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ONE DOLLAR

An open letter to the community: *Emanuel Medical Center is open and here for the public*

by DAMIEN SCOTT,
CEO, Emanuel Medical
Center

I'd like to thank our community for helping us manage through this first phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. I believe it was our willingness to pull together and do the right things that prevented the virus from spreading more rapidly in our community.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, hospitals across the country are making thoughtful decisions about restart-



SCOTT

ing elective services. Those decisions take into consideration many variables, including staffing and capacity and the

local impact of the pandemic.

After careful consideration, Emanuel Medical has resumed elective services, including surgery, at the hospital and EMC physician practices. As it has been throughout the pandemic, our emergency department is open, and patients experiencing an emergency medical condition should feel comfortable continuing to seek care at EMC.

In taking these steps, we're also sending a (Continued on page 2A)



FRED AND CED SEABROUGH, LEFT AND RIGHT RESPECTIVELY

The Twin Towers

by HALEI LAMB

Athletes don't come much better than the Seabrough brothers. The two are poster kids for what coaches look for in a student-athlete. They're tall, strong, game-intelligent, driven, dedicated, and hard-working. The ease at which they pick up and excel at every sport they've picked up tells of their natural abilities. As it

turns out, however, none of that is their "it factor." Fredrick, or "Fred" for short, and Cedric, also known as "Ced," are twins. The rising seniors have made quite a name for themselves, literally re-writing some parts of Swainsboro High School's history books with their athletic feats, including helping the Tigers to the 2020 Class AA Boys Basket-

ball State Championship title. They've garnered the interest of numerous universities in the process. As they look to the ending of their high school careers in the near future and begin considering their next step, one thing is certain: they're a package deal.

Lee Stewart and Rosey Young probably gave them the best possible (Continued on page 1D)



Photo credit: Angela Ray

RAY, WILLIAMS, A. SHAH, H. SHAH, AND N. SHAH

Shah to represent Georgia in National Exchange Club's Youth of the Year Contest

Arham Shah has won the Georgia Exchange Club Youth of the Year Award and will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from the Georgia Exchange Club at a date to be announced by Robert Lindsey, Georgia Youth of the Year Program coordinator.

Shah won the local \$450 scholarship in March and qualified for the state level competition. He

has automatically qualified for the National Exchange Club Youth of the Year Scholarship Contest. Should he win the national contest, he will receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

In the photo left to right are Marty Ray, Swainsboro Exchange Club president; Mark Williams, Swainsboro Exchange Club Youth of the Year chairman;

Arham Shah, SHS graduate, soon-to-be UGA attendee in the fall, and Georgia Youth of the Year Award recipient; Hema Shah, Arham's mother; and Neal Shah, Arham's father.

The award was presented at the Shah home due to the nature of recommendations by the CDC as well as the club's canceled weekly meetings.

Smith named EMC's first DAISY Award recipient

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

May 14 was an exciting day for Emanuel Medical Center (EMC) as it announced the name of its first-ever DAISY Award recipient, Dorsie Smith.

Smith serves as a registered nurse and was nominated as a DAISY recipient by Nichole Rogers during the early month of May. Rogers' letter detailed to following:

"I would like to nominate Dorsit Smith, RN, for the DAISY Award. She recently cared for a patient and went above and beyond, in my opinion. The first two days she cared for the patient, she helped feed this patient, bathe him, helped him shave, and even brought him extra ice cream and treats for snacks/desserts. The patient told her, 'You are spoiling me. I'm never

going to want to leave y'all.'

Unfortunately, when she returned for work a few days later, the patient took a turn for the worst. He was now on the vent and had a DNR. She still went above and beyond for this patient and his family. The decision was made to take the patient off the vent and all drips. His family came back and everything was stopped. As this patient took his last breath and left this world, the nurse

remained right there by his side. She held his family, hugged them, and cried with them. She didn't have to be in the patient's room; she could have caught up her charting or gave medications, but she was there because she wanted to be with this patient and his family. She couldn't help but shed tears because this wasn't just a patient to her—he was a friend.

Creating friendships with our patients, going (Continued on page 2A)


Where to find election results

Due to time constraints, publishing the results from the June 9 primary election in this June 10 edition of *The Forest-Blade* was impossible as the deadline to send our publication to the printer is 3 p.m. every Tuesday and the polls didn't close until 7 p.m.

In response, you can find election results on our Facebook page, Emanuel County Live. These results will be in the form of numerous archived videos as well as one final text post with cumulative numbers. Complete results will be printed in next week's June 17 *Blade* as well.

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An open letter...

(From front page) message: we know you need our services, and we're here for you. Here are some of the actions EMC is taking to keep you safe:

- Patients with



COVID-19 are isolated from other patients.

- All employees are masked at all times.
- Appropriate personal protective equipment, including masks, gowns and gloves, are worn by our clinical staff when required.
- Handwashing with soap and water or hand sanitizer gel is strictly enforced.
- All healthcare personnel and patients are screened for COVID-19 symptoms (including

fever) prior to entering the hospital.

- We have limited visitation at this time. Effective June 1, 2020, there will continue to be a no visitors allowed in rooms of patients who are COVID-19 positive and/or pending COVID-19 test results. All other visitors will be allowed from 12 noon until 5 p.m.
- Offering telemedicine options when possible in our Physician Clinics and in our hospital

General Guidelines for All Other Patient's Visitors:

1. All inpatient visitors must use the front entrance Monday through Friday and through the ER on Saturday and Sunday.
2. All visitors will be screened for possible symptoms of COVID-19, including temperature check.
3. All visitors that pass the screening will receive a visitor pass and will be masked.
4. Visitor must be 18 years or older.
5. Visitors 70 years or older are not encouraged to be the "support person" for the patient.
6. One visitor or support person should be designated for the duration of the stay unless one of the special rules below apply.
7. The visitor must remain in the patient room when in the facility.
8. **End of Life Visitation:** four visitors will be allowed, two at a time, for one hour. One of these will be allowed to remain with the patient until

death.

9. **ER:** One visitor will be allowed to remain with the patient receiving care but will be at the discretion of the staff and/or physician.
10. **Ambulatory Surgery:** One visitor will be allowed with the patient as support and escort.
11. **Pediatric Patients:** Parent / Guardian will be allowed to remain with the pediatric patient. A second support person, parent/grandparent can be designated to relieve the one parent in times of prolonged hospitalization.
12. **Intensive Care:** Visitation restrictions will remain in place for this unit.
13. **Senior Behavioral Health:** Visitation restrictions will remain in place for this unit.
14. **EMC Nursing Home:** Visitation restrictions will remain in place for this unit.

As parts of our community begin to reopen, let's do our part to prevent further spread of COVID-19. Now is not the time to

let your guard down. Please continue to maintain six feet from others when possible, wear a protective mask in public, and frequently wash your hands. Please help by doing your part to keep our community safe.

I would like to express special gratitude to our employees and physicians for their preparedness, professionalism, and, above all else, their compassion as they continue to put their patients first. Our team has pulled together in what I feel has been some of our finest moments, and they make us all proud. I'd also like to thank the community for your generosity and support through donations of food, fabric masks, supplies and so many other gestures that have boosted and sustained our staff as they continue to care for COVID-19 patients.

As we continue forward, keep up the fight, and thank you for trusting our team to care for you.

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Smith is EMC's...

(From front page) above and beyond even with little things, such as helping them shave and feel like a real person again is why we became nurses. To me, this reflects all things the DAISY Award stands for. To me, this nurse deserves a DAISY Award."

Smith is stationed in the intensive care unit of Emanuel Medical Center. Surrounded by her fellow co-workers, Smith was presented with the DAISY Award by hospital administration and staff, distinguishing the high honor of being the first DAISY Award honoree for the local hospital. In addition to receiving recognition, a certificate, and a banner placed

in the hospital entrance, a special video along with Rogers' nomination form has been displayed on Emanuel Medical Center's Facebook page for all to see.

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died of complications of the autoimmune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) at the age of 33. (DAISY is an acronym for diseases attacking the immune system.)

During Pat's 8-week hospitalization, his family was awestruck by the care and compassion his nurses provided not only to Pat but to everyone in his family. One of the goals they set in creating a Foundation in Pat's memory was to recog-

nize extraordinary nurses everywhere who make an enormous difference in the lives of so many people by the super-human work they do every day.

The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary compassionate and skillful care given by nurses every day.

To find out more about the program, including the growing list of partners, visit www.DAISYfoundation.org.

To submit an electronic DAISY award nomination, visit <https://www.emanuelmedical-center.org/patients/daisy-foundation> or contact Nichole Rogers, BSN, Daisy Coordinator at 478-289-1261.

Clarification of hazard pay for Swainsboro police, fire, and administration

In the reporting of haard pay for certain city employees at the June 1 council meeting, information was incorrectly stated that council had agreed to a one-time lump sum payment for police, fire, and administ-

tive personnel.

As clarification and correction, it should be understood that council adopted a matrix based formula allowing a supplemental figure between .36 cents and \$1.08 per hour for those employees

whose job placed them at risk for COVID-19.

Mayor Charles Schwabe said he anticipated a reimbursement from federal funds that will be made available to the states to offset this expense.

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Corona count slowly climbing

by HALEI LAMB

After a downward trend followed by a few weeks of steadiness, Emanuel County's active coronavirus count is slowly inching upward again.

As of press time on Tuesday, June 8, the local COVID-19 tally for active cases had inched up to 6. That count doubled in just a day as the figure on Monday, June 7, reflected 3 active cases.

The two previous weeks, June 2 and May 26, both reflected just 1 active case. The lowest Emanuel's active case count has been was 0 on May 18.

