www.twincityga.com](http://www.twincityga.com). For more information, interested applicants may contact City Clerk Eugenia Ducker at (478) 763-2695 or Police Chief Randal Beach at 478-763-4140.



# Only two active cases of coronavirus in Emanuel

by HALEI LAMB

According to the county commissioners' noon update before press time Tuesday, May 5, the total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Emanuel has now reached 25—but only two of those cases are active.

Twenty-one cases have recovered, and two patients have died. Seventeen cases are awaiting results. A total of 446 patients have been tested.

This is an increase of only one case from last Tuesday's report. As of May 5, Emanuel County had 24 total cases, four of which were active. This week's report, just like last week's, saw the active cases cut in half.

Additional good news is that two of the cases from last week have recovered, increasing from 19 to 21 in a matter of seven days.

The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners remains the go-to for the most current, cumulative list of local coronavirus cases. The commission works jointly with Emanuel Medical Center, East Georgia Healthcare Center, and the health department to provide an update everyday Monday through Friday at noon on Facebook. To receive these updates, follow the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners and turn on your notifications.



KIMBERLY GOGGANS, CMA, AND JODI B. GILMER, PA-C, MAN EMANUEL MEDICAL CENTER'S COVID-19 TESTING SITE

Not pictured: Whitney Boatright, LPN, who also helps with COVID-19 testing at the hospital

## Georgia.gov COVID-19: Support for individuals and families

by MARNIE DEKLE, Family & Consumer Sciences agent for Candler and Emanuel counties

Here is information from the state of Georgia about SNAP and other social benefit programs, Medicaid and health benefits, unemployment services, veterans services, and other assistance programs during the COVID-19 outbreak. Please note that many agencies are limiting person-to-person contact. Some direct phone numbers are provided. However, to view this entire article with more information and direct links, visit *Georgia.gov* or call the primary line at 1-800-GEORGIA (1-800-436-7442) or the COVID-19 hotline at 844-442-2681.

**SNAP and Other Social Benefit Programs**

**Family and Children Services implements prevention efforts. Governor increases the maximum benefit available to SNAP recipients. Benefits due for renewal in March, April, and May 2020 extended by six months.** To limit person-to-person contact, the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services encourages you to use Georgia Gateway, their online service portal to apply and check benefits, upload documents and report changes to your case. DFCS manages the state's social benefit programs (Health

Coverage, Child Care and Parent Services, Food Stamps [SNAP], Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [TANF], and Women, Infants and Children [WIC]). Create your Georgia Gateway account here. Call Customer Support at 1-877-423-4746 during business hours for assistance. The governor has also increased the maximum benefit available to eligible SNAP recipients for March and April. The supplement for March was provided in the form of a second allotment at the end of the month. The supplement will be included as part of the regular monthly benefit in April.

Additionally, benefits due for renewal in March, April, and May 2020 have been extended by six months. If you attempt to complete an online renewal in March or April and do not see an online renewal link, your eligibility date has likely been extended. A new notice will be issued when renewal is due.

**The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**

**Federal program partners with states to provide those in need with emergency food and nutrition at no cost.** TEFAP helps supplement the diets of low-income persons in Georgia by providing food to Food Banks located throughout the state. For

questions about TEFAP, please call the state office at 404-463-804.

**Medicaid and Health Benefits**

The Department of Community Health is open for business with limited on-site staff. Please call your contact person before visiting. Additionally, Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids benefits due for renewal in March, April, and May 2020 have been extended by six months. If you attempt to complete an online renewal in March or April and do not see an online renewal link, your eligibility date has likely been extended. A new notice will be issued when renewal is due.


**Unemployment Services**

**Department of Labor moves to online services. Governor Kemp and GDOL partner to help Georgians understand their unemployment options as the state begins allowing some businesses to reopen with Minimum Basic Operations.** The Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) is temporarily suspending in-person requirements for services provided by the agency. The GDOL is providing online access to unemployment services, partial claim access for employers, and other reemployment services. GDOL career centers are temporarily closed to the public. The centers will remain open for employ-

ees to ensure the agency can support the needs of its customers and continue to process unemployment claims. On March 26, Governor Brian Kemp signed an executive order to help provide economic relief to Georgians experiencing unemployment due to COVID-19. In a joint statement on April 22, Governor Kemp and the GDOL explained that, as the state allows some businesses to reopen with Minimum Basic Operations, Georgians who return to work may still qualify for unemployment benefits. This means that an individual can continue to make up to \$300 per week without reducing their maximum weekly benefit amount. This will enable employees to work reduced hours and still qualify for weekly state benefits and the federal \$600 weekly supplement. To help prevent exposure of employees and customers to COVID-19, businesses that choose to reopen must adhere to Minimum Basic Operations guidelines. Minimum Basic Operations includes, but is not limited to, screening workers for fever and respiratory illness, enhancing workplace sanitation, wearing masks and gloves if appropriate, separating workspaces by 6 feet, teleworking if possible, and implementing staggered shifts.

**Families First Coronavi-**

### Marnie Dekle



**rus Response Act**

**U.S. Department of Labor announces new action to help American workers and employers during the COVID-19 outbreak.** On April 1, 2020, the U.S. DOL issued a temporary rule to help the United States combat the workplace effects of COVID-19. Workers and employers can now benefit from the protections and relief offered by the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act, both part of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). This law enables employers to keep their workers on their payrolls, while also ensuring that workers are not forced to choose between receiving their paychecks and following COVID-19 public health guidelines.

**Economic Impact Payments (Stimulus Payment Checks)**

**Distribution of Economic Impact Payments has begun. No action required by most people.** The distribution of Economic Impact Payments, also called stimulus payment checks, begun. These funds will be distributed automatical-

ly to qualified individuals, with no action required for most people. Social Security beneficiaries who are not typically required to file tax returns will not need to file to receive a payment. Instead, payments will be automatically deposited into their bank accounts. However, some people who typically do not file returns will need to submit a simple tax return to receive the economic impact payment. No additional information is available at this time. **Do not call the IRS about this.** Please visit the IRS website for updates.


**Veterans Services**

**Veterans Services says to call before visiting field offices.** The field offices for the Georgia Department of Veterans Service (GDVS) remain open, ready to assist veterans and their families. Due to COVID-19, some VA medical centers and clinics may have reduced visitation. The GDVS advises you to contact your local office before visiting.

**Health Information**

Get the latest health updates and guidelines on COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) from the Georgia Department of Public Health.



 **ROCKY DAVIS**  
EMANUEL COUNTY SHERIFF

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH**  
EARLY VOTING BEGINS MAY 18TH

**TWO DECADES** of building your TRUST & CONFIDENCE