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CED SEABROUGH (LEFT) AND FRED SEABROUGH (RIGHT) WITH ON NC STATE CAMPUS LAST YEAR

Seabroughs commit to NC State

by HALEI LAMB

A little more than a month ago, twins Fred and Ced Seabrough were undecided about where they would spend their collegiate years. Multiple schools were after the brothers, yet they kept their options open. That changed over the week-end, however, when the Seabroughs officially committed to NC State.

In an interview Monday night, Ced vouched the decision was not one he and his brother took lightly. It took the two months to whittle their list down to the top 3, then another two weeks before they decided on their school of choice.

“We really started trying to make a decision in the last few weeks. We had originally planned to commit at a later time, but COVID-19 impacted recruiting a lot. Plus, this whole virus has taught everybody you never know what’s going to happen. With that in mind, we wanted to be prepared, focus on football, and get better, so we went ahead and chose,” Ced explained. “Fred

and I had a lot of conversations one-on-one about our top 3, which ended up being Coastal Carolina, Western Kentucky, and NC State obviously. Once we got that far, we sat down with our family and talked it over, and now we’re here. NC State just felt like the right place.”

Read any of the numerous NC State football blogs and you’ll find the general consensus by Pack fans is that NC State had good fortune in scoring the twins, but what you *can’t* call it is luck. Ced expounded on their top reasons for choosing the Raleigh-based school, starting with the fact that NC State’s coaching staff has shown “nothing but love” from the jump.

“Fred and I had a big game last year against Washington County. Somebody made us a highlight reel and did an interview with us after that game. NC State started hitting us hard then and never stopped. The amount of love they showed us from the beginning helped make our decision a lot easier.”

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Commercial cardboard increase, fire department pay, local crime, and refusal of services by JACOBS discussed at Monday night meeting

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

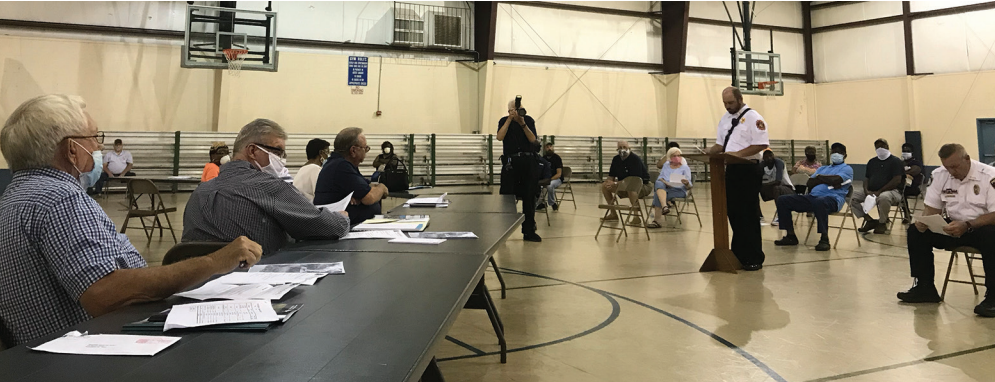
Council members and Mayor Charles Schwabe of Swainsboro convened Monday, July 6, at 6 p.m. at the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Billy C. Carmichael Recreation Complex for their regular monthly meeting.

Donald Jenkins led the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all prior to entering the night’s agenda.

Minutes from the last city council meeting were then reviewed and approved by council members with Johnny Ray Stafford motioning for approval and Julian Sconyers seconding.

With no consent matters to discuss, council entertained new business, which were as follows:

- Will Sullivan with Allgreen Services addressed council about a renewal contract. He stated the contract had expired as of April 1 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, contact



WARD, STANDING AT PODIUM, ADDRESSES COUNCIL ON MONDAY NIGHT

on the matter was postponed until Monday night’s meeting. He assured council that no price increase would be requested for commercial and residential garbage services, but that an increase of \$1.50 per cubic yard for commercial cardboard prices would be applied if council opted to enter the renewed contract. Ricky Stevens motioned to approve the renewal with Allgreen. Rita Faulkner seconded, and all council members voted in favor.

- Council then heard concerns from Swainsboro Fire Department employees

who addressed the board about recent hazard pay discussion as well as pay rate received by firefighters within the department.

Stating the insult felt after hearing comments regarding how fire personnel are viewed, Lieutenant/Training Officer James Ward, fire department employee for 12 years, was selected to speak to council by his fellow colleagues on the matter.

He advised that Swainsboro Fire Department is staffed with responders who are trained in a variety of categories that include not just fire but

hazardous materials and first responder services. He further stated that Swainsboro Fire Department’s hazmat team is recognized by the Department of Homeland Security as one of only a handful of response teams in the area. In addition to response to emergencies, fire personnel also provide training to other departments within the region and throughout the state of Georgia as well as teachers and children at local schools and respond to good intent calls.

Ward further reported that only 11 percent of

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Coronavirus cases increase again from last week, active count now up to 77

by HALEI LAMB

According to the county commissioners’ noon update before press time Tuesday, July 7, the total active cases of COVID-19 in Emanuel has now reached 77.

There have been 172 total confirmed cases. Ninety-one patients have recovered while four have died. Altogether, 2,241 patients have been tested; 381 of those patients are awaiting results.

This week’s active count of 77 is, like several previous weeks, another increase from that of previous one. The reports from last Tuesday, June 30, were as follows:

- 60 active cases
- 121 confirmed cases
- 57 recovered
- 1,798 total patients tested
- 304 patients awaiting results

The only number that did not increase from last week to this week is the number of deaths, which was 4 as of June 30 (and June 23) as well.

Although there has been an overall increase from last week to this week, there has been a slight decrease from this Monday, July 6, to yesterday, July 7, specifically relating to *active* cases. Monday’s

active case count stood at 80 and decreased by 3 to 77 reported on Tuesday.

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

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all response calls recorded for last year's services were fire while 61 percent of all responses from the fire department occurred between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. just last year.

After contacting approximately nine other departments of similar size to Swainsboro, Ward advised the average hourly starting pay for firefighters was estimated to be around \$10.75 and compared that pay to Swainsboro's starting pay of \$7.85 per hour.

"We have known for a while that we have been underpaid but chose to stay because we love this profession and our community. We would rather be the ones called upon when our friends and family are in need but without your support and fair wagers, we will not do it any longer," Ward stated to council.

Council responded by reminding the fire department of the large amount of money spent to provide needed equipment for responding personnel. W-2 forms from the highest paid fire personnel and lowest paid personnel were also presented during the night's session and indicated that the highest paid fire employee, not being the chief, was compensated \$80,500 and the lowest pay compensated was in the amount of \$45,042.

Council then expressed appreciation for the department and services provided by fire personnel and advised the matter will be further reviewed once entering budget season. Budgeting will begin during the month of August, and council promised Swainsboro Fire Department it would review compensation for fair pay.

• DiTanya Zamudio then addressed council with a request for permission for the formation of a neighborhood watch. She addressed council with concerns of local crimes within the area as well as vacant and abandoned structures needing to be removed, stating the said areas are “breeding grounds for crime and dangerous situations.” Mayor Schwabe and Swainsboro Police Chief Randy Ellison commended Zamudio on the matter and gave their full support.

Council also motioned for approval to bid prices for property clean-up to include the destruction of an abandoned house at one city-owned location and will continue looking into completing the same task with other owned properties within the city.

Other discussions held that were not included on the night's agenda included the following:

- Issues with fireworks still being set off during late night hours were addressed. Swainsboro Fire Department Chief Mike Strobridge advised that by Georgia law, it is legal to shoot fireworks until 9 p.m. He also advised that during the Fourth of July holidays, the curfew is slightly extended to 12 a.m. He stated that as of Sunday, July 5, it is unlawful to shoot fireworks after 12 a.m., and the

curfew is now set back to its standard curfew at 9 p.m.

- Faulkner proposed a motion regarding the wearing of masks, specifically asking this potential motion to simply be a recommendation to citizens within the city limits and in the general public in the City of Swainsboro. If passed, the motion would not be a mandate for citizens but instead an organized effort by city council to encourage citizens in these two given areas to wear masks voluntarily. The motion would show council's support for mask-wearing. Faulkner eventually made the motion, and all of council voted in favor.

• City Administrator Al Lawson addressed council with an internal problem faced by the City of Swainsboro with one of its contracted companies, JACOBS. According to the reported complaints of residents and council members, the company, who is contracted to perform public works for the City of Swainsboro, had been denying requests to perform services, under the pretense the requests were not covered under JACOBS' contract.

Such requests include correcting water drainage issues, potholes, ditch draining, washouts, sidewalk services, property clean-up of cemeteries and right-of-ways, and other similar matters. It was also stated that JACOBS has made changes to the contract within the last recent 45 days.

Mayor Schwabe advised council that JACOBS representatives had until the end of July to resolve issues and respond to requests before legal action would be pursued.

• Lastly, SPD Chief Ellison advised of recent crimes occurring within the area of Gumlog Street. He namely discussed a recent incident occurred this past weekend involving one victim who was shot but survived.

"We are losing too many young people, and we need everyone to join together," he further stated. To back up the seriousness of crime discussed, he advised of an 11-year-old child who was recently shot within the city limits just six weeks ago.

Unrico Lloyd, property owner of 540 Gumlog Street, also known as "Gilley's," was present to dispute Saturday's shooting that was out of his control. He advised that when calling to request for services due to trying to leave the location and lock up his property, he was advised to stay put until help was sent. Lloyd stated he waited for multiple hours before flagging down a law enforcement officer who had not been advised to respond to his multiple calls. This matter was addressed by Mayor Schwabe and Chief Ellison after the meeting was adjourned.

- Prior to ending the night's meeting, Mayor Schwabe reminded all of the importance for participating in the 2020 Census. Council then motioned for adjournment.



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**(L-R) JOHN WAGNER FROM WXRS, ALONG WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS
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LISTEN AS MEETING UNFOLDS**



SULLIVAN, AT PODIUM, SPEAKS ON BEHALF OF ALLGREEN SERVICES



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Four sentenced in superior court

During Emanuel County Superior Court's January 2020 term...

Donna Winters negotiated a plea of guilty on one count possession of meth and one count possession of drug-related objects. She was sentenced to four years probation and fined \$50.

