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Beach selected for post as law enforcement coordinator for Southern District of Georgia

Randal Beach, chief of police in Twin City, has been selected by United States Attorney Bobby Christine to assume the role as law enforcement coordinator for the United States Attorney’s Office in this judicial district, which includes Emanuel County.

Prior to his appointment as chief of police in Twin City, Beach worked in the justice department for 28 years as a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, retiring as resident agent in charge in Pensacola, Florida. He also served as the chief of the leadership institute for ATF in Washington, D.C. Beach also has over 10 years of state and local law enforcement experience in patrol, K-9, forensics, ballistic technology, investigations, and narcotics.

Beach is a graduate of Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, where he began his law enforcement



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career. He is a certified officer in Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee and is a member of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, International Association of Chiefs of Police, International Association of Undercover Officers, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Military Order of Purple Heart, and the National Rifle Association.

Beach said that being the chief of police in Twin City has been the high-

light of his career. “I began my career policing in a small town in Georgia, and my heart has always been in that environment. Small cities across this country have unique law enforcement challenges, and it has been a high honor to have been selected to serve in Twin City,” he stated.

Beach added that he looks forward to his new position being able to bring additional law enforcement resources to Emanuel County and Twin City.

“We are sorry to see Chief Beach go. He has been a tremendous asset to the City. We are comforted by the fact that he will still be in law enforcement and still serving this area of Georgia but in a federal capacity. Chief Beach will continue to assist the Police Department through our management transition.” said Twin City Mayor Matt Donaldson.



(LEFT TO RIGHT, SOCIALLY DISTANCED)
SAVANNAH REYNOLDS, JOSIE DRAKE, KRISHI PATEL, ADVISER JOBETH JOHNSON, ADVISER CHERIE HOOKS, JOSIE PEEBLES, MITALI PATEL, MICHAEL BRAVO, AND SKYLAR STEPHENS

Swainsboro FBLA wins Chapter of the Year

Swainsboro High School’s Future Business Leaders of America chapter recently competed virtually at the 72nd Annual Georgia FBLA State Leadership Conference. In a much different virtual conference, 25 FBLA members represented the local chapter in competition. Swainsboro High

School FBLA was recognized as Georgia FBLA’s Overall Chapter of the Year at the Virtual Awards of Excellence Ceremony on Sunday, May 3.

More than 300 FBLA chapters and nearly 3,000 members competed at this year’s conference. The SHS chapter was very successful in competi-

tion and several students qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference that was to be held in Salt Lake City but has now been scheduled as an online National Leadership Experience due to COVID-19. Winners and national qualifiers include: Josie (Continued on page 2A)

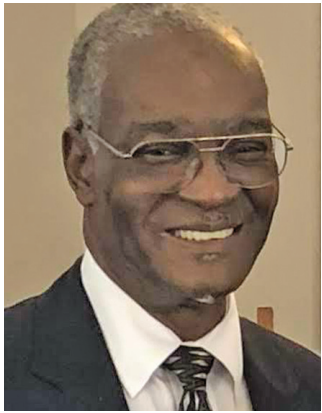
Statement from Emanuel County NAACP President

by DONALD K. JENKINS, President of Emanuel County NAACP

In light of the continued killing of unarmed black people, males in particular with a few females included, at the hands of officers of the law, I have waited on the Holy Spirit to tell me what to say. So tonight on Pentecostal Sunday, I write these thoughts with whoever reads this post.

America calls itself a Christian nation, so I offer this observation given to us by the Apostle Paul on one of his journeys to Greece. While in Athens, Paul observed their idols, their superstitions, and an altar with the inscription, “TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.”

During Paul’s denunciation of the men of Athens, is recorded in Acts 17:24-28. God who



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made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is the Lord of Heaven and earth. To paraphrase, He does not dwell in temples made with hands, and He is not worshipped with men’s hands (their idols). God needs nothing as He is the giver of all life and breath and all things. Verse 26 reads: “And He has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth (all having their origin in Adam).”

This eliminates any type of racial superiority; He has determined the bounds of their habitation. Verse 28 states that in Him, we all live and move and have our being. God is the source of all life.

I write this hopefully free of rhetoric as a call to people of all races to recognize that we are all children of God. May I suggest to those of us in positions of power, influence, and comfort to begin to look to find out the root causes of all this evil piled upon evil with the disenfranchised always being victimized and always with no justice. I ask more of my white friends and acquaintances to speak up and speak out if you find value in my words. Let’s start a genuine dialogue where every side talks, listens, and seeks understanding.

Election Night Live: Taking to technology to bring you the primary results in real time

by HALEI LAMB

Election Day is inching closer, and we, the staff of *The Forest-Blade*, want you to know how we plan to deliver your election results. Because we have to send our paper to press by 3 p.m. every Tuesday, the public should know that including the primary election results in the June 10 paper will be impossible. As a result, we’re turning to technology to help us bring you the information you’ll want most on the night of June 9. We’re calling this special broadcast Election Night Live. Make note to tune into Emanuel County Live on Facebook around 6 p.m. We will have a team of three stationed at the polls: our publisher will be inside collecting results as they become available. Our newsroom editor will relay those official numbers across the street to our managing editor, who will be set up on the square across from the Emanuel County Elections Office using Facebook Live to

bring you numbers in real time. Results of all local races such as the ones for magistrate judge, sheriff, state senate, and district attorney will be prioritized and reported first, although results for other state and national races might be provided as well at some point during the stream.

This coverage is made possible by RoofUS, PruittHealth, Quality Air, Yeomans & Associates, and Domino’s. Please understand that we have no intention of abandoning our print product; results will appear in the June 17 edition of *The*

Blade. This is simply our way of trying to provide the public with reliable election results in the quickest way possible. We feel confident there will be no streaming issues, but please also understand this is new territory for us and would appreciate your patience and grace in the event we have any mishaps along the way. Questions or requests concerning the broadcast may be emailed to news@emanuelcountylive.com or you may call our office at 478-237-9971. For visuals of what to expect of Election Night Live, see page 6C.

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Swainsboro FBLA wins...


(From front page)
Drake, Josie Peebles, and Savannah Reynolds, first place in Local Chapter Annual Business Report; Josie Drake, second place in Sales Presentation; Josie Peebles, fifth Place in Computer Applications; Krishi Patel, first place in Who's Who in Georgia FBLA; Krishi Patel, fifth place in Future Business Leader; Skylar Stephens, 10th place in Accounting I and Job Interview; Ruchit Patel and Paul Warren, 10th place in Sports and Entertainment Management; Michael Bravo, 10th place in Spreadsheet Applications; Mitali Patel and Krishi Patel, 10th place in Social Media Campaign. Other members winning at the conference were Savannah Reynolds, Arham Shah and Josie Peebles, first place in Battle of the Chapters Team.
Abby English was also recognized for serving as Georgia FBLA Region 4 President for the year. The Swainsboro High School chapter received Superior Gold Chapter status, an honor reserved for the top 20 FBLA chapters in the state that have demonstrated excellence in community and school service, membership, conference participation, chapter management, and public relations activities. SHS FBLA received membership awards for seventh place in Largest Local Chapter, Division II Schools.
Krishi Patel represented Georgia FBLA this year as the state secretary. She also received a \$1,000 Who's Who in Georgia FBLA Scholarship and will represent Georgia in the national Who's Who parade at the National Leadership Experience this summer. Josie Peebles and Skylar Stephens also won \$500 Georgia FBLA Outstanding Member Scholarships for their involvement in FBLA over the past four years. Other members attend-

ing and competing from Swainsboro High School included Nix Hooks, Hollan Coleman, Damian Tharpe, Daniel Cruz, Britney Nguyen, Madison and Megan Peebles, Kelcy Womack, Abigayle Roberts, and Lilly Scott. Josie Peebles had this to say, "The Georgia FBLA State Leadership Conference was very different this year due to COVID-19. Competing virtually was a challenge, but SHS FBLA members rose to the challenge and represented our school and community with pride. We certainly missed the networking and leadership experience of attending a live conference but made the most of the situation! Bringing the 2020 Georgia FBLA Chapter of the Year trophy back to Swainsboro High School for a third time was the highlight of virtual awards program!"
The SHS FBLA advisers are Cherie Hooks, JoBeth Johnson, and Donald Avery.

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City council holds first public meeting since COVID-19 pandemic

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

Council members of the City of Swainsboro convened Monday, June 1, at 6 p.m. at the Swainsboro Fire Department Classroom for the purpose of the regularly scheduled monthly city meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Schwabe and Cameron Kinnason led in the night's prayer of invocation. Minutes from the last held council meeting were reviewed and approved as presented by all councilpersons.

With no items for discussion under the consensus agenda nor in new business or old business, two motions were made to amend the agenda.

Rita Faulkner made motion for revision and amendment of the night's agenda with the inclusion of executive session to be added as well.

Ricky Stevens requested new business items be added to the agenda as well.

Such topics included progress on debilitated houses within Faulkner's district and other areas

within the city as well as the possibility of employing a part time code officer to assist with such matters. Discussion was also held on the Wilson business locations located on East Main Street in which Mayor Schwabe informed council as to what had taken place with proper authorities on the matter.

Revisiting old business, council discussed hazardous pay duty for city employees. Conversation held included a one time check for \$1,000 be presented to law enforcement officers of Swainsboro and a \$500 payment be made to fire and personnel. These submitted proposals were drafted by use of a percentage program, which outlined the level hazard and pay of each division.

Opposing the matter were Faulkner, Bobbi Collins, and John E. Parker, who voiced opinions that equal pay should be provided to all fire, law, and administration. In favor of said payments were Stevens, Johnny Ray Stafford, and Julian Sconyers. The motion

carried by a final vote cast by Mayor Schwabe.

City Administrator Al Lawson then addressed council on three matters. Items of topic included the request for approval of a water tank grant, proper contact methods preferred when needing the approval for purchases that exceed \$5,000, as well as the implementation of online forms to be added to the city's website.

Granting permission to pass a resolution for a water tank grant in the amount of \$600,000 to allow the application to be filed, all council approved that funds be repaid through financing a loan at a one percent interest rate.

Council further agreed that transactions over the amount of \$5,000 be discussed by Lawson and council persons included in purchase requests prior to spending funds.

Council then voted to enter executive session. Information discussed was not available by time of press and will be announced at a later date.

COVID-19 tally holding at 1

Emanuel County's coronavirus total number of active cases has neither increased nor decreased in the last week. Before press time on Tuesday, June 2, the county commissioners reported 1 active case. This is the same amount of cases the commission reported Tuesday, May 26.

Altogether, there have been 29 confirmed cases. Twenty-six of those have recovered while two cases have ended in death. A total 847 people have been tested locally for COVID-19. Fifty-four patients were awaiting results as of press time.