Total, Emanuel County has had 35 confirmed cases. Twenty-seven of

those individuals have recovered, and there have been 2 deaths.

A total of 1,007 patients have been tested. As of Tuesday, 72 more were awaiting results.

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

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the past several days, this nation has been shaken by the death of George Floyd in Minnesota and the reaction that followed. A Minneapolis police officer has been charged with second-degree murder in Mr. Floyd's death. Video evidence portrays a terrible, senseless act by that officer. In the following days, peaceful protests were conducted in cities across the country. Sadly, these protests were soon followed by violent demonstrations, looting, burning of stores, government facilities, and even defacing the Lincoln Memorial. Eleven people, including civilians and law enforcement officers, lost their lives as a result.

This nation was founded on principles surrounding our desire for freedom. One of those principles is self-examination and change, when needed. Change is in the DNA of this country, and we should not fear it. However, by definition, it almost always involves opposition and disagreement. That leads to

another basic and cherished principle—that of self-expression. If we choose honesty, respect, logic, and tolerance in our expression when we differ, we are much more likely to reach resolution than if we resort to destruction and violence.

The incidents that we have recently witnessed on the broadcast airways, cable, internet, and other media are not representative of the majority of this country and certainly not our community. Yes, we must search resolutely for ways to make life better for us all. There is nothing gained by loyalty to a system that is no longer effective, but we must never forget that we are a nation of laws, not men. Most importantly, let us remember that, along with our compassion for our fellow man, respect for our common ideals, hope for the future, and faith in our Lord, we have come far, and together, with fairness for all, we can continue the journey and do much, much more.

Mayor Charles Schwabe
City of Swainsboro

COVID-19 testing event for public next week

Emanuel County Health Department will host a testing event next Tuesday, June 16, through Thursday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at their office located at Highway 56 North. Testing will be free, and participants will not have to have a doctor's order or symptoms

to be tested. Those planning to utilize the event should call 706-721-5800 to make an appointment for testing. This process makes testing go quickly and smoothly. Should participants not have an appointment, staff will still see them, but the process takes more time to complete.

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A message from EGSC

President Dr. Bob Boehmer

Dear friends of East Georgia State College,

Addition to Student Center on Swainsboro Campus

The addition to the Jean Anderson Morgan Student Center on the Swainsboro campus is complete. I thought you would want to see the interior space. Please visit the following link for a brief tour: <https://youtu.be/NAgY-A4-cYdk>

Update on the College's Return to Campus Plans

As I mentioned last week, the college has prepared two detailed plans: one for the return to campus of faculty and staff this summer; and another for our highly anticipated return to normal operations this fall. The initial return to campus plan is now available on the college's website: <http://www.ega.edu/covid19>

The plan for return to normal operations in fall will be posted to the same site as soon as it has been reviewed by the University System of Georgia.

A key component of both plans is the role of personal responsibility by all members of the college community: faculty, staff, students and visitors to our campuses. As an example, think for a moment about my personal responsibility to each of you. Joyce and I will be visiting our daughters, son-in-law and grandsons in Oregon soon. We will fly to Portland from Savannah. When we return to campus we will, hopefully, have stayed safe and healthy as we have walked through the airports of Savannah, Atlanta and Portland. But we all know that navigating those airports and the planes and those cities will bring us in contact with a lot of people. That means I have a high level of responsibility to each of you to socially distance on campus, to wash hands frequently, to use the hand sanitizer stations regularly and to wear a protective face covering whenever social distancing is not possible. I owe it to every one of you to protect your health and the health of those you will encounter, like your family when you go home to visit, to do this.

In the video I shared with you last week, I wore a protective face covering, even though I was outside, to demonstrate the type of situation in which I would choose to wear a face covering – sitting at a table where others are likely to join me in close proximity. I will keep one in my pocket at all times out of respect for you – out of a sense of personal responsibility. I hope that, when you come to campus this fall, you will bring your protective face covering to use when needed to protect others on campus.

Stay healthy and safe.

Bob Boehmer

President

East Georgia State College

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 10 - Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty

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Kyle Johnson, 29



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his loving and adoring mother, Trica, and step-father, Johnny Mack Conner II of Lyons; his loving father, Bill, and stepmother, Wendy Johnson of Twin City; one step-brother, Keith Riner of Swainsboro; two sisters, Emily Conner of Lyons and Nicole Johnson of Twin City; two step-sisters, Brooke Claxton of Swainsboro and Caitlin Beasley of Wadley; maternal grandmother, Dot Trapnell of Ailey; maternal grandfather, Mutt Kennedy of Midville; paternal grandmother, Jewel Johnson of Swainsboro; and paternal grandfather, Billy Johnson of Claxton.

This is a courtesy announcement from Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro. Ronnie L. Stewart Service Vidalia Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include

Funeral services for Kyle Johnson, 29 of Lyons, were held Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Vidalia with (Uncle) Reverend Bucky Kennedy and Reverend Scott Morrison officiating. Interment followed at Eastbrook Cemetery of Swainsboro with (Uncle) Rev. Bucky Kennedy and Reverend Brad McKenzie officiating. The family received visitors Saturday, June 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. He died Wednesday, June 3, 2020 after a brief illness at East Georgia Medical Center in Statesboro.

Mr. Kyle Johnson was a native of Emanuel County, living most of his life in Lyons. He was employed by UPS and was a member of First Baptist Church of Vidalia. He was outgoing and very athletic. He enjoyed cooking, grilling, playing football, and fishing. Johnson's real passion was for racing, and he enjoyed spending his free time with his buddies doing so. He loved his family and friends and loved being with them all. His loss will be truly felt by all who know him, because to know Kyle, was to love him.

Bobby Lee McMillan Sr., 74



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had a passion for vehicles and motorcycles. He also loved spending time with family. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Brent McMillan.

Survivors include his wife, Learlie of Swainsboro; sons, Bobby Lee McMillan Jr. of Dallas, Texas, Kelvin McMillan (Kara) of Fremont, California, and Robert Williams (Diane) of Killeen, Texas; daughters, Latasha McMillan Dunn (Chris) of Texarkana, Texas, Laronda McMillan Bailey of Texarkana, and Angel McMillan of Atlanta; brothers, Jerry McMillan (Ida Mae) of Lexsy and Larry McMillan (Cathleen) of Stillmore; sisters, Betty McMillan Pace of Miami, Florida and Sylvia Kelly (Hamptom) of Lexsy; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside services for Bobby Lee McMillan Sr., 74, were held Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery. He departed this earthly life April 7, 2020.

Mr. McMillan was born August 28, 1945 to the late Vera and Alexander McMillan in Soperton. He was the second eldest of five children. After graduating high school, McMillan enlisted in the U.S. Marines in 1966. While he served only a few years in the Marines, he joined the Georgia Army National Guard and dedicated more than 25 years of service before retiring in 2005. He also worked at Swainsboro Technical College, from which he retired in 2009 as the automotive instructor. McMillan was known in the community for his smile. Above all, he was known as a provider and protector to his family. On September 6, 1977, he married the love of his life and best friend, Learlie McMillan. Together, they raised their children to know God and to value family. Additionally, McMillan was a faithful member of Ohoopee Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a chairman of the deacon board for several years. In his spare time, he

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Robin Lynn McGee, 57



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everyone. McGee was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 35 years, Teddy McGee of Swainsboro; her parents of Saint Marys; son, Daren McGee (Megan) of Swainsboro; daughter, Jennifer Canady (Lenny Pasquale) of Swainsboro; brother, Mark Gehring (Lori) of Fort Lauderdale; grandchildren, Tayler Rountree (Bubba), Tyler Canady, Brylee Lanier, and Jaxin McGee; great-grandson, Kace Rountree; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Pallbearers were Nick Brown, Kenny Brown, Larry Hall, Charlie Lanier, John McGee, Randall Williford, Allen Farley, and Christopher Gehring. Honorary pallbearers were the Swainsboro Jaycees.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Funeral services for Robin Lynn McGee, 57 of Swainsboro, were held Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church with Reverend Jonathan Shepard and Brad McKenzie officiating. Burial followed at Holton Chapel Advent Christian Church Cemetery. The family received friends Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at Chapman Funeral Home from 5 to 8 p.m. In compliance with guidelines set by the CDC, the 6-foot rule was enforced during the viewing and services. She passed away Monday, June 1, 2020 at Pruitt Health of Swainsboro following an extended illness.

Mrs. Robin Lynn McGee was born June 26, 1962 in Buffalo, New York to George Gehring and JoAnn Gehring. She graduated in 1980 from Deltona High School in Deltona, Florida. McGee began working for Keller Ladders Florida location in the early '80s until she accepted a transfer to the Swainsboro location. This is where she met her husband. They had a son, who was the apple of her eye. McGee always had a positive attitude and helped everyone. No one ever had anything bad to say about McGee; she tried to love everyone and find the best in

Bobby Bernell Small Jr., 35



SMALL

ed in death by his maternal grandparents, Larry and Mary Bryant, and his paternal grandparents, Bernell and Mary Ann Small.

Survivors include his parents of Millen; special daughter, Gia Rhodes of Statesboro; special son, Fred Lee of Metter; brothers, Larry Small and Daniel Small, both of Millen; four grandchildren; several aunts, uncles, cousins; and many friends.

Pallbearers were his friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Graveside services for Bobby Bernell Small Jr., 35 of Millen, were held Monday, June 8, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Cool Springs Baptist Church Cemetery with Reverend Johnny Beasley officiating. The family received friends Monday, June 8, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with guidelines set by the CDC, the 6-foot rule was enforced during the viewing and services. He passed away Monday, June 1, 2020 at his residence following a brief illness.