Jeffrey Don Jackson negotiated a plea of guilty on one count possession of cocaine and one count suspended license. He was sentenced to four years probation and fined \$50. Jackson also faced one count driving the wrong way on a one-way; that count was deemed nol pros.

Dustin Ryan Osborn negotiated a plea of guilty on one count aggravated assault and one count battery. He was sentenced to 20 years probation.

Johnny Frank Reese negotiated a plea of guilty on one count aggravated assault reduced to family violence/battery and five counts third-degree cruelty to children. He was sentenced to six years probation.

Seabroughs commit to...

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er. The more we got to know the coaching staff, especially Coach [Todd] Goebbel, who works with the tight ends, the clearer it became. They check up on us every day, sometimes multiple times a day," Ced said. "They always shoot us straight, too. They never cut any corners. They didn't just tell us what we wanted to hear. They've been riding with us from the start, and we just really think they have our best interest at heart. The type of offense they run matches up with our game really well, and we think we'll be able to play early there. All of it just came together."

One other factor kept replaying in the twins' heads as they volleyed mentally about where to commit. Fred and Ced traveled to NC State last fall when the Wolfpack took on Clemson. There, they got the full gameday experience at Carter-Finley Stadium.

"It was so awesome! Every single coach made sure they introduced themselves that day, and they personally let us know they would be the ones working to make us the best versions of ourselves. That was important, but so were the fans. We recruits got to walk out on the field before the game, and the fans went crazy hyping us up! The stadium was so packed the bleachers up top were shaking. That moment proved to us that was the kind of atmosphere we want to be in."

Of course, athletics weren't the only factor that mattered for the brothers, who have been adamant all along they will not separate after high school. Both of them are interested in studying graphic design, so they vetted what kind of quali-

ty opportunities they would have to do that at NC State. They were also drawn to the general area of the school; Ced and his brother have done their homework on the Tarheel State, having a genuine appreciation for North Carolina being the fastest growing place for men right now. With that will come a bounty of opportunities for life after football.

Once the decision was finalized in their home, Ced sent a text to head coach Dave Doeren last Friday, July 3, who was, as to be expected, super stoked to receive the commitment from his three-star tight ends. "As soon as I sent him that text, he called us. He was so excited and wanted to make it official. He immediately welcomed us to the family, but we waited until July 4 to put it on social media. When we did, it blew up in a good way."

Pack faithful have taken to Twitter, Facebook, and message boards to express their delight. The twins' athleticism is a given draw for fans. Both brothers are around 6'4" and 220 lbs., and both had stellar junior years as Swainsboro High School Tigers. Ced caught 58 passes for 800 yards and 13 touchdowns while Fred had 37 passes for 703 yards and 8 scores. When fans consider those numbers *and* add in the fact that NC State will have an immediate need at tight end in 2021 with three players at that position scheduled to graduate, it's obvious why Pack Nation is thrilled to welcome the Swainsboro High School standouts.

As of this past weekend when they committed, Fred and Ced make up the 14th and 15th members of a strong 2021 recruiting class for NC State. Others in that class are three-star run-

ning back Demie Sumo; four-star quarterback Aaron McLaughlin; four-star wide receivers Julian Gray and Micah Crowell; three-star wide receiver Jakolbe Baldwin; four-star defensive end Travali Price; three-star long snapper/nose guard Jayden Tate; three-star defensive backs Mario Love, Sean Brown, and Nate Evans; three-star offensive linemen Jaleel Davis and Thornton Gentry; and three-star linebacker Camden Fordham. Many of those players Tweeted their support as soon as Fred and Ced publicized their commitment on social media, and the brothers were soon added to a Snapchat group with all their fellow 2021 commits.

"The coaching staff is one thing. They've become like our second family," Ced commented, "but we've really gotten a lot of love from our future teammates, too. We know we made the right decision. We're not sure when we'll arrive on campus yet after graduation next year; we have the opportunity to go early, but we haven't thought that far ahead. No matter what, we're ready to get to Raleigh, work hard, and make our family and our hometown proud."

On the short-term agenda, the twins are giving their best effort at summer workouts for the upcoming season. Despite committing, they plan to remain multi-sport athletes at Swainsboro. The brothers still have some important goals to check off their list, namely staying healthy, winning a championship in football, and getting another ring for basketball. In the meantime, you can count on them to keep impressing—and to be looking forward to National Signing Day to officially "pick the Pack."



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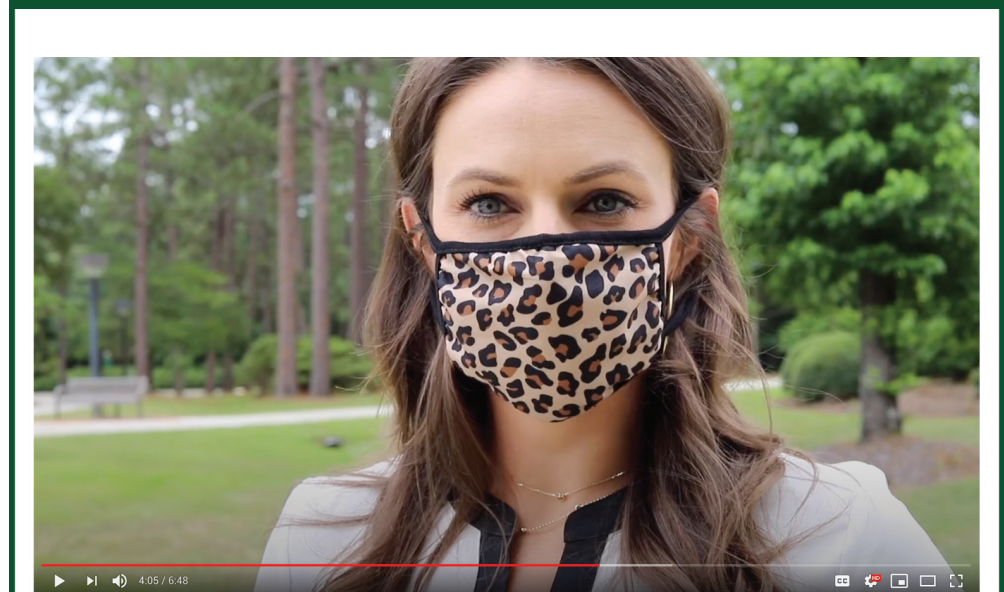
The health and safety of all members of our EGSC family is extremely important. That is why the college has produced this video explaining the health and safety measures everyone on our campuses will be following this fall. I am, also, sending a link to this video today to all of our faculty, staff and students today. (The link can be found below!)

Our entire faculty and staff is excited about the rapidly approaching start of fall semester. All of us are working hard to assure that there is a healthy and safe environment on campus. I thought you would like to see this video as one example of the positive steps being taken to accomplish that.

In the meantime, please stay healthy and safe.


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Anthony “Andy” Walden Worthington, 81

Mr. Anthony Walden “Andy” Worthington, 81, resident of Swainsboro, died Sunday morning, July 5, 2020 at his residence.

Mr. Anthony “Andy” Walden Worthington was born in Emanuel County, son of the late William “Ed” Worthington and Lucille Walden. He was a graduate of Swainsboro High School’s Class of 1956 and a graduate of Emanuel County Junior College after he returned from military service on the G.I. Bill. He had graduated from Brewton Parker College and Georgia Southern University. He managed Sam’s Drive-In and was retired from the Middle Judicial Circuit as a state probation officer. Worthington had served as a major in the Georgia State Defense Force. He also coached at Dixie Youth League, volunteered at Swainsboro Primary School, and assisted with the Accelerated Reader program for many years. Worthington was a member of Kite Baptist Church and attended Ebenezer United Methodist Church.

Graveside services for Worthington were held Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Reverend Ray Jenkins and Reverend Louis Pearce officiating. Pallbearers were



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Gary Mason, Wendy Underwood, Mark Price, Billy Boulineau, Billy Overstreet, and Jonathon Scott. Honorary pallbearers were the Swainsboro High School Class of 1956.
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CDC guidelines were enforced which included wearing of masks and social distancing of 6’ apart.
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pruitt Hospice, 667 S. Main Street, Swainsboro, GA, 30401 in memory of Mr. Anthony “Andy” Walden Worthington.
Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Davis Worthington; two daughters, Andrea Elizabeth Worthington Henry and Ree Worthington Berry; son, Samuel A. Worthington; seven grandchildren, one great-grandson; and brother, William (Billy) Worthington.
Arrangements were by Tomlinson Funeral Home and Crematory of Swainsboro.

George Frank Kirkland Sr., 75

A graveside service for George Frank Kirkland Sr., 75 of Summertown, was held Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at Summertown United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Lamar Kersey officiating. The family received friends Thursday, July 2, 2020 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. The family received friends after the service at Summertown Community Center. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, the 6’ rule was enforced during the viewing and service. He passed away Monday, June 29, 2020 at his residence following an extended illness.

Mr. George Frank Kirkland Sr. was born June 12, 1945 in Emanuel County to the late Jessie Benjamin Kirkland and Jane Ellen Moxley Kirkland. He loved farming, fishing, hunting, and gardening. He was of the Baptist faith. Kirkland was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Sandra Hale Kirkland; brothers, Jake Kirkland, Ben Kirkland, and Gene Kirkland; and sister, Janie Butler.

Survivors include his sons, George (Donna) Kirkland of Midville, Dennis (Meisha) Kirkland of Summertown, and Thomas (Ashley) Kirkland of Statesboro;



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daughter, Denise Kirkland Wheeler of Summertown; brother, Bill Kirkland of Midville; sisters, Pearl Burch of Edgeville, South Carolina, Nellie (Bill) Beasley of Augusta, Lena Wood of Augusta, and Martha (Jerry) Register of North Augusta, South Carolina; grandchildren, Morgan, Denny, Cassy, and Cane; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Pallbearers were Denny Lyn, Wyatt Johnson, Windy Underwood, Jimmy Atkins, Chesley Flanders, and Jim Sherrod. Honorary pallbearers were Sammy Brown, Gordon Welch, Charles Page, Don Farrow, Tommy Simpson, and Tommy Robinson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Julia Bell Rountree, 84

A graveside service for Julia Bell Rountree, 84 of Adrian, was held Friday, July 3, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery. The family received friends Thursday, July 2, 2020 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6’ rule was enforced during the viewing and service. She passed away Thursday, June 25, 2020 at Scott Health and Rehab following an extended illness.

