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ONE DOLLAR

# *Voter turnout at 50.57%*

Georgia state and federal primary elections were held Tuesday, June 9, wih a 50.57% turnout of registered voters. The results were reported live using *The Forest-Blade's* Facebook page, Emanuel County Live. This footage and posted results can be located on our social media page.

In the sheriff's race, Jeffery Brewer won the Republican vote. Allen Durden and Johnny James Smith (no photo available) are in a runoff for the Democratic seat. The runoff will be held August 11, 2020. The winner of this race will face Brewer in the November General Election.

In the District Attorney's race, Tripp Fitzner defeated Tony May and will take his new position in January 2020.

The Superior Court Judge's race was won by Tommy Smith. Although Karrh carried Tobe Emanuel County, Smith defeated Karrh in the district, which includes Candler, Emanuel, Toombs, Jefferson and Washington counties.

Dawn Braddy came out on top in the race for Chief Magistrate Judge against Jess Clifton on the Republican ticket. She will run against Regina Jones in the General Election. In the State Senate race, there will be a runoff between Scott Bohlke and Bill Hickman. The runoff will include the

special election to fill the unexpired term of the late Jack Hill and the two year term to begin January 1, 2011. Kathy Palmer carried Emanuel County but was defeated district-wide.

Full details, with election numbers for Emanuel County, can be found on page 6C in this week's edition.



DURDEN



T. SMITH





BREWER



FITZNER



BRADDY





CHIEF ELLISON GIVING DEMONSTRATION **ON STINGER SPIKE SYSTEM** 

# SPD officers now equipped and certified to use TD

Officers of Swainsboro Police Department recently completed training on the deployment of issued Tire Deflation Device (TDD).

Swainsboro Chief Randy Ellison instructed the certification of staff members receiving their Stinger Spike System. These units are used to end vehicle pursuits more quickly by deflating the tires on the violator vehicle.

The agency has used the devices for many years and has been successful in deploying the devices when justified.

The recent training of additional staff places more trained officers available to use the spike system to prevent a pursuit from continuing, therefore reducing the likelihood of injury or death to others traveling on area roadways.

# Board of Education approves FY21 budget The Emanuel County the board that Governor roof project should start

Board of Education Kemp changed the next week. Dr. Judy statheld its regular monthly projection of the defi- ed that the next board cit from 14% down to an 11% reduction. He also gave an update on the projects currently going on throughout the school system as follows: the Swainsboro High renovation is well on its way and should be complete except for the culinary arts lab prior to school opening; Swainsboro Elementary has finished its roof project; ECI roof project remains on schedule for completion; and the Swainsboro Primary

meeting will be on July 21. The summer administrative conference will still be taking place and several administrators will be attending. Whitney Lawrence then presented the FY21 tentative budget for approval. The budget was unanimously approved as presented with a motion being made by Parker and seconded by Bailey. The Consent Agenda was also approved. (Continued on page 3A)

**HICKMAN** 





### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SINGLETARY AND COMMISSIONERS FOSKEY, THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN DAVIS, SHERROD, AND CANADY Commissioners hold June meeting

by WHITLEY CLIF-TON

The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners convened for its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, June 15, at 6 p.m. at the John C. Coleman Hotel. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Desse Davis and Commissioner Keith Thompson led the prayer of invocation.

A public hearing was held in regards to the closure of County Road 966. Commissioner Thompson motioned for this item to be tabled (Continued on page 2A)

meeting at the Central Office Tuesday, June 9, at 5:30 p.m. with the following board members present: John Allen Bailey, Del Brown, Phyllis Dixon, Mason Henry, Johnny Parker and Sandra Swinney. Tanya Lane was not in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Mason Henry, requesting approval of the agenda, which was approved as presented.

The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting; Financial Reports presented by Whitney Lawrence; FY21 Family Connection Agreement; and Student Handbook bid.

Following the invocation, delivered by Parker and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Bailey, Superintendent Dr. Kevin Judy informed

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Partly Cloudy High Low 65° 82° Today's Forecast



# Thank You Emanuel County!

I would like to thank everyone who came out and exercise their right to vote on June 9. I greatly appreciate all the support shown to me by your votes, request for signs and talking to others who may not know me. Please return to the poles on November 3rd to vote in the general election !!

Dawn Braddy for Chief Magistrate Judge of Emanuel County





I am thankful for the enthusiasm and support shown during my campaign. Because of your support, I will be the Republican Candidate on the November General Election ballot. I am grateful for the confidence and trust placed in me and the words "THANK YOU" just cannot be said enough!

I will continue to work hard to keep your confidence, trust and vote and will work just as hard to earn the same from others. In advance, I ask all for your support and vote in November.

If you have questions about my training, experience or any affiliation that is causing a delay in your decision to vote for me, I invite you to please reach out! I welcome any and all communication from every citizen without pause or judgement and would be thankful for the opportunity to speak to you directly!

# Moran named EGSC Director of Admissions

Michael Moran, the former Assistant Director of the Learning Commons at East Georgia State College, has been named the new Director of Admissions. Moran has worked at EGSC for seven years.

In his new role, Moran will develop and implement recruitment strategies to help meet institutional goals and initiatives as well as direct the day-to-day operations of the Admissions Office to ensure the office remains in compliance with federal, state, university system, and college regulations. Furthermore, he will serve as the DSO and SCO for International and Military students in addition to other official duties.

"Stepping into this role provides me an opportunity to lead an ambitious team of individuals with the goal to establish a new inception. We as a team are presented with an opportune moment to redefine the Office of Admissions while still being committed to advancing the mission of EGSC and serving our community and students" Moran said.

"East Georgia State College is proud to appoint Mike Moran



**MORAN** 

as our Director of Admissions. Mike has lived, worked and attended school in this region for many years and understands the needs of the region," said Dr. Bob Boehmer, EGSC President. "He is a graduate of EGSC and understands the unique role EGSC plays in meeting the needs of the region. He has served the college in various roles on both our Swainsboro and Statesboro campuses and knows how EGSC's three locations enable us to serve a wide range of individual student needs. He will be a model for our students about how to pursue a lifetime of education having completed his associate degree at EGSC and gone on to Georgia Southern University to earn his bachelors and master's degrees and to now pursue his doctorate."

Moran received his Associate of Arts in Psychology from East Georgia State College and his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Georgia Southern University. He continued his education at Georgia Southern University, receiving a Master of Education Higher Education in Administration. Moran is currently pursuing his Ed.D. in Education Leadership at Georgia Southern University.

"Michael, having served the College in various capacities, will bring a new energy to the Office of Admissions. To the benefit of the College, he possesses a solid grasp of data analytics and will lead the decision-making of the unit to even better levels of excellence," said Dr. Sandra Sharman, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. "It is exciting to see the momentum of the admissions office grow, and Michael will be key in continuing that trend."

While at EGSC, Moran completed the Staff Leadership Development Program and was the recipient of the 2018 STAR Staff Award.

# Shook elected to Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia

Mitchell M. Shook of Salter & Shook in Vidalia was elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the 52,000-member State Bar of Georgia and was installed June 13.

Toombs, and Washington counties. He earned his law degree from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1992. His law Shook will serve in practice is focused on sethe Middle Judicial Cir- rious injury and wrongful death cases involving automobile and truck collisions, civil rights

violations, medical malpractice, product liability and premises liability.

The Board of Governors is the 160-member policymaking authority of the State Bar, with representation from each of Georgia's judicial cir-

Again, thank you!



Excellence is the Standard, Not the Goal! Follow me on **F** @BrewerForSheriff • 478-299-8728 cuit, Post 1 seat on the board, representing Candler, Emanuel, Jefferson,

cuits. The board holds regular meetings at least four times per year.

### Commissioners hold June...

(From front page)

until the July meeting. Hugh Foskey seconded this motion and all board members voted in favor.

Minutes from the regular May 18 meeting and June 11 workshop meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by all board members.

County Administrator Guy Singletary and Seth Brewer, public works di-

rector, addressed council in regards to discussion or action being made for road patching services of county roads. Suggesting Hooks Construction provide requested services, Commissioner James Canady made motion for approval and Foskey seconded. With approval from all commissioners, the vote unanimously passed.

Singletary then addressed board members

with a food contract for the senior center and advised this would be an annually standard object for discussion. Canady motioned for approval to enter into contract with Middle Flint Area Council on Aging, Inc. This motion carried by Thompson seconding and all board members voting in favor.

With no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

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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 (ECSO); 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).

Tracy Delaine Kirkland, 40, 41 Red Oak Rd.; Entered 6/8/2020; Hold for out of county billing; released 6/9/2020; SPD

Cynthia Mae Fortescue, 48, 1460 Hwy. 80 E. Lot 7 or Lot 9, Twin City; entered 6/8/2020; crim trespass; released 6/8/2020; ECSO

Rebecca Sue Wilkerson, 37, 860 Sunset Dr.; entered 6/8/2020; Driving lic susp/rev, suspended registration, no insurance; released 6/9/2020; ECSO

Bonnie Marvin Pullen Jr., 43, 411 West St.; entered 6/8/2020; Failure to appear; released 6/15/2020; SPD

Robert Stephen Reddish, 65, 201 Green St., Garfield; entered 6/9/2020; Theft/service, damg/injure/interfere w/ public subdv; released 6/10/2020; ECSO Jayson Michael Car-

ter, 29, 102 Marion St., Milledgeville; entered 6/9/2020; Probation/Superior Court, Probation/ Superior Court; ECSO

Angela Val Kosobud, 51, 217 B McKenzie Dr.; entered 6/11/2020; Battery, crim trespass; released 6/12/2020; SPD

Dara Ivana Hackett, 31, 105 Patti Ln.; entered 6/11/2020; Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/11/2020; ECSO

Cassandra Noel Hood, 32, 205 Calhoun St.; entered 6/11/2020; Driving lic susp/rev, VGCSA possession of drug related object, VGCSA marijuana/ poss less than oz//misd; released 6/12/2020; SPD

## Sheriff's Reports

Deputies Emanuel County Sher*iff's Office reported...* June 11

Victim reported a lost or stolen tag.

June 12

dress in reference to damaged private prop-

Complainant reported a nuisance animal,

being a dog, entering a chicken coop and killing all chickens.

Joshua Slater Riner,

for

Al-

26, 2251 GA Hwy. 192

N., Midville; entered

Bulloch County; released

Hunter Shayne Hogan,

20, 628 Canoochee Rd.;

entered 6/12/2020; VGC-

SA marijuana/poss less

than oz.//misd; released

bright, 51, 3300 Sycamore St., Waycross; entered

6/12/2020; Hold for Can-

dler County; Candler Co.

Maurice Dwayne Pul-

lens, 32, 221 Lee St.; en-

Charles Daniel

6/11/2020; Hold

6/12/2020; SPD

6/12/2020; SPD

ed an arson of residence offense.

respond-Deputies ed to a 911 phone call involving a domestic dispute at a New Life

aged private property.

tered 6/12/2020; Probation/Swainsboro PD/ Middle Ga Probation, Parole violation; SPD

Sabrina Kay Jackson, 42, 3022 GA Hwy. 15, Vidalia; entered 6/12/2020; DUI/ refusal, failure to yield right of way; released 6/12/2020; SPD

Steven Eugene Lewis, 52, 245 Brown St.; entered 6/13/2020; Disorderly conduct; released 6/15/2020; SPD

Jay Jay Cody Pace, 24, 1257 Lambs Bridge Rd.; entered 6/14/2020; Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/14/2020; SPD

## Swainsboro Police Reports

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

#### June 4

Victim reported financial transaction card theft and financial transaction card fraud.