Emanuel County's coronavirus statistics are compiled by the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners. The commission works with three entities—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.

Although the threat of coronavirus seems less now than it did two months ago, the public should still be conscious of the symptoms. These include coughing, fever, chills, muscle pain, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. Preventative measures include washing your hands often, avoiding close contact with others, wearing a cloth face covering in public, covering coughs and sneezes, picking up food at drive-throughs or curbside instead of dining in, and being aware of those most at-risk such as people who are 65 or older, nursing home residents, chronic lung disease patients, moderate to severe asthma patients, severe heart disease patients, Class III or severe obesity patients, and diabetes, liver disease, chronic kidney disease patients.

Correction

A statement in last week's *Blade* reported that Tommy Smith and Tobe Karrh's names would not appear on the voters' ballots in the primary on June 9 because the Judicial Nominating Committee has recommended three names for Governor Brian Kemp to consider when he appoints a new superior court judge for the Middle Judicial Circuit. This statement is erroneous. While Governor Kemp will still consider these three individuals (Smith, Karrh, and Rizza O'Connor) recommended by the JNC as he narrows his choice to one individual who will become the new superior court judge, voters should still expect to see Smith and Karrh's names on the ballots. *The Blade* regrets this error.

BOBCAT SPOT

—What's going on at your hometown college!

A message from EGSC President Dr. Bob Boehmer

Dear friends of East Georgia State College,

As each of you recalls vividly, in mid-March 2020 the University System of Georgia (USG) directed all 26 USG institutions to transition to fully online delivery of educational programs. This directive was given to protect the health and safety of faculty, staff and students as the COVID-19 pandemic intensified. EGSC carried out that transition successfully including a virtual Honors Night and Commencement. Since mid-March, most EGSC employees have been telecommuting --- teaching classes, processing applications for admission, registering students and carrying out all of the other activities necessary to keep the college running smoothly. They have done an outstanding job!

More recently, the USG directed all USG institutions to submit a plan for the initial summer 2020 return to campus of faculty and staff. EGSC submitted its plan. EGSC's plan was crafted by 11 subcommittees made up of EGSC personnel. The plan provides for a gradual and staggered return to campus of faculty and staff to campus over the course of summer 2020 with the intent to commence normal operations at the beginning of fall semester 2020.

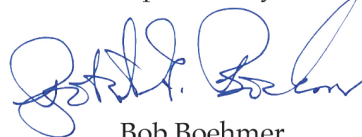
EGSC is now implementing that plan for the initial return to campus of faculty and staff. Some elements of our spring 2020 plan will remain as we implement this summer 2020 plan. For example, the EGSC police will remain at the main entry at both Swainsboro and Statesboro. Only authorized EGSC employees and individuals with a specific need to be on campus and an appointment will be permitted on campus.

Everyone who is on campus this summer to work or to meet with an EGSC employee will be expected to follow procedures designed to keep all of us healthy and safe. Wearing a protective facial covering whenever socially distancing is not possible will be strongly encouraged. Compliance with social distancing standards will be required. We will continue to conduct meetings via Zoom or telephone whenever possible.

All of this is, of course, designed to assure that our community remains as healthy and safe as possible. I thought you would want to know that we are taking this responsibility with the highest level of seriousness and care.

You should also know that the USG has directed each USG institution to submit a detailed and extensive fall 2020 return to campus plan. EGSC has done that. As soon as we have feedback from the USG, I will update you about that fall plan.

Until then, please stay safe and healthy.



Bob Boehmer
President
East Georgia State College

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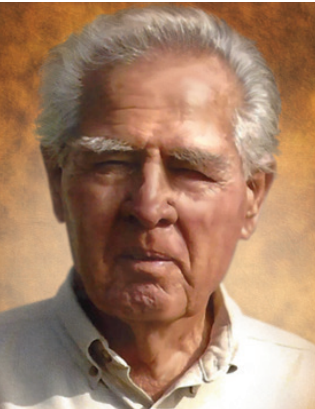
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Billy “Pops” Purvis, 81

A private memorial service honoring Billy “Pops” Purvis, 81 of Swainsboro, will be held at a later date. He passed away Friday, May 29, 2020 at Pruitt Health of Swainsboro following an extended illness.

Mr. Billy “Pops” Purvis was born October 22, 1938 in Wadley to the late Sam Purvis and Bonnie Roberts Purvis. His family were sharecroppers, and he grew up working, learning to be a man. At age 14, Purvis got a job with the highway department paving roads in Augusta. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Purvis was preceded in death by one son, Tony Purvis; brothers, Marvin Purvis, Clark Purvis, Tanny Purvis,



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Sam Purvis Jr., and Thomas Purvis; and one sister, Faye Goins.

Survivors include his sons, Larry Purvis (Doris) of Wadley and Gary Purvis and Charles Purvis, both of Swainsboro; sister, Willie Julie Tapley of Wrightsville; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Janet Elizabeth McKenzie, 81

Graveside services for Janet Elizabeth McKenzie, 81 of Saint Petersburg, Florida, were held Monday, June 1, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Bithynia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. John Gladin officiating. Music was presented by grandson Garrett Roy Jones. The family received friends Sunday, May 31, 2020 from 5 until 8 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with guidelines set by the CDC, the 6-foot rule was enforced during viewing. She passed away Thursday, May 28, 2020 following an extended illness.

Mrs. Janet Elizabeth McKenzie was born October 11, 1938 to the late Glen Robert Peacock and Helen Marie Blacklee. She was a 1956 graduate of Saint Petersburg High School, then went on to attend Saint Petersburg Junior College and graduated with her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Florida. Furthering her education, she graduated from the University of Miami with her master's degree, then graduated from Nova with her specialist degree in education. She loved fishing, traveling, collecting peacocks, and



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reading, especially her Bible. She and her husband attended five Super Bowls, cheering on the Miami Dolphins. McKenzie was a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church of Conyers. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Marie Quaine.

Survivors include her husband, Herman McKenzie of Saint Petersburg; daughter, Janelle Jones (Roy) of Loganville; grandson, Garrett Roy Jones of Boston, Massachusetts; brother, Robert Peacock of Saint Petersburg; sister, Shirley Esposito of Saint Petersburg; and several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Pallbearers were Ray McKenzie, Robert McKenzie, Kenneth McKinzie, Frank McKinzie, Larry Gladin, and Greg Gladin.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Rebecca Kirk, 64

Chapman Funeral Home announces the death of Ms. Rebecca Kirk, 64 of Twin City, on May 20, 2020 at Twin View Health and Rehab following an extended illness.

Ms. Rebecca Kirk was born April 23, 1956 in Bainbridge to the late John Henry Love and Lurlene Grace Peek Love. She was of the Baptist faith and was preceded in death

by her parents and brother, John W. Love.

Survivors include her sons, Lyman Ray of south Georgia and Thomas Fields of Texas; sister, Brenda Wilcox of Bristol, Florida; one great-great niece; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Clinton Morris Hall, 77

Clinton Morris Hall, 77, passed away on May 25, 2020 after a courageous battle with declining health.

Mr. Clinton Morris Hall was born on February 4, 1943 and was a lifelong resident of the 5 Points community near Oak Park. He wore many hats during his lifetime such as butcher, nightclub owner, carpenter, moonshiner, and farmer just to name a few. He exhibited his core values of a strong work ethic and dedication to a job well done in all. He worked hard in various careers to support his family, who always valued his stability and consistency. He passed these values along to his children, who are a testament to the life lessons he exemplified. Hall loved his family, his neighbors, children, fishing, and his farm animals, to include his infamous cow named Sam. Family reunions were always a coveted annual event at his pond house. He always had a great story to tell, finishing with a big belly laugh that was contagious. He lived a



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vibrant and full life and will be sorely missed by those privileged enough to call him father, brother, uncle, “Peepa,” friend, or neighbor.

Hall is survived by his four children, Clint Hall (Tina), Chris Hall, Thomas Hall (Beth), and Melissa Sharp (Chad); his nine grandchildren, Coh, Christa, Chase, Jaime, Kellsie, Jack, Alicia, Shelby, and Carson; and his three great-grandchildren, Zoey, Benji and CJ. He is also survived by his siblings, Laura Faye Memory, Carolyn Cain, Ricky Hall, and Debra Turbyfill; as well as several beloved nieces, nephews, and other extended family members.

A memorial was held to honor his life and legacy at his farm on May 30, 2020.

Low Country Cremation and Burial served the Hall family.

Sadie Mae Stephens Roberson, 88

Graveside services for Sadie Mae Stephens Roberson, 88, were held Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Green Cemetery in the Cross Green Community with Rev. Dr. Johnny J. Smith presiding. She died May 21, 2020.

Mrs. Sadie Mae Stephens Roberson was the oldest of six children born to the late Elijah and Annie Lou Dickerson Stephens in Emanuel County. She was raised in a Christ-centered family, where she learned Christian values. Subsequently, she gave her life to Christ at a very early age, was baptized, and became a member of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She was an active member of Piney Grove until she moved away to attend Dickerson High School in Vidalia. Roberson graduated from Woodville High School in Savannah in 1949.

She retired as a nurse from Candler General Hospital. After retirement, she moved back to Emanuel County to take care of her mother, the late Annie Lou,

until she passed in 2001. Roberson renewed her membership in Piney Grove, where she faithfully served on the mother and mission ministries until poor health prevented her from doing so.

Roberson lived in Savannah for more than 65 years. There, she met and married the late Mr. James Roberson.

She spent most of those 65 years serving



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the Lord at Connor's Temple Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late reverends Willie William Whitehead and Bennie Mitchell. While being a member at Connor's Temple, she served on a number of ministries. Specifically, she was a member of the Music Ministry, vice president and president of the Building Representatives, chair of the Birth Month Ministry, and a member of the sisterhood.

Preceding her in death were her mother and father, Elijah and Annie Lou; brother Henry Stephens; sister Jamel Stephens Roberson; and two dearly beloved cousins, Carrie Stephens Smith and Claudio Brooks.

Survivors include brothers Rufus Stephens Sr. (Sandra) of Jacksonville, Florida and Rev. Dr. Johnny James Smith (Annette) of Cross Green; sister Iris Stephens Truell of Boston, Massachusetts; and a large number of adoring nieces and nephews, loving cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Jogresan Mortuary, Inc. of Wadley was in charge of arrangements.

Juanita Byrl Handberry Brinson, 92

A celebration of life service for Mother Juanita Byrl Handberry Brinson, 92, was held Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Mount Zion Church Cemetery in Garfield with Rev. Marcellus Hannah presiding and Rev. Johnny Branch officiating. Interment was held at Mount Zion Church Cemetery in Garfield. She died May 16, 2020.