Miss Julia Bell Rountree was born September 19, 1935 in Swainsboro to the late Wilkerson Rountree and Willie Mae Cross Rountree. She worked in sewing factories. She loved cooking and window shopping. Rountree was a member of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Daniels; granddaughter, Shaquanna Boynton; and five brothers and six sis-



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ters.
Survivors include her son, Charles Rountree (Alice Foots) of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Christopher Boynton, Demetris Stanford, and Amberia Boynton, all of Swainsboro; sisters, Elizabeth Burton and Corine (James) Brady of Swainsboro; 10 great-grandchildren; and several special nieces, nephews, and many friends.
Pallbearers were grandsons and great-grandsons.
Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Josephine Peebles Boatright, 84

Josephine Peebles Boatright passed away Friday, July 3, 2020 surrounded by family at her home of 64 years. She was lovingly known as “Jo,” “Josephine,” “Darlin’,” “Mama,” “Mom,” “Mimi,” “Aunt Ninie,” “Aunt Josephine,” “Miss Jo,” and “Miss Pete.”

Mrs. Josephine Peebles Boatright was born on May 31, 1936 in Emanuel County to the late Dolphus Harmon Peebles and Macy Jane McNeely Peebles. She wrote in her journal, “My family always lived on the farm. As one of six children, we shared everything from work to clothes, food, and fun with each other, cousins, and neighbors. There were always chores to be done, wood to be brought in, cotton to chop, tobacco to be gathered, vegetables to be prepared, and clothes to be washed. We grumbled, but it was fun!”

On Christmas day, 1954, she married the love of her life, James Earl “Pete” Boatright. Of course, Pete is quick to point out that he had to court her for two years before she agreed to marry him. She loved everyone well, but she loved no one more deeply than “her Pete.” Their love story is simply beautiful and inspiring. Through all of life’s trials and victories, they have held hands, trusted God’s provision, and modeled for their children, grandchildren, and friends what a love story of 65 years truly looks like.

Boatright was a faithful servant and follower of Jesus. She gave selflessly in her service to her family, her church, and her community.

Over the years, she worked beside her husband at Custom Furniture Co. as the secretary until she retired in 2003. She was a diligent homemaker, a valuable helper, and a nurturing mother who had the gift of hospitality and extended it to all. Boatright was a charter member of the Emanuel County Hospital Sunshine Ladies; a member of the First Baptist Church of Swainsboro, where she taught Sunday school; and was a member of the WMU; served on the state board of the Ladies Auxiliary Club of the Georgia Home Furnishings Association; sponsored the DEA cheerleading squad; and a DEA room mother to all for 18 years. Above all else, being the true southern lady that she was, Boatright had a passion for shopping



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with her girls for shoes and pocketbooks. She would want you to embrace a scripture verse that she repeated daily, “Today is the day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.” (Psalm 118:24). To that end, the family rejoices with her today. Boatright was also preceded in death by her sisters, Carolyn Lawson and Patricia Peacock.

Survivors include her husband of Swainsboro; daughters, Angie Williams (Joe) of Swainsboro and Robin Merrill (Chad) of Atlanta; grandchildren, Meredith Michael (Jonathan) of Smyrna, Mason Russell of Swainsboro, Barrett Merrill (Samantha) of Birmingham, Alabama, and Christian Merrill of Atlanta; brother, Harmon Peebles of Lyons; sisters, Peggy Henry Rowland (Roger) of Swainsboro and Brenda Jones (Steve) of Adrian; and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends at Tomlinson Funeral Home on Saturday, July 4, 2020 from 5 until 7 p.m. A celebration of life service and a graveside service was held at Hawhammock Baptist Church on Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 2 p.m. for the family only. Rev. Louis Pearce officiated.

Pallbearers were grandsons Mason Daniel Russell, Charles Barrett Merrill IV, Christian Marsh Merrill, and Jonathan Stewart Michael, as well as nephews, Sammy Joe Peacock and Corbin Michael Williams.

Due to COVID-19, the family desired that everyone stay healthy and safe during times together and respectfully requested everyone wear a face covering, use hand sanitizer, and socially distance.

Donation contributions in Boatright’s memory may be made to Bishop’s Chapel with checks made payable to: Bishop’s Chapel. Mail to Barbara Stokes at 717 Ehlich Farm Road Swainsboro, GA, 30401.
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Mount Olivet postpones homecoming

Homecoming services planned for July 19 at Mount Olivet Baptist Church near Garfield have been postponed until October 4 due to COVID-19 restrictions. All details for the morning worship service and the meal afterward will be made available closer to the new date in the fall.

Church Pastor, J. Randy Graham, along with church deacons, express their gratitude for all understanding and patience during this unprecedented season.

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by PRESIDENT BOB BOEHMER

Accreditation Update

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the college is moving steadily forward with its decennial accreditation process. The goal of this process is, of course, **reaffirmation of the college's accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).**

Successful completion of this process is one of the college's top priorities during the coming 2020-2021 academic year. It is critical to our reputation as a high-quality institution and is required to allow us to offer federal student financial aid to our deserving students.

This rigorous process takes over 2½ years from start to finish. The process culminates with a visit to the college by a SACSCOC reaffirmation committee composed of approximately 8 experts from peer institutions in the southern United States. The committee is chaired by a college president. **The reaffirmation committee will be here in the first week of October 2020.** During that visit, members of the committee will visit Swainsboro, Statesboro

and Augusta.

A high percentage of the college's faculty and staff have been actively engaged in helping the college complete the two major components of the process:

- Demonstration of the college's **compliance with the SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation.**

- **Completion of a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)** which will focus the college's attention over the next five years on achieving the goals of the plan. This requirement of a QEP is an element of the accreditation process which makes the process in the southern United States unique and rigorous. This element is not commonly found in other regions of the U.S.

Demonstrating compliance with the Principles of Accreditation is a multi-step process. The first step in this process was completed in March of this year: **Our compliance certification, hundreds of pages in length, was filed with SACSCOC.** As required, it addressed each SACSCOC Principle in depth and provided documentary evidence of compliance with each Principle. For example, official transcripts of all faculty who taught courses in each of two semesters

were provided to document their qualification to teach the courses assigned to them.

The next step in the compliance process is review of the compliance certification (called the **off-site review**) by a group of our colleagues at an off-site location. This review occurred later than originally scheduled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Accordingly, we received the **report of the off-site committee** only a couple of weeks ago – later than originally planned. We must file a response to this report in the first week of August. This means that many faculty and staff will be intensely engaged in preparing our **focused report** over the next few weeks.

Preparation of the QEP is the other key step in the process. This QEP must be filed with SACSCOC at the same time as our focused report. This is critical for two reasons. First, it focuses our college on a critical aspect of student learning for a 5-year period. In EGSC's plan, this will focus our efforts on creation of **learning communities.** Second, it is critical because the completion of a QEP meeting the standards set by SACSCOC is a condition required for reaffirmation of the col-



PRESIDENT BOEHMER

lege's accreditation.

All of this is to say that many of our faculty and staff have been and will continue over the next several months to pour many hours of time and extraordinary effort into this SACSCOC reaffirmation effort. This final stage of preparation for a SACSCOC reaffirmation committee visit is always an intense and stressful period. This year, it is particularly so because we are doing this in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Accomplishing both a successful return to campus in Fall 2020 and a successful reaffirmation committee visit in October is a lot to ask. However, I know our EGSC community is up to the task and I thank all of you in advance for supporting EGSC during this challenging period with collegiality and good humor. We will get it done together.

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Happy Birthday, Mr. Archer!

A featured individual in *The Forest-Blade's* Golden Year FY20 publication, Mr. Franklin Archer celebrated his 89th birthday on Thursday, July 2, one day after his article hit newsstands. If you haven't checked out Archer's personal view when speaking on the term "golden years," be sure to do so—you will not be disappointed! And, let us not forget to send the happiest of birthday wishes his way!

Summertown Food Pantry announces upcoming operation day

The Summertown Food Pantry will be held next Tuesday, July 14, from 10 a.m. until noon at Summertown Baptist Church.

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Miss Dunaway turns 3

Stormie Kimbrough Dunaway celebrated her third birthday on June 27 with an Elsa, Ahna, and Minnie Mouse-themed party. The birthday girl woke up to find balloons in the home's den entryway. For the occasion, she dressed in a Minnie Mouse dress and donned a light-up Frozen hair bow.

Her birthday party was held at Cattle Bay Restaurant in Wrightsville, where she enjoyed small lunch portions from everyone's plate in attendance, all while saving room for her Elsa and Ahna ice cream cake and Minnie Mouse cupcakes. She blew out two regular candles and one glittery "3" candle that sat atop the birthday dessert.

The table was decorated with a Minnie Mouse tablecloth, Frozen-themed place mats, and a single confetti balloon.



MISS DUNAWAY

Present for Miss Dunaway's birthday celebration were her parents, Lester and Kim Dunaway; grandmother, Marti "Mama" Mulling; her cousin, affectionally called "Sissy," Dakota Bravo; as well as her Aunt WeWe and Uncle

MeMe.

She received many gifts. Some of these included clothes, a Frozen scooter, a Minnie Mouse doll, Mr. and Mrs. Potato Heads, a punching bag, an Etch-a-Sketch (the home and travel version), two kid mov-

ies, a unicorn piñata filled with her two favorite mini candy bars, a bouncy pink unicorn, a bag with lots of stickers, a book, and other fun items.

Miss Dunaway was so tired after her party that she fell asleep on the way home.



RYKER CHARLES BRINSON

Brinsons welcome baby boy

Proud parents Billy and Mandi Brinson of Swainsboro are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Ryker Charles Brinson.

Born May 14, 2020 at 8:03 a.m. at Doctors Hospital of Augusta, he weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20" long.

Grandparents include Renee Martin of North Augusta, South Carolina, Billy and Carolyn Brinson of Swainsboro, and the late Chuck Martin of Swainsboro.