Mr. Bobby Bernell Small Jr. was born August 28, 1984 in Augusta to Bobby Small Sr. and Kathy Bryant Small. He enjoyed raising chickens, building chicken coops, fishing, hunting, and spending time with family. He was of the Baptist faith. Small was preceded-

Gilbert Hudson, 77



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daughter, Connie Glover Smith of Swainsboro; granddaughter, Stephanie Smith-Phipps of Swainsboro; great-grandson, Mitchell Phipps of Swainsboro; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was laid to rest at Herrington Cemetery in Coven-

Mr. Gilbert Hudson, 77, passed away June 4, 2020 at his residence following an extended illness.

Mr. Hudson was born November 30, 1942 to the late Lawton and Eva Mae Hudson. He was employed with Emanuel County Sheriff's Office as a jailor for the past 17 years. He enjoyed being outdoors. When he wasn't working at the jail, he would be outside doing yardwork. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his sister, Laverne Garrett.

Survivors include his wife, Elease Hudson of Swainsboro; sons, Gene Glover and Jimmy Glover, both of Dublin;

LeRoy Butler, 70

Funeral services for LeRoy Butler, 70, were held Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 11 a.m. inside the chapel of Mosley’s Funeral Home in Swainsboro with Elder D.G. Mosley serving as eulogist. As God would have it, he entered into his heavenly home May 28, 2020.

Mr. LeRoy Butler entered into this world February 19, 1950. He was a very humble, caring, and gentle giant, and he was known for his great deeds in life. Mr. Butler was born in Swainsboro. He attended school in Swainsboro but grew up in Twin City. He traveled around the world, enjoying all 70 years of his life.

Survivors include two sons, LeRoy McNear Jr. and his wife, LaTrice Jackson McNear, and Tony Lee McNear; three brothers, Willie James Byrd, Arthur Fuggett, and Sonny B. Fuggett; ex-wife, Ms. Ella J. Butler (Mincey); aunts, Joyce Peterson, Debrahan Peterson, and Maryann Parker, all of Florida; uncles, Lee Parker (Bo) and Willie Miles Parker; nephews,



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Quan Byrd, Lil Sonny, Corey, and Devin; a host of cousins, Mary White, Annette Clark, Jeanette Rubin, and Gladys Dempsey, all of Saint Petersburg, Florida, Synolia Williams and Sierra Vista, both of Arizona, and Lee Simpkins and Horace Simpkins Jr., both of Vero Beach, Florida; grandchildren, Shymere Danyell McNear, Jaiden NyKie McNear, and Jada Nicole McNear; great-grandchildren, Aliyah Savage Jordan and Ayden (stan-ka-man); and friend, Torey Brinkley (Main), Daryl Graves, and Hubert Ricks.

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

Daniel “Danny” Webster Proctor Jr., 67

Mr. Daniel “Danny” Webster Proctor Jr., 67 of Twin City, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2020 at Pruitt Health of Swainsboro following an extended illness.

Mr. Proctor was born June 1, 1953 in Lyons to the late Daniel Webster Proctor Sr. and Amanda Jean Lovett Proctor. He enjoyed reading, especially his Bible, and loved to be outdoors. A free spirit, Mr. Proctor was a member of Friendship Free-will Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Jimmy Proctor, Lloyd Proctor, Elton Proctor, Wayne Proctor and Virgil Rainey.

Survivors include his sons, Danny (Brittany) Proctor III and Brad Proctor, both of

Cairo; daughter, Jamie (Lloyd) Fortier of Statesboro; brothers, Gene (Becky) Rainey of Twin City; sisters, Edith (Felix) Gravidia of Hollywood, Florida, Rita Lindsey of Swainsboro, and Donna White of Twin City; nine grandchildren; special nephew, John (Enola) Proctor; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 10 a.m. at El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church with Chaplain Franklin Sasser officiating.

In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6-feet rule will be enforced during viewing and service.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Hostilo wins contest with 5-pound cabbage

At the end of February, young cabbage plants furnished by the Bonnie Plant Company were handed out to 225 third graders at Swainsboro Elementary School.

This was the start of this year’s cabbage growing contest, which is sponsored annually by Emanuel County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee. This contest calls students to water, fertilize, and care for their plants to see who can grow the largest one.

Due to the school closings, the students were unable



HOSTILO SHOWS OFF WINNING CABBAGE

to bring their cabbages back to the classroom. These pupils were notified to bring their plants to the Farm Bureau office on Wednesday, June 3, for judging. Members of the Women’s Committee were waiting there to weigh and measure the plants.

Kaybreigh Hostilo’s 5-pound cabbage won this year’s contest. For this honor, she was awarded a \$25 cash prize. Bristol Ely was runner-up with her 3.5-pound cabbage.



ELY AND RUNNER-UP CABBAGE

With Sincere Gratitude

There are not enough words to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the acts of kindness and love shown to us during the sudden illness and death of our loved one. We gratefully acknowledge the phone calls, cards, food, lovely flowers, visits, and most of all, your prayers. Our prayers are that God continues to richly bless each and every one of you for the goodness you have shown us.

We love and miss him!
The David Keith Jackson Family

Our family would like to say thank you for the prayers, visits, flowers, food and all the other acts of kindness during the loss of our mother.

Your support and thoughtfulness during this most difficult time is very much appreciated. A special thanks to the caring staff of Pruitt Hospice and our kind, respectful friends at Chapman’s Funeral Home.

Thank you,
The Family of Shirley Coleman

Lula Paul “Paula” Roberts, 57

Graveside services for Lula Paul “Paula” Roberts, 57, resident of Swainsboro, will be held Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dellwood with Reverend Jim Harrell officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 10, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Tomlinson Funeral Home. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing requirements will be in place. She died Monday, June 8, 2020 at her residence.

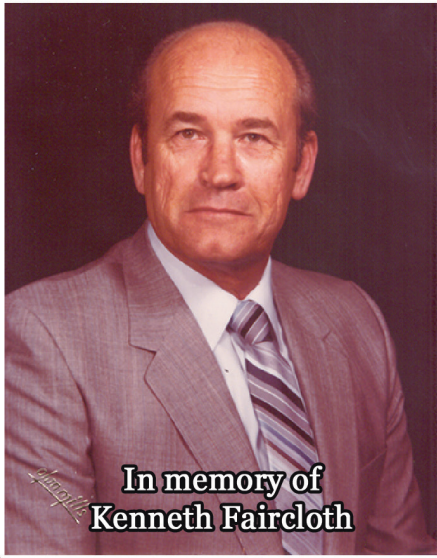
Lula Paul “Paula” Roberts was born in Emanuel County, daughter of Laudiee Pernell and Evie Dell Cooper Pernell. She worked in the Saw Repair Shop with her husband, Mike, for many years. She loved fishing and cooking for her kids and grandkids. Roberts was preceded in death by her father, Laudiee Pernell; her brothers, J.L. Pernell, Arnold Pernell, Gary Pernell, Dale Pernell, and

Frank Pernell; and a sister, JoAnn Hackel.

Survivors include her husband of 39 years, Mike Roberts; three daughters, Laura Roberts Johnson (Johnnie Allen), Shana Roberts Wilkerson (Lester Carter), and Michelle Roberts Cox (Jerry Cox); son, Michael Roberts Jr.; sisters, William Rowland (Harrison) and Bevery Gay (Glen); grandchildren, Brittany Edwards, Josh Cox, Kevin Allen, Justin Wilkerson, Bailey Wilkerson, Greenlee Johnson, Kaleh Allen, Jay Johnson, Aiden Wilkerson, Camren Cox, Brylen Cox, Graycen Cox, and Layla Roberts; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will include Ronald Hackle, Steven Hackle, Joey Hackle, Steven Johnson, Jeremy Rowland, and Christopher Pinard.

Tomlinson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



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God saw you were getting tired, from the pain you were going thru, so He wrapped His arms around you when a cure was not in view. He knew you didn’t deserve the anguish you went thru. So He took you up to Heaven and placed you in His pew. And when I saw you sleeping so peaceful and pain free I couldn't wish you back to face the agony. I know you are in the place that you are in the place that you should be so keep your eyes wide open and someday, there I’ll be.

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McReynolds home named 'Yard of the Month'

Seedling Garden Club is pleased to name DeLaine McReynolds' home as Yard of the Month for June 2020.

McReynolds lives at 7679 Pinetucky Road. She enjoys working in her yard to help keep Emanuel beautiful.

Nominations for Yard of the Month are welcomed each month. With this award, Seedling Garden Club honors homeowners and organizations that personally work diligently with pride and love to maintain their yards. Call in your nominations to 478-299-2733 or 478-494-6754.

Swainsboro native makes honor list at Shorter U

Shorter University announced its students named to the dean's list during the Spring 2020 semester. To achieve this honor, students must have been enrolled full-time and have earned at least a 3.5 GPA for the term. One Emanuel County native, a product of

Swainsboro, Weston Snell, made the list. He is majoring in political science.

Founded in 1873, Shorter U is a Christ-centered, four-year liberal arts university committed to excellence in education. U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I came to Swainsboro in 1995 as a faculty member at East Georgia State College and lived there for more than 20 years. I returned to my Alabama hometown approximately 18 months ago and have maintained a subscription to *The Forest-Blade*.

In Swainsboro, relationships often have several layers. *The Blade* for May 20, 2020 was satisfying. I found friends and two additional articles that were of particular interest.

I first knew Jean Schwabe when she helped me with a math project at Swainsboro High School and then in her role at the Sudie Fulford Center. I knew Ashley Riner as local investigator of a case I followed closely and from friendly teasing at church when he turned 40. Ashley's younger son and Drew Cann spent the night at my house when they were about 10-years-old.