Juanita Byrl Handberry Brinson was born February 29, 1928 in Herndon to the late Rev. George W. and Elizabeth Malone Handberry. She was the oldest daughter of 12 children. As a young girl, Juanita, better known as “Byrl,” grew up taking on many responsibilities, helping her mother and grandma, “Ma Gus” Elizabeth Branch Handberry, with cooking and taking care of her siblings. At an early age, she realized family was most important.

As a young girl, Juanita accepted Jesus as her personal savior and knew He was the head of her life. She loved singing with her brothers in a quartet. As a soloist in church, her favorite song was “God Is.”

Juanita acquired her education in the Emanuel County School System and graduated from Twin City School. She became a teacher and taught at the Jones Line Elementary and High School in Herndon.

On a very special year, February 14, Juanita married the late Dennis Brinson. They moved to the Big Apple (New



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York) and opened a family restaurant on Good Old Bergen Street for many years. The restaurant closed, and she worked for the board of education of New York City as a substitute teacher. Finally, she was employed with Irving Trust Bank Corporate, where she became a supervisor until she retired.

In 1990, the Brinsons moved back to their roots in Garfield. Juanita had so many talents and passions, which included her personal garden with many fruits and vegetables. She also raised cows, chickens, pigs, and became a great fishing partner to anyone who wanted to go with her. Over the years, Juanita was known as a strong, intelligent caregiver. She fed anyone who walked in her home, never letting people leave without a bag of food or something in their hands. In 2011, Juanita decided to move back to New York. In 2013, she was diagnosed with dementia. After 92 years of living, on May 16, 2020, she made her transition to her heavenly home.

She was preceded in death by husband Dennis

Brinson; son Dennis Butch Brinson; grandson Ronald Brinson; brothers Lloyd, George, Clifford, Anderson, Nathan, Thomas, Leon (Archie B.), and Rev. Edsel Leroy Handberry; and sister Ann Handberry Brinson.

Survivors include son Joseph Brinson (Sabrina) of Bronx, New York; daughters Elizabeth B. Walls of Queens, New York, Veronica Avery of Atlanta, Eleanor (Najiyah) Madu of North Carolina, and Shaquanna Brinson of Fort Stewart; son-in-law Lawrence Walls of Brooklyn; nine grandchildren, Neil Keller, Joseph N. Brinson, Shannon Avery, Ebony Brinson, Emerald Wall, Jamon Bucknor, Randy Lugo, Shaqmeequa Lugo, and Ramen Brinson; five great-grandchildren, Ronjane Smith-Brinson, Serenity Mills, Almar Mills Jr., Daqan Minaya, and Maliah Brinson; two sisters, Angelia Handberry Walker and Rosa Marie Burroughs of Garfield; two brothers-in-law, Rev. Bennie Brinson of Twin City and Rev. George Brinson of Atlanta; two sisters-in-law, Lois Kirkland and Sue Handberry; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Pallbearers were Neil H. Keller, John E. Walker III, Joseph Brinson Jr., Benjamin A. Walker, John E. Walker Jr., and Ronald W. Handberry.

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

Jerry Harris Fagler, 83



FAGLER

Water Conservation District and was chairman of the Emanuel County Jail Authority. In 2010, Emanuel County Agribusiness Council awarded his family Farm Family of the Year and he was also named Man of the Year in Soil and Water Conservation.

A lifelong farmer, Mr. Fagler managed James B. Mason Oil Company, formerly L.R. Lindsey Oil Company, for many years and was an Emanuel County sheriff’s deputy under Sheriff James B. Mason. While working a full-time job, he farmed his family land and, in 1993, became a fulltime farmer and farmed until his death. He loved the smell of freshly plowed dirt and a shower of rain, the satisfaction of reaping the crops he sowed, and the sight of cattle grazing his pastures. He mentored many young people in the farming profession, including his sons and grandchildren, teaching them the love of the family farm. He was a devoted father and grandfather and a loving husband.

In addition to his par-

ents, he was predeceased by an infant sister; three brothers, W.A. “Pete” Fagler Sr., Johnny Elmo Fagler, and an infant brother; and a grandchild, Randy Farrow.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Ruby Lamb Fagler of Dellwood; two sons and spouses, Stuart and Donna Fagler of Dellwood and Mitchell and Stephanie Fagler of Swainsboro; one sister, Sue Fagler Brammar of Statesboro; grandchildren Carmen and Tift Tanner of Wrightsville, Amber and Tony Stapleton of Metter, Luke Fagler and Jacob Fagler of Swainsboro, and Nikki and Clay Hayslip of Summertown; great-grandchildren Slate Stapleton, Baylor Tanner, Brock Farrow, Laney Hayslip, Jalen Farrow, and Kourtney Hayslip; one brother-in-law, Herschel Tommy “H.T.” and Margaret Lamb; one sister-in-law, Cora Mae “Cricket” Coursey; and his caregivers, Willie Ruth Gillis, Marie Ward, Lessie Johnson, and Elaine Cummings.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lamb’s Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 99, Wadley, GA 30477; Calvary United Methodist Church, 421 South Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401; or Oak Chapel Baptist Church, in care of Tim Garrett, 461 Blundale Church Road, Swainsboro, GA 30401.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Mamie Knight Farris, 91

Funeral services for Mamie Knight Farris, 91, were held Friday, May 29, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Kirkland Cemetery in Summertown with Pastor Richard Lawrence Jr. serving as eulogist. Repast was held at 1225 McGarrh Mill Pond Road in Swainsboro. She died May 23, 2020.

Mamie Knight Farris was born to Carrie Session Knight and Hershel Knight on August 28, 1928 in Swainsboro. Mamie grew up in Swainsboro and moved to Brooklyn, New York after finishing school. She lived there for more than 30 years and married the love of her life, Auther Farris.



FARRIS

She worked in environmental services. She and her husband moved to Miami, Florida in 1998. In 2012, she moved for Fort Pierce, Florida. She lived in Florida until 2018, when she moved with her grandchildren to Loganville. Farris was preceded in death by her

mother, Carrie Session Knight; father, Hershel Knight; husband, Auther Farris; and son, Lamar Knight Sr.

Survivors include a daughter, Lisa Farris Brunson; grandchildren Jessica Brunson, Jasmine Brunson-Bagley, Lamar Knight Jr. (Stephanie Knight), and Veronica Cora Carter Green Lane (Wallace Stanley Lane Jr.); sister Juanita Knight Hamm; 16 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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

Thank You

We would like to express our deepest heartfelt appreciation for all the love and thoughtfulness shown to me and my family during the recent sudden loss of my husband, Denny. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, hunting, fishing, gardening, and dearly loved his furbaby, Bailey. The two of them rode many many miles together on the Ranger.

Your prayers, visits, expressions of love and sympathy, the beautiful flowers, food, each card and gift are sincerely appreciated. Our return love to you all and many thanks.

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Countywide prom canceled

by HALEI LAMB

After months of attempting to plan a private countywide prom in lieu of the canceled school proms, the organizer announced Monday afternoon the independent event has unfortunately been canceled as well.

Brandi Canady-Taylor first began working toward hosting a private prom for all three area schools—Swainsboro High, Emanuel County Institute, and David Emanuel Academy—in late March. In the weeks that followed, she garnered invaluable support for the idea, promised attendance from a multitude of students, some financial assistance, and agreement from other adults to help chaperone, decorate, and take care of other needs related to the prom. Her goal was to recreate what the juniors and seniors missed because of COVID-19, and it seemed she was well on her way to making that dream become reality.

Now, after months of work and putting forth her best effort at overcoming every roadblock she has encountered, Canady-Taylor has been forced to reach what now seems like an inevitable decision. She announced the cancellation on Facebook around 3:30 p.m. on June 1. The following is her post, which *The Blade* has received permission to reprint for the purpose of community awareness:

“First off, it is after much time, thought, consideration, disappointment, a very sadden heart and many, many conversations with local and state government officials, both here in Emanuel County and in Atlanta, as well as medical profes-

sionals, legal experts, and advisors, that I must announce that we are *not* going to be able to do the countywide prom that we have been planning for the past several months.

“With Governor Kemp’s extension on the COVID-19 State of Emergency again until at least July 12, we just do not have a good time frame to set up an event of this magnitude. The state of emergency has already been extended three times, and the possibility of it lasting into later in the fall is still a good possibility from what I’m being told by state officials.

“With that being said, we cannot set a date before the planned beginning of the new school year. The current social distancing guidelines and limits on numbers of individuals allowed to gather in one place at one time makes it impossible to have an event involving this many people in such close proximity. It poses both a health risk to those attending as well as a legal issue for those of us in charge of the event, should individuals become ill. This breaks my heart on so many levels, but it is necessary with the restrictions we have been given.”

In closing, Canady-Taylor says she hopes everyone in the community understands where the decision came from and knows she and all the others involved in organizing the event have done everything in their power to make the prom happen for the local students. She also gives thanks to everyone who offered their help and prayers as the idea unfolded and developed.

A community letter from EGSC

Dear friends of East Georgia State College,

As each of you recalls vividly, in mid-March 2020 the University System of Georgia (USG) directed all 26 USG institutions to transition to fully online delivery of educational programs. This directive was given to protect the health and safety of faculty, staff and students as the COVID-19 pandemic intensified. EGSC carried out that transition successfully including a virtual Honors Night and Commencement. Since mid-March, most EGSC employees have been teleworking—teaching classes, processing applications for admission, registering students, and carrying out all of the other activities necessary to keep the college running smoothly. They have done an outstanding job!

More recently, the

USG directed all USG institutions to submit a plan for the initial summer 2020 return to campus of faculty and staff. EGSC submitted its plan. EGSC’s plan was crafted by 11 subcommittees made up of EGSC personnel. The plan provides for a gradual and staggered return to campus of faculty and staff to campus over the course of summer 2020 with the intent to commence regular operations at the beginning of fall semester 2020.

EGSC is now implementing that plan for the initial return to campus of faculty and staff. Some elements of our spring 2020 plan will remain as we implement this summer 2020 plan. For example, the EGSC police will remain at the main entry at both Swainsboro and Statesboro. Only authorized EGSC employees

and individuals with a specific need to be on campus and an appointment will be permitted on campus.

Everyone who is on campus this summer to work or to meet with an EGSC employee will be expected to follow procedures designed to keep all of us healthy and safe. Compliance with social distancing standards will be required. Wearing of a protective facial covering whenever socially distancing is not possible will be strongly encouraged. We will continue to conduct meetings virtually or by telephone whenever possible.

All of this is, of course, designed to assure that our community remains healthy and safe. I thought you would want to know that we are taking this responsibility with the highest level of seriousness and



DR. BOEHMER

care.

You should also know that the USG has directed each USG institution to submit a detailed and extensive fall 2020 return to campus plan. EGSC has done that. As soon as we have feedback from the USG, I will update you about that fall plan.

