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KARRH



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JNC recommends candidates for Middle Judicial Circuit

From JNC.GEORGIA.GOV

The Judicial N o m i n a t i n g Commission has submitted recommendations to fill a vacancy within the Superior Court of the Middle Judicial Circuit. The vacancy was created by the resignation of the Honorable Kathy S. Palmer, effective April 13, 2020. Governor Brian Kemp will fill the vacancy from among the list. The Governor's Office will contact candidates

to schedule interviews. The following names were submitted to Governor Kemp:

- Tobe C. Karrh — Attorney, The Law Office of Tobe C. Karrh, LLC; Office of the Public Defender, Middle Judicial Circuit
- Rizza Palmares O'Connor — Chief Magistrate Judge, Toombs County Magistrate Court
- Tommy J. Smith — Judge, State Court of Toombs County

Karrh and Smith were to appear on voters' ballots in the primary election as the sole two candidates for Superior Court Judge of the Middle Judicial Circuit. However, due to the JNC's decision on May 22 to appoint one of the three aforementioned individuals, neither of their names nor anyone else's will appear on voters' ballots because a race for the judge's seat is no longer required.



BEGINNING OF CLYDE BARNES ROAD AT HIGHWAY 80

Commissioners grant road closure request for portion of Clyde Barnes Road

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners convened Monday, May 18, at 6 p.m. at the John C. Coleman Hotel for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Calling the meeting to order, Commissioner Jim Sherrod welcomed all prior to Commissioner Keith Thompson leading the prayer.

Minutes from meetings held March 16,

April 1, and May 8 were reviewed and motioned for approval by Commissioner Hugh Foskey. Commissioner James Canady seconded this motion, and all voted in favor.

C o u n t y Administrator Guy Singletary addressed board members about an amendment to the Emanuel County Joint Comprehensive Plan that was adopted as a result of the county taking over the Emanuel

County Senior Center. A motion for approval was made by Canady to adopt said resolution. Commissioner Desse Davis seconded, and all board members voted in favor.

Singletary then addressed the commissioners about renewing a transfer station's contract with AllGreen Services, LLC. Canady made a motion to enter into a contract with the company for (Continued on page 2A)

Confused about how to vote in the primary? Here's what you need to know

Voting in primary elections can be tricky if you're not prepared. The Honorable Judge Bobby Reeves wrote a helpful, informative post on Facebook, and *The Blade* has publishes the following, some taken from his post, with the intent of informing voters about what to expect when heading to the polls over the next two weeks. In a nutshell, voters cannot cross party lines in neither this election nor the run-off, should there be one.

Primary voting can be confusing because voters have to select between a Democrat ballot, a Republican bal-

lot, or a Non-Partisan ballot. This applies to absentee ballots, early voting, or Election Day voting.

Different candidates appear on different ballots, and you have to know what ballot the person you want to vote for is on. For instance, in the sheriff's race, if a voter wants to support Billy Brantley, Allen Durden, or Johnny James Smith, that voter *must* select a Democrat ballot. Conversely, if a voter wants to support Jeffery Brewer, Rocky Davis, or Ashley Riner, that voter *must* ask for a Republican ballot. They are not all on the same (Continued on page 2A)

Absentee, early voting show huge turnout already

The Emanuel County Office of Elections opened its doors for early voting last week and according to Director Kerry Curry, 1,632 absentee votes via mail and 463 in-person early votes have been cast thus far as of 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, prior to press time. This is a massive increase in absentee voting and early voting compared to other elections.

The Elections Office is located at 105 South Main Street in Swainsboro. Their staff can be reached at 237-3471 for questions about voting.

Only 1 coronavirus case in Emanuel

by HALEI LAMB

Emanuel County's coronavirus count has decreased to only 1 active case, according to the county commissioners' latest update before press time on Tuesday, May 26.

Total, there have been 27 confirmed cases in Emanuel since the virus was first documented locally back in April. Twenty-four of those 27 have recovered while two people have died. A total of 660 patients have been tested altogether, including 87 patients who are awaiting the results of their COVID-19 tests.

This time last week, the local count reflected 2 cases.

All Emanuel County

coronavirus data is gathered by the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners. The commission works with Emanuel Medical Center, East Georgia Healthcare Center, and the Emanuel County Health Department to provide updates Monday through Friday at noon on Facebook. To

receive these updates, follow the board of commissioners and turn on your notifications.

Also, look inside this edition for a special tabloid, *COVID-19 Frontline Fighters*, dedicated to all of our local heroes who have played a part in helping us see our way through this health crisis.



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Confused
about how...
ballot, and none of them
are on the Non-Partisan
ballot.

If a voter wants to vote
in the district attorney's
race, voters must choose a
Republican ballot. Neither
Tripp Fitzner nor Tony
May, the only two candi-
dates in the DA race, are
on the other ballots.

As a result, voters can-
not, for instance, vote for
Billy Brantley for sheriff
and Tripp Fitzner for DA.
They are not on the same
ballot, and you cannot
switch back and forth in
a primary. Once you have
selected a ballot and voted
that ballot you cannot get
it back! You are done.

Also, if you vote in one
party's primary and there
is a run-off in the other
party's primary, you *can-*
not vote in that run-off.
For this primary cycle, you
must stay with the party
you selected.

(This does not apply to
the general election, how-
ever. In the general elec-
tion, voters can vote back
and forth between differ-
ent parties' candidates.)

As a reminder, early
voting has already begun
and will continue to be an
option for voters through
June 5. June 5 is also the
last day to request an
absentee ballot. Regular
voters, those not voting by
way of absentee or early
voting, should report to
their assigned polling pre-
cincts on Election Day,
which is June 9. Sample
ballots can be found in this
edition of *The Forest-Blade*.

Commissioners grant road...

transportation and dis-
posal of solid waste at the
Emanuel County Transfer
Station, Thompson sec-
onded, and the motion
passed without opposi-
tion.

Board members were
then addressed with a
request to close CR966,
which was approved by
all commissioners.

Following a public
hearing held during the
commission's March
2020 meeting, a motion
to close a portion of
Clyde Barnes Road from
Fanny Brewer to Puffin
Place was motioned for
approval by Thompson
and seconded by Foskey.
All board members voted
in favor, except Canady
and Sherrod, who
abstained.

Lastly, commissioners
appointed Nancy Lumley
to serve on the Board
of Elections. Making
the motion was Foskey.
Thompson provided the
second, and the motion
carried unanimously.

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Citizens Bank of Swainsboro to reopen lobbies

The Citizens Bank of Swainsboro will reopen lobbies for controlled banking services beginning June 1, 2020. Access to the lobby will be limited to nine customers following a screening process that will require a forehead temperature check and the application of hand sanitizer. These measures will continue until further notice to manage COVID-19 risks for valued customers and team members. Necessary in-person meetings with lenders and personal bankers can be scheduled by contacting them directly at 478-237-7001. Customers are encouraged to observe CDC guidelines of social distancing by utilizing online banking, mobile banking, ATM, night depository, and drive-in window services when possible. “Protecting our customers and team members will continue to be an emphasis of our bank by observing social distancing, hand washing, and enhanced sanitizing,” said Milton Gray, president and CEO of The Citizens Bank of Swainsboro. “Our customers have been extremely patient during these unprecedented times, and we are making every effort to serve them in a safe, prompt, and professional manner.”

New location for Community Food Processing Center

Emanuel County Schools’ Community Food Processing Center has moved to 104 Rountree Avenue, Twin City, GA 30471. The center is now located across from Dollar General. Operated by agricultural education staff and students, doors will open June 1. Hours of operation are Monday, June 1, through Friday, July 23, with a few Saturdays in between: June 20, June 27, July 11, and July 18.

Fruits, vegetables, and corn can be processed here. Custom bean and pea shelling, washing, blanching, and bagging are the center’s provided services. Salt and sugar must be provided by the customer, vegetables must be picked the same day unless told otherwise, and the staff reserves the right to refuse low-quality produce. Shelling is \$3 per bushel, washing/blanching costs \$1 per bushel, and bagging is priced at \$1 per bushel. Customers must provide bags. Peas and beans can be canned for additional cost of cans. Fruits and vegetables are canned in quart cans at \$0.80 per can, which are furnished by the facility.

Information regarding corn is as follows:

- The staff will process all corn.
- An appointment must be scheduled a week in advance.
- Corn is processed same day and must be picked up by 3:00 p.m.
- Corn will be shucked, silked, cut, blanched, and bagged for freezer
- Cost is \$20 per 100 ears/20 cents per ear.
- Staff will allow 10% overage of corn that was scheduled when the appointment was made. Any other overage will be assessed at double rate of \$0.40 per ear or not processed based on the customer request.

• Call 478-763-3661 to schedule an appointment. If no one answers, please leave a detailed message with a call-back number.

Information regarding practices/precautions due to COVID-19 is as follows:

- Customers will not be allowed in the facility except with an appointment for patron processing of their own produce. The facility will not open for patron processing until June 15.
- When the facility opens for patron processing on June 15, an appointment must be made. Only two customers will be allowed in the facility at a time. A customer’s temperature will be checked prior to entering the facility. Work stations will be set up at least six feet apart. The workstation will be sanitized by the ag staff before and after use by each customer. There will be hand soap and disposable towels for use.
- When dropping off produce, customers will pull into the facility and get in line behind the last automobile. Customers will remain in their automobiles until directed by an ag teacher regarding drop-off location.
- Ag teachers will direct customers to pull into the drop-off location when it is their turn. At no point in time should the customer dropping off produce enter the facility.

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Four thematic kits containing all the materials and instructions for a week of fun activities are sent directly to participants' homes. These kits are packed full of items designed to bring four distinct learning modules to life, challenging children to explore, create and use inventive thinking. An optional virtual component of the program allows Coaches to guide groups of participants each day.

Mornings will begin with a brief kickoff where Coaches introduce the day's activities and give participants the chance to get to know one another. Children then go offline and get creative, using their kits to complete exciting projects. Coaches are available at set times to connect with campers for troubleshooting, brainstorming and collaboration.

Camp Invention Connect is scheduled for July 13-17. For more information, contact Jean Schwabe at jdschwabe@ega.edu.



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Jackey William Peebles, 84

Mr. Jackey "Jack" "J.W." William Peebles, 84 of Soperton, passed away Thursday morning, May 21, 2020 at Augusta University Medical Center in Augusta.