Ryker Charles was welcomed home by his big brother, Bentley Brinson, and big sisters, Blakely and Finley Brinson.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My nephew, Ben Trimble, is in the music business in New York. He had been dreaming about a two-month travel venture through the states, visiting family, friends, and sites along the way.

He left New York on Amtrak, arriving in Savannah, and purchased a bicycle to begin his journey. Statesboro was his first night's stay with his new bike, then coming to Swainsboro to visit family and stop at the cemetery along the way.

When he finally pedaled to Twin City, being

so very hot in 90+° weather, Ben stopped at this station and mentioned he would give someone \$20 to drive him to Swainsboro. Mr. Rodney Sellers told Ben he would be glad to give him a ride.

They began the short trip and enjoyed their conversation along the way. As they passed the cemetery, Ben told Mr. Sellers he was going to visit family there, so Mr. Sellers turned around and went back to the cemetery for Ben to visit his grandparents' and uncle's gravesites. Mr. Sellers offered to drop Ben off at his aunt's

house, but Ben felt he was so tired, hot, and smelly that he would clean up and stay at a motel that night. Mr. Sellers called three motels and got a room for Ben.

When they arrived at the motel, not only did Mr. Sellers pay for the room, but he would not take the \$20 offered for the trip.

I am one of Ben's aunts, and I know that we still have good, honest, and Christian people in the world. Thank you, Mr. Sellers, for your kindness to our nephew as he continues his journey.

Imogene Buckley

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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.

I 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.

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.

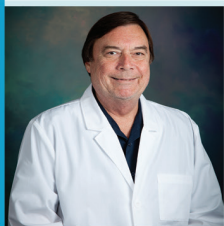
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Gay residence receives 'Yard of the Month'

The Seedling Garden Club proudly announces that the home of Mary Pate and M.L. Gay represents Emanuel County as July 2020's Yard of the Month. Mary Pate and M.L. live at 134 Patrick Street in Swainsboro. They enjoy working in their yard to help Emanuel County stay beautiful.

Nominations for Yard of the Month are always accepted. The Seedling Garden Club uses this accolade to honor homeowners and organizations that personally work diligently to maintain their yards and Emanuel County's visual appeal. Call in your nominations to 478-299-2733 or 478-494-6754.



Altman host at Kiwanis Club weekly meeting

Seventeen members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club and special guest District Attorney Hayward Altman met Tuesday, June 16, at New China for their regular club meeting. Members were seated in a private dining room and followed social distancing for the meeting and the meal.

The meeting was called to order by President Petite Garrett, who welcomed club members. Mary Ellen Smith led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the evening prayer and blessing by Dess Smith.

Judge Jim Daughtry then took the microphone and began by lamenting the fact that no members had been in the recent issue of the local paper. Members Jane Durden and Gary Couse were fined for no name tags. Good news dollars were given by Dess Smith because his granddaughter Smith made the junior varsity cheer squad at ECI. Jim Clapham gave a good news dollar because of a former student of his in New York, Doug Hurley. Colonel Hurley is now an astronaut and is part of the SpaceX Mission to the International Space Station.

Gary Couse, sports reporter for the club, reported NASCAR's recent race winners Martin Treux Jr. at Martinsville and Denny Hamlin at Miami. Local sportscast-



DAUGHTRY (LEFT) AND ALTMAN (RIGHT)

er Frank Patrick reported that the Dixie Youth League teams were playing through the month of June in an abbreviated season. The endangered species of the day was the African Painted Wild Dog.

During the business segment of the meeting, President Garrett noted that several board members have attended webinars to learn the latest news from Kiwanis International. Attending these webinars were Jane Durden, membership chair; Tim Goodman, board member; Petite Garrett, current president; Travis Garrett, treasurer; and Dess Smith, 2019-2020 president-elect. The president also thanked Dess Smith and Tim Goodman for their continued support of our club by their submission of articles to *The*

Blade and the Georgia Ki-
wanian Newspaper.

Following an introduction by club member Jim Daughtry, retiring District Attorney Hayward Altman presented a most interesting program. Altman has served as district attorney for 34 years and is in the process of moving with wife Kathy to Roswell. Altman summarized his career highlighting a few of his cases among the over two hundred murder cases he has tried. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Sunshine House and has been an active supporter of Troop 75, the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club sponsored Boy Scout troop.

Next on the agenda were the drawings for a strawberry cake donated by Cayla Page and won by Jane Durden and the Domino's pizza, won by Deana Patrick. President Garrett adjourned the meeting. A brief board meeting was held immediately after adjournment of the regular meeting.

If you would like to become a member of the club, contact Jane Durden, membership chair, at 478-494-4113 or email her at hdsurden@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.

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Savvy Senior: Can I stop Social Security if I go back to work?

Dear Savvy Senior,
I lost my job last month because of the coronavirus crisis. With little savings, I've been thinking about starting my Social Security benefits early to help me get by. But my question is, if I find a new job can I stop my Social Security benefits and restart them at a later date so they can continue to grow?

Almost 63
Dear Almost,
Yes, there are actually two ways you can stop your Social Security retirement benefits (once you've started collecting them) and restart them at a later date, which would boost your benefits. But in order to do this certain rules and conditions must be met. Here are your options.

Withdraw your benefits: One way to pause your Social Security benefits is to simply withdraw your Social Security application. But this must be done within 12 months of starting your benefits and you'll also have to repay what you've received so far. If you choose this option, Social Security will treat your application for early benefits as if it never happened.

To withdraw your benefits, you'll need to complete Form SSA-521 (SSA.gov/forms/ssa-521.pdf) and send it to your local Social Security office. Also be aware that you can only withdraw benefits once in a lifetime.

Suspend your benefits: If you aren't eligible for withdrawal, but you've reached your full retirement age and have not yet reached age 70, another option is to voluntarily suspend your retirement benefits. With the suspension option you don't have to repay the benefits you've received, and you can restart them anytime you wish, or they will be automatically be reinstated at age 70. (See SSA.gov/planners/retire/ageincrease.html to find your full retirement age.)

By suspending your benefits you'll earn delayed retirement credits, which means your

benefit amount increases for every month of the suspension. Your payment will go up by two-thirds of 1 percent monthly or 8 percent annually. A benefit of \$1,500 monthly, for example, increases by \$10 for each month you have benefits suspended.

You can request a suspension by phone (800-772-1213) or in person at your local Social Security office.

Working and Collecting Benefits

If you start collecting Social Security and you do go back to work, but your income is modest, you may want to continue drawing your benefits while working at the same time. But if your earnings are higher, it makes sense to stop your benefits.

Social Security has a "retirement earnings test" that says if you're under your full retirement age and you earn more than \$18,240 in 2020, Social Security will deduct \$1 from your benefits for every \$2 you earn over that amount. Those who reach full retirement age in 2020 a less stringent rule applies. In this case, \$1 gets taken out for every \$3 you make above \$48,600 until you reach the month of your birthday.

It's also important to know that if you were to lose some or all of your Social Security benefits because of the earning limits, they aren't lost forever. When you reach full retirement age, your benefits will be recalculated to a higher amount to make up for what was withheld.

Also, if you do decide to work and collect Social Security benefits at the same time, you need to factor in Uncle Sam too. Because working increases your income, it might make your Social Security benefits taxable.


Here's how this works. If your combined income is between \$25,000 and \$34,000 as an individual or between \$32,000 and \$44,000 as joint filers, you will pay tax on up to 50 percent of your Social

Security benefits. If you earn above the upper limit of these ranges, you will pay tax on up to 85 percent of your benefits. To help you calculate this see the IRS publication 915 at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf.

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



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"You know how much I love you, Josie - more than anyone or anything in the world!" began his text message. "Can't wait until I see you this evening. Will be there if I don't go to the ball game with Rob. Love, Steve."


It didn't take Josie long to erase the message and text her friend Ruth asking if they could get together for dinner. She had trouble understanding that kind of love. And so does God. We say one thing to Him and then live a life that is entirely inconsistent with His understanding of love and what He expects us to do if we love Him.

"You who love the Lord," said the Psalmist, "hate evil!" That is a very straight forward, simple statement. It is one of Scriptures *If/Then* challenges that God puts in our pathway. Put another way we might ask, "If we don't hate evil can we truly love God? And, if we hate evil, how will our lives show those around us that we do?"

Loving God means that we will do whatever is necessary to align ourselves with His plan and purpose for His world. We will work with Him to reach out to those around us with a heart full of His love to show them His grace and mercy. We will be uncomfortable if we know of someone, somewhere who needs something that we have that we can share with them that will bring hope and healing to their lives.

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Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Dena Clifton



This week's Cook of the Week is Dena Clifton of Twin City. She is the wife of Brent Clifton and mother of Chris Clifton and Tiffany Oliver. When not spending time with her many grandchildren and family members, she enjoys taking road trips. Just recently, she and her husband enjoyed a mountain trip where they rode the Tail of the Dragon. This twisting and turning roadway features 318 curves within an 11 mile range and is one of Discover's top 10 motorcycle destinations recommended to all bikers. When not out exploring God's country, Dena enjoys tending to her tomato and potato plants and spending time at the family pond or in her miniature pet-farm that hosts goats, turkeys, bunnies, and other birds of many feathers. Here are some of her favorite recipes she would like to share. Enjoy!




From the kitchen of Dena

Easy Chicken and Dumplings

- 2 c. chicken broth
- 1 Tbsp. ranch salad dressing and seasoning mix
- 1/8 tsp. black pepper
- 1.5 c. shredded, cooked chicken
- 3 frozen buttermilk biscuits, thawed
- 1/2 c. shredded cheddar cheese

In a saucepan, heat broth, ranch seasoning, pepper, and chicken to a boil. Cut each biscuit in half, lengthwise, and cut each half into four pieces. Add to boiling mixture and reduce heat to medium. Simmer uncovered for 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently until dumplings are cooked through and mixture is slightly thickened. Stir in cheddar cheese and allow to melt. Serve immediately.




From the kitchen of Dena

Ham and Cheese Bake

- 1 can refrigerated crescent dough
- 6-8 oz. deli ham
- 6 oz. slice cheese

Preheat oven to 375°F. Unroll half of crescent dough to cover bottom of 8"X8" pan. Bake for eight minutes, just until starting to brown. Remove from oven and cover with a layer of cheese and a layer of ham, adding an additional layer of cheese on top. Top with remains crescent rolls and pinch seams together. Baks for 12-14 minutes or until brown.