I read the obituary for Eloise Hunnicutt, who recently died in Singapore, having spent a major portion of her long life as a medical missionary. I've no doubt she had stories to tell and would have been an

interesting person. She came to Swainsboro in 1950 as a newlywed and was active at the First Baptist Church; probably her husband, Cliff, too. Swainsboro and Singapore are communities quite literally a world apart. Mrs. Hunnicutt was at home in both.

In recent weeks, the news has been about a worldwide pandemic and protests, sometime paired with destructive riots prompted by the violent death of an African-American man arrested in Minnesota. There are no easy solutions for either problem.

For a time, the combination of so much bad news drained and overwhelmed me. I believe change happens one individual at a time and like to think I have a positive influence on the people I meet. The article about Terry Andrews described him as a young man with a plan. Perhaps his music together with his commitment to mentoring young African-Americans will gentle the fear among us. Terry's story helped me un-slump myself.

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Oliver celebrates 13th birthday

An early birthday celebration honoring Kanyon Ellen “Roop” Oliver’s 13th birthday was held Saturday, May 30, at the home of her maternal grandparents, Brent and Dena Clifton. Immediate family members gathered poolside for an afternoon filled with fun in the sun and enjoyed served refreshments of cake, cupcakes, and a choice of soda or water.

After an afternoon swimming, the birthday girl was honored with a slumber party at the residence of her uncle and

aunt, Chris and Whitley Clifton. Oliver presented all attendees with goody bags prior to a night filled with makeovers and pranks. The following morning, all awoke to brown sugar and cinnamon scones for breakfast, served with a side of sausage patties and their choice of apple or orange juice. Oliver officially turned 13-years-old Tuesday, June 2. She is the daughter of Timmy and Tiffany Oliver and attends school at Emanuel County Institute.



KAYON ELLEN “ROOP” OLIVER

Kiwanis Donates to Weekend Blessings

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club recently made a donation to Weekend Blessings coordinated by Dianna Wedincamp, Kiwanis Club vice president, and Angel Lane of Weekend Blessings. This donation will be used to help in efforts to keep the children of Emanuel County fed not only during the pandemic crisis but throughout the school year.

Weekend Blessings began in November 2012 when three young women met for coffee and began shopping for food the next day. This group

had a budget of \$55, a plan to send food home with school children for the weekend, and a delivery of 35 bags to Twin City Elementary. Their mission then and now is to fill the gap for children suffering from food insecurity in Emanuel County. Currently this program has grown to provide for 252 children who have been selected by teachers and school counselors as well as people in the community who feel there is a child in need. Each child is given an opt-in letter at the beginning of the school year.

Weekend Blessings bags for a regular school weekend contain two breakfast items, two lunches, and two snacks with everything kid friendly. Canned goods are pop top, food can be eaten without cooking, and long-break bags have shelf-stable milk, peanut butter, crackers, and snacks.

The COVID 19 pandemic has actually had a positive impact on this program because the community has come together in amazing ways with an overwhelming response. The program

has witnessed children in the community packing food bags for other children, and volunteers have spent countless hours shopping for food and packing bags. Chief Deputy Sheriff Rocky Davis helped coordinate Emanuel County’s first responders, who, along with teachers and other volunteers, have made deliveries to homes throughout the county. Lane, Niamh Matthews, and Courtney Wells wish to express their gratitude upon seeing the love our community has shown their organization.



KIWANIS CLUB HOLDING \$400 DONATION CHECK TO WEEKEND BLESSINGS



DAMAGED NISSAN

One injured in Highway 192 North crash

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

A single vehicle rollover crash sent the driver to the hospital with injuries sustained in the wreck.

At 4:26 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, county firefighters from Swainsboro and Twin City, along with sheriff’s deputies and Twin City police, were sent to the corner of Highway 192 North and Sam Overstreet Road.

First responders located an overturned 2012 Nissan Rogue Special Edition lying on its side after impacting with a tree.

A mutual aid ambulance was requested from Candler County as all Emanuel EMS units were on other calls. The injured party was transported to Emanuel Medical Center.

The sheriff’s traffic unit investigated the crash.

Savvy Senior: Do I have to file taxes?

Dear Savvy Senior,
What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for seniors this year? I didn't file a tax return last year because my 2018 income was below the filing requirements, but I got a part-time job late last year in 2019, so I'm wondering if I need to file this year.

Semi-Retired

Dear Semi,
Whether or not you are required to file a federal income tax return this year depends not only on how much you earned last year (in 2019), but also the source of that income, as well as your age and your filing status.

Here's a rundown of this tax season's IRS tax filing requirement thresholds. For most people, this is pretty straightforward. If your 2019 gross income – which includes all taxable income, not counting your Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately – was below the threshold for your filing status and age, you may not have to file. But if it's over, you will.

- **Single:** \$12,200 (\$13,850 if you're 65 or older by Jan. 1, 2020).
- **Married filing jointly:** \$24,400 (\$25,700 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or \$27,000 if you're both over 65).
- **Married filing separately:** \$12,200 at any age.
- **Head of household:** \$18,350 (\$20,000 if age 65 or older).
- **Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child:** \$24,400 (\$25,700 if age 65 or older).

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with information on taxable and nontaxable income, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "Tax Guide for Seniors" (publication 554) or see IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p554.pdf.

Check Here Too

There are, however, some other financial situations that can require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirements. For example, if you earned more than \$400 from self-em-

ployment in 2019, owe any special taxes like an alternative minimum tax, or get premium tax credits because you, your spouse or a dependent is enrolled in a Health Insurance Marketplace (Obamacare) plan, you'll need to file.

You'll also need to file if you're receiving Social Security benefits, and one-half of your benefits plus your other gross income and any tax-exempt interest exceeds \$25,000, or \$32,000 if you're married and filing jointly.

To figure all this out, the IRS offers an interactive tax assistant tool on their website that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. It takes less than 15 minutes to complete.

You can access this tool at IRS.gov/help/ita – click on "Do I Need to File a Tax Return?" Or, you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040. You can also get face-to-face help at a Taxpayer Assistance Center. See IRS.gov/localcontacts or call 800-829-1040 to locate a center near you.

Check Your State

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, don't assume that you're also excused from filing state income taxes. The rules for your state might be very different. Check with your state tax agency before concluding that you're entirely in the clear. For links to state tax agencies see Taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies.

Tax Preparation Help

If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit IRS.treasury.gov/freetaxprep to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides

free tax preparation at more than 4,800 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit AARP.org/findtaxhelp. You don't have to be an AARP member to use this service.

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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Looking at the reporter, he said, "Nothing - not one thing."

Surprised, the reporter asked, "Would you care to elaborate on that?"


"Certainly," said Wilkerson. "I define football as twenty-two men on a field desperately needing rest and forty-thousand people in the stands desperately needing exercise."

The writer of Psalm 96 must have thought the same way the coach did. "For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise." Here the Psalmist is talking about those who are in the stands cheering and shouting about His greatness. But before there was cheering he wrote of those who were taking God's message of salvation to the lost and dying - those who were on the "field" involved in a battle for the souls of mankind - the ones who were "declaring God's glory and marvelous deeds" and "sharing and proclaiming His salvation!"

John R. Mott once said, "If a man has religion he must do one of two things with it. If it is false, he must give it up. And if it is true, he must give it away."

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Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Renee' Price



This week's Cook of the Week is Renee' Price. She is the wife of Pastor Tim Price of New Beginnings Worship Center of Swainsboro and, together, she and her husband have three children, Macy, Brooke, and Chase, as well as one granddaughter, LakeLynn. Renee' is an administrative assistant for the City of Swainsboro. Apart from having awesome coworkers, she says that the greatest part of her job is the customers she happily serves. When not busy preparing lessons for her youth group, Renee' enjoys early morning devotions on her back porch, spending time with family, and chasing after her beautiful granddaughter. Here are some recipes that she would like to share. Enjoy!




From the kitchen of Renee'

Slow Cooker Lasagna

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 29 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 6 oz. can tomato paste
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1.5 tsp. salt
- 1 12 oz. package lasagna noodles
- 12 oz. cottage cheese
- 1/2 c. grated Parmesan cheese
- 16 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese

In a large skillet over medium heat, cook ground beef, onion, and garlic until brown. Add tomato sauce, tomato paste, salt, and oregano and stir until well incorporated. Cook until heated through. In a large bowl, mix together cottage cheese, grated parmesan cheese, and shredded mozzarella cheese. Spoon a layer of meat mixture onto the bottom of a slow cooker. Add a double layer of uncooked lasagna noodles. (Break to fit noodles into slow cooker.) Top noodles with a portion of the cheese mixture. Repeat layering of sauce, noodles, and cheese until all ingredients are used. Cover and cook on low setting for 4 to 6 hours.




From the kitchen of Renee'

Crockpot Loaded Mashed Potatoes

- 5 lbs. Yukon Gold potatoes
- 3/4 c. chicken broth
- 1/4 c. butter, softened
- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 c. sour cream
- 2 c. grated cheddar
- 1 c. diced bacon fried
- 1/4 c. chopped green onions
- 2 tsp. salt to taste
- 1 tsp. pepper to taste

Wash, peel, and cut potatoes into 1" chunks. Add to a slow cooker with chicken broth. Cover slow cooker and cook on high for 3 to 4 hours or low for 6 to 7 hours until potatoes are very tender and easily mashed. Add butter and cream cheese to slow cooker and mash potatoes until smooth and creamy. Stir sour cream, grated cheddar, fried bacon, green onions, salt, and pepper into potatoes. Continue stirring until cheese has melted and potatoes are well mixed. Taste and add additional salt and pepper as desired. Serve immediately or use the 'warm' function on slow cooker to keep potatoes warm until ready to eat.