Born in Soperton, he was one of four children and the last living child born to the late Thomas Anderson and Beulah Foskey Peebles. Mr. Peebles worked as a master plumber and master electrician for many years in the Treutlen County area. For the past 10 years, he has made Swainsboro his home. He enjoyed fishing and was a member at Thigpen Chapel Church. In addition to his parents and siblings, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Marie.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Phillips



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Peebles; children, Jackey Peebles Jr., Jimmy Peebles, and Patricia Peebles of Jesup; grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

Funeral services were held from the graveside at Thigpen Chapel Cemetery on Saturday, May 22, 2020 at 3 p.m. with Reverend Arthur Conley officiating.

Sammons Funeral Home of Soperton was in charge of arrangements.

Marvin Rountree Cox, 85

Marvin Rountree Cox, 85 of Chaplin, Connecticut, died May 1, 2020 with interment taking place at Russ Cemetery in that same city.

Mr. Cox was born October 20, 1934 to Marvin Hill Cox and Mary Rountree Cox. He spent much of his childhood with his maternal grandparents, J. Leonard Rountree and "Dobie" Hall Rountree in Summit (Twin City). He attended ECI, then graduated Episcopal High School in Virginia and Yale University, where he attained his doctorate degree in history. Mr. Cox was on the history faculty at the University of Connecticut until his retirement in 2002. While there, he headed the co-op program, a working relationship between high school and univer-



COX

sity teachers. In 1998, he published a book, *The Place of the French Revolution in History*. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jay Carroll Cox, state legislator from Twin City. He is the first cousin of Missy Elliott Elder and Charlie Elliott Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Kane Cox, and daughter, Katherine Cox.

Potter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Steve Wilcher, 54

Mr. Steve Wilcher, 54 of Midville, passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at his residence following an extended illness.

Mr. Wilcher was born January 3, 1966 in Swainsboro to the late Ray Wilcher and Martha Hadden Wilcher. He was a certified welder but followed in his father's footsteps and obtained his commercial driver's license. He drove for several different truck companies and had his own truck. Mr. Wilcher loved playing music, and he also enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Mr. Wilcher loved helping people who fell on hard times, whether it was in the form of his time or gathering his friends and family together for a cause. He was a member of Hines Baptist Church and attended Deep Creek Church whenever he was able. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his son, Jeremy (Amanda)



WILCHER

Wilcher of Midville; daughter, Toni Wilcher of Savannah; brothers, Charles (Rhonda) Wilcher of Twin City and David (Demaris) Cullen of Saint Mary's; sister, Tammy Marsh of Midville; grandchildren, Bradley Wilcher, Joshua Wilcher, Bryson Rogers, and Riley Duffy; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

A graveside memorial service was held Friday, May 22, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Hines Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Butch Taylor officiating.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Bobby Lee Wilson, 82

Mr. Bobby Lee Wilson, 82, resident of Swainsboro, died Friday morning, May 22, 2020 at East Georgia Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Wilson was born in Meeks, son of the late Lee Wilson and Marie Mills Wilson. He was a surveyor and proudly served in the National Guard for 30 years. He was preceded in death by his parents and Rubye McBride.

Graveside services for the family were held Sunday afternoon, May 24, 2020 at 2 p.m. from Forest Lawn Cemetery

with Reverend Louis Pearce officiating. All CDC guidelines were observed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Survivors include his nephews, Jerry Way, Tony Way, Ken Neal, and Ron Neal; two nieces, Debra Wilson Norris and Francis Griffen; special neighbors, Glenda and Walter Tapley; and two brothers, Homer Lee Wilson (Betty) and Jerry Griffen.

Honorary pallbearers were Paul Hudson and Keith Slater.

Tomlinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Exchangites honor Youth of the Year winners

On March 3 at Catered Creations, Mark Williams and Kevin Judy of the Swainsboro Exchange Club co-chaired the local program honoring this year's Youth of the Year winners.

Arham Shah is the community's 2020 representative. He received \$450 and is moving on to the state competition. Shah attends Swainsboro High School.

Tatum Taylor took second place, for which she won \$300. She is a student at David Emanuel Academy.

Other participants included Sylvester Mack and Zera Edenfield, both of whom attend Emanuel County Institute; Krishi Patel from SHS; and Ethan Wells from DEA.



Photo credit: Mark Williams Studio
(FRONT ROW, L-R) MACK, PATEL, EDENFIELD, AND TAYLOR
(BACK ROW, L-R) JUDY, WELLS, SHAH, AND WILLIAMS

Library to use internet to put on Summer Reading Program

Franklin Memorial Library is bringing its Summer Reading Program online this year. In doing so, the library is adapting its traditional Summer Reading Program to an online registration and reading participation program through Beanstack and will feature professional performers via Zoom and Facebook. Still offering crafts and prizes for all ages, Franklin

Memorial Library says this year's program is going to be as much fun as ever, despite being delivered virtually instead of in person because of COVID-19.

This year's theme is "Imagine Your Story." The first program will be June 2 at 11 a.m. with Science Tellers, an interactive science and storytelling program, coming to you through Zoom technology. An

invitation to join can be located by following the library's Facebook page.

Registration begins June 1. For more information on how to register, visit Franklin Memorial Library's Facebook page or call the library at 478-237-7791. You may also email library staff at swainsborolibrary@gmail.com.



NEW BILL BOARD WRAP BEING INSTALLED
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Twin City honors town with installation of new sign

The City of Twin City continues to move forward with the progression of its portioned grounds within Emanuel County. Pictured are two employees of Statesboro’s Whitfield Sign Co., who made travel to the historic, small town on Thursday, May 21, for the purpose of installing a bill board wrap.

A christening event was held the following Tuesday, May 26, during the afternoon hours. This event will be featured in an upcoming edition of *The Forest-Blade*, so be sure to stay tuned!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was surprised to learn the Emanuel County Animal Shelter is controlled by Swainsboro Police Department, which prompts me to ask the following questions. Is the shelter owned by the City of Swainsboro, or is it owned by Emanuel County? If it’s owned by the city, why is it called Emanuel County Animal Shelter? Who is in charge of monetary donations made to the shelter? What is the money used for? Are all monetary donations used exclusively for the shelter, or do donations go into the city’s

general fund? Where is the accountability? Does the police department submit an annual report? Why doesn’t the animal shelter accept cats? Why isn’t the shelter designated as a “no-kill” shelter, which also brings up the question, is it a shelter or is it a dog pound? Please understand that in no way am I suggesting any kind of malfeasance, but these are questions I’d like to have answers to, and I think the citizens of Emanuel County would be interested in knowing. Thank you.

Mike Ridgill
Twin City

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The family of Paul H. Moore would like to thank Pruitt Hospice nurses and Chaplain for the care they gave Paul and the extended care and comfort they gave to me. They were with us for a month and 4 days but, it was a pleasure to have them and the interactions they had with us. Love and thanks always to them. If you have the need for help like this, it will feel needs you wouldn't even know are there.

*Sincerely,
Paul H. Moore family.*

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THE “GOOD CITIZEN” BULLETIN BOARD

This months bulletin board is a posting of a variety of issues. Thanks for giving this your attention.

VOTING: Finally, it is almost time for the June 9 election. You can vote in a variety of ways, do nobody has an excuse. Get out there and get your candidate elected.

2020 CENSUS: Due to the CV-19, the deadline for getting yourself counted has been extended to August. BUT, you need to make sure that you get it done if you haven't already! If you have questions, contact City Hall, the County Commissioners Office, or the Chamber of Commerce. WE GROW BY MAKING SURE THEY KNOW WE ARE HERE! Don't leave it up to somebody else, make SURE YOU ARE COUNTED IN THE 2020 CENSUS.

TRASH: Towns are judged by how they look. We might not think about it, but when our streets and buildings are strewn with trash and are in need of repair, it creates a terrible impression of our home. Remember to call City Hall by Wednesday by each week if you will have over sized trash items for pick up. This is only done on Fridays and only by request. Everyone can do something everyday, no matter how small to help our town looks it's best! What will you do?


CORONA VIRUS: By now, just about everyone’s life has changed in some degree because of this health threat. We can be very thankful that Swainsboro and Emanuel County has so far been spared much of the terrible impact of this virus. As we slowly try to return to a near normal routine, PLEASE do not neglect the very important measures of SOCIAL DISTANCING, USING MASKS WHENEVER POSSIBLE, HAND WASHING EVERY HOUR, STAYING HOME IF YOU CAN, AND PROTECTING OTHERS AND YOURSELF.

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Mayor proclaims June 7-13 as National Garden Week

Officers of Seedling Garden Club met with Swainsboro Mayor Charles Schwabe to witness the signing of a proclamation declaring June 7-13, 2020 as National Garden Week. Masks were removed long enough for the camera flash to go off.

National Garden Week is always the first full week in June. This year, National Garden Week falls June 7-13. The purpose of National Garden Week is to raise awareness of gardening and horticulture and to encourage more people to take part in the healthy and productive outdoor activity of gardening.

National Garden Week is June 7-13, but the recov-

ery from COVID-19 will go on and so will the garden club's efforts to help promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility. If you have bored children, now is a good time to introduce them to gardening.

Seedling Garden Club wants to use National Garden Week this year as a way to focus attention on the many member gardens that need the club's support and to show their beauty as a source of resilience in these trying times. Seedling Garden Club will celebrate National Garden Week in many safe ways.

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HALLIE ANN HAMBRICK

Proud parents welcome baby girl

Chase McCook of Oak Island, North Carolina and Macy Hambrick of Savannah are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Hallie Ann Hambrick. She made her entrance into the world on May 21, 2020 at 4:52 p.m. weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 20.25" inches long.

Grandparents include Gene and Mona Henry McCook of Twin City, the late George "Sonny" Hambrick Jr., and Rhonda Crosby Hambrick of Savannah.

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The Emanuel County native has been serving his homeplace for 39 years, starting out as a paramedic with Emanuel County EMS. He then transitioned into law enforcement in 1989 with his move to the sheriff's office, where he worked as chief investigator. He is currently employed by Swainsboro Police Department as a sergeant and detective. Additionally, Riner presently holds four major certifications: Georgia Post Instructor, Georgia Firearms Instructor, Georgia Post Police Counter Sniper, and Taser Instructor.

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Savvy Senior: Grocery and meal service delivery options for seniors sheltering in place

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you recommend some good grocery and/or meal service delivery options for seniors? My 78-year-old mother has always shopped for herself, but since the coronavirus pandemic hit the grocery store shelves are always half empty, and she's getting more fearful of leaving the house.

Parent Helper,
Dear Helper,
There are numerous grocery and meal service delivery options available to help seniors stay safe at home during this pandemic, but what's available to your mom will depend on her location and budget. You should also be aware that because of demand, many grocery and meal delivery services are overwhelmed right now, so some services in your mom's area may be greatly delayed or temporarily unavailable. That said, here are some good options to look into.