#### June 5

Officer made an arrest in reference to theft by taking. Complainant reported a dispute.

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officers to an address on Williams Street in reference to a fight in progress

Officer was dispatched to a Lee Street address in reference to a report of obscene communication-fighting words.

Officer was dispatched to an address on South Anderson Drive in reference to a dispute.

Officers responded to an address on South Main Street in reference to a shoplifting offense.

Officer made a traffic stop. During the traffic stop, officer learned the driver was operating the involved vehicle with a suspended license. An arrest was made.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a distracted driver/ hands free violation. During the traffic stop, officer learned the driver was operating the vehicle with a suspended license. An arrest was made.

Officers were dispatched to the area of Lee Street in reference to a report of shots fired.

Street Ext. in reference to a dispute.

fired. Officer was dispatched by Emanuel County 911 to an address on Center Street in reference to a dispute.

Officer made an arrest in reference to a served warrant.

Officer was dispatched to an address on Sutton Drive in reference to a dispute.

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

Officer responded to an address on North Coleman Street in reference to criminal trespass of private property. June 9

Complainant reported a simple battery offense.

Officers were dispatched to an address on South Racetrack Street in reference to a report of shots fired.

Complainant reported a theft by conversion offense. Officers were dispatched

to the area of Rentz Street in reference to a simple battery offense.

Complainant reported a stalking offense.

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officer to an address on King Circle Drive in reference to an unwanted person.

Officers responded to an address on Gumlog Road in reference to a simple battery offense.

Officers were dispatched by Emanuel County 911 to an addre4ss on East Pine Street in reference to a report of shots fired.

Iune 10 Officers were dispatched Officer responded to an to an address on Washingaddress on North Coleman ton Avenue in reference to criminal trespass of private property.

criminal trespass of private property. June 13 Officer responded to a

reported

Complainant

West Moring Street address in reference to a simple battery offense.

Officer responded to an address on Market Street in reference to another simple battery offense.

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

June 14

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle being operated with only one headlight. During the traffic stop, officer learned that the driver was operating the vehicle with a suspended/ revoked license.

Officer was dispatched to a North Anderson Drive address in reference to a dispute.

Officer responded to an address on Kite Road in reference to a report involving a simple battery offense and aggravated assault with use of a weapon.

Officer was dispatched to an address on King Circle Drive in reference to harassing phone calls and criminal trespass of private property.

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

Officer was dispatched to an address on North Racetrack Street in reference to a report involving stalking.

Officer responded to a South Racetrack Street address in reference to criminal

with the

SO

Complainant report-

June 13

Road address.

Victim reported dam-

Complainant reported a counterfeit offense.

June 15

Complainant reported a civil dispute.

Complainant ported striking a deer while traveling within an area of Pedelton Springs Road.

Deputies assisted GSP with a single-vehicle crash.

# SPD cites one for DUI

According to Swainsboro Police Department, Brent Chase Allen, 21, of Dublin was arrested June 6 at 12:20 a.m.



Deputies responded to a Martin Road ad-

ertv.

#### June 6

Officer responded to an address on South Main Street in reference to terroristic threats and acts.

Officer made an arrest in reference to DUI and improper stopping on roadway.

Officer responded to the area of Roberts Street in reference to theft by taking.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to an expired tag. The offending party attempted to flee, which led to a foot pursuit.

#### June 7

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a driver operating a vehicle without a tag displayed. It was further reported that the offending driver's license was suspended.

Officer responded to a North Main Street address in reference to criminal trespass.

Officer responded to an address on Hopkins Street in reference to damaged property.

Complainant reported a dispute.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle being operated with an expired tag. During the traffic stop, officer learned the driver's license was suspended. An arrest was made.

#### June 8

Officer was dispatched to the area of New Street in reference to a report of shots

Officer responded to the area of South Main Street in reference to a reckless driving offense and an unknown offender leaving the scene of an accident with injury/ damage involved.

Officers were dispatched to a North Anderson Drive address in reference to financial transaction card fraud.

Officer responded to an address on Industrial Way in reference to criminal trespass.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to an uninsured vehicle.

#### June 11

Officer responded to an address on North Coleman Street in reference to a miscellaneous report.

Officer responded to an address on Pratt Avenue in reference to a battery offense and criminal trespass of private property.

Complainant reported financial transaction card fraud.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to an expired tag. During the traffic stop, officer learned the driver to be in possession of marijuana (less than an oz.) and was driving with suspended/revoked license. An arrest was made.

Officer made an arrest in reference to possession of marijuana and a served warrant. June 12

trespass of private property. Complainant reported a damaged vehicle.

Officer responded to a South Anderson Drive address in reference to a simple battery offense.

June 15

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle being operated without lights. During the traffic stop, officer learned the driver's license was suspended/revoked. An arrest was made.

# Driver air-lifted following crash

#### by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

On Tuesday, June 9, shortly after 5 p.m., Emanuel County EMS, sheriff's deputies, firefighters with Squad 1 from Swainsboro, and troopers from Georgia State Patrol Post 19 were dispatched to McLeod Bridge Road past Parham Road for a crash.

First-arriving units found an overturned Ford Explorer had struck a tree and was covered in vines laying in the ditch. The driver, a 17-year-old male with traumatic injuries, was still in the upside-down vehicle. He was extricated from the vehicle and transported to Swainsboro Airport by EMS and flown to the Augusta trauma center by Air-Evac. The crash was investigated by Georgia State Patrol.



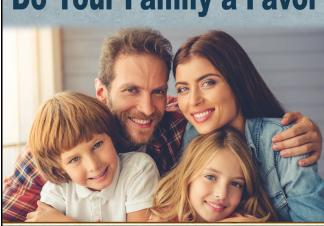
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#### Gilbert Hudson, 77

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 tower operator. 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; two adopted daughters, Lisa and Marlin Anderson of Bartow and Crystal and Jason Moore of Lyons; niece, Cathy and Dr. Billy Chism of Dublin; nephew, Charles Garrett of Swainsboro;

### **Patty Lou Clemons Richmond Walden**, 86

A graveside service for Patty Lou Clemons Richmond Walden, 86 of Sugar Hill, were held Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Northview Cemetery in Dublin. In compliance with guidelines set by the CDC, the 6-feet rule was enforced during the viewing and service. She passed away Monday, June 8, 2020 at Benton House in Sugar Hill following an extended illness.

Mrs. Patty Lou Clemons (Richmond) Walden was born March 24, 1934 in East Gulf, West Virginia to the late Carl Richmond and Thelma Belcher Richmond. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Walden was a life-long Baptist and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dublin. While she was still able, Walden counted the offering at her church, delivered meals on wheels, and attended the gym three times a week. Her memory can best be remembered by feeding those who cannot feed themselves, helping those in need, following the teachings of Jesus,



HUDSON

step-children, Gene Glover and Jimmy Glover, both of Dublin, and Connie Smith of Swainsboro; step-granddaughter, Stephanie Phipps Swainsboro; of and step-grandson, Mitchell Phipps of Swainsboro.

He was laid to rest at Herrington Cemetery in Covena.

WALDEN and, above all, to love

thy neighbor. Walden lived every moment with an eye toward Heaven, trusting in God's grace. She loved life, laughter, and the Lord. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Sidney Earl Clemons; second husband, Henry L. Walden; brothers, Donald Richmond and James Richmond; and sister, Joanne Richmond.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda "Lynn" (Michael) Kelly of Sugar granddaughter, Wednesday, June 17, Hill; Dale (William Kyle) 2020, 11 a.m. at Green Jones of Sugar Hill; and Cemetery with Pastor

#### Mary W. Chapman, 69

A graveside service for Mary W. Chapman, 69 of East Dublin, was held Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Union Baptist Church with Reverend Brian Patrick officiating. The family received friends Friday, June 12, 2020 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with guidelines set by the CDC, the 6-feet full was enforced during the viewing and service. She passed away Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Savannah following an extended illness.

Ms. Mary W. Chapman was born June 2, 1951 in Dublin to Earl Warnock and Lillie Frost Warnock. She graduated from East Laurens High School in 1969. Following high school, she attended Marsh Draughton Business College in Atlanta, where she obtained an associate degree in business. After college, she married her sweetheart, Donnie Chapman, in 1972. They were married for 23 years prior to his passing in 1996. Over the years, she has worked little jobs, always serving others. Her primary jobs were with Morris State Bank for more than 18 years and retiring from Laurens County Clerk of Court following more than 25 years of service. Chapman was an avid churchgoer. She was a member of Southside Baptist Church in Swainsboro for 56 years and attended Calvary Grace Baptist Church. She loved play-



**CHAPMAN** 

ing the piano and did so for many, many years at Southside Baptist Church. Her hobbies included playing the piano, traveling to the mountains, going to church, and, most of all, spending time with family, making memories. Whether known as Mary, Ms. Mary, Daughter, Sis, Mavis, Shug, Aunt May, and most of all, Mama, she was a very special lady, loved by many, and enjoyed her life, striving to show God's love to others in everything she did.

Survivors include her father; daughter, Amy (D.J.) Clark of Rentz; sons, Donnie R. Chapman II and Kevin (Angela) Chapman, both of East Dublin and Kelby Bryant of Dublin; sister, Evelyn (Robert) Henry of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Dillon Chapman, Rikki-Lynn Jones, Gary-Keith Jones, Lillie Chapman, and Blake Hemingway; special niece, Nickie (Cory) Enlow of Twin City; several special nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

#### Bobby Braswell, 59

services for Bobby Braswell, 59, of Adrian will be held



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Randy Ellison, 56

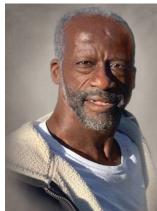
Funeral services for Randy Ellison, 56 of Twin City, were held Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Holy Zion Holiness Church with Pastor James officiating. Interment followed at Johnson Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with guidelines set by the CDC, the 6-feet rule was enforced during the viewing and service. He passed away Friday, June 5, 2020 at AU Medical Center in Augusta following an extended illness.

Mr. Randy Ellison was born February 19, 1964 in Statesboro to the late John Ellison and Daisey Bostic. He loved cutting grass and making people smile. Ellison was an allaround funny guy and was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include

great-granddaughter, Gwendolyn.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.



**ELLISON** 

his companion of 12 years, Lois Johnson of Statesboro; brothers, Flag Bostic of Twin City and Jimmy Bostic of Augusta; sisters, Mattie Hunter of Twin City and Rosie Bostic of Swainsboro; caretakers, Bobby and Kanyah Kirkland; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Pallbearers were Dexter Johnson, Daniel Bostic, Jeremy Gunn, Travis Cross, Rollie Cross, and Jermine Cross.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Cedric Carswell and Prophet Crystal Bishop officiating. The family received friends Tuesday, June 16, from 5 p.m.

Graveside

until 8 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6-feet rule was and will be enforced during viewing and service. He passed away Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Community Hospice in Vidalia following a brief illness.