Until then, please stay safe and healthy.

In the meantime, stay healthy. Stay safe.

Bob Boehmer
President
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What to expect at the polls on Election Day

The Georgia Office of Secretary of State continues to encourage voters to cast an absentee ballot for the June 9, 2020 General Primary election, but voters also have the choice to vote in-person with the new paper ballot system. Voters may drop off absentee ballots until precisely 7 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, June 9, at their county elections office or in their county drop box. For voters who prefer to vote in-person, Secure the Vote advocates these tips for advance and Election Day voting.

Reminders to voters before heading out to the polls:

- Consider bringing a face covering. Expect to see poll workers wearing masks during this June 9, 2020 advance and Election Day voting due to COVID-19 pandemic. Voters are not required to wear a face covering to enter the precincts, but Secure the Vote is encouraging it.
- Review your specific ballot on the Georgia Office of the Secretary of State website, mvp.sos.ga.gov, in an effort to reduce time inside the polls casting selections on the voting machine. Many county ballots include more than a couple dozen combined elections and referenda.
- Confirm your polling place. Some sites have consolidated due to the virus. You may verify your voting precinct at mvp.sos.ga.gov or call your county elections office.
- Bring your absentee ballot if you

requested for one to be mailed to you. That ballot must be canceled before you can vote in person.

- Plan to wait in line. Due to the long ballot in this General Primary, the sanitation measures in effect from CDC.gov recommendations, along with social distancing guidelines to limit the spread of COVID-19, county elections offices are anticipating greater wait periods as fewer voters are allowed into the polls at one time. Just cancelling your absentee ballot usually takes 15-20 minutes. Poll workers are also sanitizing machines, voter cards, and other surfaces to ensure the safest environment for the public.

Upon arriving at the polls:

- Prepare to show a valid, state or federal government issue photo ID, including a free ID card issued by your county registrar's office or the Georgia Department of Driver Services. This identification may include a valid employee photo ID from any branch, department, agency, or entity of the U.S. Government, Georgia or any county, municipality, board, authority or other entity of the state, valid U.S. passport ID, valid U.S. military photo ID, or valid tribal photo ID.
- Social distance by standing 6' away from others while waiting in line.
- Remember to review your selections, print your ballot at your individual voting station, and finally, cast your paper ballot

in the scanner before leaving the polls.

The Georgia Office of Secretary of State is providing three styli for each ballot marking device which counties may offer voters who prefer not to touch the screen. Poll workers will sanitize each stylus after every single use.

About Secure the Vote

Secure the Vote is an inclusive, broad-based education initiative effort to show people in all walks of life, in every corner of the state, what to expect when they begin voting in 2020 from the paper-ballot system.

Secure the Vote operates a website with information about the new system and a short video demonstration at SecureVoteGA.com. It also has a team of voter education coordinators fanned out across the state conducting demonstrations at faith-based organizations, civic clubs, and other gatherings.

About the Georgia Office of Secretary of State

The Secretary of State is Georgia's chief election officer and has the mission to help ensure secure and accurate elections. County election officials run the actual elections and handle voter registration.

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Correction

In the county commissioners article featured in the May 27 edition of *The Forest-Blade*, an error was made in regard to the decision to grant a request for road closure of a portion of Clyde Barnes Road from Fanny Brewer to Puffin Place. What read as, “All board members voted in favor, except Canady and Sherrod, **who abstained**,” should have read, “All board members voted in favor, except Canady and Sherrod, **who voted against the road closure request**.” *The Blade* and the county commissioners’ office regret this error.

EMANUEL COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE

The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed closure of approximately 0.2 miles of unnamed County Road 966. This road makes a small loop off of and back on to Cowford Bridge Road. The hearing will be held in connection with the June Commission meeting on June 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Coleman Hotel.

Emanuel County is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. Persons with special needs relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language shall contact County Clerk Harriett Lawson at 101 North Main Street Swainsboro, GA, or at 478-237-3881 prior to the meeting date. Persons with hearing disabilities can contact us through the Georgia Relay Service, at (TDD) 1-800-255-0056 or (Voice) 1-800-255-0135.



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Georgia Power customers to see \$21 reduction on June bills

The following is a press release from Georgia Power sent to media outlets on Monday, June 1. The Blade is publishing this as a courtesy notice for all Emanuel County citizens who have electrical service through Georgia Power.

Georgia Power announced Monday, June 1, the typical residential customer using 1,000-kilowatt hours will receive an \$11.29 credit on their June bill. This reflects implementation of a one-time \$51.5 million credit for customers, approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) as a result of Georgia Power’s 2018 financial results.

Pairing the June credit with new, lower fuel rates recently announced, the typical residential customer would see a reduction of \$21.55 in June.

The amount each customer receives will vary based on their 2018 usage. Georgia Power will apply the credit to June bills for customers who had active accounts as of December 31, 2018 and are still active or receiving a final bill as of June 2020.

Fuel rate lowered 17.2 percent

In addition to the approved one-time credit in June, the PSC recently approved Georgia Power’s plan to reduce its fuel rates by 17.2 percent and total billings by approximately \$740 million over a two-year period. The implementation of a special interim reduction will provide customers additional relief during the COVID-19 pandemic through even lower fuel rates over the upcoming 2020 summer months. The lower fuel rate and special interim reduction will lower the total bill of a typical residential customer using an average of 1,000-kilowatt hours by a total of \$10.26 per month from June through September 2020.

The reduction in the company’s fuel rate is driven primarily by lower natural gas prices as a result of increased natural gas supplies, which the company is able to take advantage of to benefit customers due to its diverse generation sources.

February bill credit due to tax law savings

Georgia Power completed earlier this year the third and final bill credit associated with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, resulting in credits totaling \$106 million. The typical residential customer using an average of 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month received a credit of approximately \$22 on their February Georgia Power bill.

To learn more about how Georgia Power delivers rates below the national average, cultivates a diverse energy mix to ensure reliable and affordable power, as well as free energy services and programs available for customers, visit www.georgiapower.com.

About Georgia Power

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Miss Kennedy to wed Mr. Cowart

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Kennedy of Reidsville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Katie Elizabeth, to Alden Zachary Cowart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cowart of Garfield.

The bride-elect is a 2015 graduate of Tattnall County High School. She furthered her education at Georgia Southern University, where she graduated with honors in May 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education. Miss Kennedy will be teaching at Emanuel County Institute this fall. She is the granddaughter of Mr. Doyle Tillman and the late Mrs. Annie Ruth Tillman of Surrency and the late Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kennedy of Reidsville.

The groom-elect



MISS KENNEDY AND MR. COWART

is a 2015 graduate of Emanuel County Institute. He furthered his education at Georgia Southern University, where he played baseball and graduated in May 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. Mr. Cowart is currently employed with Crider

Foods in Stillmore. He is the grandson of Mrs. Mary Gay and the late Mr. James C. Gay and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cowart, all of Garfield.

The wedding and reception are set for June 13, 2020. The couple will reside in Twin City following the wedding.

Mr. McClish, Miss Ely to swap vows

James and Jennifer Ely of Swainsboro are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Amber Jade Ely, to Mr. Nelson Arnold Ray McClish of Florence, Alabama. He is the son of Nelson and Eddie McClish of Waterloo, Alabama.

The bride-elect is a 2014 graduate of Penn Foster High School. She continued her education at Southeastern Technical College, graduate with an associate degree in business technology and business healthcare technology. She is currently employed at Swainsboro Healthcare.

Miss Ely is the granddaughter of Betty Hall of Swainsboro, Larry and Teresa Ely of Dellwood, Tommy and Linda Woods of Twin City, and the late Ronny Lawson of Kite.



MR. McCLISH AND MISS ELY

The future groom is a 2014 graduate of Waterloo High School and a 2016 graduate of Northwest Shoals Community College with a major in industrial technology. He is

the owner of Shoals Interiors in Florence.

The wedding is set for September 5, 2020 at 6 p.m. at DoeLee Pecan Grove in Lumber City. A reception will follow at the same location.

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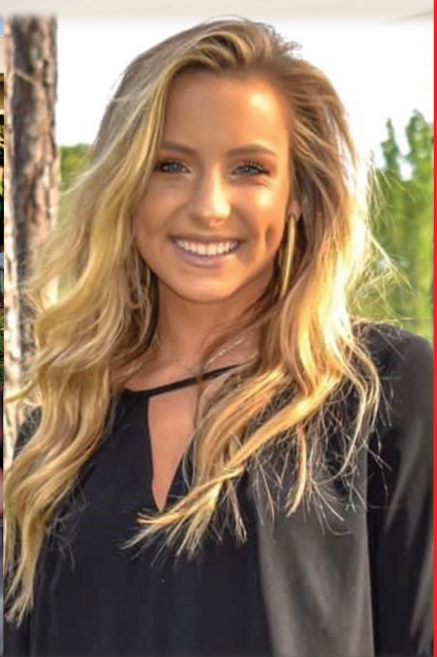
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Dear Concerned,
Currently, there's not enough data to show that people with diabetes are more likely to get coronavirus (COVID-19) than the general population. But the problem for diabetics is, if you do happen to contract the virus, your chance of developing serious complications are much higher. This is especially true if your diabetes isn't well-controlled. Here's what you should know.

Diabetic Risks

Health data is showing that about 25 percent of people who go to the hospital with severe COVID-19 infections have diabetes. One reason is that high blood sugar weakens the immune system and makes it less able to fight off infections. Your risk of severe coronavirus infection is even higher if you also have another condition, like heart or lung disease.

If you do get COVID-19, the infection could also put you at greater risk for diabetes complications like diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), which happens when high levels of acids called ketones build up in your blood.

Some people who catch the new coronavirus have a dangerous body-wide response to it, called sepsis. To treat sepsis, doctors need to manage your body's fluid and electrolyte levels. DKA causes you to lose electrolytes, which can make sepsis harder to control.

How to Avoid COVID-19

The best way to avoid getting sick is to stay home as much as you can. If you have to go out, keep at least 6 feet away from other people. And every time you come back from the supermarket, pharmacy

or another public place, wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.

Also wash your hands before you give yourself a finger stick or insulin shot. Clean each site first with soap and water or rubbing alcohol.

To protect you, everyone in your house should wash their hands often, especially before they cook for the family. Don't share any utensils or other personal items. And if anyone in your house is sick, they should stay in their own room, as far as possible from you.

The CDC also recommends that you stock up on medications and diabetes testing supplies to last for at least a month. The same goes for grocery supplies and other household necessities.

Also know that Medicare is now covering the cost of telehealth visits, so if you have questions for your doctor, you can ask by video chat or phone instead of going into the office.