From the kitchen of Dena

Grilled Chicken Wings

- 2 lbs. chicken wings
- 1 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1 tsp. salt (more or less if you prefer)
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1.5 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder

Rinse wings under water and pat dry with a paper towel. Place in a mixing bowl and drizzle oil over wings and toss them to coat. Sprinkle seasonings and continue tossing to season wings evenly. Place wings on grill rack of preheated grill and cook for 18-20 minutes, turning and moving wings over every 4-5 minutes. If using a meat thermometer, insert thermometer towards the center of wing, usually the thickest part near the bone. Wings should be cooked to 165°F.

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There's always a way

BY JOYCE MEYER

Today's scripture says there was "no way" to get through the crowds to Jesus, but with God there is always a way, and these men refused to give up until they found it! Have you ever faced a situation and said, "There's no way . . . ?" Maybe some of these thoughts have weighed on your mind:

• There is no way I can handle the pressure at work.

• There is no way I can pay my bills at the end of the month.

• There is no way to save my marriage.

• There is no way my children will ever grow up to be responsible adults.

• There is no way I can lose the weight I need to lose.

I want you to know that there is always a way. It may not be easy. It may not be convenient. It may not come quickly. You may have to go over, under, around, or through, but if you'll simply refuse to give up, you will find a way.

I know a young woman who had a season where she was working at a job she didn't particularly like and was single but wanting to be married. All of a sudden, within one month she became engaged and was hired for her dream job. She had waited for what seemed like an eternity before this time, but at the right time, God made a way.

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DEA gives awards to standout students for 2019-2020 school year

Due to COVID-19, David Emanuel Academy, along with other area schools, was unable to hold its annual Honors Day program. The following is a list of honors the named students would have received during the in-person ceremony:

Ethan Wells, Tatum Taylor, Maci Nease, Maddux Bedgood, Hannah Jackson, Boslie Booth, Jenna Mosley, and Skyler Sikes made up the Class of 2020's **honor graduates** list. Wells doubled as the valedictorian and STAR Student while Taylor also served as salutatorian.

Senior Beta Club members included Maddux Bedgood, Boslie Booth, Hannah Jackson, Jenna Mosley, Maci Nease, Skyler Sikes, Tatum Taylor, and Ethan Wells.

Other **Beta Club members** were Bailey Burke, Chloe Calhoun, Garrett Claxton, AnnaKade Clemens, Grace Catherine Hood, Carrie Newsome, Sarah Jo Perkins, Kaitlyn Reininger, Rylie Rowland, Brayden Smith, and Alana Tant.

Ann Carol Daniel, Lanna Douglas, Cora Ellington, Peyton Free, Riley Griner, Ashlyn Hall, Jaylin Hall, Molly Hammock, CheyAnne Woodcock Howard, Math McCullough, and Emma Taylor made up the **new Beta Club inductees.**

Students recognized for being **Junior Beta Club members** were fourth graders Zaylee Braddy, Madi Bush, Chloe Daniel, Jilli Davis, Jace Farmer, Jack Evan Fields, Presley Gowen, Ben Griner, Scout Hall, River Holloway, Lexa Jukes, Karson Kettles, Myli McCullough, Emily McRae, Aubrey Scott, Gracie Scruggs, Madison Slater, Bentley Smith, Anna Sutton, Hensley Terwilliger, and Asa Youmans; fifth graders Rileigh Andrews, Berklie Bishop, Paxton Dixon, Ethan Fields, Brook Fleming, Tucker Free, Braydon Lawson, Bailey McNure, Payton Peebles, Layton Terwilliger, and Chailey Whitehead; sixth graders Bryan Beasley, Richard Braddy, Brody Fleming, Henzli Hall, Mattie Grace Lane, Landon Lindsey, Addalyn Terwilliger, Juddson Wilkes, and Aubrey Williams; seventh graders Maggie Black, Banks Booth, Addie Brown, Cavan Calhoun, Brogen Hall, Clayton Hood, Peyton Lee, Jaxson Wiggins, and Seth Williamson; and eighth graders Josie Black, Ella Claire Claxton, Sara Cate Fennell, Ben Flanders, Karoline Kettles, Maddie Perkins, Emma Proctor, Jace Scarboro, Tony Sutton, Randon Williams, and Brianna Wimberly.

Hannah Jackson and Ethan Wells made up this year's **1100 Club**. Tatum Taylor was the sole member of the **1200 Club**. **Both of these combine to create DEA's SAT Club.**

Highest Academic Average went to Peyton Free (ninth grade), Alana Tant (10th grade), AnnaKade Clemens (11th grade), and Maci Nease (12th grade).

Maci Nease also represented DEA as its **DAR Good Citizen** recipient. Josie Grace Black received the **DAR Good Citizenship Award for eighth grade**.

Winners of the DAR American History Essay Contest were Layton Terwilliger (fifth grade, DEA and Adam Brinson Chapter), Cooper Riner (sixth grade, DEA and Adam Brinson Chapter), Jaxson Wiggins (DEA & Adam Brinson Chapter), Josie Grace Black (eighth grade), and Peyton Free (ninth grade).

Clayton Hood took first place in the **VFW Youth Essay Contest.**

Maddux Bedgood received the **American Legion Scholastic Award.**

Ben Bennett won first place at the district level in the **Farm Bureau Essay Contest**.

Ethan Wells and Tatum Taylor (county runner-up) were the **Exchange Club Youth of the Year** honorees for 2020.

AP recognition went to Maddux Bedgood, Bailey Burke, Chloe Calhoun, AnnaKade Clemens, Alana Donaldson, Maci Nease, Carrie Newsome, Kaitlyn Reininger, Skyler Sikes, and Ethan Wells.

Dual enrollment students included Maddux Bedgood, Boslie Booth, Bailey Burke, Chloe Calhoun, Garrett Claxton, AnnaKade Clemens, Hannah Jackson, Jenna Mosley, Maci Nease, Carrie Newsome, Skyler Sikes, Tatum Taylor, and Ethan Wells.

Students recognized for **Accelerated Reader** achievements were Jayden Slater, Juddson Wilkes, and Ben Bennett for middle school as well as CheyAnne Woodcock Howard, Peyton Free, Emma Taylor, and AnnaKade Clemens for high school.

Clemens was also recognized for being a **Governor's Honors Program** nominee and for receiving a **Georgia Certificate of Merit**.

DEA's representatives on the **Citizens Bank Student Advisory Board** included Boslie Booth, Hannah Jackson, Jenna Mosley, Maci Nease, Tatum Taylor, and Ethan Wells.

Bailey Burke, AnnaKade Clemens, Moya Collier, Alana Donaldson, Grace Catherine Hood, Maci Nease, Sarah Jo Perkins, Kaitlyn Reininger, Alana Tant, and Tatum Taylor participated in the **Fulford Youth Leadership Academy**.

Miller Scholars. **HOPE Scholars** were Maddux Bedgood, Boslie Booth, Hannah Jackson, Jenna Mosley, Maci Nease, and Skyler Sikes.

Several students were awarded **Merit Scholarships** as well. Tatum Taylor received scholarships from Wofford College, Queens University, Sewanee University of the South, Presbyterian College, the University of Alabama, and the University of Mississippi. She also received the Candace Canady Memorial Scholarship. Jenna Mosley was the recipient of the Metter Kiwanis Club Scholarship, Boslie Booth received the Virginia B. Snell Memorial Scholarship, and Maci Nease received the Swainsboro Ford Lincoln Friendship Scholarship.

Year-long honor roll recipients were Rileigh Andrews, Tucker Free, Mattie Grace Lane, Juddson Wilkes, Maggie Black, Banks Booth, Tony Sutton, Alana Tant, Chloe Calhoun, AnnaKade Clemens, Hannah Jackson, Tatum Taylor, and Ethan Wells.

The **year-long headmaster's list** consisted of Ethan Fields, Bailey McNure, Addalyn Terwilliger, Aubrey Williams, Clayton Hood, Peyton Lee, and Peyton Free.

Recipients of the **President's Award for Educational Excellence** included Rileigh Andrews, Berklie Bishop, Ethan Fields, Brook Fleming, Tucker Free, Braydon Lawson, Baile McNure, Payton Peebles, Layton Terwilliger, Bryan Beasley, Richard Braddy, Brody Fleming, Henzli Hall, Mattie Grace Lane, Landon Lindsey, Cooper Riner, Addalyn Terwilliger, Juddson Wilkes, Aubrey Williams, Maggie Black, Banks Booth, Addie Brown, Cavan Calhoun, Clayton Hood, Peyton Lee, Seth Williamson, Ben Bennett, Josie Grace Black, Sara Cate Fennell, Ben Flanders, Karoline Kettles, Maddie Perkins, Emma Proctor, Tony Sutton, Brianna Wimberly, Ann Carol Daniel, Lanna Douglas, Cora Ellington, Peyton Free, Ashlyn Hall, Molly Hammock, CheyAnne Woodcock Howard, Emma Taylor, Grace Catherine Hood, Math McCullough, Sarah Jo Perkins, Rylie Rowland, Alana Tant, Jordyn Bell, Chloe Calhoun, AnnaKade Clemens, Alana Donaldson, Carrie Newsome, Maddux Bedgood, Boslie Booth, Hannah Jackson, Maci Nease, Skyler Sikes, Tatum Taylor, and Ethan Wells.

The **American Citizenship Award** went to
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Emanuel 4-H alum serving as VISTA

When Blake McBride first learned that the internship that he had worked so hard for would be cancelled this summer due to COVID-19, he was devastated. The UGA Music Education and Public Relations major had already had his freshman year cut short due to the pandemic. Returning to Athens for the summer to work in the state 4-H Office would have been a bright spot and helped to make up for the spring semester's sudden end.

Meanwhile, Emanuel County 4-H was recruiting applicants for an AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate. AmeriCorps Vista (Volunteers in Service to America) members provide service to organizations that help eradicate poverty. Emanuel County 4-H's particular Summer VISTA position would provide youth programming focused on establishing healthy habits and food securities. When McBride learned that there was an opportunity to live at home and still serve with 4-H, he jumped on board.