Grocery Delivery Services

Today, there are a variety of websites and apps that allow you or your mom to shop for groceries and other household goods without having to step foot inside a store.

Most of these services offer memberships (fees usually run around \$100/year), which will get you or your mom free deliveries on orders over \$30 or \$35. Or, they'll charge a flat delivery fee, which typically cost around \$8 to \$10.

Depending on where your mom lives there are numerous grocery delivery services like Instacart (instacart.com) and Shipt (shipt.com), which work with a wide variety of grocery retailers, including national and local chains and are widely available throughout the U.S. They use independent-contractor shopper/drivers to pick up orders in stores and deliver them to you.

You should also check into Walmart's online grocery delivery or pick-up service (grocery.walmart.com), which is available in hundreds of locations across the U.S.; Amazon Prime Now (primenow.amazon.com), which is offered in many U.S. cities; Peapod (peapod.com) that's available in 24 metro markets; and FreshDirect ([\[rect.com\]\(http://rect.com\)\) which serves the New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. areas and a few other select cities in the northeast.](http://freshdi-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Meal Delivery Services

If your mom still enjoys cooking, another convenient option to consider is meal kit delivery services like Home Chef (homechef.com), Sun Basket (sunbasket.com) or HelloFresh (hellofresh.com).

Meal kits are subscription-based services that will send your mom a box containing fresh, pre-portioned ingredient items for that kit's recipe. All she'll need to do is combine the ingredients (some chopping, and slicing may be required) and cook it. Most meal kit services run between \$8 and \$12 per meal.

Or, if your mom wants a break from cooking, a great alternative is to set her up with a ready-made meal delivery service like Mom's Meals (momsmeals.com) or Silver Cuisine (silvercuisine.com). Both of these companies, which cater to older adults, offer a wide variety of healthy, fully prepared meal choices (just heat and eat), that accommodate a host of dietary needs for those managing diabetes or needing heart-friendly and/or lower-sodium meal options.

Mom's Meals, which run \$7 per meal plus delivery, arrive fresh and will last up to 14 days in the refrigerator. Silver Cuisine meals are delivered frozen and cost \$12 or \$13 per meal.

You should also find out if there's a senior home delivery meal program in your mom's area. Meals on Wheels is the largest program that most people are familiar with, but many communities offer similar programs sponsored by other organizations that go by different names.

To find services available in your mom's area, visit MealsOnWheelsAmerica.org, which offers a comprehensive directory on their website.

Most home delivered meal programs across the U.S. deliver hot meals daily or several times a week, usually around the lunch hour, to seniors over age 60. Weekend meals, usually frozen, may also

be available, along with special diets (diabetic, low-sodium, kosher, etc.). Most of these programs typically charge a small fee (usually between \$2 and \$6) or request a donation, while some may be free to low-income seniors.

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

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Sunday church bulletins quite often reveal more than the words printed on them. Other than the date on the front of the bulletin the order of service changes very little. There seems to be three important words that appear in every order of service: Invocation, Offering and Benediction. And in between those words the hymns, Scripture and special music will be "recycled" from week to week. But there is little new or different. Even contemporary worship services seem to follow the same format and formula week after week.

Sounds boring, doesn't it? Perhaps that's why Psalm 96:1 explodes with a challenge: "Sing to the Lord a NEW SONG!" - which literally means - "NEW THINGS!" If God is alive and well in our lives and in our churches we will surely be seeing new things and singing new songs because we will see Him at work in our lives and in the life of our churches. Prayers will be answered and lives changed, sinners will be saved and His disciples will be called to serve Him in new and different ways showing His love and care to those around us. We will have to *rearrange* the order of service to make time for *public praise* to share what He is doing and *sing new songs* because *He is doing new things!*

And then in verse two we read, "Proclaim His salvation day after day!" When the proclamation of His salvation is the centerpiece of our work and worship, we will be overcome with His joy and "sing new songs!"

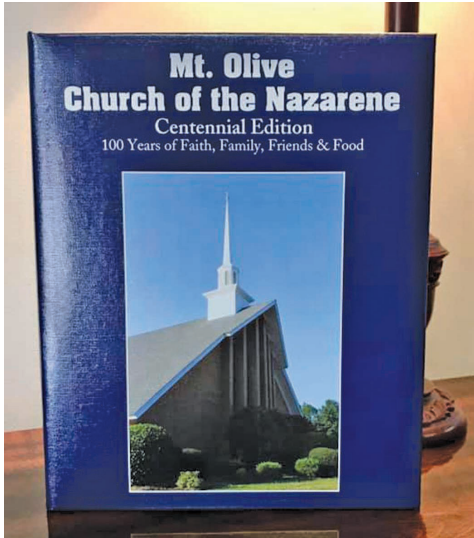
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Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Mount Olive Church of the Nazarene



This week's Cook of the Week is Mount Olive Church of the Nazarene, who would like to announce the availability of its newest cookbook. Located in Scott, the church was founded in December 1919 and recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Mount Olive's first cookbook was published in 1991. In 2018, the church decided to update that original cookbook. The new edition contains all the recipes found in the original book, plus 200 new recipes. Because many of the contributors have been lost, the cookbook is not only a collection of recipes but loving memories as well. To contact the church, call 478-668-3834. The following are three recipes Mount Olive would like to share. They were taken from the cookbook and submitted to The Blade for publication. Enjoy!

From the kitchen of Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene

Chess Cake

- 1 box Duncan Hines butter cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 1 box powdered sugar
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 stick butter
- 1 c. pecans, chopped
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix cake mix, butter, and one egg until creamy and moist. Press into a 9"x13" Pyrex or baking pan. Mix powdered sugar, two eggs, cream cheese, and vanilla well. spread over top of first mixture. Top with chopped pecans. Bake at 300° for 45 to 50 minutes, or until brown. Let cool, then cut out in 2"x2" squares.

Terrie Young, Linda Scott, and Sheila Wilcher are credited for this recipe. Carolyn Moore and Wannette Wilson also contributed.

From the kitchen of Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene

Easy Blue Ribbon Pecan Pies

- 1 c. sugar
- 1 c. Karo syrup
- 1/4 c. margarine
- 2 c. chopped pecans
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 eggs
- Pinch of salt
- 2 unbaked pie crusts

Mix all ingredients well. pour into unbaked pie shells. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Makes two pies.

Barbara Page is credited for this recipe.

From the kitchen of Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene

Crock-Pot Macaroni & Cheese

- 1 lb. macaroni noodles
- 1 lb. cheddar cheese, grated with some reserved for topping
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 can cheddar cheese soup
- 1 lg. can evaporated milk
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 c. milk
- Salt, pepper, and paprika to taste

Cook and drain macaroni according to package directions. Melt margarine. Pour over macaroni. Mix soup and evaporated milk. Beat eggs into sweet milk. Combine macaroni and grated cheese; add salt and pepper to taste. Mix together all ingredients. Pour into Crock-Pot. Sprinkle with reserved cheese and paprika. Cook for 3 hours on low.

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Patience

BY BISHOP BERTHA JONES

Today, we will look at an unpopular but needed word: “patience.” What can patience do for me? How can I obtain it? First and foremost, however, what is patience? You might think you don’t want patience.

According to varied definitions, patience is your ability to wait or endure without complaint through suffering. You are capable of accepting or at least tolerating delay, troubles, or suffering without getting angry.

You might have heard the phrase “the patience of Job.” He was a just man and the richest man of all the east, yet he was chosen to suffer. Job lost everything, both children and possessions. He also was stricken with sores and a discouraging wife, yet he didn’t complain.

So, why are we complaining today? We cannot tolerate staying in place for one month during this pandemic, even when the Word of God exalts us to be patient. The tribulations come to work patience in our lives. The final end is with patience, you will possess your soul (Luke 21:19). The Word of tells us that through patience, we will inherit the promise of God (Heb. 6:12). God is the god of patience. Hebrews 10:36-38 let us know that patience is a Christian virtue.

Given the time we are living in, we need patience now. Whatever your delays, whatever your troubles, situations, or sufferings, be patient. In Psalms 40:1-3, David says, "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. He put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see and fear and put trust in the Lord."

So today pray, cry unto the Lord, and let your praise report be a victory report to give God praise and honor. It all comes through patience!

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Community responds to vandalism of local cemetery

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

In response to the recent vandalism, veterans and citizens of Emanuel County responded to Old Wadley Road to erect, repair, and clean up the grounds of Moxley Cemetery.

During his first day serving as Emanuel County's Veterans of Foreign Wars commander, Joey Blackmon reported being contacted on the matter and says an overwhelming amount of support was received when taking action.

"On May 12, it was brought to my attention by Mike Braswell that the Moxley Cemetery on Old Wadley Road and Dellwood Road was destroyed. As the new VFW commander, I stepped up to access the situation and deploy a community effort," Blackmon explained.

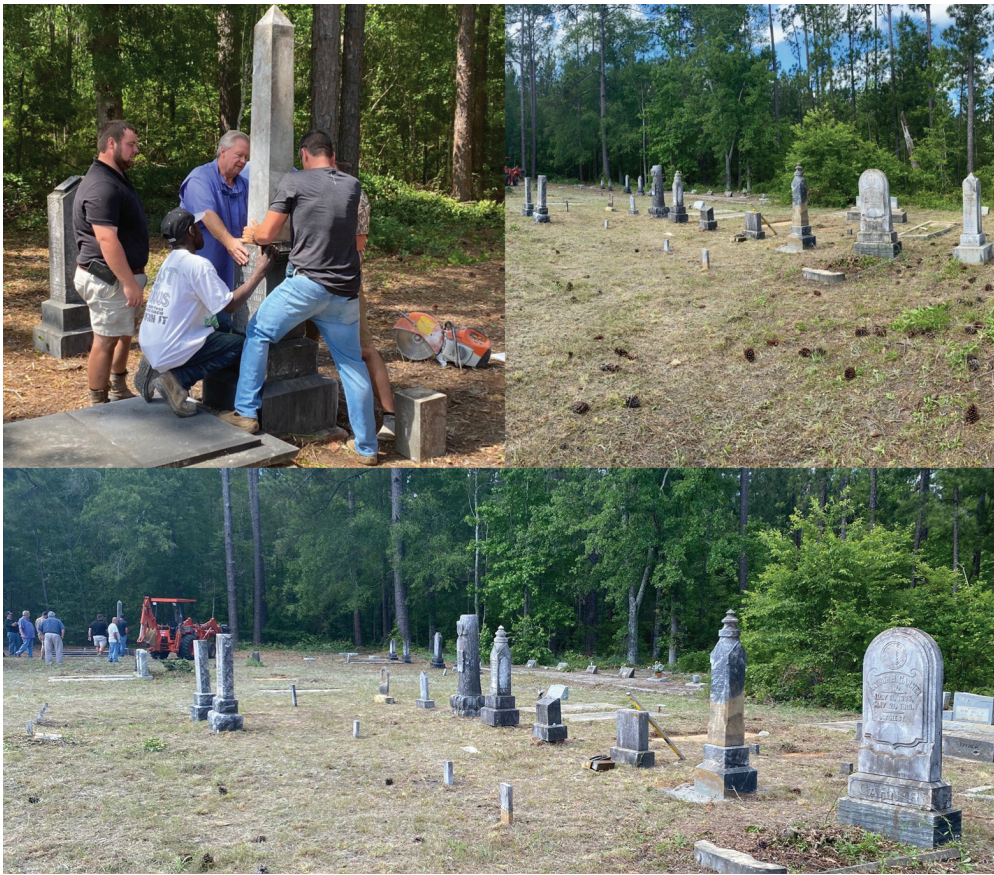
The following Thursday, May 14, Chapman Funeral Home and Southeast Vault Monument gathered at the cemetery, along with an approximate 30 volunteers, with their hearts, weed eaters and mowers to assist in the clean-up operation that lasted three hours.