Mr. Bobby Braswell was born July 12, 1960 in Swainsboro to the Billy H. Braswell and Ann Braswell. He worked

at Roper (AYP) for many years, he also had worked at A&A Vending Services. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family. Braswell had a very big heart; he loved to make people laugh and was well-known. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Adrian. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Nalani Braswell; and niece, Michelle Braswell.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Braswell of Adrian; parents of Swainsboro; sons,



BRASWELL

Bobby H. Braswell Jr. and Bradley A. (Christa) Braswell, both of Swainsboro, Quintin O. Braswell of Adrian, and Eddie O. (TaChondra) Braswell of Fort Hood, TX; daughters, Jazmine N. Braswell, ReNyia Braswell, and Crystal (Bruce) White-Rackins, all of Swainsboro; brothers, Kenneth (Sarah) Braswell of Adrian and Charles (Sebrena) Braswell of Athens; sisters, Pam Mashburn and Tonya Braswell Coleman, both of Swainsboro; 15 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Pallbearers are Bobby H. Braswell Jr., Bradley A. Braswell, Quintin O. Braswell, Eddie O. Braswell, Bruce White, and Zach Riner.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge or arrangements.

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#### Judson Harris Powers, 77

Judson Har-Mr. ris Powers, 77, resident of Vidalia died Saturday evening in Vidalia.

Mr. Powers was born in Ocala, Florida, son of the late William Harris Powers and Anne Hansard Powers. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bill Powers. Powers graduated from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. He had retired from Georgia Quick Start. Powers was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Vidalia. He was a loving husband, father, and a doting grandfather. He was a loyal friend with a quick wit and a kind hearted brother to all of his siblings. His family and friends cherish every moment shared with him.

Graveside services for Powers will be held Thursday morning, June

Louise Wages Smith, 94 A memorial service for Louise Wages Smith, 94 of Swainsboro, will be held private privately at a later date. She passed away Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at Emanuel Medical Center in Swainsboro following an extended illness.

Ms. Louise Wages Smith was born August 16, 1925 in Miami,



#### POWERS

18, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. from Lakeview Memorial Gardens with Reverend Jim Smith officiating. Social distancing guidelines will apply.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Ann D. Powers; daughter, Katie Holcomb (Jason); grandchildren, Adelyn, Eliette, Chloe, and soon to arrive grandson, Jedidiah; brother, Stephen Powers; and sisters, Betsy Norton (Erle) and Sara Lee Bailey (Ken).

Arrangements are by Tomlinson Funeral Home.

Florida to the late

Floye Tyler. She was

preceded in death by

her parents and hus-

band, William R. Smith.

son, Gary Smith, and

daughter, Shirley Smith.

Home of Swainsboro

is in charge of arrange-

Chapman

ments.

Survivors include her

and

Funeral

Sammy Carson

### Johnny "Johnny Reb" Neal, 61

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. Johnny "Johnny Reb" Neal, age 61, of Swainsboro on Monday, June 15, 2020, at his residence.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 11 a.m. in Hawhammock Baptist Church Cemetery with George Williamson officiating. The family received friends at the home of Jessica Neal on Tuesday evening from 4 until 6 p.m.

Honorary Pallbearers are the Indoor Temperature Control Crew.

Mr. Johnny "Johnny Reb" Neal was born August 25, 1958 in Swainsboro, Emanuel County. He was a mechanic for most of his life, enjoyed fishing, and racing. He loved his family but most precious to him was his daughter "Jessie" until grandson Braeden came along. In addition to his mother, Mary Lois Smith Neal, he was also preced-



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ed in death by his sister, Debra Edenfield; and brother, David Neal.

Survivors Include his daughter, Jessica Neal (Brandon Hooks) of Swainsboro; sisters, Wanda Graham and Lynn Hall (Keith), all of Wrightsville; sister-in-law, Stacy Neal of Swainsboro; brother-in-law, Bobby Edenfield Sr. of Swainsboro; grandson:, Braeden Hooks of Swainsboro; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and extended family

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

# Local church announces opening of ministry building

Blundale Baptist Church Hands and Feet of Jesus Ministry building will open June 27 from a 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Items featured will include shoes, clothing, house hold items, and furniture, all free of charge. Blundale Baptist Church is located at 2675 High-

way 1 North, just six miles north of Dellwood.

McEachin, 87 Funeral services for Mrs. Annette Brantley Price McEachin, age 87, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2020 in the Richard N. Stanley Memorial Chapel of Stanley Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Orr officiating. Burial followed in Westview Cemetery.

**Annette Brantley Price** 

Mrs. Annette Brantley Price McEachin was born on January 23, 1933 in Sandersville. She was a graduate of Sandersville High School, the last year they only had 11 grades. She worked as a seamstress for many years at Apparel Craft. She loved Elvis and all his music. She was also an Atlanta Braves fan. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and a member of the Methodist Church. She is preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Mable Brantley,; her first husband, Spud Price; a brother, Lee Roy Brantley; a sister, Rosalind Veal; brother-inlaw, Owen Adams Jr.; and sister-in-law, Bobbi Brantley. She passed away Monday, June 15, 2020 at Emanuel County Nursing Home.

Survivors include her daughter, Vicki Kersey (Randall) of Swainsboro;



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grandson, Jarrett Kersey (Megan) of Swainsboro; great-grandchiltwo dren, Nathan Kersey and Lauren Kersey of Swainsboro; brothers, Alfred Brantley (Patsy) of Warthen, J.M. Brantley of Metter, and Les Brantley and Howard Brantley, both of Sandersville, sisters, Catherine Adams of Sandersville, Louise Hutcheson (Frank) of Milledgeville, Charlene Goss of Clemson, SC, and Linda Helton (Bernard) of Warthen; sister-in-law, Margaret Brantley of Savannah; and many loving nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Alfred Brantley, Les Brantley, J.M. Brantley, How-

ard Brantley, Jarrett Kersey, and Lee Brantley. Stanley Funeral

Home and Crematory/ Wrightsville Chapel had charge of funeral arrangements.







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> Sincerely, Vrijege Fitzmer



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### MISS FREEMAN AND MR. SCOTT Freeman, Scott to wed in August

Donna Freeman of Swainsboro are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nicole Freeman, to Kevin Doris Scott of Uvalda. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky and Vicky Scott of Uvalda and Jan and Jeff Boatright of Blackshear.

The bride-elect is a 2009 graduate of Swainsboro High School. She furthered her education at East Georgia College, where she graduated in December 2011 with an associates of arts degree. The future-bride then continued her education at Gupton-Jones College, where she graduated

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and in February 2013 with an associate of science in funeral service degree. Miss Freeman works as the Jeff Davis County Clerk and as a funeral apprentice at Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors. She is the granddaughter of Joann Cannon, Martha Faye Freeman, both of Swainsboro; and the late JW and Elna Cannon, and the late Rev. Dr. James Ray Freeman.

The future groom is a 1998 graduate of Jeff Davis County High School. He furthered his education at American Intercontinental University, where he graduated with an associates degree in business administration. Mr. Scott started his career with Rayonier in 1999. The company was purchased by Interfor in 2013, and after 21 years, he is still a part of the team working as quality control supervisor. The groom-elect is the grandson of Shirley Long and the late Paul Long of Warner Robins, the late Charles Scott of Lumber City, and the late Dalton and Patricia Powell, also of Lumber City.

The wedding is set for August 1, 2019 at 6 p.m. at Rocky Creek Lodge in Vidalia. A reception will follow at the same place. Formal invitations will not be sent.



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# Williams graduates with masters in health science

Kira Williams, born in Greenville, South Carolina, daughter of Rev. Dr. Leroy "Roy" (formerly of Swainsboro) and Dr. Mildred Cynthia Williams, graduated Magna Cum Laude in May 2020 with honors distinction from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee with a masters in health science. She graduated with honors from Hillcrest High School in Simpsonville,



Laude from Southern Wesleyan University in

WILLIAMS South Carolina in 2014. She also graduated Cum

Central, South Carolina in 2018. She will begin medical school at Meharry in the fall and plans to graduate with her doctor of medicine degree in 2024.

Williams is the twin sister of graphic artist, Khalil Williams. She is the granddaughter of the late Mamie "Lou" Williams and Leroy Williams Sr.

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# Miss Scarboro turns 4-years-old

Unicorns were the theme of a party honoring Miss Leanna Scarboro's fourth birthday on Saturday afternoon, June 6. Leanna is the younger daughter of Scrap and Heather Scarboro of Swainsboro. Maternal grandparents are Kris and Shelia Porcel, and grandparpaternal ents are Wayne and Wanda Scarboro, all of Swainsboro.

Pink balloons marked the driveway to their country home off Stingray Road. Immediate family and friends were welcomed by Leanna, wearing her colorful unicorn dress and silver shoes. Her hair was pulled back with two pink bows.

Guests enjoyed an afternoon of swimming in the pool. A swingset and playhouse provided entertainment for the younger children. A bounce house and waterslide were enjoyed by everyone.

Leanna's father, along with "Peepaw Kris" and "Gandaddy Wayne," grilled hot dogs. Her three-layer unicorn cake was decorated in yellow, pink, and blue buttercream icing. Big



sister Lainey helped her blow out her four candles. Vanilla ice cream, chocolate ice cream, and chips completed the refreshment table. Leanna received LEANNA SCARBORO many fun and educational toys. Her favorite was a white doctor's jacket, along with a medical bag, given by maternal grandparents Kris and Shelia.

**CO** a- After the party, or- Leanna took a piece of r's birthday cake to her

Photo by Wanda Thompson Scarboro

paternal great-grandmother, Gertrude Thompson, who will turn 100 this year.



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# **Savvy Senior:** How to detect Parkinson's disease

Dear Savvy Senior, What are the early warning signs of Parkinson's disease? I was just diagnosed with it after noticing hand tremors for nearly a year, but looking back, I'm wondering if I missed any other early warning signs.

Tremoring Tom

Dear Tom,

The Holy Grail in any progressive disease is to find it early enough to start effective treatment before irreversible damage has occurred. But recognizing the early warning signs of Parkinson's disease is challenging because they're usually subtle and can be easily overlooked, dismissed or even misdiagnosed.

Parkinson's disease, which afflicts around 1 million Americans, is a degenerative disorder that occurs when the dopamine-probrain's ducing neurons die or become impaired. This happens in the part of the brain that controls movement, which can cause tremors (or shaking), stiffness, and difficulty with walking, balance, and coordination.

The symptoms usually begin gradually and get worse over time, and the progression of symptoms is often different from one person to another. Some people with Parkinson's become severely disabled, while others may experience only minor motor disruptions.

While the cause of Parkinson's disease is unknow, scientists believe genetics and environmental factors (exposure to certain toxins) play a key role. Most people with Parkinson's first develop the disease around age 60 or older, and men are more likely to develop it than are women.

than are women. Early Warning Signs Parkinson's disease is difficult to diagnose be-

or acting out dreams – kicking or punching – when asleep. This is a REM sleep behavior disorder and one of the strongest and earliest pre-diagnostic symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

Loss of smell: Not being able to smell certain foods very well like bananas, dill pickles or licorice. This too is one of the earliest symptoms.

**Constipation:** Problems with digestion and bowel movements are a big problem for people with Parkinson's, and an early sign that can occur up to 20 years before this disease is diagnosed.

**Changes in handwriting:** Writing may become harder to do, and your handwriting may appear much smaller than it has in the past.

Tremors: Slight shaking or tremor in your finger, thumb, hand or chin. The tremor usually happens at rest, and when you move the extremity it may disappear. This is the most common and recognizable outward sign of Parkinson's disease, but by the time tremors start, the brain has already lost more than half of its dopamine-producing cells.

Slowed movement: Over time, Parkinson's disease can slow movements, making simple tasks difficult and time-consuming. Your steps may become shorter when you walk. It may be difficult to get out of a chair. You may drag your feet as you try to walk.