As an Emanuel County 4-H alum, McBride is very familiar with the programs offered



McBRIDE

and with the staff in the office. "I am excited to be able to serve with Emanuel County 4-H," he said. "From sixth grade all the way until I graduated, I have learned so much from 4-H, and I have grown to the person I am today because of it. Having the opportunity to give back to an organization that gave me so much is truly a wonderful experience."

He has also served in a volunteer role previously, having attended summer camp at Rock Eagle in 2019. In his new capacity, though, McBride is actually creating and providing programming and activities to youth centered on healthy habits. "I believe health is way more important than what we attribute to it," he said. "Whether we realize it or not, our physical health

does have an effect on how we look at life. If I can encourage someone, especially a student, to have a more positive outlook on life by helping them to a healthier lifestyle, then that is all I could hope for."

While excited about the opportunity to serve as a VISTA with 4-H, it has come with obstacles. Due to COVID-19, no in-person programming or day camps (the very bread and butter of 4-H) were possible. McBride has had to improvise and moved the fun from the classroom to YouTube. So far, he has written, starred in, and edited three videos for youth focused on important healthy habits including proper hand-washing, MyPlate, and mindfulness. New videos come out weekly on Emanuel County 4-H's YouTube channel. Also being planned are family game nights via Zoom. "Of course, we are not in the position that we hoped we would be at this time, but we like to focus on the positive things," said McBride. "YouTube provides a wonderful opportunity to reach students who, otherwise, may never come to a 4-H meeting. Using all the tools

available to us, such as social media, gives us an opportunity to do even more good."

McBride's knowledge about and passion for the 4-H program coupled with his enthusiasm and experience with technol-

ogy, have allowed him to overcome several obstacles. While there are approximately 4 weeks left in his service as a Summer Associate, he is well on his way to making a lasting impact with Emanuel County 4-H.

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A new pro league

Sorry to disappoint you football fans, but I’m not talking about the XFL started this year. No, there’s something better—I freely admit the word “better” is used completely subjectively here—on the way, and I’m so excited!

For years, the best softball athletes in the world have suffered what few athletes from other sports have not faced. For football, baseball, hockey, soccer, and even bowling, there are professional leagues for these athletes to move on to once they’ve finished their collegiate careers. More often than not, these players have a solid chance at playing professionally and actually making sport their livelihood. Softball players, however, have found themselves on the opposite side of that spectrum.

The pinnacle of most softball players’ careers right now is the collegiate level. More specifically, the highlight for many is making the Women’s College World Series. Winning the WCWS, of course, is an even greater feat. With the exception of those players who go on to make the U.S. Women’s National Team and play in worldwide tournaments with “USA” across their chests, most softballers hang up their cleats for good after their college days are over.

A tiny percentage of players have been lucky enough to make the National Pro Fastpitch Draft over the course of the last few decades. In 2019, the NPF Draft consisted of just 25 picks. I won’t pretend to be great at math and try to figure up just how small a percentage that is compared to the number of potential softball athletes in the NCAA to choose from, but I will say this—it’s miniscule when likened to that of NCAA baseball and the MLB Draft.

The lucky ones who squeeze into the NPF’s miniscule draft are financially compensated in a small way. The league currently has six teams, each of which have anywhere from 16-28 players each. There is a \$175,000 salary cap for each organization. On average, for teams who have a full roster of 28 players, the average full season salary is about \$6,250. Some players make closer to the minimum \$3,000 season-long salary, which was even less before a minimum salary clause set the new precedent in 2017. For every player who is paid less than the average \$6,250, “freed up” money is given to better players who constitute higher pay. Of course, teams with less players logically pay their players more, but this is the best generalized example I can give to illustrate how poorly the best of the best are paid. If you need a simpler example without specific figures, here ya go: the New York Yankees’ bat boy literally had an exponentially higher salary than a starting pitcher for the USSSA Pride back in 2019. That bat boy is still earning more than even the best NPF players.

While the NPF does provide an opportunity for softball players to continue competing post-college, the league has struggled significantly with leadership issues that have leant to poor organization of the NPF’s overall structure. The past two Cowles Cups (equivalent to the MLB’s World Series or the NFL’s Super Bowl) winners have departed the league the years immediately following their big wins. Scrap Yard won in 2017 and departed the league in 2018 to become an independent pro traveling team. The USSA Pride won the cup in 2018 and 2019, yet earlier this year, the Pride followed in Scrap Yard’s footsteps and left as well. Although a majority of teams technically folded, Scrap Yard and the Pride joined countless

others who have abandoned the NPF. Over the league’s 16-year history, more than 15 teams have exited the organization.

The realist in me acknowledges that all of some of these struggles will simply take time to overcome. Pay discrepancies between men’s sports and women’s sports are unfortunately common across the board. Perhaps best known are the U.S. women’s hockey and soccer teams’ public fights for equal pay. WNBA players make just a tiny fraction compared to their NBA counterparts. I’ve read several interesting and convincing arguments that in time, these women will be paid equally whenever advertising dollars, ticket sales, airtime, and overall popularity increase. I’ll bite, but at the same time, something has to give. And it’s about to—in a major way. Lucky for me, softball just happens to be the leadoff hitter in this revolution.

In just one month, the new league, Athletes Unlimited, is going to spark the change. The entire league is being built around player ownership and a unique scoring system. Co-founded by John Patrifoc and Jonathan Soros, AU is going to capitalize on both softball’s national popularity and a growing trend toward athlete empowerment. With this is going to come much higher, maybe even livable, salaries for players.

Rather than playing in multiple cities or venues, AU will begin with all four of its teams based in an Illinois metropolitan area. Individual players will earn a minimum compensation of \$10,000 and will be able to earn a combined base and bonus of up to around \$35,000 over the course of the short six-week season. According to AU’s website, players will also earn 50 percent of the league’s revenue and receive profit participation for 20 years. This means any player who participates in 2020 will receive a share of any profits generated by the league through 2039. This pay system was deliberately structured to incentivize and reward players who commit to developing the league. Player housing will also be covered as well as health insurance if needed, both of which were not available to players who participated in the NPF.

The inaugural season includes 56 athletes on four teams each playing 30 games over five weeks. There will be no coaches, and teams will be redrafted each week by the four players who earn the most points the previous week.

“Earn the most points? What does that mean?” you ask. Well, that’s the best part of this entire new deal. Unlike any pro sports league in existence, AU has a new, innovative, unique scoring system. The majority of a single player’s points will come from her team winning games and innings with additional points being awarded for individual stats.

The Athletes Unlimited team scoring system allocates points to the winner of each inning as well as to the winner of the game overall. The Athletes Unlimited system essentially does away with fixed teams by redrafting every roster every week but in order to draft players, athletes have to become a team captain. The way to do that? Earn as many points possible. The top four players every week are dubbed “MVPs” and are given captain status to pick their next team. Think schoolyard dodgeball style.

After the last game of every week, the MVPs will then be assigned to a team color based on their standing: gold, blue, orange, or purple. Team captains can consult with anyone they want prior to the opening of the draft, including any AU



staff, former coaches, and teammates. Each week during the draft, every captain will be given up to 2 minutes per pick. Once a player is selected their captain may consult them for further decisions. Once all 56 players have been selected to a team, it will be time to prepare for the upcoming slate of games and get ready to play ball.

Then, an exciting new week of competition will begin.

Literally as the game unfolds, players will be steadily gaining or losing points. “Win points” are all about the team performance. They accumulate during both individual innings and overall game wins. Each inning is worth +10 points and overall games are worth +50 points. If an inning is tied, the points roll over to the subsequent inning.

After each game, the players will vote for three players who they feel had standout performances. These points will be added to the player’s individual total. Points will be awarded as follows: MVP 1: +60 points, MVP 2: +40 points, and MVP 3: +20 points.

The final component of points is individual stats. Position players and pitchers will earn points based on their performance. The breakdown for individual points is as follows: Single: +10 points, Double: +20 points, Triple: +30 points, Home run: +40 points, Stolen base: +10 points, Caught Stealing: -10 points, and Base on balls: +10 points. So, if a batter goes 3-for-5 with two singles and a home run but is caught stealing, they will be awarded 50 points: 10 (S) + 10 (S) + 40 (HR) – 10 (CS) = 50 points. Pitchers earn +4 points for every out and -10 points for each earned run allowed. For example, if a pitcher throws 5.2 innings and allows two earned runs, they would earn 58 points: (17 x 4) – (1 ER x 10) = 58 points. A player’s points determine their ranking, which will be used each week for the draft.

The excitement for AU softball has been through the roof since the announcement of the new league came in April. Its board of directors is comprised of high-profile contributors from sports, business, and entertainment. Some include two-time NBA champion Kevin Durant, Abby Wambach from the U.S. Women’s National Soccer Team, two-time Olympic medalist and captain of the USA Women’s National Volleyball Team Jordan Larson, ESPN broadcaster and four-time first-team All-American softball standout Jessica Mendoza, and others. The league’s following on social media quickly outnumbered that of the NPF and garnered the attention of numerous professional athletes. Within weeks, the league announced it would add two more women’s pro sports: lacrosse and volleyball, both of which, like softball, were in desperate need for well-planned pro leagues. However, the best indicator of its coming success came last week when AU announced that all of its softball games would be aired on ESPN and CBS, which is monumental given not a single NPF game has been aired on any major sports network.

I realize there aren’t many softball nerds in our small community. For the few that do exist here, I hope you’ll pencil in these game nights for your little girls. These women who will take the field are the best there are, and they are finally getting a real shot at making softball their career. For those of you who have no interest in softball, maybe you’ll turn on the tv in a few weeks, too. I guarantee you’ll love this game. Up until now, these athletes have continued to grind it out for the love of the game because fame and fortune certainly weren’t part of the equation for them. Softball is an extremely fast-paced, competitive game with tons of action. Factor in the changes AU is making to how the teams are structured and how players are rewarded for performing well and I promise, you’re going to be absolutely hooked.