Out of 53 total graves located at Moxley Cemetery, it was reported that an estimated 60 percent of grave sites had received damaged by the unknown offender(s). These graves were restored by Chapman Funeral Home and Southeast Vault Monument. Kellam's Variety Store of Swainsboro also pledged to donate 53 crosses with flowers for every gravesite to bring appeal back to the cemetery and community. These arrangements were placed at grave sites on

Memorial Day, May 25. However, that's not all... The VFW was issued a \$500 reward for information related to the vandalism of Moxley Cemetery. In addition, Buddy Moore pledged an additional \$500 to be included with the post's reward offering, totaling to a \$1,000 monetary reward for information received.

"I would like to give a shoutout to everyone who came and assisted in this effort in bringing hope back to our community! When family members return to visit, they will be in for a big surprise," Blackmon further commented.

Emanuel County Sheriff's Office Investigator David Way has been assigned to the case. Any leads may be submitted to Blackmon by calling 843-231-5002 or to Investigator Way at 478-237-7526.



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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY - JUNE 9, 2020

TCE names honor lists

According to Principal Robbie Warnock of Twin City Elementary, the following students have been named to the below academic honor lists for the entirety of the 2019-2020 school year:

Honor Roll
First grade — Tanner Mitchell, Chloe Oliver, Arieonah Seafus, Kinsley Womack, Taylor Bell, Chloe Best, Allison Foreman, Anna Foreman, Cayden Horton, Lauren Williams, Zoe Bostic, Rubin Newton, Georgia Owens, Jeffrey Raines, Mia Wilcher, Layla Hampton, Damien Johnson, Willow McClure, Kimber Peterson, Mila Thames, Amelia Laretta, Nevaeh Revels, Koda Still, and David Johnson

Second grade — Jenna Best, Eli Lane, Isabella Steptoe, Sarah Joy McBride, Pearl Meadows, Ayden Carlyle, Bentley Peebles, Gabrielle Foreman, Jason Mendez, John W. Allen, Braylie Brown, Kayce Davis, Lashaun Parrish, Bryson Rogers, Lane Sherrod, Christian Silas, Preston Sumner, Maci Walden, and Jayla Wilkerson

Third grade — Zorah Burke, Justin Collins, Emmaline Durden, Carrie Johnson, Pailyzli Kellum, Ava Matthews, Alexis Rowland, Mikayla Rushton, Braxton Way, Chanlee Youmans, Chelsea Fann, Autumn Friedel, Abby Rachels, Colbie Radford, Camryn Silas, Skyler Wilcher, Gavin Wilkerson, Adalyn Akridge, Hane Henry, William Kennedy, Vaiden Kirkland, Jake Marsh, Jonah Morton, Kaylyn Burke, Zackary Johnson, and Kyson Trapnell

Fourth grade — Kobe Caraway, Charles Fields, Laura Gomez, Hayden Henry, Payton Pierce, Caleb Pounds, Anna Price, Cesar Salinas,

Derrick Sherman, Lane Vanhorn, Kylie Cordell, Joycelynn Culbreth, Dawson Goodman, Caidence Gordon, Madison Harrison, Isaac Hodges, Tatiana Smith, Jayda Wilkerson, Kilee Whittaker, Braylen Lanier, Michael Newton, Aaron Sheppard, Anna Snellgrove, Lizzie Bell Swygert, Hayden Way, Jada Wilkerson, Joni Wimberly, Madlynn Wingard, Tylaun Baker, Alyssa Barnes, Eden Bostic, Cason Cowart, Joshua Gray, Brock Lamb, Evan May, John Rowland Rehberg, Robert Reynolds, Mary-Ella Walden, Terrance Weaver, and Patyence Davis

Fifth grade — Shaylynn Brantley, Reese Raines, Maverick Allen, Da'Mya Burke, Travoski Harris, Aniston O'dell, Turner Bryant, Alivia Conley, Lily DeLeon, Trinity Fann, Landon Frederick, Ashton McNear, Austin McNear, Holden Bowen, Mary Katherine Durden, Jlynn Hicks, Gunner Johnson, Brayden Rich, Gage Johnson, Slayden Lanigan, Ab Marsh, Aaron Matthews, Ravin Reeves, Gavyn Owens, Kir Perez, Carter Sutton, and Luran Bedgood

Star Honor Roll
First grade — Hudson Anderson, Natalie Bunn, Joleigh Coxwell, Henley Drake, Luke Donnan, VaNiya Kirkland, Anna Caroline Frye, Ab Johnson, Brayden Telgen, Addi Rich, Alli Woodward, Chloe Bridges, Alyssa Bullard, Charla Fields, Shayann Hood, Anthony Johnson, Caleb Albor, Joshua Hampton, and Alaina Henry

Second grade — Bristol Dorsey, Chelsie Grimes, Addyson Harrison, Blaire Johnson, Kane Caraway, Natilie Chauncey, Hunter Fullmore, James Morris, Daylen Peebles, Jethro Wilcher, Hendley Blackburn, Johnathan McClellen, Maggie Rowland, Liam Simmons, Brayden Coleman, and Landon Nasworthy

Third grade — Camden Hall, Brodee Cate Johnson, Kevin Juarez-Aragon, Sam Lawrence,

and Jadan Wilkerson

Fourth grade — Leta Kellum, Natalya Sannicolas, Hayden Wilson, Jackson Cavanah, Hadleigh Henry, Amelia Meadows, Brylee Rountree, Judson Underwood, Jonna Woodward, James Mason Boatright, Lawson Frye, Charley Mitchell, and Avery Snellgrove

Fifth grade — James McClellen, A. J. Edenfield, JoAnna Arms, Madison Bell, and Davis Johnson

Perfect Attendance
Kindergarten — Diamond Ardister, Ke'Juantavious Williams, and Brooks Hall

First grade — Zane

Robertson and Alli Woodward

Second grade — Jenna Best, Isabella Steptoe, Maggie Rowland, and Christian Silas

Third grade — Ja'Niya Mack, Chelsea Fann, and Madalyn Fann

Fourth grade — Cesar Salinas, MarcKez Coleman, Caidence Gordon, Isaac Hodges, MaKaylin Mincey, Tatiana Smith, Zarihya Howard, Alyssa Barnes, Lawson Frye, Jayla Murphy, and Terrance Weaver

Fifth grade — Sawyer Johnson, Madison Bell, Tyjiaunah Williams, Gavyn Owens, and Sam Williams

What a fish!

While fishing the Savannah River with his father during Memorial Day weekend, 9-year-old Ethan Mason landed the largest catfish of all his many fishing adventures. Weighing in at 18 lbs. and 2 oz., this large catch is the biggest catfish this young angler has reeled in from the water.

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Georgia State Patrol

July, 1982 - February, 2014

Began as a radio operator and retired as Lieutenant, assisting supervision of 6 patrol stations

Emanuel County Sheriff's Office

March 1, 2014 - January 7, 2020

Appointed Captain by Sheriff Stephens

Supervised Most Aspects of Sheriff's Office

Jail Administrator until Resignation to Seek Office of Sheriff

TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

Georgia Police Academy - Atlanta

GA State Patrol 60th Trooper School

FBI Office - Atlanta

GA Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS)

Columbus State University

Professional Management Program

- Legal Liability
- Budgeting
- Personnel
- Decision Making

US Department of Homeland Security

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Crisis Intervention Team Training

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- Rapid Response to Active Shooters
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- Interviews & Interrogations
- Officer Involved Shooting (GBI)
- Mobile Field Force & Riot Control Tactics

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

National Incident Management System

IS 100 - Introduction to Incident Command System

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JUNE 09, 2020

For President of the United States
(Vote for One)

Michael Bennet
Joseph R. Biden
Michael R. Bloomberg
Pete Buttigieg
John K. Delaney
Tulsi Gabbard
Amy Klobuchar
Deval Patrick
Bernie Sanders
Tom Steyer
Elizabeth Warren
Andrew Yang

For State Senator From 23rd
District (Vote for One)

Ceretta Smith
-
For Public Service Commissioner
(Vote for One)
(To Succeed Jason Shaw)
Robert G. Bryant

For Public Service Commissioner
(Vote for One)
(To Succeed Lauren Bubba
McDonald, Jr.)
Daniel Blackman
John Noel

For Sheriff
(Vote for One)

Billy Brantley
Allen Durden
Johnny James Smith

For Chief Magistrate
(Vote for One)
Regina Jones

For County Commissioner
District 1
(Vote for One)
Dessie E. Davis (Incumbent)

For United States Senate
(Vote for One)

Sarah Riggs Amico
Marcketh DeJesus
James Knox
Tricia Carpenter McCracken
Jon Ossoff
Maya Dillard Smith
Teresa Pike Tomlinson

For U.S. Representative in 117th
Congress From the 12th Congres-
sional District of Georgia
(Vote for One)
Liz Johnson
Dan Steiner

For State Representative In the
General Assembly From 158th
District (Vote for One)
Ann P.D. Gleason

SPECIAL ELECTION

For State Senator From 4th
District (To Fill the Unexpired
Term) (Vote for One)
Scott Bohlke (Republican)
Billy Hickman (Republican)
Kathy Palmer (Republican)
Stephen Jared Sammons
Neil Singleton (Republican)