**Speech changes:** Speaking softly, quickly, slurring or hesitating before talking. Your speech may be more of a monotone rather than with the usual inflections.

Loss of automatic movements: Decreased ability to perform unconscious movements, like blinking, smiling or swinging when you walk. Impaired posture and balance: Stooping, leaning or slouching when you stand, and/or balance problems can all be a sign of Parkinson's.

In some later cases, surgery may be advised. Other treatments include lifestyle modifications, like getting more rest and exercise.

For more information, visit the Parkinson's Foundation at *Parkinson*. *org*.

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.





Robert G. Ingersolin is recognized as one of the most influential agnostics who ever lived. One night in New York he was dramatically and forcefully giving a lecture that explained his doubts about judgment and hell. When the gifted lecturer finished his address, a man who was very drunk stumbled his address, a man who was very drunk stumbled his way to the front of the auditorium and said in slobbering terms, "I sure hope you are right, Brother Bob. I sure hope you are right because I'm counting on that!"

Few today want to think of God as a Judge. It is much more pleasant to think of Him as a loving, caring, compassionate and gracious Father - which He certainly is - than as a stem judge who will "judge the world in righteousness." Many would apologize for considering their God in such terms, but this way of thinking is inconsistent with what God's Word teaches. And there are many who

And there are many who want to fashion Him after their own likes and dislikes and endow Him the nature and character they would like Him to possess. They want to make Him consistent with their own wishful thinking so that they will be comfortable in their sins. Their god has the attributes of our God in that he is compassionate and loving but they refuse to accept the fact that His attributes also contain wrath and justice. This would mean that there would be no judgment and no punishment for sins. However, our God is a Holy God. But our God, Who "is love," will one day judge "th e w or I d with righteousness and the people with truth."



Featuring the recipes of...

# Grace McBride



This week's Cook of the Week is Grace McBride. She is a rising senior at Emanuel County Institute, where she is active in FFA. McBride is also active in 4-H and is currently serving as the vice president of the Southeast District Senior Board. She plans to attend ABAC after graduation and major in agricultural education with plans of becoming a 4-H agent. This summer, you can find her spending time in the Emanuel County Canning Plant in Twin City. Here are some recipes she would like to share. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of *Grace* 

#### **Cucumber Tomato Salad**

- 4 c. cucumbers, cut in half (length-
- wise and sliced)
- 4 tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 c. chopped fresh dill
- 1/3 c. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. coarse ground black pepper

Add vegetables to a large bowl, then whisk together dill, olive oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper. Pour over vegetables, tossing them carefully together.



From the kitchen of Grace

Parmesan Tomato Zucchini Bake

cause there's no definitive test to confirm it. Doctors, usually neurologists, will do an examination and evaluate a combination of warning signs, but symptoms can vary greatly by patient which often leads to confusion and misdiagnosis. That said, here are some of the key signs and symptoms everyone should know.

Troublesleeping:Thrashing around in bed

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Currently, there is no known cure for Parkinson's disease, but there are a variety of medications that can provide relief from the symptoms. Visit us at: SowerMinistries.org



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- 2 medium zucchini, sliced
- 2 medium yellow squash, sliced
- 5 medium tomatoes, sliced
- 1/2 c. quality parmesan cheese, shredded
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 3/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 3/4 tsp. onion powder
- 1/2 tsp. Italian spices

Preheat oven to 375°. In a baking dish, arrange zucchini, yellow squash, and tomatoes in an alternating pattern. Top with cheese and spices. Place into oven and bake for 25-30 minutes or until squash is soft. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of Grace

### **Easy Refrigerator Pickles**

- 2 lbs. of cucumbers
- 3 tsp. salt
- 3/4 c. chopped onion
- 1 c. white vinegar
- 1/2 c. water
- 11/2 c. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. mustard seed
- 1 Tbsp. celery seed
- 3 to 6 cloves garlic, peeled, bruised, and halved

Wash cucumbers and slice thinly using a mandolin slicer. Layer cucumbers, salt, and onion in a large bowl or pot. Toss to combine completely. Cover and set aside for about an hour. To make the brine, combine vinegar, water, sugar, garlic, celery seed, and mustard seed. Bring to boil, stirring occasionally. Gently boil for about two minutes until sugar has dissolved. Drain excess liquid from cucumber and onion mixture. Pour brine over cucumbers. Stir gently to combine. Cover and allow to set for about 10 minutes. Fill jars with pickles, making sure each jar has at least one piece of garlic in it. Fill with enough liquid to cover all pickles. Allow jars to cool and place in the fridge for at least 24 hours before eating.

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# Seedling Garden Club ends year with picnic

The Seedling Garden Club held its last meeting of the club year Monday, June 8, 2020 at 5 p.m. at Longview Farm and Home Museum.

As members entered the gates to the historic village, they were welcomed by Emanuel County Historic Society President George Elder, along with Missy Elder. The meeting was held in the museum building.

President Lucille Braswell welcomed the 13 members and seven guests present, after which John Derden graced the food. Everyone enjoyed the array of salads, sandwiches, and desserts brought by all in attendance.

In the short business session, President Braswell reported Seedling Garden Club won first place in state for the 2019 flower show and third place in Flower Show Schedule. President Braswell also reported on plans for the rest of National Garden Club Week.

Yonna Bailey, Yard of the Month chairman, informed members the honor had been given to DeLaine McReynolds for the month of June.

Cheryl Goodman read minutes of last meeting and Treasurer Kay Peacock gave her report. Both were approved as presented. A later date has been planned for the rededication of the Blue Star Marker the club restored earlier in the year.

Dianna Malone, Oleander District director and club member, gave the program on National Garden Club Week. Telling of the date the week Inc., and Oleander District.

is celebrated each year, she stated the reason for celebrating National Garden Club Week and things garden clubs can do to celebrate.

After the program, club members enjoyed the annual gift exchange, which is always a fun time for club members.

To end the year, club members who had perfect attendance were rewarded with a beautiful potted plant. Those having perfect attendance included: Bailey, President Braswell, Goodman, Malone, Judy McWhorter; Peacock, Ann Peebles, Wanda Scarboro, and Sandra Thompson.

The club ended the meeting by touring the interesting historic village. Board members of the Emanuel County Historic Society conducted the tour. Missy Elder gave an interesting speech about how the society was started. Board members who made this possible are: Derden, Jim Clapman, Mary Ann Smith, Carl Tankersley, and Shari Watt.

Despite this being the last meeting for the club year, the club will remain active through the summer with community projects. Seedling Garden Club always welcomes new members. To become a member of a fun, educational, active club, get in touch with a current Seedling Garden Club member. The club's next year begins in September.

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# Local Farm Bureau puts on Summer Reading Program at library

Franklin Memorial Library's second Summer Reading Program of the season was held Tuesday, June 9, with the Emanuel County Farm Bureau Women's Committee presenting a program about the value of a cow. Shari Watt, committee member, first read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, then talked about how Jack did not have to sell the cow to be rich. She used a lifesize cow prop to demonstrate where the milk comes from and how to milk a cow. whipping Using cream, Watt demonstrated how to shake up homemade vanilla ice cream in a bag. A friendly scarecrow shook the bag while another volunteer shook up a bottle of whipping cream to make butter. While the shaking took place, Watt put some milk in a pan and added food coloring drops around the edge. Then, she took some dish detergent on a Q-tip and plunged it into the middle. That reduced the surface tension and activated the fat to move, which started the colors swirling together beautifully. Franklin Memorial Library's first performer of this year's Summer Reading Program was Science Tellers. They presented a program entitled "Dragons: Return of the Ice Sorceress." Science Tellers combine science and storytelling in an





Photo by Wanda Thompson Scarboro (BOTTOM ROW, L-R) S. THOMPSON, SCARBORO, BAILEY, PEEBLES, NANCY LISENBY, PEACOCK, DALE JOYNER, GOODMAN, PAULA KARH,

AND WANDA ELLIS (BACK ROW, L-R) BRASWELL, McWHORTER, MALONE, M. ELDER, G. ELDER, AND WATT



(L-R) S. THOMPSON, SCARBORO, BAILEY, PEEBLES, MALONE, McWHORTER, PEACOCK, GOODMAN, AND L. THOMPSON

Dear community,

Future Generation Youth's 17th annual book drive has begun for the upcoming school year for local children. I know the has been a very challenging year for us all, with loss of jobs, lay offs, the COVID-19 virus, and just all uncertainties and hardships experienced. But, you know, we know that God is in control. In the name of Jesus Christ, we will make it through this. There is victory in Jesus Christ.

l ask again for prayers from the community for success once again in our effort to help our children. I just want to say that I love my community and all the people in it. Every person. I ask God to bless each of you, to provide every need, and take care of every family and individual. I have read in the Bible somewhere that Jesus Christ washed his disciples feet and he told them, "Let this be an example to you." He also said, "Love one another, as I have loved you." I think that's very powerful. I always feel something good every time I read those Bible versus.

WATT ACTS AS DAIRY GODMOTHER interactive

engaging, program. They allowed children

to explore the principle of sublimation from a solid to a gas. Sublimation is the process of a solid turning into a gas as when dry ice spills on the floor creating a white cloud. The interactive zoom party posed questions to children in the form of a computer poll, and a special effects packed video told the background story about children, a kingdom, a villain, and a friendly dragon.

Throughout the month of June, in addition to the virtual performers, the library is also offering a series of crafts for children, teens, and adults. Many of the crafts come with supply kits so you can put together your craft at home while watching demonstrations on Facebook.

Please call the library at 478-237-7791 to reserve a supply kit, which will be given out on a firstcome, first-serve basis. Quantities are limited.

Please don't forget about the main ingredient of the Summer Reading Program. You may register for the reading portion of the program at *strl.beanstack*. *org* or just pick up a registration form from the library.

Adult participants are encouraged to complete a bingo card filled with different reading challenges. One line of bingo will get your name in the grand prize drawing. You may download a card from Franklin Memorial Library's website or pick up one from the library.

Join the library for other virtual programs on Franklin Memorial Library's Facebook page. June Events via Facebook at 11 a.m.

Mondays, June 22 and June 29 — Children Crafts

Wednesdays, June 17 and June 24 — Adult Crafts

Thursdays, June 18 and June 25 — Teen Crafts

Tuesday, June 23 • Marc Griffith, • Ventriloquist presents . Imagination Island

Tuesday, June 30 — September Cardiff Storytelling

Our location for this year's book bag drive will take place in the big parking lot of Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks and Recreation Department and will be held Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Traffic will be directed, one with in and one way out. We will give parents the book bag through the driver's side windows to prevent individuals from getting out of vehicles. I'd also like to provide snack sacks for the children, so, please, bring them. We would love to see them and wish them good luck this year.

Parents, this is the safest way to host the book bag drive in concert with COVID-19 procedure. The safety of the public, as well as the children, is most important. I did not want this year to go by without helping children. I know this is different from all other book bag drives, but you know God is able and He will provide.

We are going to do our best, in the name of Jesus Christ. All volunteer and staff will have a P.P.E. We are looking forward to serving our children once again. God bless you all.