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The Fourth

“Summertime and the livin’ is easy.” — Miles Davis

When school was out, feet were bare, tomatoes red and ripe, and trees were hanging with peaches, we celebrated the prime holiday of the summer. The Fourth of July brings memories of barbeque smoking on an open pit of smoldering logs, large family gatherings, and Old Glory waving in the breeze.

On this 244th birthday of our country, even with the seasonal treats and memories of cherished traditions, the “livin’ ain’t easy.” Celebrations must be held within the confines of health and safety, along with our concern for justice.

Barbeque will be cooked on patios over charcoal grills, and the Stars and Stripes will be displayed on most lawns.

In my early childhood, the Fourth was honored and celebrated in Canoochee at farm home of my Aunt Mae and Uncle Jim Raleigh Brown. There were several different routes to their home, but the last miles were down an unpaved red clay road, which went just past the right turn to the “city” of Canoochee. (Now that you have those directions, you can find the spot easily). The red clay was a terror on rainy days but my father could stay within the well-traveled ruts.

Cars lining the lane in front of the house brought family members, friends, and neighbors from nearby and far away. This was a tradition not to be missed. Two hogs split down the middle were spread on a wire frame over the roasting coals. Nothing has ever matched the smell of that crackling meat. A pot of Brunswick stew hung on a hook over a small fire. The cut-up meat was put on the table with an array of fresh vegetables, salads, many homemade pickles, sauces, churns of ice cream, and other desserts brought by the guests. Many, many pitchers were filled with ice and sweet tea.

There was always a minister attending to give an extremely long blessing and a group to sing patriotic songs as Old Glory waved in the breeze from a tall flagpole. We lined up for the food covering the wood slat tables shaded by large trees. Some folks found chairs or steps for sitting, and others sat on quilts spread on the ground.

After the meal, the table was covered with cloths and folks gathered in groups to visit. I raced around the grounds with the many known and unknown young cousins. It was a Star-Spangled Banner memorable day. Why or when this celebration of the Fourth

Shirley Proctor Twiss



ended I have never been told. These were times long ago.

Even with the happy memories, I do have doubts that I cannot answer. It was July and had to have been uncomfortably hot with gnats and other pests. The only relief would have been handheld fans to wave rapidly in front of your face. Seating arrangements would have been uncomfortable. Even if you were fortunate and found a chair, your overloaded plate was held on

your lap.

These discomforts did not affect the attendance year after year. My conclusion is that folks back then were not accustomed to an air conditioned, insect-free environment, or chairs with plump, soft pillows—or could it be that their priorities were on gratitude for this hallowed day?

On July 4, 2020, God bless America, land that I love, with liberty and justice for all.

Write to Twiss at sptwiss@gmail.com.

Talking political correctness with a bottle of syrup

The scene: A grocery store aisle, one-way, 6 feet from another human being, masked and looking for any available paper products since toilet tissue seems to be as rare as a singing frog these days. And then, suddenly:

“Pssst! Pssst! Down here! Help!”

“Are you a syrup bottle?”

“Yes, I am Mrs. Butterworth and I recognize you. You are Dick Yarbrough, the modest and much-beloved columnist who is the spitting image of Brad Pitt.”

“Yes, I hear that a lot. But why am I talking to

a syrup bottle?”

“It is not just me. There are a number of us hiding down here on the bottom shelf and feeling threatened by what is happening.”

“And what is that, Mrs. Butterworth?”

“Shh! Not so loud. A group of people dressed like weenies came into

the store dragging a statue of some old dude on a horse behind them. Before we knew it, they had snatched Aunt Jemima right off the shelf! And when Uncle Ben started to protest they grabbed him, too, saying that he should be ashamed of himself for being a symbol of racial inequality by promoting white rice!”

Dick Yarbrough



Indian proverbs. I also have this little guy here with the funny hat. His name is Quaker Man and he makes oats and stuff.”

“First off, Mrs. Butterworth, you have probably noticed that he is like, uh, very Caucasian. That’s not a plus these days. And then there is his religion. I suspect this store gets federal dollars for something or other and now we are into the question of separation of church and state. The ACLU will be all over this as soon as they handle the burning issue of boys and girls being able to use each other’s potty. First things first.”

“And this is DiGiorno. He makes pizzas. Because he is Italian the PC police suspect he might be related to Christopher Columbus, like a third cousin or something. They say Columbus was not nice to the Taíno people of Hispaniola when he discovered America. The crowd dragging the statue of some old dude on a horse demanded DiGiorno change his name to Guabancex, the Taíno goddess of hurricanes. Tell Mr. Yarbrough what DiGiorno said about that, Mahatma.”

“The dog’s tail stays crooked even if he is buried for 12 years.”

“Oh, stop it with

your Indian proverbs, Mahatma! Actually, Signore DiGiorno told them he would make them an offer they couldn’t refuse. That seemed to take care of that. I wish the rest of us could be so lucky. I am very upset about what has happened to poor Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben. Bless their hearts.”

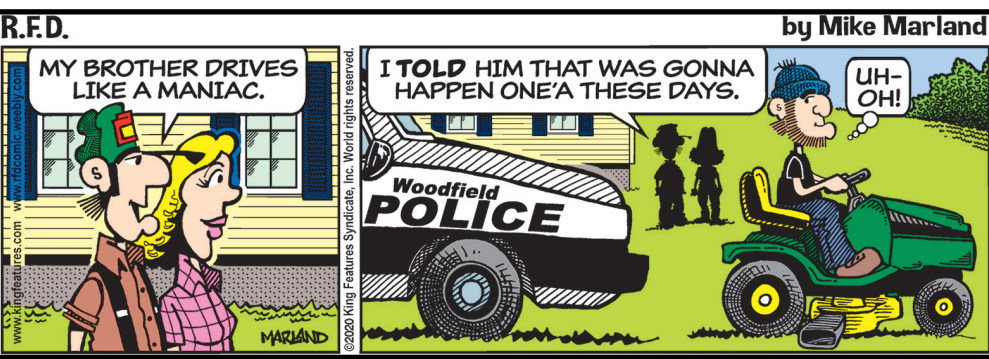
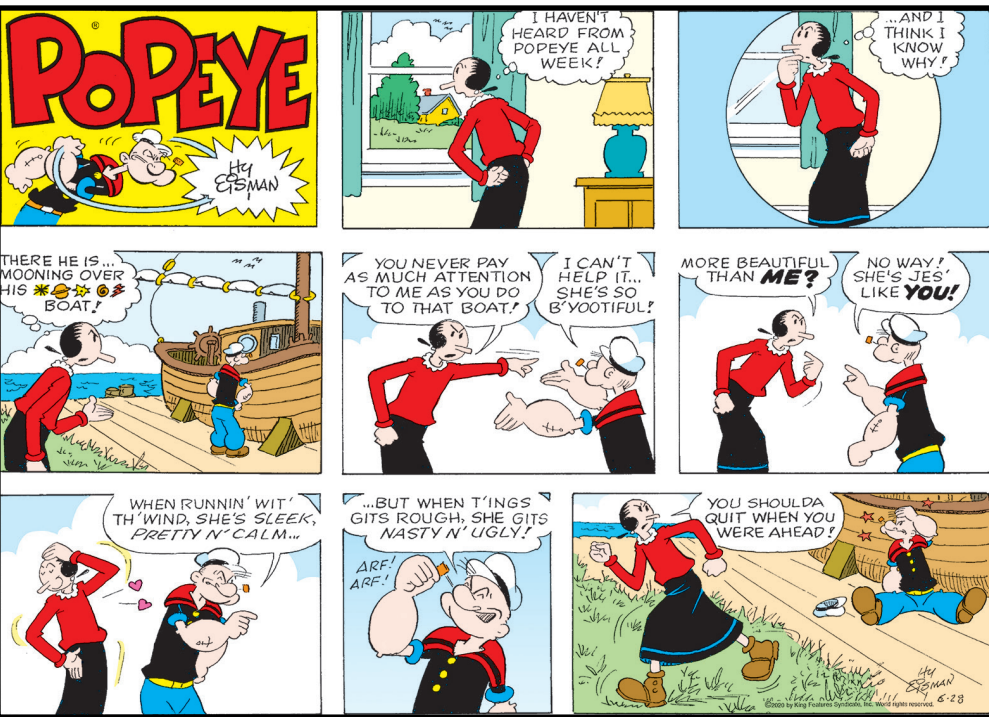
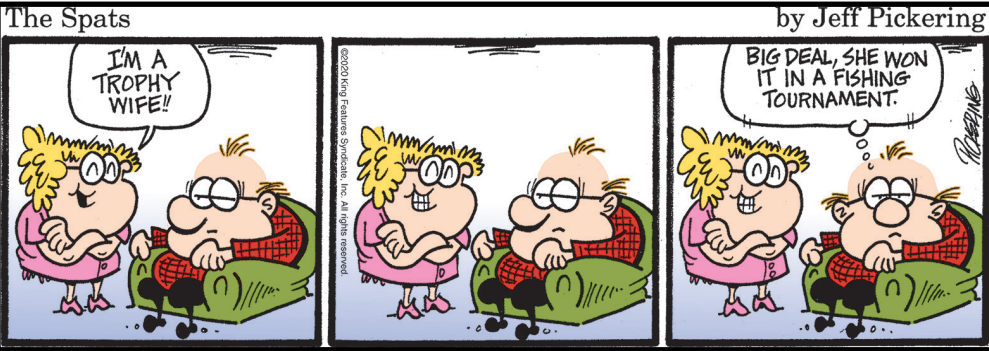
“I’m afraid it isn’t going to get any better, Mrs. Butterworth. It seems that the inmates are running the asylum these days.”

“Oh, my goodness! Isn’t saying that going to get you in trouble with the politically correct police?”

“Don’t worry about me, Mrs. Butterworth. I’ll be OK. As a matter of fact, when I get home I am planning to have a wee dram of Southern Comfort, eat a tub of Land O’ Lakes butter and see if I can interest anyone in a game of Chinese Checkers. In the meantime, I would suggest you drop the ‘Mrs.’ and change it to ‘Ms.’ before that bunch of weenies dragging the statue of some old dude on a horse returns. A syrup bottle can’t be too careful these days.”