DEMOCRATIC PARTY QUESTIONS

- 1.Should Georgians work to stop climate change and listen to the scientific community, which recommends immediate action to combat this serious threat to our planet? YES NO
2. Should Georgia enact basic standards to protect our environment from wasteful plastic items that pollute our state? YES NO
3. Should every eligible Georgian be allowed to register to vote on Election Day to make sure everyone can exercise their right to vote? YES NO
4. Should Georgia take partisanship out of the redistricting process and have an independent commission draw district lines instead of politicians? YES NO

NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION

For Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
(Vote for One)

(To Succeed Charlie Bethel)
Elizabeth "Beth" Beskin
Charlie Bethel (Incumbent)

For Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
(Vote for One)

(To Succeed Sarah Hawkins Warren)
Hal Moroz
Sarah Hawkins Warren
(Incumbent)

For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
(Vote for One)

(To Succeed Trenton "Trent" Brown, III)
Trenton "Trent" Brown, III
(Incumbent)

For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
(Vote for One)

(To Succeed Christian Coomer)
Christian Coomer (Incumbent)

For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
(Vote for One)

(To Succeed Sara Doyle)
Sara Doyle (Incumbent)

For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
(Vote for One)

(To Succeed Elizabeth Dallas Gobeil)
Elizabeth Dallas Gobeil (Incumbent)

For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
(Vote for One)

(To Succeed David Todd Markle)
David Todd Markle (Incumbent)

For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
(Vote for One)

(To Succeed Carla McMillian)
Carla McMillian (Incumbent)

For Judge, Superior Court of the Middle
Judicial Circuit (Vote for One)

(To Succeed Kathy Stephens
Palmer)
Tobe C. Karrh
Tommy J. Smith

For Judge of State Court of Emanuel County
(Vote for One)

Richard McNeely (Incumbent)

For Judge of the Probate Court (Vote for One)
Don Wilkes (Incumbent)

For County Board of Education District 7
(Vote for One)

John Allen Bailey (Incumbent)

For County Board of Education District 3
(Vote for One)

Del Brown (Incumbent)

For County Board of Education District 1
(Vote for One)

Mason "Mace" Henry (Incumbent)

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For President of the United States
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Donald J. Trump (Incumbent)

For United States Senate
(Vote for One)
David A. Perdue (Incumbent)

For Public Service Commissioner
(Vote for One)
(To Succeed Jason Shaw)
Jason Shaw (Incumbent)

For Public Service Commissioner
(Vote for One)
(To Succeed Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr.)
Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr.
(Incumbent)

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Trey Allen
Max Burns

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District (Vote for One)
Scott Bohlke
Billy Hickman
Kathy Palmer
Neil Singleton

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District (Vote for One)
Butch Parrish (Incumbent)

For District Attorney of the
Middle Judicial Circuit
(Vote for One)
Tripp Fitzner
Tony May

For Clerk of Superior Court
(Vote for One)
Kristin Cannady Hall (Incumbent)

For Sheriff (Vote for One)
Jeffrey Brewer
Rocky Davis
John Ashley Riner

For Tax Commissioner
(Vote for One)
Sandra S. Wright (Incumbent)

For Coroner (Vote for One)
W. Jeffrey Peebles (Incumbent)

For Chief Magistrate
(Vote for One)
Dawn Braddy
Jess William Clifton

For County Commissioner
District 3 (Vote for One)
Hugh Foskey (Incumbent)

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Neil Singleton (Republican)

REPUBLICAN PARTY QUESTIONS

- 1 Should Georgia lawmakers expand educational options by allowing a student’s state education dollars to follow to the school that best fits their needs, whether that is public, private, magnet, charter, virtual or homeschool? YES NO
- 2 Should voting in the Republican Primary be limited to voters who have registered as Republicans? YES NO
- 3 Should candidates for board of education be required to declare their political party? YES NO

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Editorials Columns

Prophetic words from a late and great commentator

I have long been an admirer of the words and works of the late Paul Harvey and his radio commentaries known as the “The Rest of the Story.” I had the privilege of meeting him in New York at the Peabody Awards ceremonies, sponsored by the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Georgia. He was a deserved recipient of that prestigious honor. He was also a kind and gracious soul.

For more than three decades from the 1970s until his death in 2009, Harvey captivated listeners with his mellifluous voice and an endless variety of topics. He has been referred to by some as a conservative. It would be more accurate to call him middle-of-the-road America. He certainly was a contrast to the wild-eyed partisan

yakkers that dominate today’s radio and television airwaves like a bunch of braying donkeys.

Dan Como, a reader and Great American in Marietta, recently sent me a copy of one of Paul Harvey’s gems originally broadcast in 1965, entitled “If I Were the Devil.” It has run in numerous publications over the past 55 years and is eerily prescient of what is happening in our country today. I share it in its entirety, hoping it serves as a wake-up call—assuming it is not already too late. It goes like this:

“If I were the devil. If I were the Prince of Darkness, I’d want to engulf the whole world in darkness. And I’d have a third of its real estate, and four-fifths of its population, but I wouldn’t be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree - Thee. So I’d set about however

necessary to take over the United States. I’d subvert the churches first. I’d begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: ‘Do as you please.

“To the young, I would whisper that ‘The Bible is a myth.’ I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what’s bad is good, and what’s good is ‘square.’ And the old, I would teach to pray after me, ‘Our Father, which art in Washington...

“And then I’d get organized. I’d educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I’d threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I’d pedal narcotics to whom I could. I’d sell alcohol to ladies and

gentlemen of distinction. I’d tranquilize the rest with pills.

“If I were the devil, I’d soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves; until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings I’d have mesmerizing media fanning the flames. If I were the devil I would encourage schools to refine young intellects but neglect to discipline emotions - just let those run wild, until before you knew it, you’d have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

“Within a decade I’d have prisons overflowing, I’d have judges promoting pornography—soon I could evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress. And in

Dick Yarbrough



His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls and church money. If I were the devil I’d make the symbols of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

“If I were the devil I’d take from those who have and give to those who want until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

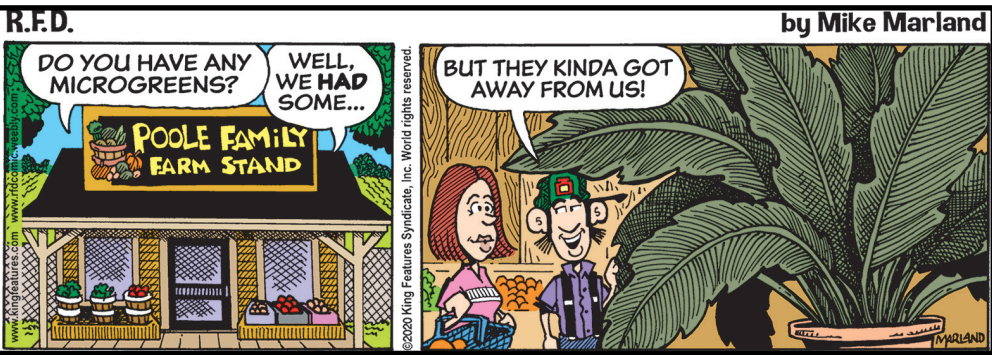
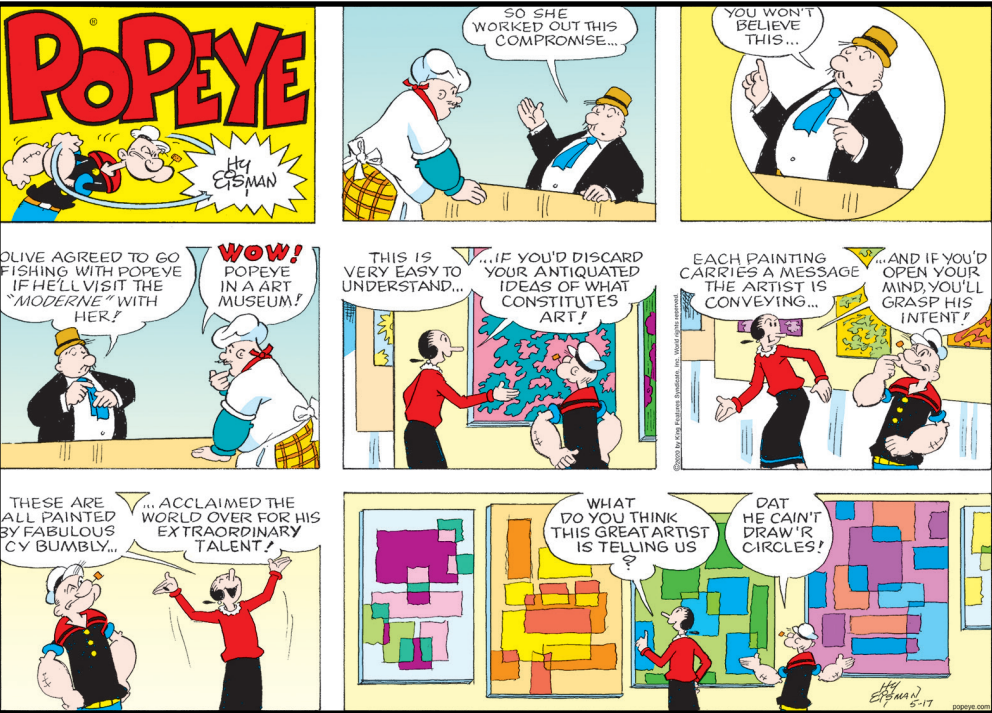
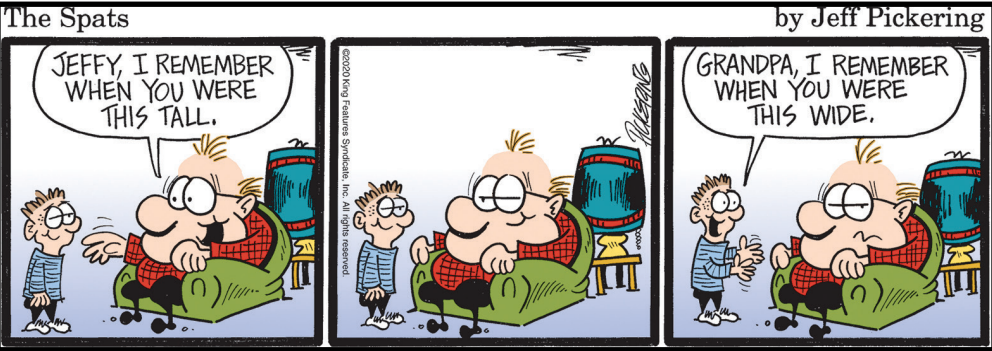
“And what do you bet I could get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich? I would caution against extremes and hard work, in Patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that

swinging is more fun, that what you see on the TV is the way to be. And thus, I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure. In other words, if I were the devil I’d just keep right on doing what he’s doing.”