From the kitchen of Renee'

Peanut Butter Cup Pie

- 1.5 c. cold milk
- 3.9-oz. package instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 c. plus 2 Tbsp. coarsely chopped peanut butter cups, divided
- 8-oz. carton frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 chocolate crumb crust (8" or 9")

In a large bowl, whisk milk and pudding mix for two minutes. Let stand for two minutes or until soft-set. Fold in one cup chopped peanut butter cups. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Cover and freeze for 6 hours or overnight. Remove from freezer 15-20 minutes before serving. Garnish with remaining peanut butter cups.

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Here is the answer

BY BISHOP BERTHA

Whatever question you might be asking yourself right now, here's the answer: just pray. When we pray, we communicate with God. He has the answer to your questions and concerns. Today, we often want to hear from everyone else but now and always, we need an answer from God.

This begs another question. . . Why should we pray? Jesus said in Luke 18:1, "Men ought to always pray and not faint." I have learned that prayer is not always for the other person or situation. Prayer can be God's answer and instructions to and for you. While we often focus on wanting to fix or change someone else, God wants us to look first at ourselves so we can make changes in our lives for the better.

The word of God tells us to pray for our enemies. That's so powerful because blessings and cursing cannot come out of the same mouth. The Word tells us to bless our enemies.

I was recently faced with a situation where I was subtly being attacked. I didn't retaliate. Instead, I got silent and began to ask God to give me an answer so I could correct the other person. When I started to pray, the person was already on my prayer list, so I could not say anything negative because I was already praying for them. That's when God had me to focus on myself.

I had to be willing to endure hardness as a good soldier. I had to search my heart to find a way to bless them, for the Word tells us, "...with lovingkindness have I drawn thee" (Jer.31:3). Yes, it was the love of God that drew me, so it will take love to draw my enemy. It was not the answer I was looking for. I wanted to blame the attacker, but through prayer, God spoke to me about me. Oftentimes, God will allow situations to occur to show us who we are. He also uses negative situations to draw us closer to Him.

Today, I thank God for allowing the situation to occur so He could show me myself. It was easy for me to accept the wrong knowing that God would be glorified knowing that I pleased him. Today, I say, " But thanks be to God which gives us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor.15:57). He has your answer. Just go to him in prayer.

Remember the hymn writer says, "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear, what a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer. Oh what peace we often forfeit, Oh what needless pains we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer." Now what is your problem? Prayer is your answer.

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McCoy featured on UGAWire

The following excerpt about KJ McCoy was written by James Morgan and published on UGAWire. USAToday.com. McCoy was a standout Swainsboro High School Tiger, graduating in 2017. The former SHS tailback made the gameday roster for UGA's spring game in April 2019 and got plenty of action, carrying the ball five times for 28 yards and caught two passes out of the backfield for 18 yards. This "player card" from UGAWire is a preview of what is expected of him this season:

Running Back KJ McCoy (No. 39):

Class: Redshirt Freshman
Height: 5-10
Weight: 200 pounds
H o m e t o w n : Swainsboro, Georgia
High School: Swainsboro High School
Georgia Bulldogs running back KJ McCoy is a redshirt freshman. Before attending the University of Georgia, McCoy attended East



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Georgia State College from 2017-2018.

He impressed during the 2019 spring game, when he gained 46 total yards on seven total touches. McCoy's cousin, Isaiah, also walked on to the team in 2019.

McCoy played both football, basketball, and track at Swainsboro High School.

McCoy will be competing with Kendall Milton, Zamir White, James Cook, Kenny McIntosh, and more at the running back position. McCoy would surprise a lot of folks if he earned touch-

es in Georgia's very talented backfield. He's projected to be primarily used as depth on the scout team next season.

More information available about McCoy includes the following from GeorgiaDogs.com:

High School: Swainsboro, coached by Mark Stroud...Helped lead Swainsboro to its third-straight playoff appearance in 2016, rushing for 712 yards on 115 carries (6.2 yards per carry) and eight touchdowns as an All-Region 2-2A second team selection...Named team captain while earning the academic and ironman awards his senior season... As a senior, led SHS to the GHSA Class 2A state finals, a 21-11 record and the Region 2-2A championship in basketball.

Personal: Son of April Woods and Kenneth McCoy...Major: Risk Management and Insurance

Notice to all t-ball, coach pitch players

All t-ball and coach pitch players who have registered to play with Swainsboro-Emanuel County Recreation Department are asked to contact the office to confirm whether or not they will still play, should the season resume. Please call the office at 237-8098 with this information if you have not already done so.

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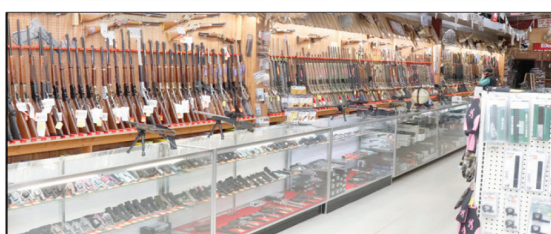
Young anglers turn out for yearly fishing tournament

The Emanuel County Sportsman's Club held its annual Allen Lamb's "Kids Day" Fishing Derby on Tuesday May 12, 2020. The event was held at the Jay Youngblood clubhouse property in Emanuel County.

The weather was great that afternoon, the fishing was active, and all the young anglers had a great time afield. Attending this year's derby were Kaybreigh Hostilo, Kyleigh Hostilo, Robert Edward Reynolds, Lake Bush, Averie Kraus, Sara Catherine Kraus, Rory Kate Reynolds, Bick Buck Contest winner William Riner, club president Vernon Hardy, Kyle Hostilo, Kyson Hostilo, and club vice president Nick Kraus.

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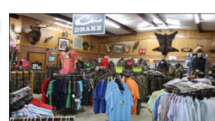


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Jail Report

The following persons have been booked into Emanuel County Jail, according to Emanuel County Sheriff Tyson Stephens, on warrants obtained by one of several local law enforcement agencies, designated by each name: Drug Task Force (DTF); Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); Georgia Department of Pardons and Parole (GAPP); Georgia State Patrol (GSP); Emanuel County Sheriff's Office (ECOSO); 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).

Ramirez Yakelin Garcia, 36, 422 Elmer Street; entered 6/1/20; Failure to Stop at Stop Sign, Driving While Unlicensed/Expired; released 6/1/20; SPD

Darrick Lake Jr., 34, 514 MLK Jr. Ave., Millen; entered 6/1/20; Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/1/20; SPD

Willie William Adams, 49, 350 B Aronia Rd., Perry; entered 6/1/20; Hold for Toombs County; TOOMBS CO.

Walter Clifford Lee, 58, 520 N. Railroad, Twin City; entered 6/2/20; Public drunk; released 6/3/20; TCPD

Kasey Allen Sikes, 33, 912 Ridge Rd., Darien; entered 6/3/20; Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, Firearm/knife posses/crime/attempt crime, Firearm/knife posses/crime/attempt crime, Crim use of article w/ altered idmark, Firearm/knife posses/crime/attempt crime, Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, Probation/Superior Court; SPD

Devin Allen Sikes, 21, 1155 Mosley Rd., Cobbtown; entered

6/3/20; Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, Firearm/knife posses/crime/attempt crime, Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, Firearm/knife posses/crime/attempt crime; SPD

Jamie Lee Hagin, 28, 6543 Hwy. 19, Americus; entered 6/3/20; Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, Firearm/knife posses/crime/attempt crime, Crim use of article w/ altered idmark; SPD

Georgia Mae Jackson, 50, 426 McMurray Rd., Jackson, South Carolina; entered 6/3/20; Driving lic susp/rev, Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 6/3/20; ECOSO

McKennis Ricks, 46, 322 Stevens Drive; entered 6/4/20; Theft/taking, Suspended Registration, No Insurance; SPD

Leann Cooper Faircloth, 34, 555 Dawson Street; entered 6/4/20; Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act; SPD

James Richard Faircloth II, 36, 60 Panther Rd., Adrian or 208 J M Spearman Rd., Swainsboro; entered 6/4/20; Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, Vgcsa/vio ga control subst act, Driving lic susp/rev, VGCSA Drugs schedule i & ii drugs, VGCSA Drugs schedule i & ii; SPD

Shonquzz Javon Bostic, 34, 225 Washington Avenue; entered 6/5/20; Probation/State Court/Middle Ga Probation, Speeding 15-29 MPH over, Driving lic susp/rev; SPD

Gabriel Michelle Brantley, 27, 966 GA Highway 57 East, Twin City; entered 6/5/20; Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/5/20; SPD

Enoch Brinson Carswell, 45, 37 Piney Grove Rd., Midville; entered 6/5/20;

control subst act; SPD

Carry a concealed weapon, Battery; released 6/5/20; ECOSO

Steven Eugene Lewis, 52, 245 Brown Street; entered 6/5/20; Theft/taking, Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; SPD

Dorothy Crabb Carter, 48, 2995 Highway 221 South, Kite; entered 6/5/20; Theft/shoplifting; released 6/5/20; SPD

Timothy Johnson, 54, 2538 Anthony De Juan Parkway, Hephzibah; entered 6/5/20; Crim damage to prop-2nd deg, VGCSA Possession of Drug Related Object; SPD

George Wayne Gregory, 22, 192 Union Chapel Road; entered 6/5/20; Disorderly conduct, Burglary, Crim trespass; ECOSO

Darrian James Worthen, 28, S. Main Street, Bradford Inn Rm.-210; entered 6/6/20; Probation/Superior Court, Unregistered

Vehicle, Obstr/ofc, Driving lic susp/rev, Crim interference w/govt prop, Bench Warrant/Superior Court, Bench Warrant/Superior Court; SPD

Roger Smith Jr., 42, 390 Braswell Boulevard, Apt.-A; entered 6/6/20; Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/6/20; GSP

Nathanel Ryan Malott, 36, 2729 U.S. Highway 1; entered 6/7/20; Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/7/20; SPD

McKinsey Louise Ware, 19, 4993 Gamm Gay Rd., Garfield; entered 6/7/20; Seat belt violation, Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/7/20; GSP

Steve Allen Sikes, 54, 801 Elmer St., Metter; entered 6/7/20; Dep acct fraud/bad checks over \$499; ECOSO

Derrick Devon Frazier, 38, 212 Modoc; entered 6/7/20; Driving lic susp/rev, Unregistered Vehicle; SPD

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

June 1

Complainant reported a sexual battery offense. Officers were dispatched to an address on Advanced Street in reference to a dispute. Officer was dispatched to a South Main Street address in reference to crowd control.