You may contact me at 478-494-2106. My address is 11 Laurel St., Swainsboro. Love you all,

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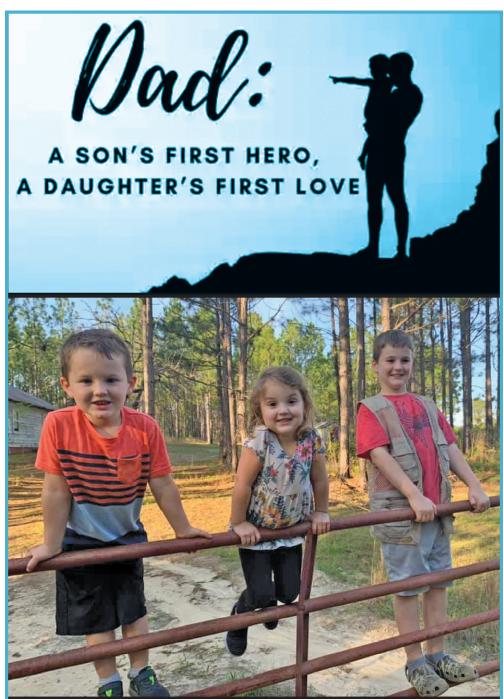
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# Kiwanis Club holds meeting following 11-week hiatus

Twenty-three members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club met Tuesday, June 9, at New China for their regular club meeting. Members were seated in a private dining room and provided their own order slips to make menu requests. Then each member was served his prepared plates with seconds offered.

The meeting was called to order by President Petite Garrett, who welcomed members who had not met together since March 17. She also extended a special welcome to member Dwight Watt, who under ordinary times teaches college out of town, and Shari Watt, his wife and the guest speaker.

Following prayer concerns brought up members, Cayby la Page led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Dwight Watt prayed for our country and blessed the food. The American flag and the podium complete with microphone were graciously lent by Jane Durden, member-



ship chair.

Before "court" was President convened, Petite asked Judge Jim Daughtry to come to the front for a special presentation. The first meeting since pandemic rules were put in place was also the birthday for Daughtry, who was ceremoniously presented with a package of all-purpose paper, Boy Scout terminology for toilet paper. The Judge then took the stage to fine all members who had celebrated a birthday the last three months the club had not met and fine all members who had enjoyed their Memorial Day vacation through a variety of "safe" activities.

Gary Couse, sports reporter for the club, reported that NASCAR had held a race at the Atlanta Motor Speedway with a win by Kevin Harvick in front of empty stands. Frank Patrick reported that pets will be returned to projects, visit the Swainslocal sports, with the shelters once people are boro Kiwanis Facebook exception of the Dix- able to return to work.

#### DAUGHTRY AND WATT

ie Youth League, have been suspended. He did report that the endangered species of the day is the Loggerhead turtle.

The program for the evening was given by Shari Watt, retired teacher and now part-time employee at Franklin Memorial Library where she assists with the children's program planning and performing children's programs during the week via Facebook with the help of Windy Ward, Kiwanis member and assistant manager at the library. Watt also serves on a variety of boards within our county. Watt discussed the effect of the Coronavirus on the dogs and cats in shelters. Adoptions have dramatically increased with shelters becoming empty while shelter-inplace folks look to these four-footed friends for companionship. The concern is that these

President Garrett gave Watt a thank-you donation to be used for Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter, the local shelter named after Watt's mother.

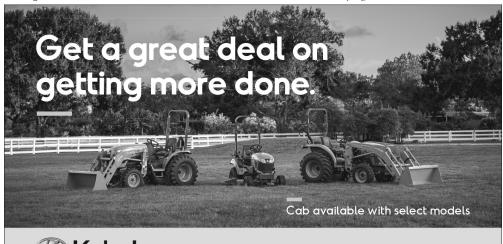
After the drawing for a Hershey Bar cake, which generated \$63 and was won by Dwight Watt, and the drawing for the Domino's pizza, won by Travis Garrett, President Garrett adjourned the meeting. Next week's meeting will be held at New China Tuesday, June 16, with Jim Daughtry as the host and Cayla Page with the cake.

To become a member of our club, contact Jane Durden, membership chair, at 478-494-4113 or email her at hsdurden@ bellsouth.net. New member registration fees are being suspended now through September 30, so now is the time to join. To learn more about Swainsboro Kiwanis Club and its many community service

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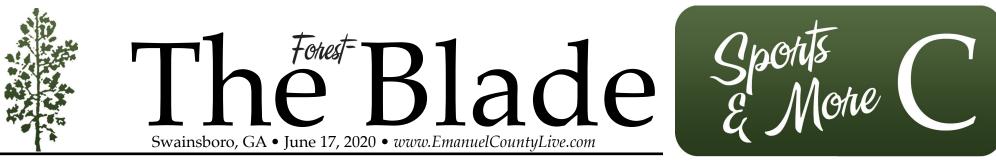
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# SHS basketball cheerleaders participate in second annual Hawks Extravaganza

The SHS basketball cheerleaders traveled to Atlanta on February 9 to participate in the halftime show known as the Hawks Extravaganza at the State Farm Arena.

According to basketball cheer captain, Sh'Nyah Ellison, "This was a great bonding opportunity and it allows us to experience new things!"

The SHS basketball cheerleaders are coached by Monica Y. Pace, who also serves as their high school counselor. The trip concluded with a tour of Kennesaw State University. The cheerleaders were accompanied by Coach Alex Walden and the Lady Tigers.



**GROUP PHOTO OF SHS PARTICIPANTS** 



# Felton graduates from Troy University

Santoria Felton of Vidalia graduated from Troy University during the Spring Semester/Term 4 of the 2019/2020 academic year.

Felton graduated with a doctoral degree from the College of Health and Human Services while taking classes at the Troy campus.





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# Swainsboro's Spider-Man: The guy behind the mask

by **CLIFTON** 

What started as a regular photoshoot for 21-year-old Teddy Braswell has since turned into a public frenzy following just a simple act of kindness that began by the waving of hands.

According to Braswell, he has been making his own costumes since he was 8-years-old, roughly 13 years ago, and he has stayed dedicated to his passion ever since. He further stated that downtown Swainsboro has been his go-to spot when needing to snap a photo in his costume attire.

Many may have encountered Braswell during past occasions, such as his special appearance as Michael Myers at Swainsboro's last fall festival downtown. He has made other special appearances at various events dressed in costumes such as Captain Jack Sparrow from Pirates of the Caribbean, Batman's rival, the Joker, the Mad Hatter of Alice in Wonderland, Captain America, and many more! However, of the many cosplay characters that Braswell has impersonated and pho-

WHITLEY tographed in downtown Swainsboro, his Spider-Man costume has caught the attention of many, both young and old.

> "I thought it would be fun to wave at traffic after taking photos dressed in my Spider-Man attire. As I was waving, I saw many smiles and received many waves, and thought of the positive impact that could be made," Braswell explained.

> This supposedly onetime appearance led to additional Spider-Man visits as well as an official movement, Spidey for Change, which has been started by Braswell in effort to bring happiness and positivity to everyone.

> "Even though there is darkness, violence, and chaos everywhere, it's important to try to see the good in the world through positivity. There's always light in darkness," Braswell further commented.

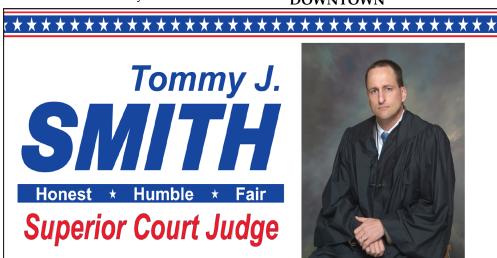
> Be sure to visit Braswell's social media platform on Facebook, Spidey for Change, for updates on his whereabouts. While on Facebook, be sure to check out Emanuel County Live to view an archived live interview during Braswell's most recent trip to Swainsboro this past Monday, June 8! Photo credit: Sean Ryan







**BRASWELL COSTUMED AS SPIDER-MAN** DOWNTOWN





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I would like to thank all the voters, and particularly all the volunteers we have had during the last two and a half years of our campaign. There are way too many to name individually, so I will not attempt to, for fear that I will leave someone out.

Business owners have allowed us shelf space for our promotional items. Chambers of Commerce and Downtown Associations have been indulgent. City Councils and County Commissions have allowed us a forum for our message. Multiple individuals have taken time away from their jobs and families to march with us in a dozen Christmas and MLK Day parades, helped us set up and man tables at Onion festivals, Soap Box Derbys, Kaolin festivals, Pine tree Festivals, Bloomin festivals, Barbecue Blasts, Speirs Turnout festivals, and last but not least, Buzzard Blasts.

Most recently, a dozen groups of people helped us man tents (in 90 plus degree weather) for a twelve hour day, at polling places from Wrens to Cedar Crossing (over 91 miles apart).

I and my family want to thank all of these folks from the bottom of our hearts. It is important to note that the motivations of these people varied greatly. A few were friends before the campaign. Most, however, were complete strangers to me before the campaign. We all became friends in the process. The primary motivation for involvement, however, was that they wanted to cause a change in the way things are done in the courts. There is no escaping that fact. Some were attorneys, some were prior litigants, some were family of prior litigants. Some were just concerned observers, but they all looked for change.

My pledge to them and to you was that I would conduct the court efficiently, and with respect for all parties and their attorneys, and the unrepresented. I would treat folks before the court the same regardless of social station, skin color, sex or other variables, and be consistent in my rulings from person to person and from County to County. Additionally, I will do all I can to protect basic rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights. Freedom of expression, open courtrooms, due process rights and second amendment rights are the bedrock upon which our society was founded and the reason it has endured. Without those rights, we no longer have a free society.

To me it is simple good sense to follow the Golden Rule. It also makes life more simple and more pleasant for all concerned.

If the Governor appoints consistent with the desires of the people of our five Counties, I will take office shortly after the appointment. If the Governor chooses not to appoint, I will take office January of next year. Bobby Reeves is, and will be, Chief Judge due to seniority on the Superior Court bench. We currently have another Superior Court Judge by special designation which the people did not elect.

I cannot speak for them, but I will conduct my court as pledged.

To all of those involved in this election, I urge you to stay involved. Elected officials (including myself) need people looking over their shoulder and asking questions. One problem I see with government officials at all levels is that they become too comfortable in their positions, and less responsive with time. Hold our feet to the fire! I welcome your input.

I have no plans to change my cell phone number, though I badly need to switch carriers. So, call or text me, or come see me. I hope to maintain an office in Lyons. My door is always open, and I will not hide from the people who elected me.

Thank you again, Tommy J. Smith, Judge Elect, Superior Courts for Washington, Jefferson, Candler, Emanuel and Toombs Counties. (912) 585-5343.

## 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 (ECSO); 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).

Tracy Delaine Kirkland, 40, 41 Red Oak Rd.; Entered 6/8/2020; Hold for out of county billing; released 6/9/2020; SPD

Cynthia Mae Fortescue, 48, 1460 Hwy. 80 E. Lot 7 or Lot 9, Twin City; entered 6/8/2020; crim trespass; released 6/8/2020; ECSO

Rebecca Sue Wilkerson, 37, 860 Sunset Dr.; entered 6/8/2020; Driving lic susp/rev, suspended registration, no insurance; released 6/9/2020; ECSO

Bonnie Marvin Pullen Jr., 43, 411 West St.; entered 6/8/2020; Failure to appear; released 6/15/2020; SPD

Robert Stephen Reddish, 65, 201 Green St., Garfield; entered 6/9/2020; Theft/service, damg/injure/interfere w/ public subdv; released 6/10/2020; ECSO Jayson Michael Car-

ter, 29, 102 Marion St., Milledgeville; entered 6/9/2020; Probation/Superior Court, Probation/ Superior Court; ECSO

Angela Val Kosobud, 51, 217 B McKenzie Dr.; entered 6/11/2020; Battery, crim trespass; released 6/12/2020; SPD

Dara Ivana Hackett, 31, 105 Patti Ln.; entered 6/11/2020; Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/11/2020; ECSO

Cassandra Noel Hood, 32, 205 Calhoun St.; entered 6/11/2020; Driving lic susp/rev, VGCSA possession of drug related object, VGCSA marijuana/ poss less than oz//misd; released 6/12/2020; SPD

## Sheriff's Reports

*iff's Office reported...* 

to a Martin Road address in reference to damaged private prop-

Complainant reported a nuisance animal,

being a dog, entering a chicken coop and killing all chickens.