Now, you can see why I am such a fan of Paul Harvey. I suspect I will lie awake tonight wondering why we have heard his wise words but have ignored his message.

You can reach Dick Yarbrough at yarb2400@bellsouth.net; at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139; online at dickyarbrough.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dickyarb.

Editorial Cartoons



Question: What is the speed of my internet service?

Answer: There are several websites that will measure the speed of your internet service. These sites will come up with about the same speed, including upload and download speeds.

Generally, your download speed will be much faster than your upload speed. This is mainly because most people are not uploading many items. What they prefer to see quickly is stuff from other sites, which means you are downloading from those sites.

At my apartment in LaFayette, I typically have upload speeds of 1-20 mbps (meg or megabits per second) and download speeds close to 80 mbps (meg). Recently at GNTC – Catoosa County campus, we were surprised to discover upload and download speeds of about 800 mbps (meg).

Dwight Watt



This also makes since as several providers offer 1 gig (gigabits per second or 1000 times mbps) or 10 gigs in Chattanooga, which is why Chattanooga advertises as a gig city.

The site I usually use to test internet service speeds is www.speedtest.net. It is simple to use. When you go to the site, click the big “GO” circle and the test will run. By USA government definition, if your download speed is larger than 25 mbps, you have broadband service.

Another one I like is www.speakeasy.net/speedtest. The difference on this site is that you can see your speed of connection to different cities. Connecting to Europe will often be slower as the distance and the connections across the Atlantic slow it down. This can be interesting seeing the speeds to other places.

If you are buying cloud space at Amazon Web Services (AWS), you can buy service at different data centers for different processes.

When checking internet service speed, results will vary by day and time of day. However, you should get close to what your internet service provider charges you for or faster.

Send me your questions about computers to me at the paper or to my e-mail dwight@dwightwatt.com and tell me you read this in this paper. I will pick a question to answer each week.

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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).

Devin Ira Jones, 21, 39 Fowler Rd., Twin City; entered 5/18/20; Probation/Twin City PD/Middle

Ga Probation; released 5/19/20; TCPD
Cassandra Monique Guyton, 38, 333 Hopkins St.; entered 5/18/20; Driving lic susp/rev, Headlight Requirements; released 5/19/20
Jeffery Tyson Bennett, 46, 834 Five Points Rd., Lyons; entered 5/19/20; Obstr/Hindering of Officer, VGCSA possession Marijuna; released 5/19/20; TCPD
Mark Allen Edwards, 54, 2204 S. Millidge Dr., Athens; entered 5/19/20; Unregistered Vehicle, VGCSA possession Marijuana, Hold for Out of County Billing, VGCSA Possession of Drug Related Object, Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act; SPD
Lauren Thay Hawkins, 26, 1136 Palmetto St., Darien; entered 5/19/20; VGCSA Possession of Drug Related Object, Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, VGCSA

possession Marijuana; released 5/25/20; SPD
Dewayne Lashon Sanders, 45, 425 N. Coleman St.; entered 5/19/20; Obstr/ofc; SPD
Charles McKenneth Kirkland, 26, 406 N. Racetrack, Apt. L3; entered 5/19/20; Obstr/Hindering of Officer, VGCSA Possesion of Drug Related Object, Obstr/ofc, Simp battery, Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation, VGCSA Drugs Schedule I & II drugs, VGCSA Drugs Schedule I & II drugs, Escape, Crim interference w/ govt prop; SPD
Janice Elizabeth Black, 26, 912 Crump St.; entered 5/19/20; Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act; released 5/21/20; GSP
Dylan Chase Rogers, 21, 116 Carl Dasher Rd., Glennville; entered 5/20/20; Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act,

VGCSA Marijuana/poss less than oz; ECSCO
Lester Rogers Jr., 43, 97 Quick Loop Rd.; entered 5/20/20; Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, VGCSA Marijuana/poss less than oz; ECSCO
Christopher William Rice, 21, 440 Old Ailey Lothair Rd., Mount Vernon; entered 5/20/20; Driving lic susp/rev, Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 5/20/20; SPD
Matthew Jerome Guest, 36, 203 Hortense Cir., Hortense; entered 5/20/20; Theft/taking; released 5/21/20; SPD
Ashley Nichole Archer, 30, 929 Scarboro Church Rd., 179 Emergency Rd. 105, Twin City; entered 5/21/20; Financial transaction card fraud, Parole Violation; SPD
Kalah Marie Guyse, 33, 123 Agan Dr., Apt. 2211, Vidalia; entered 5/21/20; VGCSA Marijuana/poss less

than oz; ECSCO
David Wayne Weber, 31, 217 Cassville Cartersville; entered 5/21/20; Public drunk; SPD
Carlton Lee Daniels, 50, 248 Oak Grove Church Rd.; entered 5/21/20; Public drunk; SPD
J.B. Gillis, 60, 216 E. Columbia Ave., Apt. 2, Lyons; entered 5/22/20; VGCSA possession Cocaine, VGCSA possession Marijuana; released 5/23/20; SPD
Keith Obryan Shipman, 32, 212 Happiness Dr.; entered 5/22/20; Driving lic susp/rev, Dui/alch; released 5/23/20; GSP
Kenneth Franklin Keel, 60, 1631 Highway 23 S., Lot #3, Twin City; entered 5/23/20; Disorderly conduct; released 5/23/20; ECSCO
Qucshelia Nykeia Johnson, 26, 127 Happiness Dr.; entered 5/23/20; Dui/alch,

Fail to Maintain Lane; released 5/23/20; GSP
Johnnie Paul Jordan, 55, 45 Wheeler Dr.; entered 5/24/20; No license on person, Dui/alch; released 5/24/20; GSP
Michael Gene Holmes, 55, 109 Holly Ross Rd., Cochran; entered 5/24/20; Public drunk; SPD
Matthew Bell, 55, 367 Braswell Blvd., 918 King Circle Dr.; entered 5/24/20; Dui/alch, Failure to Maintain Lane; released 5/24/20; GSP
Kennon Daniel Elliott, 43, 421 N. Main St.; entered 5/24/20; Driving lic susp/rev; SPD
Ricky Lee Lewis, 29, 150 Ashley Dr., Lyons; entered 5/24/20; Hold for Toombs County; SPD

Police Reports

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

May 12
Emanuel County 911 dispatched officer to a Ponderosa Drive address in reference to a motor vehicle theft.

Officer responded to an additional address on Ponderosa Drive in reference to property being stolen from a vehicle.

May 15
Officer responded to the area of South Main Street in reference to a simple battery offense and interference with a 911 call.

Complainant reported harassing phone calls.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle being operated with expired registration. 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 an unregistered and uninsured vehicle being operated on the roadway.

Officer was dispatched to an address on Allen Street in reference to a dispute.

May 16
Officer responded to a North Green Street address in reference to assisting EMS with a possible overdose.

Officer responded to an address on Turner Drive in reference to a dog bite.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to an improper tag affixed to a vehicle. During the traffic stop, officer learned that the driver's license was suspended. An arrest was made.

Officer responded to an area on Lambs Bridge Road in reference to recovering property.

Complainant reported a dispute.

May 17
Officer responded to a North Anderson Drive address in reference to a simple battery offense.
Officer responded to a North Coleman Street address in reference to a report of burglary by forced entry.

Officer responded to an address on Howard Drive in reference to a window of a residence being broken.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle being operated with very dark tinted windows. During the traffic stop, officer learned that the driver's license was suspended and the window tint being checked and read at 19 percent. An arrest was made.

Officer responded to a South Main Street address in reference to a miscellaneous report.

May 18
Officer was dispatched to an East Main Street address in reference to a report of a stolen company truck.

Officer responded to a North Main Street address in reference to a report of fraudulent attempt to obtain refunds.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle being operated on the roadway without a working right headlight. 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 being operated with an expired tag. During the traffic stop, officer found the driver and passenger to be in possession of methamphetamine and marijuana (less than an oz.). An arrest was made.

May 19
Complainant reported aggravated assault with

a gun.

Officer responded to the area of West Moring Street in reference to a male subject looking into the windows of vehicle parked in a parking lot. Officers and deputies patrolled the area and made contact with a subject described by complainant. Upon making contact, the involved subject began to reach into his pants pockets and would not comply when requested to show his hands by the officer. Officer attempted to restrain the subject until the interview was completed, however, an arrest was made due to obstruction of officer by involved subject.

Officer responded to the area of North Green Street in reference to his assistance with serving warrants. Contact was made with the involved subject, who was apprehended and placed into a patrol car. As officer further investigated related charges, the offender escaped through the front seat

of the patrol unit and attempted to flee on foot into a wooded area. The offender was apprehended and transported to the Emanuel County Jail. During the arrest, officer located a clear back of crystal-like substance inside the offender's sock.

Officer responded to an Old Nunez Road address in reference to a dispute.

May 20
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 a South Main Street address in reference to a report involving damaged property.

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officers to an address on Howarth Drive in reference to a stolen vehicle report.

Officer was dispatched to the area of Lee Street and Hopkins Street in reference to a dispute.

Officers were dispatched to an address on South Main Street in reference to a report involving theft by taking. After further investigation, the involved offender was identified and later located and arrested from an additional South Main Street address.

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officer to an address on Canoochee Road in reference to a dispute.

May 21
Officers were dispatched to the area of Tyson Street and Thompson Street in reference to a report of shots fired. Contact was made with the involved offender, who advised of firing the involved fun in an attempt to scare off geese from a pond. Officers advised the involved subject of the city ordinance, which bans the discharge of firearms within city limits.

Complainant reported being followed by white people. While explain-

ing the situation to an officer, the complainant advised of being followed by all white people, all the time. The complainant advised that no matter if visiting the grocery store or driving down the street, that white people are everywhere. It was also reported that airplanes hover over the complainant's house and the pilots of these planes are white as well. Further conversation included that all white police officers were following the complainant and parking outside of the complainant's residence watching for movement. The complainant requested knowledge as to why the white people are following her.



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Twin City Police Reports

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

May 16
Officer submitted a warrant application to the Emanuel County Magistrate Court in request to search a cellular telephone recovered during the execution of a search warrant at a South Railroad Avenue business setting.

Officer submitted a search warrant application to the Emanuel County Magistrate Court in request to obtain buccal swabs for DNA.

Officer, assisted by Emanuel-Swainsboro Animal Control, responded to the area of Allen Street in reference to apprehending two dogs. Twin City Police Department reported receiving multiple complaints from citizens regarding the involved dogs for several months. Both dogs were

taken to the Swainsboro Animal Control facility for care, holding, and placement purposes.