Complainant reported a theft by taking offense. Complainant reported damage to private property in the second degree.

Officer was dispatched to a South Main Street address in reference to a report involving theft by taking in the amount of \$1500 or less.

Officers responded to a shots fired call on Washington Avenue.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a driver's failure to stop at a stop/yield sign. During the traffic stop, the driver was found to be operating a vehicle while unlicensed. An arrest was made.

Officer was dispatched to a South Main Street address in reference to an unattended vehicle.

Officer performed a traffic stop in reference to hands-free/distracted driver violation.

June 4

Officers were dispatched to an address on Gumlog Road in reference to a dispute. Officers responded to an address on Marion Street in reference to serving a warrant.

Officers responded to the area Tyson Street and Thompson Street in reference to discharging a firearm is within city limits.

Complaint reported criminal trespass of private property.

Officer responded to the area of Lambs Bridge Road in reference to a dispute.

Complainant made a miscellaneous report.

Complaint reported theft of lost or mislaid property.

Complaint reported harassing phone calls.

Officer was dispatched by Emanuel County 911 to a South Main Street address in reference to a report of theft.

cooling compressor and fan for a newly purchased refrigerator.

Complainant reported offender for stealing her weed eater from her son's yard. Complainant was advised of warrant process.

June 5

Complainant filed a theft by taking report after loaning his push mower to offender and later receiving a phone call that offender tried to locally pawn the machine.

Complainant reported a stolen bicycle.

Complainant struck a deer while traveling on Highway 80 West.

Deputies responded to an area of I-16 East and took a report from complainant, who stated her vehicle had been damaged by a piece of tire that came off a semi.

Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle.

Complainant reported offender for violating a TPO.

Deputies responded to an address on Highway 46 East in reference to male offender trespassing on her property.

Deputies were dispatched to a Piney Cone Road residence in reference to a domestic in progress. Offender was taken into custody.

Complainant damaged

her car after swerving to avoid another vehicle.

Victim reported stolen PVC pipes. Investigator was notified and responded to the scene.

June 6

Deputies responded to the area of West Moring Street and assisted SPD with a traffic stop that resulted in the offender fleeing on foot.

Complainant reported offender for violating a TPO.

June 7

Complainant reported damage to a rental property.

Deputies responded to a residence on Union Chapel Road in reference to disorderly conduct. Offender was arrested and transported to the jail.

June 8

Complainant reported offender for not complying with court-ordered visitation schedule.

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June 1

Officer responded to an address on Mathis Avenue in reference to report of disorderly conduct.

June 2

Officer assisted another agency with an examination of a firearm.

Officer responded to an address on Highway 80 East in reference to a report involving public drunkenness. An arrest was made.

June 4

Officer responded to an address in Garfield in reference to assisting with a domestic dispute.

Complainant made a report in reference to loitering or prowling.

Officer responded to the area of Highway 80 East in reference to a vehicle striking a dog.

June 5

Officer responded to an address on 5th Avenue in reference to a complaint involving trespassing.

An offender was

found to be in violation of possession of marijuana less than an ounce.

Officer responded to an address on King Street in reference to a report of simple assault.

June 6

Complainant reported public drunkenness of a known offender as well as disorderly conduct. An arrest was made.

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

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The lightning strike

Everyone said my great-uncle on my mama’s side didn’t have enough sense to come out of the rain. When he was struck by lightning while plowing the cotton field, it seemed to be true.

Uncle Roy was born cross-eyed; he could be talking to you, but at the same time, he would be eye-balling the shape-ly lady walking down the street. No one could look into Uncle Roy’s crossed eyes for long at the time because the constant movement caused motion sickness and dizziness. He was a good ol’ country soul. He wouldn’t harm a flea, and he could “belly-up” with the best of them. He could polish off a gallon sweet tea, a pot of butterbeans and okra, and a couple fried chickens in

no time at all. His poor mama couldn’t keep enough biscuits on the table when he was *really* hungry.

Uncle Roy dropped out of school when he was 13. Mrs. Clyde Lewis and Mrs. Bossie Byrd had worn out too many oakwood paddles to suit his way of thinking. If his brain couldn’t understand long division, why punish his sitting-down place?

Roy came from a long line of farmers. He loved the land, and he didn’t need proper English or history of years gone past to satisfy his educational curiosity. He was born a farmer and would die a farmer.

City folks poked fun at him. When he was in a group of people, he was the outcast, and he didn’t have the skills to

carry on a meaningful conversation. However, when he was walking behind old Betsy, his prized mule, he was in his own element.

God was in Uncle Roy’s heart, the sunshine was on his face, and he could almost hear the cotton seed sprouting in the warm earth below.

Roy’s mama remembers the day it happened. It was a day like any other, but the smell of rain was in the air.

Roy had hitched up old Betsy to the plow to work in the cotton field about a half-mile from the farmhouse. They had been there for only a few minutes when a strong gust of wind took Roy’s baseball cap, and it went sailing behind him.

He noticed a purplish cloud relentlessly coming up over the corn field

from the Stevens place. Suddenly, the air turned cooler than usual with storm clouds gathering overhead.

The wind began to roar in the nearby woods, and Roy worried that he and old Betsy wouldn’t make it home before the storm struck. The southern sky crackled with flashes of lightning, and the wind toppled an old sweet-gum tree on the road ahead.

Uncle Roy could feel the hair rising on his arms and chest as the fire and fury of the storm only grew stronger. He could see his beloved farmhouse in the distance. Old Betsy had always managed to get him home when he couldn’t do it himself. When he had drank too much homemade liquor from sugarcane skim-

Ronnie Johnson



mings, Betsy always led him back home. He again put his total trust in her.

The last thing he remembered was the fireball and a mighty clap of thunder that engulfed old Betsy in a circle of brilliant white light.

After the storm passed, they found Uncle Roy unconscious and barely alive, but old Betsy had taken the full brunt of the lightning strike. Uncle Roy had crawled up to her lifeless body, and his head was now resting on her shoulder.

This incident hap-

pened many, many years ago, and people still talk about it today. One positive thing that happened to Uncle Roy was a blessing in disguise. By sheer chance, his eyes had gotten better. In the following year, they were no longer crossed but as straight as yours and mine. Uncle Roy had always been dim-witted and couldn’t carry on a decent conversation for any length of time, but after the lightning strike, he could tell you the current president of the United States as well as the ones who came before him.

Question: Should I accept all friend requests?

As you use social media, you will receive different friend requests. “Friend request” is technically a Facebook term, but this advice goes for other social media platforms.

Social media sites other than Facebook, like Twitter and Instagram, for example, call friend requests “follow requests,” and your friends on those sites are actually called “fol-

lowers” instead. No matter what they’re called, what should you do as you receive these requests for people to be able to see your profile and its contents?

First, realize there are

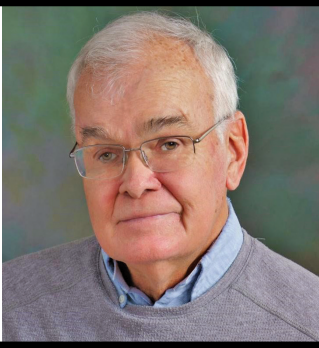
people who claim they have tons of friends on some social media sites. This is a way to make this person seem important. Other people keep their groups very small. Most of us will fall somewhere in the middle of those two situations I’ve described.

If you accept every friend request, be careful about what you post and when you post it because you never know what your “friends” will do with the information. For instance, I generally try not to post things showing I’m on a trip. If I do post about a trip, I wait until I’m back home to do so because my pages are public and wrong-minded people can abuse the posts I make.

However, I tend to accept more friend requests than most people since I’m running for Kentucky/Tennessee Kiwanis governor and I want members of those clubs to know about and hopefully vote for me. If someone appears to be a Kiwanian in that district, I will accept them. (I can tell if they’re in a certain district by vetting their friends lists to get a better idea of who the request sender is.)

For most people, however, my advice is this when you get a friend request from someone

Dwight Watt



you don’t know: do not accept it. Facebook will tell you if you have mutual friends with the sender. If you do, it might be safe to accept their friend request. If you don’t, that could be a good reason to decline it. A good example is I usually get requests from people in Asia. I typically decline those requests because I can see no connection to me.

As always, treat friends on social media like you would treat your friends in real life. We’re selective about who we let in our circles, although we’re not always sure why.