Joshua Slater Riner,

for

Al-

26, 2251 GA Hwy. 192

N., Midville; entered

Bulloch County; released

Hunter Shayne Hogan,

20, 628 Canoochee Rd.;

entered 6/12/2020; VGC-

SA marijuana/poss less

than oz.//misd; released

bright, 51, 3300 Sycamore St., Waycross; entered

6/12/2020; Hold for Can-

dler County; Candler Co.

Maurice Dwayne Pul-

lens, 32, 221 Lee St.; en-

Charles Daniel

6/11/2020; Hold

6/12/2020; SPD

6/12/2020; SPD

ed an arson of residence offense.

June 13

Victim reported damaged private property.

tered 6/12/2020; Probation/Swainsboro PD/ Middle Ga Probation, Parole violation; SPD

Sabrina Kay Jackson, 42, 3022 GA Hwy. 15, Vidalia; entered 6/12/2020; DUI/ refusal, failure to yield right of way; released 6/12/2020; SPD

Steven Eugene Lewis, 52, 245 Brown St.; entered 6/13/2020; Disorderly conduct; released 6/15/2020; SPD

Jay Jay Cody Pace, 24, 1257 Lambs Bridge Rd.; entered 6/14/2020; Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/14/2020; SPD

## Swainsboro Police Reports

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

#### June 4

Victim reported financial transaction card theft and financial transaction card fraud.

#### June 5

Officer made an arrest in reference to theft by taking. Complainant reported a dispute.

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officers to an address on Williams Street in reference to a fight in progress

Officer was dispatched to a Lee Street address in reference to a report of obscene communication-fighting words.

Officer was dispatched to an address on South Anderson Drive in reference to a dispute.

Officers responded to an address on South Main Street in reference to a shoplifting offense.

Officer made a traffic stop. During the traffic stop, officer learned the driver was operating the involved vehicle with a suspended license. An arrest was made.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a distracted driver/ hands free violation. During the traffic stop, officer learned the driver was operating the vehicle with a suspended license. An arrest was made.

Officers were dispatched to the area of Lee Street in reference to a report of shots fired.

fired. Officer was dispatched by Emanuel County 911 to an address on Center Street in reference to a dispute.

Officer made an arrest in reference to a served warrant.

Officer was dispatched to an address on Sutton Drive in reference to a dispute.

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

Officer responded to an address on North Coleman Street in reference to criminal trespass of private property. June 9

Complainant reported a simple battery offense.

Officers were dispatched to an address on South Racetrack Street in reference to a report of shots fired.

Complainant reported a theft by conversion offense. Officers were dispatched

to the area of Rentz Street in reference to a simple battery offense.

Complainant reported a stalking offense.

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officer to an address on King Circle Drive in reference to an unwanted person.

Officers responded to an address on Gumlog Road in reference to a simple battery offense.

Officers were dispatched by Emanuel County 911 to an addre4ss on East Pine Street in reference to a report of shots fired. Iune 10

Officers were dispatched Officer responded to an to an address on Washingaddress on North Coleman ton Avenue in reference to criminal trespass of private property.

Complainant reported criminal trespass of private property. June 13

Officer responded to a West Moring Street address in reference to a simple battery offense.

Officer responded to an address on Market Street in reference to another simple battery offense.

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

June 14

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle being operated with only one headlight. During the traffic stop, officer learned that the driver was operating the vehicle with a suspended/ revoked license.

Officer was dispatched to a North Anderson Drive address in reference to a dispute.

Officer responded to an address on Kite Road in reference to a report involving a simple battery offense and aggravated assault with use of a weapon.

Officer was dispatched to an address on King Circle Drive in reference to harassing phone calls and criminal trespass of private property.

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

Officer was dispatched to an address on North Racetrack Street in reference to a report involving stalking.

Officer responded to a South Racetrack Street address in reference to criminal

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Complainant report-

respond-Deputies ed to a 911 phone call involving a domestic dispute at a New Life Road address.

Complainant reported a counterfeit offense.

June 15

Complainant reported a civil dispute.

Complainant ported striking a deer while traveling within an area of Pedelton Springs Road.

Deputies assisted GSP with a single-vehicle crash.

# SPD cites one for DUI

According to Swainsboro Police Department, Brent Chase4 Allen, 21, of Dublin was arrested June 6 at 12:20 a.m.



or stolen tag. June 12 Deputies responded

ertv.

Deputies with Emanuel County Sher-June 11 Victim reported a lost

Street Ext. in reference to a dispute.

#### June 6

Officer responded to an address on South Main Street in reference to terroristic threats and acts.

Officer made an arrest in reference to DUI and improper stopping on roadway.

Officer responded to the area of Roberts Street in reference to theft by taking.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to an expired tag. The offending party attempted to flee, which led to a foot pursuit.

#### June 7

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a driver operating a vehicle without a tag displayed. It was further reported that the offending driver's license was suspended.

Officer responded to a North Main Street address in reference to criminal trespass.

Officer responded to an address on Hopkins Street in reference to damaged property.

Complainant reported a dispute.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle being operated with an expired tag. During the traffic stop, officer learned the driver's license was suspended. An arrest was made.

#### June 8

Officer was dispatched to the area of New Street in reference to a report of shots

Officer responded to the area of South Main Street in reference to a reckless driving offense and an unknown offender leaving the scene of an accident with injury/ damage involved.

Officers were dispatched to a North Anderson Drive address in reference to financial transaction card fraud.

Officer responded to an address on Industrial Way in reference to criminal trespass.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to an uninsured vehicle.

#### June 11

Officer responded to an address on North Coleman Street in reference to a miscellaneous report.

Officer responded to an address on Pratt Avenue in reference to a battery offense and criminal trespass of private property.

Complainant reported financial transaction card fraud.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to an expired tag. During the traffic stop, officer learned the driver to be in possession of marijuana (less than an oz.) and was driving with suspended/revoked license. An arrest was made.

Officer made an arrest in reference to possession of marijuana and a served warrant. June 12

trespass of private property. Complainant reported a damaged vehicle.

Officer responded to a South Anderson Drive address in reference to a simple battery offense.

June 15

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle being operated without lights. During the traffic stop, officer learned the driver's license was suspended/revoked. An arrest was made.

# Driver air-lifted following crash

#### by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

On Tuesday, June 9, shortly after 5 p.m., Emanuel County EMS, sheriff's deputies, firefighters with Squad 1 from Swainsboro, and troopers from Georgia State Patrol Post 19 were dispatched to McLeod Bridge Road past Parham Road for a crash.

First-arriving units found an overturned Ford Explorer had struck a tree and was covered in vines laying in the ditch. The driver, a 17-year-old male with traumatic injuries, was still in the upside-down vehicle. He was extricated from the vehicle and transported to Swainsboro Airport by EMS and flown to the Augusta trauma center by Air-Evac. The crash was investigated by Georgia State Patrol.



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# Editorials Columns \_\_\_\_\_ Pets

A recent letter I received from Emanuel County Humane Society brought back memories of the many cats and dogs I owned and loved in my childhood. Also, this brought thoughts of the many stray and homeless animals who were not fortunate in finding a forever home. Packs of starving stray dogs collected around dumpsters and were a threat to go near. At that earlier time, the only solution was a "dog catcher" to come with a rifle. Cats had an even worse struggle to exist. They would bring their skinand-bones bodies to anywhere they might find food only to be shooed away or harmed. I refuse to even mention the fate of unwanted kittens and puppies. These animals were a threat to others since thy had no health

care or vaccinations and reproduced rapidly. Few were destined to become pets. This was painful to many of us, but how could it be handled?

An answer and an example came forth. In the mid 1970s, Mrs. Betty Gambrell used a handy house in a fenced yard to help animals in need. Of course, she could not change the lives of every homeless animal in Emanuel County—but she could help the ones who fit into her handy house. It was one small step for compassion for animals and one giant leap for humanity for all creatures great and small. If that probably sounds a bit like a quote of Neil Armstrong when he stepped onto the moon, I am sure he would approve. Today, homeless Emanuel animals have County

a "no-kill" facility providing tender loving care, treatments, rescues, along with spaying and neutering and placement in forever homes. This is supervised by a dedicated board of directors, caring volunteers, and supported by donations by you and me. I hope you will keep Emanuel County Humane Society close to your hearts.

Now on a lighter tone, I have a true story to tell about a cat that must have nine lives for she has already used five.

When she was a kitten, she lived with a couple who owned a small store in downtown Mauldin, South Carolina, a small town near Greenville. She was named Muffin and lived happily in the store until several years later, the couple retired and gave Muffin to a customer friend. For reasons unknown, this did not work out as a forever home. I was asked to find a home for Muffin. My neighbor had been looking for a mature, loving, lap cat. The new owner liked everything except her name and for the next several years, she was called only Kitty. Sadly, this owner, Janet, had an accident and lost her life. Immediately another neighbor said, "I want the cat." Kitty went to live with owner four who felt being called Kitty was impersonal, so she became Lulu. After a few weeks, the new owner found thar her increased allergies were from cat dander. Another owner came forward whose cat had just died, and she had never had a cat allergy. The new owner found the name Lulu too frivolous for this digni-

# Shirley Proctor Twiss



fied cat and only called her Baby.

Wait for it. There is more. One evening, Baby darted out the door and ran away. The two previous owners were heartbroken. For weeks, I helped search, put up posters, and follow false leads but found no Baby.

Six weeks later, my friend who had been owner of Lulu received a text with a photo of a cat. A woman in Mauldin had found the cat wearing a collar and tag with the name and phone number of her next to last owner. We drove to Maudlin in the dark of night to bring her home to the last owner who was so happy and vowed that Baby would never get near the door again.

Two questions: How did she get to get to Mauldin, which is 15 miles from her last home? Was she looking for her first home in Mauldin? She will never tell, and we are just thankful that Muffin-Kitty-LuLu-Baby still has four of her nine lives still left.

Remember, rescues are wonderful pets. Shirley may be reached at sptwiss@gmail.com.

### Remembering Dad on his special day

from the endless angst and anguish over racial issues, the uncertainty of the status of COVID-19, faulty voting machines and who is to blame, political campaigns that

Let us pause a moment hemorrhaging state budget and no Major League baseball. Sunday is Father's Day. What better time to pay homage to a special group of unsung heroes — dads.

I used to say that withseem to have no end, a out dads there would

#### be no moms, but given a world I increasingly don't understand, I guess somebody has probably figured out how to make babies without dad's help. I really don't want to know.

It is on Father's Day

I find myself measuring my accomplishments as a father against my own dad's. I always fall short. Far short.

When my dad died in 1984, he owned a little five-room house valued at \$12,000 and an \$800 life insurance policy. That was his total estate. This, after having worked for one company - Railway Express Agency - for 49 years and 4 months.