May 17
Officers responded to the intersection of East Broad Street and Old Swainsboro Road in reference to a report of disorderly conduct.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to defective equipment of a vehicle being operated on the roadway. During the traffic stop,

the driver was found to be in violation of open container.

Complainant made a miscellaneous report.

Complainant reported a domestic argument.

Officer responded to an address on Granddaughter Lane in reference to continued complaints made by a male subject.

May 18
Officer made contact with a subject associat-

ed with an active warrant for parole violation. An arrest was made.

Officer responded to an address on Circle Drive in reference to an intoxicated male.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to reckless driving.

May 19
Complainant reported theft of lost or mislaid property.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to defective equipment of a

vehicle being operated on the roadway. During the traffic stop, officer located an electronic vapor pen device containing a golden brown liquid that later tested positive as THC. The driver was arrested and transported to the Emanuel County Jail and charged with obstruction-hindering for driving away from an initial traffic stop and for possession of marijuana.

Sheriff's Reports

According to Emanuel County Sheriff's Office...

May 14
Complainant struck a deer while traveling Canoochee Road.

Complainant responded to a business in Oak Park in reference to theft by taking. Deputy spoke with the complainant, who gave a description of the alleged thief. Deputy then made contact with an individual who matched the description and asked her about the accusation, to which she admitted her involvement. Offender then offered to pay for the items and be banned from all like businesses.

May 15
Complainant reported two credit cards missing from her residence.

Complainant struck a deer while traveling

Highway 192 South.

Complainant who manages maintenance needs for storage buildings on Oak Park Highway reported an offender for assaulting him as he tried to enter the unit to check on belongings.

Complainant struck a deer while traveling Highway 23 North.

May 17
Complainant on Price Williams Road stated someone broke the handle on the storage unit in her backyard, but no items were missing.

Complainant struck a deer while traveling Highway 192 South.

Victim reported her ex-husband for aggravated assault/battery and TPO violation.

May 18
Deputies assisted the Georgia State Patrol with a vehicle accident at Highway 80 East and Highway 221.

be arrested for trespassing if she continued to go over there anyway.

Deputies responded to Ogburn Drive in reference to a child custody dispute and a welfare check.

Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Union Chapel Church Road in reference to an altercation between a brother and sister. Complainant was advised of warrant and TPO processes.

Deputies responded to a single-vehicle crash on Highway 192 North.

May 19
Complainant reported her son for pawning the title to her vehicle without permission after she loaned the vehicle to him. Offender also had reportedly failed to return the vehicle to complainant after requesting he do so for two weeks. Repossession companies had become involved to no avail.

Complainant filed a report in reference to harassing communications.

Deputy responded to an address in Stillmore in reference to an assault that had previously occurred. Complainant was transported to Emanuel Medical Center for his injuries. Case was turned over to investigator.

Complainant reported an electric motor missing from his property and was advised of warrant process.

May 20
Deputies were dispatched to a domestic dispute with dangerous drugs and drug-related objects. Offenders were arrested and transported to the jail.

Deputy responded to a residence on Pinetucky

Road and took a report from complainant. According to complainant, offender came to residence that night and pointed a shot gun at her and another individual. Both complainants wanted to pursue charges. Offender had left the residence prior to deputy's arrival and was thought to be headed toward Jefferson County. Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was advised to look out for the vehicle.

May 21
Complainant reported an offender for violating a TPO.

Deputy assisted with a civil matter at a trailer park on Highway 80 East.

Deputy made a traffic stop on Highway 1 South and observed a marijuana odor. After searching the car and finding marijuana, offender admitted to smoking. She was arrested and transported to the jail.

Victim filed a report in reference to fictitious checks given to her and deposited into her bank account by a new job that turned out to be a scam.

May 22
Complainant struck a deer while traveling Highway 80 East.

Victim filed a report in reference to a burglary.

May 23
Deputy made a traffic stop, which ultimately led to driver's arrest due to driving under the influence. Traffic stop was turned over to Georgia State Patrol.

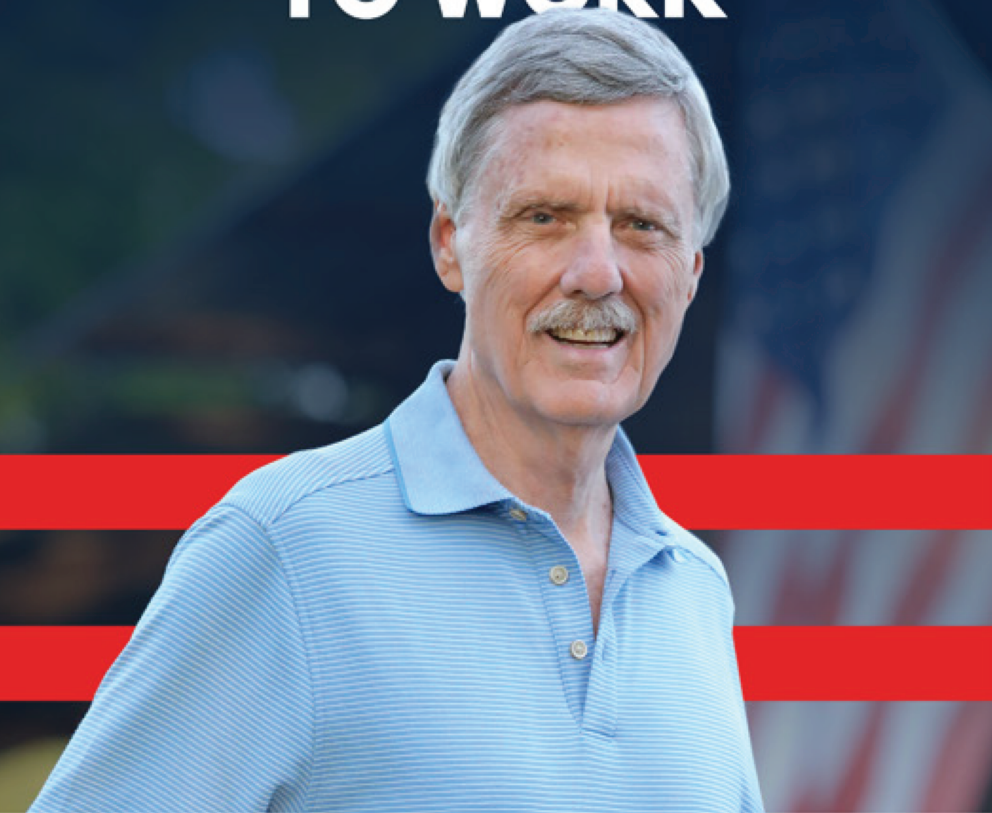
Deputies assisted fire services with a vehicle fire.

Deputies responded to an address on Highway 23 South in reference to a dispute between complainant and offender. Offender was arrested and transported to the jail due to disorderly conduct.

EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Emanuel County Board of Education will hold its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Emanuel County Board of Education Office located at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. During this meeting, there will be an opportunity for public input on the Emanuel County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.


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Combatting common tomato problems

by SAVANNAH TANNER, Emanuel County Extension agent

Tomatoes can prove to be a very particular and difficult plant to grow and keep healthy. While there are many vegetables we grow here in Georgia, tomatoes seem to be one of the main questions I receive about home gardening on a year to year basis. As they are very sensitive to insects and changes in the weather, here are six common challenges and how to fix them regarding tomato growth and disease in southeastern Georgia:

Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus (TSWV) is a common disease that is spread by thrips. There are a few telltale signs your tomato plant has been affected by thrips:

- The top of the plant will look stunted or wilted.
- The young leaves may yellow, black, or brown discolorations.
- The veins on the underside of leaves may thicken and turn purple.
- Fruit can have risen or flat rings or circles on them.
- Ripe fruit will have yellow circles or semi-circles.

Once tomatoes get the disease, there is no reactive measure that can be taken. A few varieties of tomato are resistant to TSWV, including Amelia, Stiletto, and others. The variety must specifically say it is resistant to Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus.

If you notice that a plant becomes infected, to prevent the virus from spreading there is an easy preventative measure to take. Pull

the infected plant up from the root, seal it in a bag, and discard or destroy it as quickly as possible early in the season. Even after the plant is removed, there is still a chance thrips can spread the virus to the remaining healthy plants. If it is late in the season, let the infected plants finish ripening the fruit they have.

Fusarium wilt is caused by a fungus that blocks the water-conducting tissues in the plant. Leaves will begin to turn yellow and wilt, often starting at the bottom of the plant. This disease can affect just one side or several branches of the plant. The plant can die early and never produce fruit. If you cut into the plant, the vascular system (just under the bark) will be brown. Fusarium wilt can be controlled by planting resistant varieties. If an area becomes infected, wait at least four years before planting more tomatoes.

Planting disease resistant tomato varieties is the most effective way to prevent disease. The letters behind a variety's name indicate what diseases it is resistant to:

- T- Tobacco Mosaic Virus
- V- Verticillium Wilt
- F- Fusarium Wilt
- N- Nematodes

Some common resistant varieties are Celebrity, Super Tasty, and Bush Early Girl.

Bacterial wilt causes a rapid wilting and death of the plant. The plant dies so quickly it does not have time to yellow. Bacteria wilt browns the pith, or middle of the stem. The pith

may even be hollow. To determine for sure if your plant is infected with bacterial wilt: cut a short section of the stem and suspend it in a clear glass of water. You will see a white, milky substance begin to ooze out of the bottom of the cut stem.

There is currently no chemical means to treat bacterial wilt, but there are a few simple practices to follow to prevent the disease:

- Rotate crops planted in the area. Bacterial wilt can survive indefinitely in the soil. Plant tomatoes no more than once every four years in the same spot. Bacterial wilt also affects potatoes, peppers, and eggplants. Beans, cabbage, and corn are all viable options to plant in rotation with tomatoes.
- Choose resistant varieties, if available. There are no varieties completely resistant, only partially resistant plants. The Neptune, Tropic Bay, and Kewalo varieties are all partially resistant, however, they can be hard to find.
- Plant tomatoes in well-drained soil.
- Space plants generously, as the extra room will allow for increased ventilation.