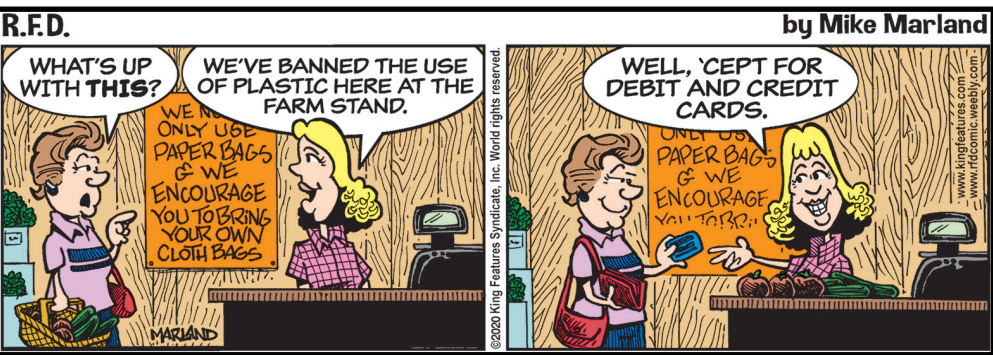
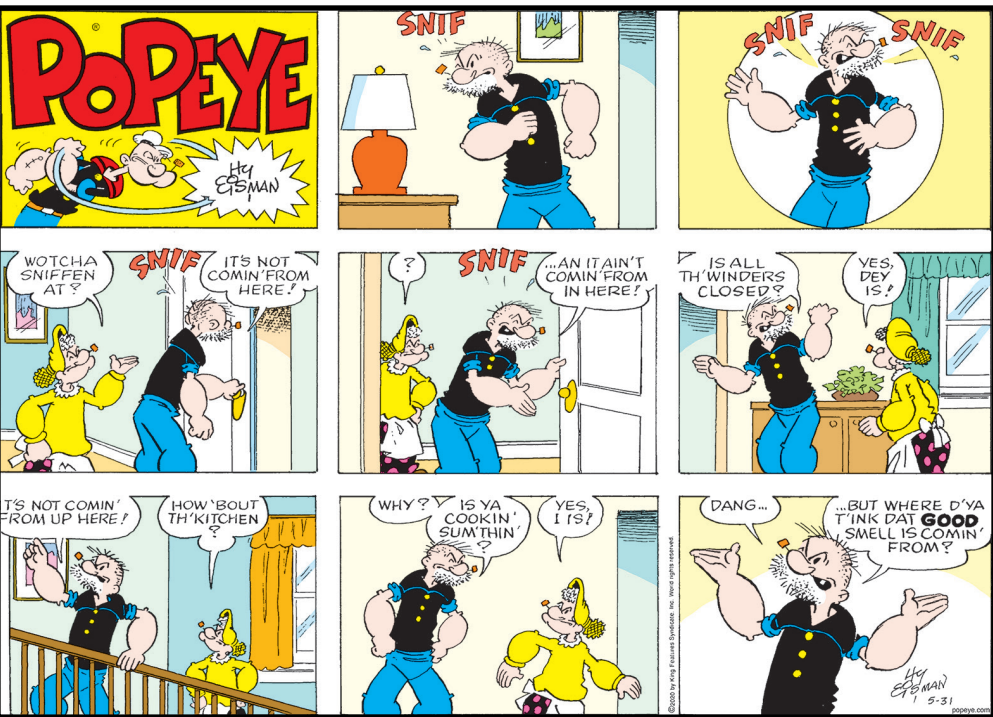
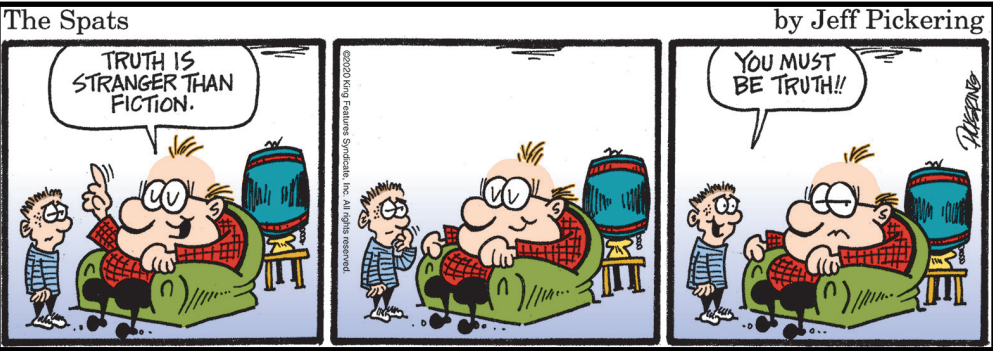
LinkedIn is a professional social media site, not just an anybody-get-together site. Most people would tell you to generally accept all friend requests on LinkedIn, but I still advise giving their profiles a glance.

If you get a friend request from someone you thought you knew but the content on their profile suggests otherwise, it is likely someone has created a fake Facebook profile to open a backdoor for personal information. To doublecheck the

validity of the page, I suggest clicking on the profile and looking it over, including checking the number of friends the profile has. If there are just a few friends, it is probably a fake profile indeed. If there are only a few posts or if the posts seem off, the profile is probably fake. I encourage you to delete these types of friend requests. If you know the person in real life and have a contact method for him/her, reach out and ask about the profile. In a case where you know the profile isn’t real, don’t panic. Simply report it. Facebook is usually pretty good about removing these profiles in a few days. Send me your questions about computers to me at the paper or to my e-mail dwight@dwrightwatt.com and tell me you read this in this paper. I will pick a question to answer each week.

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SMS names honor students

According to Dr. Willie Gibson, principal of Swainsboro Middle School, the following students were named to the below honor lists for the end of this academic school year:

Star Honor Roll
Sixth grade — Yi'zhariah Aniyah-Santrice Bell, Natalee Anne Bush, Chase Mitchell Coxwell, Kylee Michelle Farley, Aiden Christopher Foskey, Robert Logan James Holmes, Ivy Lin, Alexis Le'Unna Mercer, Yasmin Rios, Maddox Gage Robertson, Jeffrey Morgan Terry, and Chloe Zheng

Seventh grade — Robert Parker Brown, Jakayla Allissa Coleman, Clara Beth Elsenrath, Griselda Sarai Gonzalez, Bin Huang, Joy Brieanna Jackson, Anna Grace Ogletree, Tana Shea Owens, Abigail Grace Phillips, Cari Ann Phillips, Bryson Mek'hi Tarver, Ansley Elizabeth Turner, Kimberly Vazquez-Duque, and Skyler Rain Williford

Eighth grade — Jayden Lane Beneteau, Sadie Lynn Boulineau, Ella Kate Canady, Zoe Abigail Carter, Emily Chen, Gracie Coleman, Mary Day Elsenrath, Claire Dianne English, Mckayla Shadae Hall, Elizabeth Guadalupe Hebert, Allison Shaye Hendrix, Jocie Grace Hendrix, Akyra Monique Howard, Elaina Rae Hutcheson, Magaly Enriquez-

Jacinto, Caleb Jehan Long, Kailey Marie McNure, Kason Heath Palmer, Maggie Rose Palmer, and Ayla Marie Thompson

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Seventh grade — Ariel Maurae Averett, Mitchell Shane Gamiza, Yadira Judith Hernandez, Redleigh Sierra Jackson, Adam Nicholas Kay, Alana D'Ashia Lovett, Akira Ja'Nae Marion, Celaya Melaishia McLeod, Jaqueline Nava-Pina, Madison Elizabeth Padgett, Kisna Maheshkumar Patel, TyKerria Lashaniya Phillips, Macie Lauren Purcell, Allen Gregory Settles, Aubrey Brooke Slater, D'Andre O'Maury Smith, Allie Brooke Taylor, Sammy Lee Turner, Skyler Rain Williford, and Rachael Angelica Worthen

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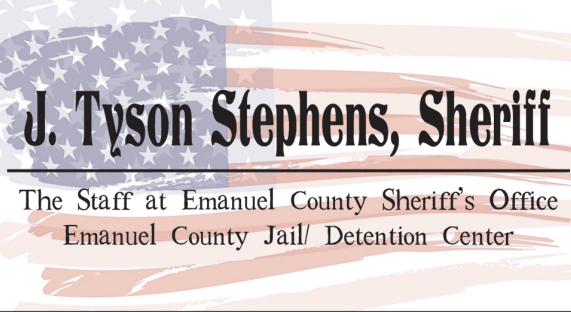
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The Twin Towers...

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nickname on the airwaves of RadioJones during basketball season. Fred and Ced, who play guard for the Tiger basketball team, are certainly individuals at heart, but on the playing field, it's only fitting to call them the Twin Towers. At 6'3" and 225 pounds, the brothers are absolutely menacing, no matter if it's on the gridiron, on the basketball court, or on the soccer pitch.

Of course, they weren't always such physical specimens. Just like all other athletes, the Seabrough brothers, sons of Fred Seabrough Sr. and Shameka Coleman, started out as young boys, little boys, with big dreams. "We've played sports our entire lives," Ced explained, "but we didn't start taking it seriously until middle school. We've always had God-given talent to be honest, but that doesn't mean we haven't worked hard over the years to develop it."

The two grew up in the rec leagues, playing basketball and football. It would be several years later before they immersed themselves in a more competitive way. In sixth grade, Ced became more serious about his development than he had been in previous years. Fred's keenness to be great kicked in a year later. By the time they were eighth graders, the boys had both a rec sectionals title for basketball as well as a middle school basketball championship under their belts. (With the state championship win this year, the twins joined a select group of Swainsboro boys who can say they've earned more than one basketball title.)

Because they enjoyed basketball so much and because they were good at it, the boys dreamed of going to the NBA. For a long time, that continued to be the goal—until it wasn't any more. The twins have continued playing football, and despite winning a basketball state championship just months ago, coaches are more interested in recruiting them for the former.