If You Get Sick

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a dry cough, fever, or shortness of breath. If you develop any symptoms that are concerning, call your doctor about getting tested.

If you find that you have contracted COVID-19, the first level of care is to stay home and check your blood sugar more often than usual and check your ketones too. COVID-19 can reduce your appetite and cause you to eat less, which could affect your levels. You also need more fluids than usual when you're sick, so keep water close by, and drink it often.

You should also know that many over-the-counter medicines that relieve virus symptoms like fever or cough can affect your blood sugar levels one way or the other. So, before you take anything check with your doctor.

And be aware that if you start experienc-

ing severe shortness of breath, high levels of ketones or DKA symptoms like severe weakness, body aches, vomiting or belly pain, you need to see your doctor or get to an emergency room right away.

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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The young monk wondered what was going on and after waiting for what seemed like an eternity he finally broke his silence and asked, "I thought we were going to town to preach. When are we going to preach?"

"We have been preaching," replied St. Francis. "As we walked, we were observed: people watched our manners, our faces, our behavior, and our clothes, what people thought we stood for. We have been preaching."

All of us preach all of the time. Our behavior is our message and our places of interest our pulpits. Our lives become lectures and our pursuits are examples of our priorities. People watch us even as we watch them. And each time we pass from view and our words can no longer be heard our sermon ends and a decision about the value and importance we place on being like Christ in all we do and whatever we say is made.

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Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

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This week's Cook of the Week is Samuel McBride. A rising 10th grader at Emanuel County Institute, McBride plays football and runs track. He is active in 4-H and is serving on this year's Southeast District Senior Board. McBride loves being outdoors and playing sports and anticipates upcoming summer workouts to begin preparation for Bulldog football. Below are three healthy treats that he would like to share. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of *Samuel*

Peanut Butter Energy Bites

- 1 c. rolled oats
- 1 Tbsp. honey
- 2/3 c. peanut butter
- 1/2 c. chocolate chips
- 1 Tbsp. coconut sugar
- 1/2 c. coconut, unsweetened

Mix all ingredients. Chill for an hour. Then, roll mixture into balls. Store in a sealed dish in refrigerator.



From the kitchen of *Samuel*

Avocado Chicken Salad

- 2 or 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 avocado
- 1/4 chopped onion
- Juice of 1/2 a lime
- 2 Tbsp. cilantro
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook chicken breast until done, let cool, and shred. Mix with all other ingredients.



From the kitchen of *Samuel*

Strawberry Smoothie

- 32 oz. vanilla yogurt
- 1 c. milk
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla
- 1/2 c. honey
- 2 to 3 c. frozen strawberries

Pour all ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth. Enjoy the refreshing treat.

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Known by our fruit

BY JOYCE MEYER

Today I want to tell you a story. A lady I knew many years ago—we'll call her Dorothy—knew more about the church and every member and visitor than anyone else did. She was fairly well known as the church gossip. "One thing about her," a friend said, "she's not prejudiced—she talks about everyone," and he laughed, then added, "She'll probably get into heaven, but God may have to cut off her tongue first."

One day as I stood near the front door at church, I heard Dorothy telling several people awful things about one of the deacons. "But it isn't up to me to judge him," she said, venom pouring from her mouth. She went on to mention several others, picking each one to pieces. I listened to her and realized something: she was only speaking from what was already in her heart. That might seem obvious, but I could also see something else. Dorothy was so critical and filled with disgust for herself—how could she speak well of others?

Too often, people make promises that they'll speak better of others and gossip less. Many times they do really try, but nothing ever changes. This is because they're trying to change their words without changing their thoughts. This is a poor solution, because they're starting at the wrong end. What they need to do is look inward and ask, "What's going on inside of me?"

"For out of the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks," Jesus said (see Matthew 12:34). As I considered those words, I felt a deep compassion for Dorothy. She had allowed Satan to fill her mind with critical, harsh thoughts about who she was. She didn't speak much about herself, but I'm sure she was totally critical of herself internally, and when she spoke, those harsh words came out of her mouth about others.

As you can see, it's easy to find the fruit of people's lives in what they say and do. We can learn a lot about someone's character simply by listening to their conversation; their words (their fruit) tell the truth about what's going on inside.

Jesus said that a tree is known by its fruit, and the same is true of our lives. Everything begins with a thought. If we let negative and unkind thoughts fill our minds, they produce fruit in our words and actions. But the more loving our thoughts are, the better our fruit, and the more kind we'll be toward others.

For example, if I believe God truly loves me, and I'm investing in and enjoying my relationship with Him, I'm planting good seeds in my own heart. The more good seeds I plant, the more good fruit I'll produce. The more I think kind and loving thoughts, the more I see others as kind and loving.

Let's go back to that verse again: "Out of the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks." Kind or judgmental words don't just come to us—they come out of our mouths because we've cultivated them in our minds. The more we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's positive and loving thoughts, pray, and read God's Word, the more good fruit we produce, and the better we can treat others.

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May 26
Complainant's vehicle was damaged while traveling behind a tractor-trailer on Pinetucky Road.

Complainant reported offender for harassing her via text message.

Complainant stated offender pulled a gun and threatened him. Deputy advised complainant about war-

rant process.

Deputies responded to an address on Highway 80 East in reference to a female subject trespassing on property that belonged to complainant's brother.

May 27
Complainant struck a deer while traveling on Nunez Lexsy Road. Complainant on Highway 297 who works with railworks company reported a stolen trailer containing numerous pieces of equipment.

Complainant reported offenders for criminal trespassing and stealing an automobile.

Deputy responded to a residence on Highway 80 East in reference to an unwanted person. Deputy spoke with involved offender and advised her to leave the property and not return.

May 28
Complainant stated offender had been coming to her residence and going through personal mail items. Said mail items did not belong to offender.

Complainant on Highway 297 at Flatford Road had to

swerve because of an oncoming car in his lane, causing him to travel off the roadway and damage his truck.

Complainant in Oak Park filed a report in reference to criminal trespassing. He stated he heard a noise and went to investigate, at which point he discovered the electrical wire to his washroom had been cut and food from his freezer had been put on the floor.

May 29
Complainant reported offender for violating a TPO.

Victim on Keas Church Road reported two boats missing from his pond.

Complainant stated her ex-boyfriend had been harassing and threatening her via texts.

Victim struck a deer while traveling Highway 56 North near Stevens Crossing.

Complainant struck a deer while traveling Lambs Bridge Road.


Complainant on Old Kenfield Road reported a stolen boat.

May 30
Complainant reported someone backing into her vehicle while she was shopping in a store. Vehicle received

slight damage to the bumper.

May 31
Deputy responded to an abandoned vehicle on Page Garrett/Oak Chapel. Upon arrival, an individual exited the passenger door and stated the vehicle was out of gas and that another individual, the driver, had left on foot to get more fuel. The vehicle displayed a drive-out tag, so the deputy checked the VIN for registration and insurance information. GCIC information returned with canceled registration and no valid insurance. The vehicle was registered to a man from Wadley. The individual on scene stated the driver had just recently purchased the vehicle. Deputy checked both individuals' licenses, both of which were suspended. Due to the fact there was no licensed driver and no valid insurance, the vehicle was towed. The driver's license also returned with an active probation warrant out of Burke County. However, he never returned while the deputy was on scene.

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One arrested on drug charges at McDonald's

One 19-year-old male, Zachary David Appleby, found himself being taken into custody after being found smoking marijuana in the McDonald's parking lot in Swainsboro last Tuesday.

On May 26, an officer with Swainsboro Police Department responded to the fast food restaurant in reference to four white male subjects causing a disturbance by smoking marijuana. Reportedly, the subjects were inside a gray Honda Civic awaiting their order.

The officer arrived on scene and made contact with the described vehicle. Immediately noticing a marijuana odor, the officer then observed the rear passenger-side passenger, eventually identified as Appleby, with a marijuana cigarette in his hand and a green, leafy substance believed to be marijuana in a white bowl to the right of his person.

The responding officer next spoke with the four individuals: Hunter Samuel Kelly, the driver; Joseph Vanryswyk, the front passenger; Jimmy Evans, the rear passenger-side passenger; and Appleby, the rear driver-side passenger. All of these occupants were asked to exit the car and were detained pending the investigation of an illegal substance inside the vehicle.

During that investigation, Kelly stated he was unaware the passenger behind him had any drugs. No other drugs were located inside the Civic.

Because Appleby claimed the marijuana, the other three individuals were released. Appleby was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, less than 1 ounce. He was then transported to the jail without incident. The evidence was bagged, tagged, and placed into a locker at SPD.

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 (EC SO); 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).

Victor Manuel Serrano Jr. 54, 627 Freedom Dr.; entered 5/25/20; DUI/alch; released 5/25/20; SPD

Kristopher Lee Fowler, 42, 338 Rainbow Ridge; entered 5/25/20; Driving lic susp/rev; released 5/25/20; SPD

Tonya Kathryn Washam, 30, 209 Lakeshore Dr., LaGrange; entered 5/25/20; Disorderly Conduct, VGCSA possession Cocaine; SPD

Haleigh Alexis Johnson, 17, 101 Quick Loop; entered 5/25/20; Disorderly Conduct; EC SO

Richard Layne Brubaker, 42, 1518 Teagle Rd., Forsyth; entered 5/26/20; Firearm poss by conv felon, Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, Hold for Out of County Billing; EC SO

Peter Lee Fehr, 49, 1460 Highway 80 East, Crest Lot 21; entered 5/26/20; Driving While Unlicensed/Expired, Headlight Requirements; released 5/26/20; SPD

Christopher Shane

Richardson, 26, 118 Falcoln Trail; entered 5/26/20; Theft/taking; released 5/29/20; EC SO

Mario Lakeith Carswell, 29, 228 Davis Road; entered 5/26/20; Driving lic susp/rev; released 5/26/20; SPD

Larry Burton Bailey III, 19, 233 Kemp Road; entered 5/26/20; Bond Revocation; EC SO

Romero Yobany Margarito, 26, 16174 Primera Road, Harlington, Texas; entered 5/27/20; Disorderly Conduct; released 5/27/20; SPD

Bobby Gene Peck, 59, 15 Grant, 63 Sheridan, Arkansas; entered 5/27/20; Speeding < 14 MPH over; released 5/27/20; MCCD

Franklin Leon Williams, 34, 234 Brown Street; entered 5/27/20; Driving lic susp/rev, Seat belt vio-

lation; released 5/27/20; SPD

Rilene Candice Thomas, 36, 477 Granddaughter Drive, Twin City; entered 5/27/20; Terror threats and acts; EC SO

Justin O'Brian Corley, 31, 11529 Hathaway Drive, Hampton; entered 5/27/20; Aggr assault; released 5/28/20; SPD