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ESTIMATED REVENUES:			
LOCAL TAXES	\$ 7,411,561		
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	\$ 437,000	\$ 103,800	\$ 25,000
STATE SOURCES	\$ 30,230,347	\$ 1,227,691	
FEDERAL SOURCES		\$ 8,072,078	
INCOMING TRANSFERS			
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS			\$ 2,600,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$ 38,078,908	\$ 9,403,569	\$ 2,625,000
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:			
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$ 26,042,266	\$ 4,743,222	\$ 325,000
PUPIL SERVICES	\$ 2,024,861	\$ 359,029	
IMP OF INSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$ 343,414	\$ 34,214	
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	\$ -	\$ 598,907	
MEDIA SERVICES	\$ 752,173	\$ -	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$ 736,392	\$ 123,000	
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$ 3,109,695	\$ 71,231	
BUSINESS SERVICES	\$ 572,873		
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION SERVICES	\$ 2,934,795	\$ 31,299	
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	\$ 2,338,218	\$ 312,056	\$ 120,000
CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 671,776	\$ -	\$ 180,000
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 22,300	\$ 3,300	
SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES		\$ 3,121,596	
FACILITIES ACQ & CONST SERVICES			\$ 5,000,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 39,548,763	\$ 9,397,853	\$ 5,625,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXP	\$ (1,469,855)	\$ 5,716	\$ (3,000,000)
ESTIMATED TOTAL FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2020	\$ 11,453,092	\$ 689,864	\$ 5,129,836
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE JUNE 30, 2021	\$ 9,983,237	\$ 695,581	\$ 2,129,836

The Emanuel County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2021 Budget will be considered for final adoption by the Board on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Emanuel County Board of Education Central Office located at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. As stated in the notices published in *The Forest Blade*, an opportunity for public input will be provided during the May 12 and June 9 board meetings regarding the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

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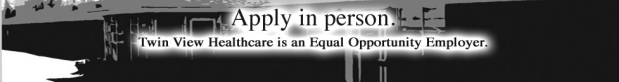


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Must possess and maintain Georgia Peace Officer Certification;
Must possess and maintain a valid Georgia driver's license; must be a U. S. Citizen;
Must be 21 years of age (birth certificate required);
Must possess a high school diploma or GED; supplemented 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. For more information, interested applicants may contact City Clerk Eugenia Ducker at (478) 763-2695 or Police Chief Randal Beach at 478-763-4140.

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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.
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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.
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2191-1150A
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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 disregarded, 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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of Ryan Earl Alderman, 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 12th day of May, 2020.
Patricia C. Alderman, Executrix of the Estate of Ryan Earl Alderman, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND

DEBTORS
All creditors of the estate of WANDA ANN PHILLIPS, decedent late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, are hereby by notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to lae and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This the 19th day of May, 2020.
SHARON YVONNE PHILLIPS, executrix of the estate of WANDAANN PHILLIPS, decedent.
2106 Stoke PL. Hephzibah, Ga. 30816
Address of Executor/Executrix 706-833-1520
Telephone _____

NOTICE
The petition of JEANIE KIRBY, temporary guardian is said minor, having been read and considered, shall be filed; and a copy together with this notice shall be saved upon the natural guardian as provided by law.
The natural guardian JOSEPH BLAKE REWIS is hereby notified that the judge of the probate court may dissolve the temporary guardianship and relieve the temporary guardian of all obligations in connection with the guardianship. If appropriate under the circumstance, however, this case may be transferred to the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County for resolution. In the event of consent by a natural guardian or legal custodian, this Court shall terminate the guardianship of AYDEN BLAKE REWIS, ten days after personal service has been completed.
This 15th day of May, 2020.
Judge Don E. Wilkes

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of Carl Lee, Sr., 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 19th day of May, 2020.
Cendy L. Lee, Administrator of the Estate of Carl Lee, Sr., decedent
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by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

At 5:56 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, Emanuel County EMS, firefighters from Summertown and Swainsboro, along with sheriff's deputies, responded to Highway 56 North by Underwood Loop. A two-vehicle crash involving a 2004 Ford F-150 XLT pickup and a 2010 Chevrolet Impala LS sedan had occurred. The male drivers of both vehicles received non-life-threatening injuries and were transported to Emanuel Medical Center by EMS. The crash was investigated by the sheriff's deputies.

Around 2 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, EMS, county firefighters

from Swainsboro and Twin City, along with sheriff's deputies and Georgia State Patrol, responded to a reported car fire on Highway 80 East by Old Reidsville Road. Upon arrival, they found a fully engulfed Nissan Altima 2.5S on the shoulder of the roadway. There was no one located in the area. Investigation continues to identify the cause.

Around 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, Emanuel County sheriff's deputies and Georgia State Patrol responded to a crash on Monroe Street in Garfield. A two-axle trailer had come free from its towing vehicle and crashed into a parked 1984 Ford F-150 pick-up and continued

into a ditch in front of 115 Monroe Street. There were no injuries, and Georgia State Patrol investigated the crash.

On Sunday, May 24, at 1:35 a.m., Emanuel County EMS, firefighters from Swainsboro, and sheriff's deputies responded to a reported truck fire on Highway 57 East by mile marker 23. A GMC four-door pickup truck was fully involved in the ditch with no one around. It was found that the vehicle had traveled off the roadway and struck a large tree. Emergency personnel searched the woods to attempt to locate a possible injured party with negative results. Georgia State Patrol investigated the crash.



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Combatting common tomato...

(From page 1D)

• Remove and destroy affected plants at the end of the season. Till surrounding soil to reduce the spread of the disease. Do not spread the diseased soil.

Southern blight is a white mold that rots the stem at or slightly above or below the soil line. The plant then wilts or dies. The distinctive sign of southern blight is a cottony fungal growth and light brown BB sized fruiting structures of the fungus. The fungus may not be easily visible when the weather is dry. It commonly appears in the days immediately following a heavy rain, after a long period of hot, dry weather.

If you have a problem with southern blight, it can be prevented at planting. Planting the tomatoes further apart and treating the plants with an herbicide labeled for southern blight will most likely prevent the plants from becoming infected. The fungus can live in the soil for up to four years, so if the area becomes infected, do not plant anything there until enough time

has passed.

Poor ripening appears as white or grey areas in a developing tomato. It can be caused by improper fertilization, virus diseases, and high temperatures.

Fertilize tomatoes monthly with a dry, granular fertilizer that is high in potassium. The fertilizer analysis tells what is in the given fertilizer. For example, a 5-10-15 fertilizer has 5% nitrogen, 10% phosphate (phosphorus) and 15% potash (potassium). To achieve an even ripening, use a fertilizer that is high in potassium.

Prevent virus diseases by planting resistant varieties. While not all viruses can be prevented this way, it is best to be proactive instead of reactive when treating viruses.

To combat high temperatures, water tomato plants twice a week with about 3/4 an inch of water and use a mulch to retain the moisture.

For more information about tomatoes and how to keep them healthy and productive, contact your local county extension agent.



Tony May for District Attorney



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Dog of the decade

If you are a dog lover, you have a boss. I'm ashamed to admit it, but mine is a tricolor, 10-pound terrier. To say he is spoiled

is an understatement. He has a big ego.

He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth. There was no competition among his litter because he was the only puppy.

From the first time I saw him, I wanted him for myself. My wish came true a few months later when my neighbor gave up on him. He had destroyed too many electrical cords and rubber flip-flops to suit their taste. "Come over here and get him," they said.

Over the next few months, what he didn't destroy became unsalvageable. If anyone came down my long hallway headed to the bathroom and glanced into my bedroom, they asked what happened to the furniture. I tried to give them a logical answer, but all I could say was that it was intended to be modern American, but it had advanced toward "shabby chic."

When Slick was just a tiny pup, I kept him secure in my bedroom. He must have thought he was my prisoner because one day I opened the bedroom door to find he



had burrowed his way from underneath my mattress and chewed his way to the top surface of my bed. Nothing of him was visible to me but his small head, and he must have had that look that Sir Edmond Hillary had on his face when he reached the summit of Mount Everest.

We communicate with Slick by his unique mannerisms. When he wants to go outside, he stares me down, hoping I get the message. If not, he goes into my sister's room with the same request. She tells me to take him out, and he barks with added zeal. He has made his request known, and he has been heard by my sister.

When we have supper, he is the last one to eat. He has to be sure he is not getting scraps instead of the menu my sister and I are feasting on.

As the years go by, Slick seems to be getting smarter. He has become humanized, if

there is such a word. He enjoys watching Animal Planet or anything that features newborn dogs or cats. Sometimes, I tell my neighbor I expect him to commence talking any day now. Without cracking a smile, he says, "If he does, be sure to let me know."

I know that you animal lovers say, "That is nothing compared to my Missy, Spot, or UGA," and I understand. Swainsboro has wonderful people who love their amazing dogs. If you don't have a pet, consider adopting one. They have so much love to give, and you become the beneficiary.

I honor Slick whenever I can. I have given him a canine title that doesn't exist, but he doesn't know it. To me, he has earned the "Dog of the Decade" title that covers the average life span of a terrier mix. It is a title that keeps on giving because it was founded on patience, loyalty, and most of all, love.

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Former Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Georgia Department of Public Safety



"Many of you may not know me. Briefly, my name is Mike Fagler and I am a resident of Emanuel County. I have worked in law enforcement for over 29 years and I am currently retired. Starting with my initial job as a radio operator and later as a trooper, I worked my way through the ranks of service and ultimately was blessed to serve as a captain. My final position was my appointment as the Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety in Atlanta. This agency oversees the functions of the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division and the Capital Police.

Throughout my career, I have worked with dozens of sheriffs across the state and I feel I have a good understanding of the qualities and characteristics needed in this important position.

On June 9, 2020, the great people of Emanuel County will cast their votes for the candidate of their choice. It is my personal and professional opinion that Chief Deputy Rocky Davis is the superior individual to serve as the new sheriff of Emanuel County. Rocky's qualifications, education and work experience speak volumes of his preparation and ability to become sheriff. Since his initial employment as a jailer, then to road deputy, detective and chief of detectives, to his current role as chief deputy, he has excelled in every position. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Georgia Southern University which he earned while working at the sheriff's office. He has also completed leadership education which is a vital aspect of the role of sheriff. Additionally, he is a certified instructor with the Peace Officer Standards and Training. His certification allows him to stay informed with elements of firearms training as well as classroom and tactical responses.

Sadly, in this day and time of pure evil, the protection of our children, teachers and other faculty is paramount all over our nation. In fact, Rocky was instrumental in the development and implementation of the very effective school resource program and still oversees its operation today.

Considering all the qualifications and experience Rocky possesses, the transition of the department with him being sheriff would be seamless and efficient. Perhaps three of the most important inherent abilities he has acquired are communication, education, and work experience. These abilities have developed into extensive investigative skills, knowledge of the profession, and the ability to interact with staff & the citizens of Emanuel County in a positive and productive manner which are of utmost importance.

From my experience in law enforcement and working with Rocky through the years, **I wholeheartedly support and ask you to vote with me for Chief Deputy Rocky Davis as the next sheriff of Emanuel County.**

Thank you very much and God bless."