"We didn't really think football would be the way to go," Fred said. "We always thought we'd go to the NBA if we had the chance to go pro. I know it won't happen tomorrow, but if we're looking at the future, the NFL seems more likely."

Indeed, the brothers might be onto something, given the interest the tight ends have received from various schools thus far. The coronavirus pandemic has certainly affected their recruiting process, just like it has other recruits across the nation, but the brothers landed one major offer before the health crisis struck.

Frustrated by the fact they were surrounded by 4- and 5-star recruits who were raking in offers while they received none, Fred and Ced finally got to breathe a sigh of relief when NC State broke the ice.

"I kept talking to God, questioning everything. Here we were, working so hard, making good connections with people like Cam Newton, staying healthy, getting ourselves on coaches' radars, yet nothing was happening. All these other guys were getting offers, and we weren't. It was a little worrisome to be honest, but we kept praying about it. Sure enough, God answered in His time because we got our first offer in church before the pink-out game last fall," Ced recalled. "We were eating our pregame meal when the coaches pulled us aside and told us."

Though it was unimaginably difficult, the twins kept it quiet for the sake of focusing on the task at hand for the time being. Since then, though, the interest has only increased. Among the interested schools are Western Kentucky University, Coastal Carolina University, Florida Atlantic, UAB, Maryland, Liberty, and others. The Seabroughs are still feeling the impacts of COVID-19 as many coaches wanted to see them workout this spring, but they're confident their futures are going to pan out as hoped—together.

"Our whole lives, we've done everything together. Every school we've talked to, we've been open about the fact that we're a package deal. Honestly, we're better that way," Ced commented. "It would just be weird if we went our separate ways at this point."

Ask any of their coaches what it's like to have this particular set of twins on a roster and, to hear the boys tell it, those coaches would say it's beneficial yet frustrating. One of the questions they hear the most is whether or not they experience twin telepathy. While most people jokingly inquire about that, the twins, in full disclosure, always own up to it. Fred and Ced often run "trick plays" of their own, straying from the game plan to follow their common intuition under the pretense they just know their own plan will work, and it usually does. If such an advantage wasn't natural, it'd be plain unfair.

That edge, that authentic quality, is precisely what sets Fred and Ced apart from everyone else in their recruiting class. However, that isn't the only draw for college coaches. The twins have had five extraordinary coaches along the way. Dwight Smith, Scott Roberts, Ashley Hooks, and Brice Hobbs are due for

credit at the school level, developing the brothers' skillsets. Legendary Cam Newton's 7-on-7 league, practice sessions, and mentorship regarding the mental part of the game has helped tremendously as well. The Seabroughs are getting it done in the classroom to boot; their academics are right on par in order to be accepted into the many universities pursuing twins. Some of the influential teachers along the way, Ced and Fred said, include Luci McNeely, Lindsey Sconyers, and Amanda Freeman. The brothers also openly talked about the special heartfelt connection they share with the lunch ladies; Fred makes it a point to give them all hugs whenever possible.

Fred and Ced's fast-approaching senior year has them considering what they want to accomplish next. The two agree on winning a state championship in football and adding another trophy to the case for basketball. More importantly, the brothers want to help bring more recruiting attention and lock in offers for the younger players while continuing to be examples of how to make it out of little ol' Swainsboro.

Because of their talent, many expected the Seabroughs to leave their rural town and attend a prep school in a larger area in exchange for more frequent college looks. That isn't in their DNA, though. The brothers are loyal to the town and all the ones who have helped them on their journey. They've heard innumerable motivational talks from their parents, their dad especially, about staying focused. They've watched other Tigers like Derrick Jones, Jaylan McKinney, and Kade Youmans play the game right and wrap up successful careers. Most importantly, Ced and Fred have two sets of young eyes looking at them every day: their little brother, Daron Coleman, who will join them at SHS this coming year, and their younger sister, Precious Coleman.

All of these motivators culminate into a tunnel-vision view of the future. Though the whereabouts of where they'll end up has yet to be determined, Fred and Ced have *some* specific plans for college. First and foremost, the high school standouts hope to make the transition into the collegiate level as seamless as possible while staying the course academically.

"We know playing time right off the bat might be harder to come by in college, but I'm going to trust the process," Fred said. His brother added that he is going to believe in his talent.

In the meantime, they're going to keep working

to prove themselves to their coaches, teammates, friends, family, teachers, and recruiters.

"Everybody thinks we're boisterous, but we're not," Fred commented. "We're humble. We're not big-headed. We know our talent comes from God, and we realize that all the opportunities we've been offered to date are because of Him, but we also know we've got to keep working hard because that's part of it... You can't go further and get where you want to be without giving your best effort. We've got some big goals, so we're going to keep doing the work, grinding it out, to make everybody proud."

"It's a lot of pressure, but pressure is a privilege," Ced added. "Everybody asks us, 'Are y'all gonna remember us when y'all make it?' Making it is the goal for sure, but we're trying to keep level heads and form a back-up plan just in case things don't work out athletically. When people ask us if we're going to remember them when we make it, I think the better question is, 'Will you remember us if we don't?'"

The weight of those considerations is heavy, but a single shared moment for Fred and Ced is representative of the foundation they have that will see them through to whatever end is meant to be for the twins. Just before tipoff of the state championship game, Fred went to half-court in the Macon Coliseum and knelt down. That twin telepathy kicked in within a fraction of a moment. Without laying eyes on his brother, Ced knew exactly where to go. One 6'3", 225 lb. youngster turned into two. The crowd saw double as the two said a prayer. Together, they prayed for victory. Together, they prayed for God's will. Both of those prayers were granted. The Seabroughs and their respective talents led the Tigers to a state championship win. After an hour and a half of play, they helped hoist Swainsboro High's newest piece of coveted hardware. It is that precise talent and that same faith that will see the twins onto the next chapter of their lives. Somebody needs to put the next level on notice while there's still time... The Twin Towers are coming.



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Adoption fee is \$35. This goes to pay for part of the spaying/neutering cost. The other \$30 must be paid to the vet, by the owner after it has been spayed or neutered. Please call the shelter for details. Come visit our adoptable dogs at 343 Market St. in Swainsboro. We are open Monday through Friday, 8-4, and Saturday, 8-12.

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Education and Experience

- Minimum 5 years POST Certified Police Officer experience.
- Minimum 3 years Police Experience with an agency serving 5,000 or fewer people preferred.
- Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Business or Public Administration, Psychology, or related field from an accredited college or university is preferred but not required
- Demonstrated progressive advancement in police leadership and management.
- 5 years or more additional experience maybe substituted for bachelor's degree.

All interested applicants should complete an employment application at Twin City City Hall. For more information, the interested applicants may contact Mayor Matt Donaldson at mdonaldson@twincityga.com. A full job description and job application can be found on the City's website under Job Opportunities.


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Swainsboro Kiwanis Club holds board meeting

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club held its May board meeting on Wednesday, May 13, outside the home of Travis and Petite Garrett with 11 board members present and special guests Georgia Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor of Division 17 Dan Bennett of Reidsville and Cindy Ware, club member and wife of board member Joe Ware. Board members attending and maintaining social distancing were: Tammy Allen, Jim Daughtry, Jane Durden, Petite Garrett, Travis Garrett, Cheryl Goodman, Tim Goodman, Deana Patrick, Dess Smith, Ginny Smith, and Joe Ware.

President Petite Garrett called the meeting to order, welcomed all who were able to make it, and stated the reason for the board meeting was to ensure that the board stays strong, stays in touch, and stays committed to the purpose of Kiwanis. Before the business meeting began, President Garrett congratulated Deana Patrick, board member, on her singing a solo at the First Methodist Church's Facebook service this past Sunday and for sharing

her talent. President Garrett also mentioned Dr. Tim Goodman's presentation of the Kiwanis Club Circle K Award given via Facebook to Breana Librizzi, cousin of board member Dianna Wedincamp and student at East Georgia State College.

An item of business brought up by President Garrett was to maintain the club's presence in the community. She asked members for ideas for summer activities. Allen, Family Connection Coordinator and board member, suggested activity bags be distributed at the end of June to children who will be receiving their last feed-a-kid meal sponsored by the Emanuel County Board of Education and its school nutrition program.

Vice Governor of Georgia Kiwanis Byron Mullican called President Garrett to see how the club was conducting business during the pandemic. He went on to say that Kiwanis International is waiving new member fees for anyone who joins between now and September 30. Now is the time for community



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members who wish to give back to the community one child at a time to join the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club.

Durden then thanked President Garrett for her excellent communication during the pandemic through letters, texts, and emails. President Garrett called on Dess Smith to bless the food. The host for the board meal was Durden, whom President Garrett thanked. She also thanked Joe Ware for helping to

prepare the barbecue lunch, Cindy Ware for delivering the individual boxed lunches, and Allen for preparing chocolate delight.

The next board meeting is tentatively set for June 18 with Ginny Smith as the host. President Garrett distributed an article to all the members called "Pandemic Perspective," shared with her by Dess Smith. Members and guests enjoyed the meal, and the meeting was adjourned.



DAMAGE TO FORD F-250



DEPUTY ON SCENE

Sunday morning wreck in Oak Park

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO
A 19-year-old driver received minor injuries during a rollover crash at 12:39 p.m. on Sunday, June 7.

The youth lost control of the Ford F-250 XLT Super Duty at the intersection of Pendleton Sprigs Road and Leman Road. The vehicle left the roadway and rolled completely over, coming to rest upright in a field.

Emanuel County EMS treated and released the driver. County firefighters from Oak Park and sheriff's deputies responded to and investigated the crash. The driver was issued a citation by the deputies.

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