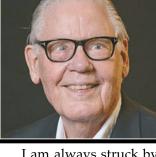
He worked outside and at night most of those years right up to his retirement. In that time, which I calculate to be 2,596 weeks, he missed exactly 3 of those weeks and not one day more due to being hospitalized for an appendectomy. Today, that would probably be an outpatient procedure, if they even do such things anymore.

Clearly, he was not fi-

Dick Yarbrough

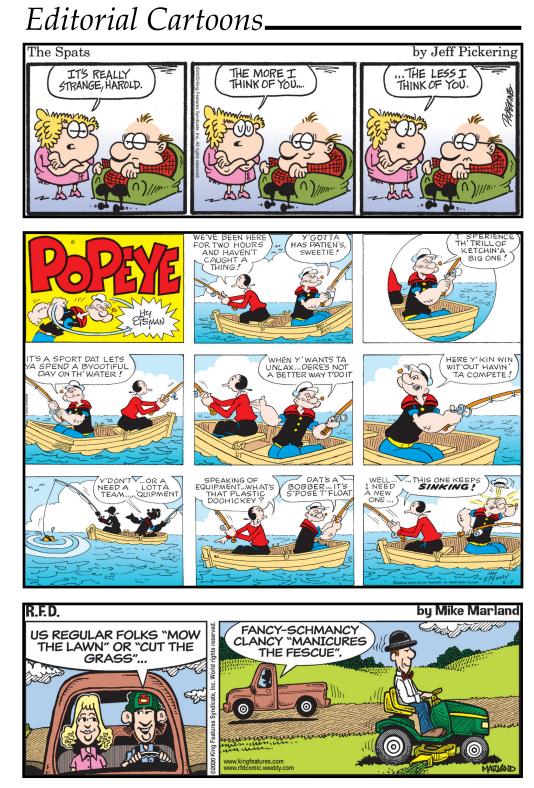
model for my brother, Bob, and me. Our dad wasn't a touchy-feely guy but we knew how much he loved us even if he didn't say it. We didn't go fishing with him or play pitch in the backyard or take family camping trips. Instead, we saw how hard he worked and observed his integrity, his honesty and his ability to discern right from wrong which no amount of rationalization could change — and believe me, I tried.

He wasn't all business all the time, however. Like most dads, his jokes were corny and oft-repeated even though he



I am always struck by the surroundings where dad goofs up - usually a very nice and well-appointed home, sometimes even with a swimming pool. I wonder how the family ended up in such a place, if not through dad's hard work. Or did Mom inherit the place from her own goofy father? Plus, if her husband is so inept and she is so smart, why did she marry him in the first place?

In a time when racial equality is on everyone's minds, I am pleased to report that I am beginning to see black dads doing dumb stuff in television commercials while their own families shake their heads at their foibles. That's a relief. For a while I thought only white guys could be the ignoramuses. Watch out, Asians, you could be next. I guess in today's stifling politically correct world, dads are about the last target left that we can twit without righteous indignation from special interest groups or social media protests. There is no Dads' Lives Matter or #dad,too. We're just plain old dads. And proud of it. Happy Father's Day to all. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com; at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dickyarb.



nancially astute. I suspect he had a lot of opportunities to invest in the stock market or buy real estate or set up savings accounts over his lifetime. He did none of these things and I never knew why. I think had I asked him, he would have said that financial investments were not as important to him as investing in his family, which he did to the max.

While he had only a seventh grade education and a hard-scrabble upbringing, he lived long enough to see both his boys graduate from college and go on to successful careers in their respective fields. That was investment enough for him.

He was a great role

acted as if he was telling them for the first time. We played along with him. He enjoyed his own jokes too much to spoil the fun.

Like our national anthem and the American flag, respect for dads has been in a decline for some time. Watch television commercials. Have you noticed that it is usually the father who is the bumbler, only to be rescued from his bonehead mistakes by a patient and understanding wife and their two bemused kids? It is after we dads have been properly demeaned that the advertiser tries to sell us something. I've never quite grasped the logic of that. I guess they think we are too dumb to see the irony.



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DEPUTY CHECKS OUT CRASHED RAM AS **OTHER EMERGENCY WORKERS HELP THE** VICTIM



WRECKER PREPARES TO LOAD INVOLVED NISSAN

One injured in Highway 121 North crash, no injuries in Highway 80 East crash

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

The male driver of a 2009 four-door Dodge RAM pick-up truck was transported to Emanuel Medical Center following a single vehicle crash.

At 5:30 p.m., Emanuel County firefighters from Twin City, EMS, and sheriff's deputies were sent to Highway 121 North for a crash. Units arrived to find the southbound truck had crossed the northbound lane, struck a concrete culvert, and ended up in the ditch. Deputies investigated the crash.

Earlier in the afternoon, a four-door Nissan Altima 2.5S sedan travelling westbound on Highway 80 East crossed the eastbound side of the road and crashed into the embankment. No injuries were reported. Emanuel County sheriff's traffic unit handled the investigation.

### Local pantry announces June distribution date

Summertown Food Pantry will be open Thursday, June 25, from 1:30 until 4 p.m. at Summertown Baptist Church.

# ogs as yard ornaments

Emanuel County Humane Society

I have a question for the dog owners of this community: How much quality time do you spend with your dog? If you have a house dog, I'm sure you spend lots of time together. However, if you have a yard dog, how much time do you spend with it? Is your dog getting to spend the time with you that it deserves, or has your yard dog just become a 'yard ornament?"

Is your dog penned or chained up in a small corner of your yard? It is sad to say, but I see this all over this town and the community. The dog sits there day after day with very little space to roam in and nothing to do but bark when it sees something. It is seldom taken off the chain or turned out to run. On the average, I would say many of these dogs may receive 10 minutes a day or less of human contact, and that's when they are fed and watered. If you can't spend quality time with your dog, why do you even have one? If you want a yard ornament, go to the dollar store and buy one. It is a lot cheaper and easier to care for.

After all of us have had to "shelter in place" for several months because of COVID-19, I would hope you have a better understanding of how your dog must feel penned up day after day. How did it affect you mentally and physically? How many days did it take before you were bored or went "stir crazy?" Now maybe you can relate to your dog's feelings. (Yes, dogs do have feelings.)

As a responsible pet owner, it is very important for you to meet the physical and mental needs of your pet. You should see that your pet has its basic needs

by SHARI WATT, contact. They need quality time with you. Play with them. Take them on long walks. Spend some time loving on them and just talking to them. Give them that human contact they need. If you have had a bad day and need someone to talk to, tell your dog your troubles. (They can be very good listeners.)

If you need a place for your dog to run off that extra energy, why not take it to our dog park in Swainsboro? It is a great place to let your dog run off that penned up energy. It is a great place to meet other dogs and meet their owners. The summertime temperatures are on the rise, and the dog park can be a hot place to visit, so I suggest you may want to visit in the mornings or late afternoons. Before the pandemic hit, the Emanuel County Humane Society had plans to build covers over the benches and plant shade trees. We hope to get started back on this project soon. Daily, I pass by the dog

park and see dogs playing in the park. Some of you are frequent visitors. To those, I would like to say "thank you" for spending quality time with your dog. Now, for all those dog owners who don't make the time for your dog, why do you have a dog? It deserves a better life. Please don't let it be just another "yard ornament!"

It has been proven that by having a four-legged friend around helps to lower blood pressure and helps to reduce stress. It also helps with loneliness. If you take your dog on long walks every day, it helps get your heart rate up, which helps to strengthen your heart and whole body. You may even lose weight. Spending some extra time with your dog every day could lead to a healthier and happier life for you and your dog. Your dog also will reward you with affection, love, and loyalty. So, what are you waiting for? Go grab that leash, and you and your dog can share some quality time together. Don't let your dog just be a "yard ornament." Take good care of your dog and make it a daily habit to spend quality time with your dog. You won't regret it.



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Kennesaw State Uni- at least 3.5 were named to the list.

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BREWER	704	KARRH	817	BOHLKE	17
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BRANTLEY	23	ONLY		SAMMONS	7
DURDEN	73			SINGLETON	2
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		BOHLKE	162		
DISTRICT ATT	ORNEY	HICKMAN	196	MAGISTRATE J	UDGE
FITZNER	818	PALMER	516	BRADDY	93
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STATE SENATE — DIS. 23

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PALMER	
SAMMONS	
SINGLETON	

STATE SENATE ·	– DIS. 4
BOHLKE	176
HICKMAN	208
PALMER	690
SINGLETON	44

SPECIAL STATE SENATE

186

245 822

204

62

TOTALS ARE COUNTY-WIDE. THESE NUMBERS ARE INCLUDED IN "ELECTION RESULTS BY PRECINCT."

#### FINAL TALLIES: LOCAL ELECTIONS

<u>%</u>

SHERIFF		<u>%</u>
BREWER	3024	59.59%
DAVIS	1627	32.06%
RINER	424	9.35%
BRANTLEY	184	16.24%
DURDEN	544	48.01%
SMITH	405	35.75%
DISTRICT ATTO	RNEY	<u>%</u>
FITZNER	3246	68.22%

KARRH	3562	60.75%	
SMITH	2301	39.25%	
TOTALS FOR EMANUEL ONLY			
STATE SENATE — DIS. 4 %			
BOHLKE	530	16.52%	
HICKMAN	755	23.53%	
	/55	25.5570	
PALMER	1823	56.81%	

TOTALS FOR EMANUEL ONLY

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

STATE SENATE -	– DIS. 23	%
ALLEN	582	37.87%
BURNS	955	62.13%
TOTALS FOR EMANUEL ONLY		
SPECIAL STATE SENATE %		
BOHLKE	582	14.40%
HICKMAN	815	20.16%
PALMER	2017	49.89%
SAMMONS	483	11.95
SINGLETON	146	3.61%
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MAGISTRAT	E JUDGE	<u>%</u>
BRADDY	3800	80.03%
CLIFTON	948	19.97%
JONES	1173	100%

TOTALS FOR EMANUEL ONLY

VAN

1512 31.78%

#### **REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES' NAMES IN RED, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES' NAMES IN BLUE**

IN ORDER TO WIN OUT OF A PRIMARY ELECTION THAT HAS 3 CANDIDATES OR MORE, ONE CANDIDATE HAS TO RECEIVE 50% PLUS 1 VOTE TO AUTOMATICALLY REPRESENT HIS/HER GIVEN PARTY IN THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. IF NO CANDIDATE REACHES THE 50% PLUS 1 QUALIFICATION, A RUNOFF WILL BE REQUIRED. RUNOFF ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AUGUST 11.

#### INDIVIDUALS HEADING TO AUGUST 11 RUNOFF ARE HIGHLIGHTED GREEN.

OUTRIGHT PARTY WINNERS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION HAVING MET 50% PLUS 1 REQUIREMENT ARE HIGHLIGHTED YELLOW. THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL APPEAR ON VOTERS' BALLOTS IN NOVEMBER FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTIES.

#### FINAL TALLIES — OTHER ELECTIONS

PRESIDENTIAL			
CANDIDATE	TOTAL	%	
RUMP	4429	100%	
ENNETT	9	0.76%	
IDEN	1034	87.55%	
LOOMBERG	6	0.51%	
UTTGIGE	2	0.17%	
ELANEY	6	0.51%	
ABBARD	3	0.25%	
LOBUCHAR	0	0.00%	
ATRICK	1	0.08%	
ANDERS	84	7.11%	
TEYER	13	1.10%	
VARREN	20	1.69%	
ANG	3	0.25%	
NUMBERS FOR EMANUEL ONLY.			