Chevy Clay Sluder, 17, 225 JM Spearman Road, Lot 2, Adrian; entered 5/28/20; VGCSA Marijuana/poss less than oz; released 5/28/20 SPD

Terrance Jermaine Coleman, 41, 335 W. Pine Street; entered 5/28/20; Parole Violation; EC SO

Dale Marty Hill Jr., 21; entered 5/28/20; Cruelty to children, Aggr assault; SPD

Laura Minty Lee Walls, 29, 25 Rudolph Lane, Santa Claus; entered 5/28/20; Dep acct fraud/bad checks over \$499, Dep acct fraud/bad checks under \$499, VGCSA Possession of Drug Related Object; SPD

Kristi Ann Jacobs, 40; entered 5/28/20; Dep acct fraud/bad checks under \$499, Dep acct fraud/bad checks under \$499, VGCSA Possession of Drug Related Object; released 5/29/20; SPD

Herman Jemone Hankerson, 43, 177 Kathleen Road; entered 5/28/20; Public drunk; released 5/29/20; SPD

Pedro Chavero-Mateo, 38, 209 Bell Street; entered 5/29/20; Driving While Unlicensed/Expired, Seat belt violation; released 5/29/20; SPD

Yadira Ines Adams, 42, 12 Nora Boulevard, Adrian; entered 5/29/20; Driving lic susp/rev, No

Insurance, Expired tag, Probation/State Court/Middle Ga Probation, Probation/State Court/Middle Ga Probation; EC SO

Thomas Cade Patterson, 28, 105 N. Anderson Drive; entered 5/29/20; Theft/taking, Hold for Candler County; SPD

James Richard Faircloth II, 56, 60 Panther Road, 208 JM Spearman Road, Adrian; entered 5/30/20; Driving lic susp/rev; released 5/30/20; SPD

Danny Duane Davis, 65, 9674 Burkhalter Road, Statesboro; entered 5/30/20; Open Container, DUI/alch; released 5/31/20; TCPD

Adrian Boatwright, 37, 605 N. Railroad Street, Twin City; entered 5/31/20; Probation/Superior Court; TCPD

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

May 21

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officer to an address on Mason Drive in reference to a civil dispute.

Officer was dispatched by Emanuel County 911 to a South Main Street address in reference to a public intoxication offense.

Officer traveled to the area Sycamore Street in reference to obtaining a women's clutch wallet found in the roadway.

Officer was dispatched to the area of East Main Street in reference to a report of public intoxication involving one subject.

May 22

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officer to an address on Williams Street in reference to damage to private property in the second degree.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle being operated on the roadway without a proper tag display. During the traffic stop, officers found the driver to be in possession of cocaine and less than one ounce of marijuana. An arrest was made.

Officer responded to an address on Lewis Street in reference to an unresponsive male subject.

May 23

Officer responded to an address on New Street in reference to criminal trespass of private property.

Officer was dispatched to a South Main Street address in reference to a dispute.

Officer was dispatched to an address on West Church Street in reference to a report involving theft by taking \$1500 or less.

May 24

Officers responded to an address on South Main Street in reference to a report involving public intoxication. An arrest was later made after the involved offender failed to comply with officer.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a driver noting waring a safety restraint device. During the traffic stop, officer learned that the driver's license was suspended. An arrest was then made. Prior to leaving Emanuel County jail, officer was informed that the involved subject had an outstanding warrant through superior court, in which the warrant was served.

Officer responded to a dispatch call at an address on Colegrove Drive involving identity fraud and a damaged vehicle.

Officer responded to an East Pine Street address in reference to a report involving theft of pain medication.

Officer responded to an address on Lee Street in reference to damaged property and discharging of firearms in city limits.

Officer responded to the area of Youngblood Street in reference to a dispute.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle being operated without a tag display. During the traffic stop, officer learned that the driver was a wanted subject for false imprisonment. An arrest was made.

May 25

Officer responded to the area of Allen Street in reference to discharging of firearms within city limits, disorderly house, and damage to vehicle offenses.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a

speeding driver. During the traffic stop, the driver was found to be DUI-alcohol and was placed under arrest.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to an additional speeding driver. During the traffic stop, officer learned that the driver was operating the vehicle on a suspended license. An arrest was made.

Complainant reported a damaged vehicle.

Officer responded to an address on Lewis Street in reference to a dispute.

Officer responded to an address on South Main Street in reference to a welfare check. Upon arrival, officer made contact with the involved subject, who was evasive and refused to answer officers on scene. The subject was then placed under arrest for disorderly conduct after and transported to the Emanuel County Jail. Upon leaving the jail, officer noticed the backseat was out of place, which led to officer to locate two plastic baggies containing a hard, white substance believed to be crack cocaine.

Officer responded to a Lewis Street in reference to a report involving theft.

May 26

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle not in compliance with headlight requirements. During the traffic stop, officer learned that the driver's license was canceled. The driver was then arrested.

Officer responded to an address on West Pine Street in reference to a report of entering auto with intent to commit theft.

Officer responded to a South Main Street address in reference to four male subjects causing a disturbance and smoking marijuana.

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

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

May 27

Officer responded to an address on Jones Avenue for the purpose of serving a warrant. Contact was made with the involved offender, who was placed under arrested and transported to the Emanuel County Jail.

Officer responded to an address on Enterprise Street in reference to a missing person report.

Officer was dispatched to a South Main Street address in reference to a dispute.

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

Officers responded to an address on South Main Street in reference to a report involving third degree forgery.

Officer was dispatched by Emanuel County 911 to an address on South Main Street in reference to disorderly conduct.

May 28

Officer made contact with offenders involved in deposit account fraud and identity fraud.

Officer responded to an address on Project Street in reference to a dispute.

Officer responded to an address on Gumlog Road in reference to a burglary.

Officer responded to an address on South Main Street in reference to a intoxicated male subject.

Officer responded to William Rountree Road in reference to damaged property.

Officer made an arrest for possession of marijuana (less than an ounce).

Twin City Police Reports

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

May 22

Officer conducted further investigation matters on a male subject charged with firearm possession by a convicted felon.

May 23

Officer responded to the area of Old Swainsboro Road in reference to violation of leash law.

Officer responded to Coursey Road in reference to a male subject with outstanding warrants.

Officer reported the recover of a wallet found near the Twin City Police Department.

May 24

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a wrecker being operated without proper lights.

May 26

Complainant reported a simple assault offense.

Officer reported receiving an abandoned handgun located by a male subject.

Complainant made a miscellaneous report.

May 29

Officer responded to an address on 5th Avenue in reference to a simple battery offense.

Complainant reported a civil dispute.

May 30

Officer made contact with a male subject in violation of an open container.

Complainant reported striking a deer while traveling within the area of US Highway 80 and Georgie Highway 23.

Officer and animal control assisted in the apprehension of a dog at large.

Complainant reported a damaged vehicle. Upon further review, officer found that the driver was DUI-alcohol and in violation of open container. An arrest was made.

May 31

Officer responded to the area of Parish Pond Road in reference to a vehicle accident involving a tractor.

June 1

Officer made an arrest in reference to a parole violation.

Complainant made a miscellaneous report.



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Elegance

My parents were committed to giving me opportunities to learn and experience activities that *might* enrich any potential talent of mine. First came dance lessons. After a few lessons, I knew that shiny patent shoes with taps on the toes did not a dancer make.

Next came piano lessons. I begged for a piano and lessons from Miss Celestine Williams. I did love Miss Celie and wanted to make her proud of me. However, I did not connect that with the time required for practice.

Early in my high school years, I had a chance for another learning opportunity. A young woman, Virginia Bradley, had returned home after living in New York City. Anyone who had lived in New York City was considered to have been a celebrity. Her father was Judge Bradley, and their home is still stately. She offered to teach a class in

Elocution for older children. My parents learned of this and thought right for me.

When I learned that elocution was the art of effective public speaking, I was ready to sign up. This was talking—and I did love to talk.

I had never seen Miss Bradley until I walked into the improvised studio in the Bradley home. She was my image of New York City, and I knew she *had* to be a celebrity. She was beautiful and flamboyant in her dress, makeup, speech, and even her movements. The class members were Bunny Bailey, Ann Shepard, Bill Hobby, a boy from ECI, a girl from Summertown, and me.

Our teacher told us to call her Virginia (without the “Miss”) and corrected when we said, “Yes, ma’am.” This correction happened several times before we remembered to say, “Yes, Virginia.”

Throughout the weeks of the class, it remained awkward to say what we had been taught was bad manners.

The boy from ECI made an immediate impression on the class and especially on Virginia. He was quite at ease in this environment. He was knowledgeable on any subject, poised and comfortable in saying “Yes, Virginia,” or No, Virginia.” His name was Marvin Cox.

With my newly acquired lessons in public speaking, I joined Swainsboro High’s debate team to compete at the district meet held each spring at Georgia Teachers College. Mrs. Schwabe was the sponsor. Debaters were Bobby Sasser, Bill Sanders, Betty Sisco, and me. There would be two teams with a boy and a girl on each. The subject was, “Should females be assigned to combat in future wars?” According to the mores and customs of the early

’50s, debating the merit of exposing young women to combat conditions would be more than difficult. We had to prepare to debate either the pro or con. Your opponent and side would be assigned on the day of the district meet.

A chart listed opponents for the beginning one-time elimination contests. Our confidence drained when we saw Swainsboro High School versus Emanuel County Institute. Bobby and I were to be pro. We had prepared for this, but our hearts were not in it.

Sitting across from us on the opposing team was none other than Marvin Cox. He quoted from his extensive reading and took advantage of the public speaking he had developed in elocution class. His descriptions of dainty Southern belles in this position stirred ill feelings. His objective was not to win approval for this radical idea. His plan was to win the debate.

Shirley Proctor Twiss



We were more than losers. We were devastated. The other part of our team who were on the side of con also lost, and we then realized that ECI would always be a fierce opponent. Mrs. Schwabe had also prepared us to shake hands and say congratulations.

I only had these two encounters with Marvin, but I have always remembered his confidence, knowledge, and elegant style.

When I learned of his death from his cousins, Missy Elliott Elder and Charles Elliott Jr., I wanted to know more of this young boy who could only be described as ele-

gant. The elegant boy became the elegant man. After earning a master’s and doctorate from Yale, he was on the history faculty of the University of Connecticut until his retirement. His home was in Connecticut. This did not surprise me. I had always thought of him as Ivy League.

Rest in peace, dear elegant boy, with visions dancing through your head of childhood with your grandparents at the “Home Place” and roaming happily and freely down dirt roads surrounded by pine forests and ponds.

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Is there no place these days for thoughtful discourse?

My column last week on a radio commentary by the late Paul Harvey drew a lot of reader response from across the state, all of it positive. As you will recall if you saw the column, some 55 years ago Harvey

penned a piece entitled, “If I Were the Devil,” that was frighteningly prescient.

He talked about the moral decay rife in the nation and how the devil would hasten our demise with attacks on organized

religion, the anything-goes trash coming out of the entertainment business, overflowing prisons, the promotion of a culture of drugs, drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors in our schools, attacking the insti-

tution of marriage and taking from those who have and giving it to those who want until you have killed the incentive of the ambitious.

Remember, this was written in 1965. I can only imagine what the man would say if he were still here. Most of what he observed then is coming to pass now.

I can’t think of anyone around today that could be compared to Paul Harvey. His commentaries were thoughtfully conceived and gently and oftentimes humorously delivered. He was Middle America. Alas, that is not the ground occupied today by commentators. There seems to be no place for thoughtfulness and fairness in our media these days. (I hope this column is an occasional exception, but that is for you to decide.)

We have allowed ourselves to be drawn into what author Jackie Cushman called “tribes” in her book, “Our Broken America: Why Both Sides Need to Stop Ranting and Start Listening.” Ironic advice from the daughter of one-time House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who was the Rajah of Rants.

Cushman says 64% of Democrats and 55% of Republicans have few or no friends in the opposite party. She calls it tribalism—“My tribe is better than your tribe.” Cushman cautions that this kind of narrow-minded view encourages us all to be members of a tribe before members of a country. That is frightening and, for that, I put the blame on the wingnuts on both sides of the political spectrum.

Dick Yarbrough



Donald Trump is either evil-personified or somebody willing to take on the liberal establishment and make American great again, depending on what side of the spectrum your tribe exists and who can holler the loudest.

Those of us in the middle wish the president would quit picking needless fights with unworthy opponents like late night TV talk show hosts, cut the hyperbole and stow his Twitter machine. At the same time, those of us in the middle also think he is dead-on correct about the overt bias of the national media.

No less an authority than Van Gordon Sauter, former president of CBS thinks the national media’s tilt to the left is passing the point of no return. In an opinion piece in the Wall Street Journal, Sauter said the daily newspapers in New York, Washington, Los Angeles and Boston “are now decidedly liberal. On the home screen, the three broadcast network divisions still have their liberal tilt. Two of the three leading cable news sources are unrelentingly liberal in their fear and loathing of President Trump.”

He goes on to say, “To many journalists, objectivity, balance and fairness—once the gold standard of reporting—are not mandatory in a divided political era and in a country they believe to be severely

flawed.” That’s fine for the inch-wide-and-inch-deep political commentators and columnists who have the gravitas of a sand gnat but not on the news side, please.

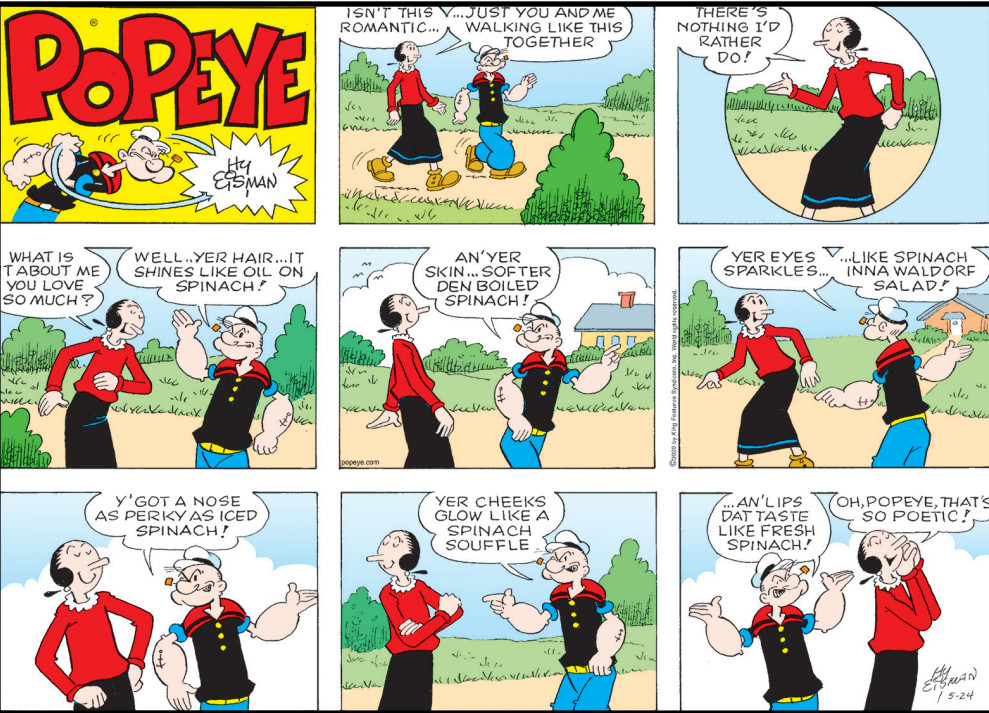
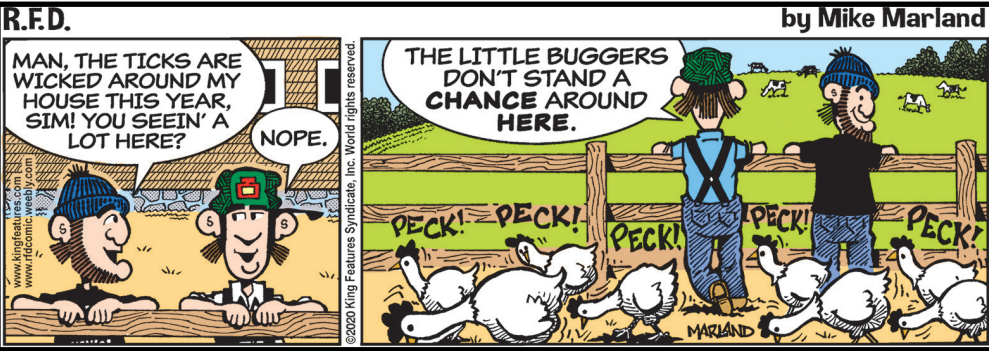
The same thing applies on the other side with conservative radio hosts and a couple of cable networks that defend the president with the same vigor the liberals demean him. There is no middle ground anymore. We don’t know who to believe so we end up believing only those who think as we do.


That is why we are poorer for having no Paul Harveys around these days to infuse a little perspective and humor and, yes, some thoughtfulness into a world badly in need of it.

As for the devil, he is still making mischief and trying to turn us against one another just as Paul Harvey predicted. Unless we cease to be hyphenated Americans and special interest Americans and tribal Americans, we will cease to be at all and will fade into the history books like the once mighty Roman Empire. The devil would like nothing better. And now you know the rest of the story. Good day.

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Fall sports teams may proceed with conditioning beginning June 8

by HALEI LAMB

The Georgia High School Association will open up conditioning for its member schools starting June 8. The decision reached by the board of trustees on May 8 still stands as of press time on Tuesday, June 2. The plan is restrictive and provides for conditioning only but given the cancellation of spring sports and the absence of competitive sports elsewhere, the decision lends to hopefulness for a complete, normal fall season in just a few months.

As data related to COVID-19 continues to improve, restrictions may be reduced as GHSA receives input from healthcare professionals and guidance from Governor Brian Kemp. Member schools have been encouraged to make every effort to follow the recommendations and restrictions set by the state's governing body for public school sports.

One of the requirements for member schools to resume organized sports is for each system/school to formulate an Infectious

Disease Plan. Other key points schools have been instructed to adhere to are as follows:

- Staff and athletes alike are recommended to be screened before each workout.
- Groups may not be larger than 20, including coaches, for workouts per sport at any given time at the campus/facility. These groups should be the same individuals, including coaches, for each session. Neither students nor coaches can change groups for the duration of this duration.
- Participants must be able to maintain social distancing standards.
- Masks or face coverings are recommended but not required.
- The workouts are for conditioning *only*. Balls, bats, scrimmages, and so on are not permitted.
- School showers and locker rooms are off limits.
- Weight equipment must be cleaned before and in between each workout.
- Signage regarding COVID-19 risks and exposure must be posted.

- No visitors are allowed to attend these conditioning sessions.
- Each athlete should have their own water bottles as water fountains are prohibited.
- Hand sanitizer should be available for those in attendance.
- Multiple sport conditioning groups should be scheduled with staggered starting and ending time to prevent large gatherings before and after workouts as well as to adhere to the 15-minute minimum allowance for cleaning and disinfecting.

Individual schools may be more restrictive with these recommendations but not less. Robin Hines, executive director of the GHSA, said on the evening the decision was made to begin the slow resumption of high school sports that he understood the possible critics and the health risks presented by COVID-19. However, he and the board of trustees are ready to see things return to normal considering the pleas they have received from student-athletes and par-

ents, along with the latest insight that COVID-19 statistics are improving, according to medical professionals consulted with throughout the decision-making process.

Hines had originally called for the board to approve a resumption date of June 1. However, trustees representing larger districts argued a week after Memorial Day would be too soon. Hines was disappointed, but because the GHSA tries to keep the best interest of students first, the delay was extended slightly before the board approved the June 8 resumption.

Georgia is one of the first states to resume sports, even in a slight manner such as conditioning only. Iowa led the way with its start of practices on June 1 with games beginning two weeks later. Georgia's official seasons begin with mandatory practices. Typically, these practices begin July 27 for football and August 1 for other sports, but there has been no discussion about those dates for 2020 yet.






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Renovations and rescues ongoing for shelter

Progress continues at the Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter located on Market Street in Swainsboro.

After *The Blade's* recent visit, manager Leta Fuentes reported all renovations are almost done, pending the completion of a pen installment toward the back area of the shelter and the painting of the shelter's floors.