SHERIFF

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY** 

MAGISTRATE JUDGE

898

560

181

84

238

206

1112

1272

311 550

476

BREWER

DAVIS

RINER

BRANTLEY

DURDEN

SMITH

FITZNER

BRADDY

CLIFTON

JONES

MAY

#### NUMBERS FOR EMANUEL ONLY.

 EMANUEL COUNTY STATE COURT

 JUDGE

 CANDIDATE TOTAL %

 MCNEELY (I) 5555 100.00%

 RE-ENTERS UNOPPOSED

 GREY NAME INDICATES NON-PARTISAN

EMANUEL COUNTY CLERK OF COURT CANDIDATE TOTAL % HALL (I) 4461 100.00% RE-ENTERS UNOPPOSED

EMANUEL COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE TOTAL % WRIGHT (I) 4572 100.00% RE-ENTERS UNOPPOSED

EMANUEL COUNTY CORONER CANDIDATE TOTAL <u>%</u> PEEBLES (I) 4501 100.00%

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EMANUEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION — DISTRICT 1 CANDIDATE TOTAL % HENRY (I) 764 100.00% RE-ENTERS UNOPPOSED GREY NAME INDICATES NON-PARTISAN

EMANUEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION — DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATE TOTAL <u>%</u> BROWN (I) 917 100.00% RE-ENTERS UNOPPOSED GREY NAME INDICATES NON-PARTISAN

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EMANUEL COUNTY COMMISSIONER –
DISTRICT 1
CANDIDATE TOTAL <u>%</u>
DAVIS (I) 345 100.00%
RE-ENTERS UNOPPOSED
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EMANUEL COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATE TOTAL % FOSKEY (I) 1000 100.00% RE-ENTERS UNOPPOSED

EMANUEL COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE

CANDIDATE TOTAL % WILKES (I) 5634 100.00% RE-ENTERS UNOPPOSED GREY NAME INDICATES NON-PARTISAN

EMANUEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION — DISTRICT 7 CANDIDATE TOTAL <u>%</u> BAILEY (I) 774 100.00% RE-ENTERS UNOPPOSED GREY NAME INDICATES NON-PARTISAN



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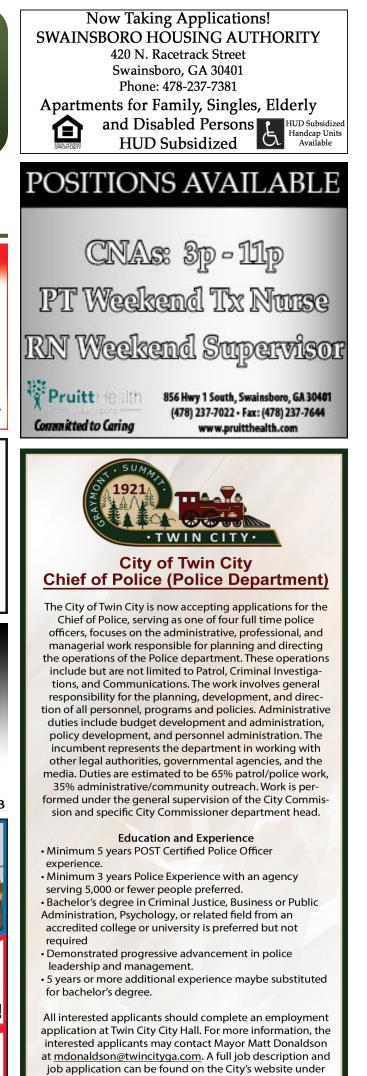
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- Maintains records of accidents and investigations.
- Investigates traffic accidents, questions drivers and witnesses, and assist injured;
- Records pertinent data describing scene and circumstances.

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# Legals

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of WAN-DA ANN PHILLIPS, decedent late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, are hereby by notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This the 19<sup>Th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020 Judge Don E. Wilkes

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANU-EL 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

Cendy L. Lee, Administrator of the Estate of Carl Lee, Sr., decedent Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANU-EL 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

This 26<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>EMANUEL</u> COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF <u>GLENNIS L. ALLSTON</u>, ES-TATE NO. <u>17E0058</u> DECEASED

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 Clerk, and filing fees must Court 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

Clerk of the Probate Court <u>P.O. Box 70 / 125 S. Main Street</u> <u>Swainsboro, Ga. 30401</u> Address <u>478-237-7091</u> Telephone Number | IN THE PROBATE COURT

#### OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF DUSTIN CHASE WILSON, ES-TATE NO. 19E0077 DECEASED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF AD-MINISTRATION

MINISTRATION NOTICE TO: <u>SHAY HARRELL</u> and whom it

IO: <u>SHAY HARKELL</u> and whom it may concern: <u>LAKELAN ERNEST WILSON</u> has

<u>LAKELAN EKNEST WILSON</u> has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of <u>DUSTIN</u> <u>CHASE WILSON</u> 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 <u>10:00 A. M. June</u> 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. <u>SHAWN RHODES</u> Judge of the Probate Court By:Jeanie Hooks Clerk of the Probate Court P.O. Box 70 / 125 S. Main Street Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 Address 478-237-7091 Telephone Number

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF DORSEY LEE LOVETT SR., ES-TATE NO. 20E0034 DECEASED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF AD-MINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: <u>FELICIA DENISE LOVETT</u> and to whom it may concern:

SHARON LOVETT BOWERS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of <u>DORSEY</u> <u>LEE LOVETT SR.</u> 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.

**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. <u>DON E. WILKES</u> Judge of the Probate Court By: Jeanie Hooks Clerk of the Probate Court <u>PO. Box 70 / 125 S. Main Street</u> <u>Swainsboro, Ga. 30401</u> Address <u>478-237-7091</u> Telephone Number



(L-R) ALLEN AND D. PATRICK

# Swainsboro Kiwanis Club's holds book drive Allen, bag later during the To become a member

Swainsboro Kiwanis Club board of directors member and Family Connection Coordinator for Emanuel County, recently sponsored a book drive among members of the local Kiwanis Club. All members were encouraged to bring old or new books to the club's recent meeting. These books will be given to area children along with a goody

summer. The club collected 197 books at their meeting with Deana Patrick, a member of the board of directors, being the top contributor. For her efforts, Deana received a "Grill and Chill" Dairy Queen gift card. Deana and her husband Frank Patrick, also a Kiwanis member, are going to buy treats for the Franklin Memorial Library staff.

of our club, contact Jane Durden, membership chair, at 478-494-4113 or email her at hsdurden@ bellsouth.net. New member registration fees are being suspended now through September 30, so now is the time to join. To learn more about Swainsboro Kiwanis Club and its many community service projects, visit the Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.



PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR ADMINISTRA-TOR NOTICE

TO: <u>LOUIS NEAL LEE</u> and to whom it may concern:

ANTÓNETTE LEE has petitioned to be appointed Successor Administrator of the estate of <u>GLENNIS L.</u> <u>ALLSTON</u> 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 134 Anderson Dr 34 acres Bobby Fortner Rd, Kite

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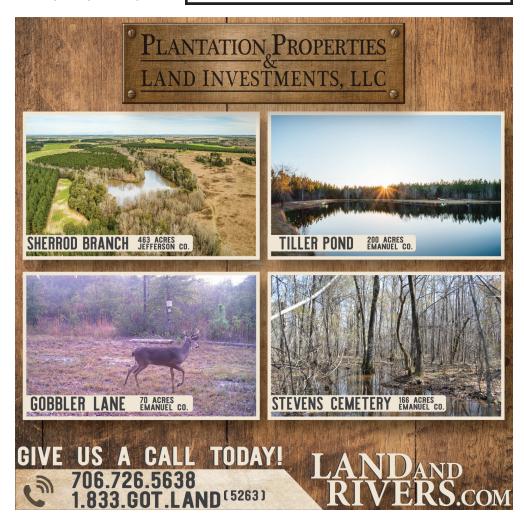
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## News from the ground up: Twin City water tower receives fresh paint

With recent, continuous renovations going on within Twin City, the most recent update to occur in this small town was featured with footage via Facebook on Emanuel County Live, *The Forest-Blade*'s social media site.

On Wednesday, June 3, newsroom editor and webmaster Whitley Clifton harnessed up and climbed the Church Street water tower to provide live footage of the improvement, which includes detailed cleaning and repainting of the tower. In addition to providing details on changes made, aerial photographs were taken of the city for viewers' pleasure. Of course, authorization was needed in order for this to take place; Tank Pro Inc. and Twin City's former chief of police, Randal Beach, are to thank for granting permission.

The job has since been completed and reflects the town in a positive manner, sporting a fresh coat of paint honoring the ECI Bulldogs. Be sure to visit Emanuel County Live to view the posted footage.

Please note, climbing any water tower without proper authorization is not encouraged to civilians as it is a felony crime. Also, proper safety equipment is important and must be worn to prevent chances of injury.



VIEW FROM ATOP THE TOWER: CITY HALL AND TWIN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



VIEW FROM ATOP THE TOWER: DURDEN BANK



VIEW FROM ATOP THE TOWER: GROUNDS OF ECI





VIEW FROM ATOP THE TOWER: ROUNTREE STADIUM

CLIFTON WITH TANK PRO INC. EMPLOYEE, AND BEACH

### **Question:** *What is a mesh network?*

Answer:

A mesh network is where you have a number of access points and they are all communicating with each other and spreading the wireless signal from them. This in turn gives better coverage through your network area.

There are a number of wireless mesh network devices now available. They usually have three or more units in them and then you set up the units through where you want the signal sent. Then, since they are near each other, they are all sending out and sharing back and forth and give you strong signals over a larger area.

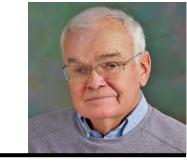
The principle in mesh networks is similar to how your cellular service works so you

Dwight Watt

bounce from tower to tower and as a user never realize you have changed receiving points to the cellular network.

With the mesh networks used at home, I am seeing people report better service in areas further from the main point such as in the basement or by the swimming pool.

The mesh network is definitely something to consider when you need a new wireless router if what you have currently leaves areas



you want reception with poor or not adequate service.

Send questions about computers to Watt's email, *dwight@dwightwatt.com*, and tell him you read this in this paper. He will pick a question to answer each week.

Dwight Watt does computer work for businesses, individuals, and organizations and teaches about computers at a college in northwest Georgia. His webpage is *www.dwightwatt. com.* 



### crashed toyota camry Two injured in Sunday morning wreck

#### by Bill Cahill, SFD PIO

Two people from Sandersville were injured in an early morning crash on Highway 80 East. Around 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 14, 911 was notified of a rollover with ejection and injuries at 3291 Highway 80 East. Emanuel County EMS, firefighters from Twin City, Sheriff's deputies, and Georgia State Patrol were dispatched.

Arriving on scene, EMS found a 30-year-old male with serious injuries after being ejected and requested an Air-Evac helicopter and an additional ambulance. After being treated and spinal immobilized on a back board, he was

transported by EMS to the ECI ball field in Twin City where he was transferred to the helicopter and flown to Augusta. The 30-year-old female driver was transported by EMS to East Georgia Medical Center in Statesboro with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Toyota Camry four-door sedan was heading eastbound when it when off road, struck a mailbox, crossed a driveway, and overturned. This is an example of the value of wearing seat belts, the driver was restrained while the passenger was unrestrained and ejected during the rollover. Georgia State Patrol investigated the crash.

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