In addition to these renovation updates, Fuentes was excited to have a rescue group from Cartersville visit Tuesday, June 2. Requesting the not-so-perfect shelter pups, the rescue assisted with the relocation of 12 grown dogs from the shelter, some of which were heartworm positive. These dogs will be boarded and fully vetted in Georgia prior to trav-



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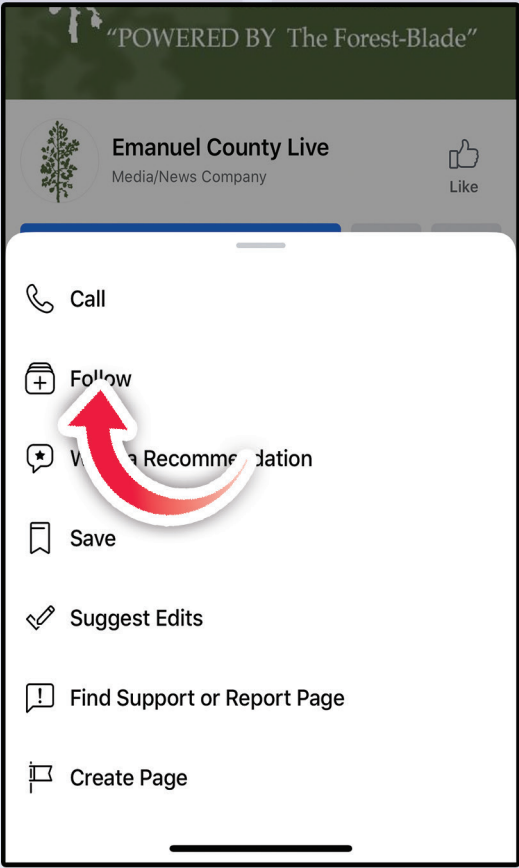
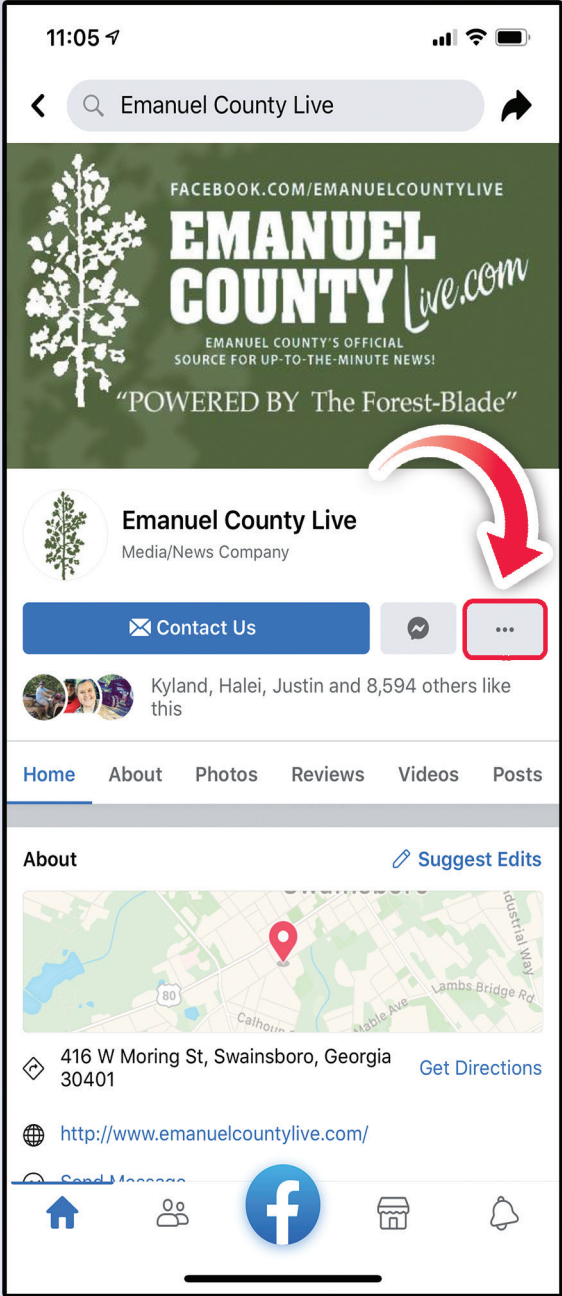
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Four Emanuel 4-H'ers participate in leadership program for betterment of community

The 4-H Leadership in Action program is designed to recognize the work of Junior (seventh and eighth grade) and Senior (ninth through 12th grade) 4-H'ers as leaders in their communities.

Through this program, 4-H'ers are called to identify an issue or need in the community, or an issue related to agriculture or the environment. Once this issue or need has been selected, the 4-H'er will determine ways to make a difference and enact his/her plan. The process focuses on leadership engagement by the 4-H'er.

Four Emanuel County 4-H'ers completed Leadership in Action projects to help improve their communities.

- **Marshall Amerson** conducted a fundraiser during 4-H shotgun practice that raised enough money to provide two scholarships for youth in need to participate in Project SAFE activities in Emanuel County.

- **Grace McBride** planned and implemented the Around the World with 4-H Day Camp that provided summer programming and global awareness for local youth.

- **Samuel McBride** created "Planting Seeds of Happiness," a community service project that recruited 4-H'ers to plant and care for seeds that could then would grow into flowers to be planted at local nursing homes.

- **Rylie Rowland** led a food insecurity awareness campaign and conducted canned food drives for a local food pantry.

On Tuesday, May 5, these 4-H'ers competed in the interview portion of the competition. Of 11 district competitors, Grace McBride placed second and will advance on to the state level of the contest, where she will compete against seven other state finalists.

During State 4-H Congress, two winners for state recognition will be announced. These winners will receive Master 4-H status, participate in the 4-H Parade of Winners during the annual banquet, and have the option of representing Georgia at National 4-H Conference in Chevy Chase, MD, or a \$500 scholarship.

For more information on Emanuel County 4-H and how you can get involved, contact 4-H Agent Jakyn Tyson by emailing jakynjen@uga.edu.



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Week of June 8, 2020

The purpose of the test is to locate places where excess water is entering the sewer system during a rain event. In the days prior to the testing, please make sure to run water into all sinks, tubs, and floor drains, especially if they are not frequently used, to fill the plumbing "P-Traps". Be advised that you may see smoke coming from the sewer vents of your buildings and this is normal during the smoke testing in your area. There should not be smoke inside the buildings. If smoke does enter, it indicates a problem with your plumbing inside. Run water to flush the drain lines to clear the smoke.

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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);
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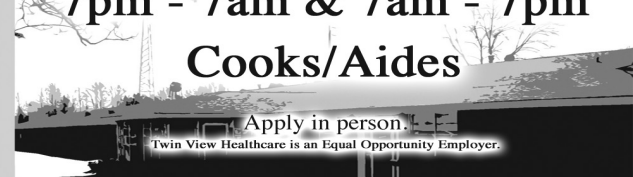


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by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO
A 17-year-old male was transported to Emanuel Medical Center by EMS after a crash that occurred Friday, May 29. After swerving to avoid a deer on Highway 221, the 2011 Hyundai continued into the ditch, crossed Cow Ford Bridge Road, overturned, and ended up on its side against a tree. Emanuel County firefighters from Norristown, sheriff's deputies, and Georgia State Patrol responded to the wreck. Troopers investigated the crash.

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By Edna Purvis & Ann Cobb



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Question: Are emails from Microsoft about a charge for Defender legitimate?

by DWIGHT WATT
Answer:
No, Microsoft will not charge you for Defender anti-virus software.

I received an email claimed to be from Microsoft, informing me the company had charged my account \$299 for a one-year subscription renewal. If I did not want this renewal, I was instructed to click a link, supply information, and the company would refund my money.

The first question I usually ask people who have received such emails about things like this is whether or not they even use the program or product. In this case, if you have a Windows PC, Defender comes default,

so this question does not help.

The second thing I tell people to look at is the sender's address. In this case, the email was sent from a weird address. This told me the email was a phishing email.

My third piece of advice I usually give is to hover over the link and see if it directs you to Microsoft's website. The link did not connect to Microsoft's website, but instead connected to a strange web address. Again, this is a red flag for a phishing email. However, this piece of advice only works if the user is on a PC or laptop. If you view the email from a phone, you cannot hover over the link to see the web

address it will take you to if you click on it.

The last thing to remember in cases like these is this: the program the email is asking you to renew is free. Microsoft includes Defender free with Windows, and I have never seen any rumors the company will start charging for the program.

Defender will work with other anti-virus programs. I have never seen it block or catch viruses, but maybe it does so in the background. I use Avast with Defender to make my computer as safe as possible.

When you receive a strange, unexpected email, here's what you should do: stop, think,

then act. In this case, the email was a phishing attempt. Phishers send similar emails about Amazon Prime. If it is time to renew a subscription, it is best to go directly to the subscription provider's website to do so.

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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.
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 WANDA ANN 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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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Clairena B. Greenway, 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 26th day of May, 2020.
Maxie A. Keidel, Executrix of the Estate of
Clairena B. Greenway, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF GLENNIS L. ALLSTON, ESTATE NO. 17E0058

DECEASED
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR ADMINISTRATOR
NOTICE

TO: LOUIS NEAL LEE and to whom it may concern:

ANTONETTE LEE has petitioned to be appointed Successor Administrator of the estate of GLENNIS L. ALLSTON deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objec-

tions, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10:00 A.M. JUNE 29, 2020.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

DON E. WILKES
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Jeanie Hooks
Clerk of the Probate Court
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Address
478-237-7091
Telephone Number

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF DUSTIN CHASE WILSON, ESTATE NO. 19E0077

DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: SHAY HARRELL and whom it may concern:

LAKELAN ERNEST WILSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of DUSTIN CHASE WILSON deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10:00 A. M. June 29, 2020.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All

objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

SHAWN RHODES
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF DORSEY LEE LOVETT SR., ESTATE NO. 20E0034

DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: FELICIA DENISE LOVETT and to whom it may concern:
SHARON LOVETT BOWERS has petitioned to be appoint-

ed Administrator of the estate of DORSEY LEE LOVETT SR. deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before June 10, 2020.

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SHATTERED WINDSHIELD OF INVOLVED HONDA ACCORD

Driver injured in deer-versus-vehicle crash

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

A female driver received facial injuries when a deer impacted with a 2005 Honda Accord on Friday, May 29. The incident occurred around 4:40 p.m. on Lambs Bridge Road by Old Reidsville Road. The driver was treated by Emanuel EMS for glass cuts from the shattered windshield. County firefighters from Twin City and sheriff's deputies responded to and investigated the crash.



Dear Citizens of Emanuel County,

On Tuesday, June 9th, those who have not turned in an absentee ballot or early voted will have one final opportunity to support their candidate in the 2020 Primary Election. I hope that you all will take advantage of this and let your opinion count.

This campaign season has certainly been challenging for me. I am not a great politician, and I was taught by my daddy to not ask for much. So yes, politicking is very much outside of my comfort zone.

But one thing that I have always been very comfortable with is proudly serving the people of this county as a deputy sheriff. I have worked hard over the past twenty years to make it to where I am today. I am ready to be your next sheriff. The one you want, need, and expect...I am experienced, I am well trained and I have the plan and energy to progressively make our sheriff's office even better than it is today.

No, I may not be the best politician, but I feel that I have become a great lawman for this county. If I have not had the chance to personally ask for your vote, please know that it is not because I don't need it or I casually expect it. You matter to me. Once elected, I will work tirelessly to prove that you made the right choice.

With that being said, I humbly and respectfully ask for your consideration and your vote on June 9th. Your support will allow me to continue the career that I have worked for all my life. Thank you!

Rocky Davis