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Turner restores, retells history of old Twin City jail

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

If you’ve had a chance to drive through Twin City on North Railroad Avenue, you may have noticed a quaint historical building coming back to life. In the city charter and records of the merging of Graymont and Summit, this beautiful brick structure is depicted as the “calaboose.” Most in town refer to it as “the old city jail” or “old city hall.” One of Twin City’s senior residents and great storytellers, John Turner, will regale you with stories of an escape at the old jail. He tells the story vividly of two men overpowering a Twin City police officer he names as “Coot,” who was shot in the leg during the incident.

During the ongoing restoration of this historic setting, a small metal, almost completely rusted over, and illegible label was discovered. A bit of cleaning revealed that the cells were manufactured by the E.T. Barnum Iron Works in Detroit, Michigan. A wee bit of research into this company revealed an illustrious history throughout the U.S. as well as an infamous

dark historical caveat of the history of jails and corrections in our county. The internet is replete with information about this company and one unique product, jail cells. An advertisement for the company lists cities throughout America using this product for their “lock-ups.” Statesboro and Dublin appear in their advertising.

Historical societies in many cities describe their use of the E.T. Barnum jail cells. The product was touted as being a large part of the westward expansion in U.S. small cities and counties throughout Kansas. So, when and how did these “cages,” complete with double hinged bunks and an opening for food trays, find their way to Twin City?

The cramped ominous and cold appearance is a bit frightening. One of the company’s advertisements suggest that their product would increase morals and

reduce crime, perhaps. The cells located in Twin City are being restored right down to the double bunks for display-only purposes for visitors to enjoy a recollection of history.

From Detroit to Kansas to other cities throughout the country, there is connection and history, dark as it may be, when looking at these cells.

On a lighter note, a citizen curious about the old jail made a recent visit just to see if the cells were still present. While visiting, the individual recalled a bit fondness of memory regarding a family member of theirs who had a proclivity to imbibe spending some quality time there and laughed about frequent trips made to the old jail to retrieve the family member. It was reported that there seemed to be some connection with that particular family member, who is now passed away, just knowing that the cells are still there.



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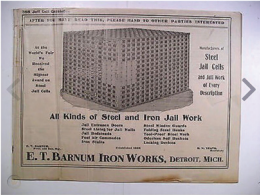


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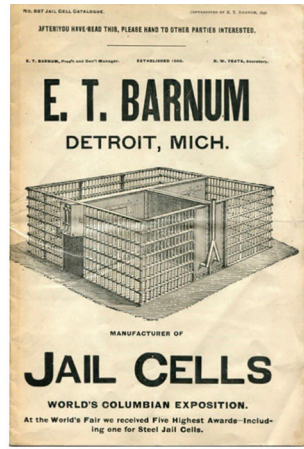


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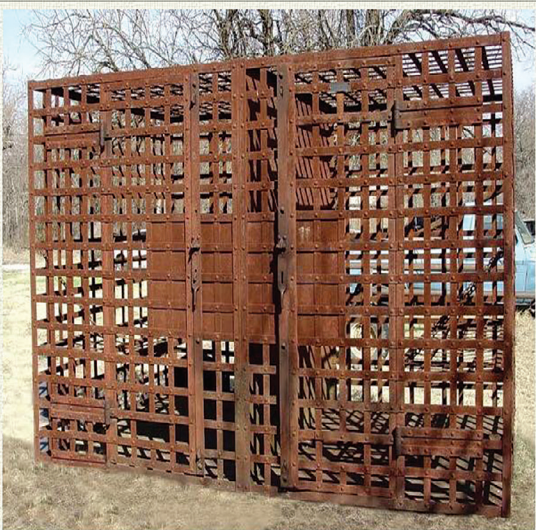
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Legals

I IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF CARL ALAN BRYANT, ESTATE NO. 20E0059 DECEASED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
TESSIE ANN BRYANT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of CARL ALAN BRYANT deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10:00 A.M. JULY 20, 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.
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Judge of the Probate Court
By: Jeanie Hooks
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I IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

BIANCA S. MOOREMAN WARD
CIVIL ACTION NO. _____
PLAINTIFF,
V

BRANDON MICHAEL WARD
DEFENDANT
**NOTICE TO NONRESIDENT
DEFENDANT**

To: Brandon Micheal Ward
By order of the Court for service by publication dated 6/17, 2020, you hereby notified that on 6/17,2020, BIANCA S. MOOREMAN WARD filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, William H. McWhorter, Jr., an answer in writing within sixty days (60) days of 6/17,2020.

Witness the Honorable, Robert S. Reeves, Judge of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, this 6/17,2020

Judge, Superior Court of
Emanuel County, Georgia
Middle Judicial Circuit

I STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF EMANUEL

All debtors or creditors of the Estate of Billy C. Winn, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are to make immediate payment to me.
This 22nd day of May, 2020.
Linda Carlisle
Executrix of the Estate of
Billy C. Winn, deceased
c/o Susan S. Shook
Vidalia, GA 30475

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Ellen McClester Williams to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2019 in the initial tax amount of \$1,047.13 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing lot 40 x 50, more or less, and being designated on the official tax map of Emanuel. County, Georgia as Map S14, Parcel 25 and what remains of the James B. McClester Estate. Land owned by James B. McClester at his death on January 1, 1971 and whose will was probated in solemn form on June 4, 1971 and recorded in the Office of the Probate Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said property being all or a portion of that property described in Deeds recorded in Deed Book DO, Page 70 of the Records of the Clerk, Superior Court, Emanuel County, Georgia. (S14-025)Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County. Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.
Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Jo Anne Boone to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2017, 2018, & 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$634.34 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

TRACT 1: All that tract or parcel of land, together with all improvements thereon, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G. M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, and being a part of the lot designated as as shown on plat made by Frank J. Ford, Surveyor,

recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, Lot #54 block D in Plat Book AV, page 589. Said lot fronts East side by lands of Mattie Colbert and as follows: North by McLeod's Bridge Rd; West by the lands of Prince Smith; South by lands of Ellen Mosley; Emanuel County Map S23 104.

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County. Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.
Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Timothy Gene Phillips to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2016, 2017, 2018, & 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$791.47 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G. M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting on Henry (Lee) Street a distance 50 feet and running back to land now or owned by the Estate of Charlie Stephens a distance of 114 feet, and bounded on the North by said Henry (Lee) Street; East by land' now or formerly now or formerly of W. E. Peebles; South by land owned of Carrie Flanders.

Said property is the same as that conveyed by a warranty Deed dated March 18, 1982, from Ernest W. Belcher to Alton W. Lawson which is Recorded in Emanuel County Records in Deed Book H. W. page702.

Said property is also designated as Map SW 23-29 in the Emanuel County Tax Assessors Office, with a street address known as 323 Lee Street.(S23 029)

One certain tract or parcel of land. together with all improvements thereon. lying. situate, and ,being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Southeastern side of Henry Street 228 feet Northwestly from the corner of the intersection of Henry Street and Robert Street, said distance being measured along the Southeasterly side of Henry Street, and running thence in a Southeasterly direction along property now or formerly owned by Johnny H. Nasworthy a distance of 128 feet to an iron pin on the property of Mrs. Rosa Schwalls; thence turning and *running* Southwesterly along said Schwalls property a distance of 62 feet to a point on property of Bogie Bell; thence turning and running Northwestly along the line of said Bell property 128 feet to an iron pin which is located on the Southeasterly side of Henry Street; thence turning and running Northeastly along the Southeast side of *Henry* Street to the point of beginning. Said property being all of Lot 17 and part of Lot 18. Block N. of the Flanders Subdivision.

Said property is the same as that conveyed by a Warranty Deed dated April 12, 1971, from M.O. Collins to Alton W. Lawson which is recorded in Emanuel County Records in Deed Book FR, page 353. Said property is also designated as Map No. SW23-32 in the Emanuel County Tax Assessors Office, with a street address known as 331 Lee Street. (S23 032)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County. Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.
Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Patricia Cox to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2018, & 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$1,289.43 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

All that tract or parcel of land, together with improvements, lying and being partly in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, and being designated as Lot No. 11, Block B in Eastwood Estates Subdivision as shown on plat of survey made by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, dated September 28, 1984 and recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 599, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said Plat is incorporated herein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said, property. Said property being bounded now or formerly as follows: Northeast by land of Hugh Braswell and land of Randy Woods Southwest by land of Ronnie Paige; Southwest by Durden Drive and Northwest by lands of Richard A. Paul.

Being the same property conveyed to Wiley R. Cox and Patricia M. Cox under Joint Survivorship Warranty Deed dated the day of January 11, 1985, recorded in Deed Book , Pages, Emanuel County Clerk's Records Said property is designated by the Emanuel County Tax Assessor's Office as Map (S08 006C.)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County. Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.
Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Jeffery Grubbs to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2018, & 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$1,383.78 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

All that real estate situated and being in or near Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, being Lot No. 1 in Block F, Eighth Addition to Lake Luck Subdivision, as shown on plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 81, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the southwestern side of Rainbow Ridge with the northwestern side of Freedom Street; thence North 30 degrees 12 minutes West along the southwestern side of Rainbow Ridge 150 feet to Lot No. 2 in said Block and Subdivision; thence South 60 degrees West along the line of said Lot No. 2 a distance of 100 feet to Lot No. 3 of said Block and Subdivision; thence South 30 degrees 12 minutes East along the line of Lot 3 a distance of 150 feet to the Northwestern side of Freedom Street; thence North 60 degrees East along the northwestern side of Freedom Street 100 feet to the point of beginning. Being the same property deeded to Audry Murray under Warranty Deed With Reservations from George M Rich dated May 15, 1992, which deed is recorded in Deed Book 39, Page 438, Records of the Clerk of Superior Court, Emanuel County, Georgia, the said George M. Rich having deceased. Said property also being the same as that described in a Joint Survivorship Warranty Deed from Audry H. Murray, acting by and through her Attorney-in-Fact, Lorraine Monroe to A.R. Sonny Oglesby and Carolyn L. Oglesby, dated July 24, 1997 and recorded in Deed Book 98, Page 65, Emanuel County Clerk's Records, Also being the same as that described in a Quitclaim Deed from Augustus R. Oglesby to Carolyn L. Oglesby which deed is dated August 28, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book 297, Page 198 aforesaid Clerk's Records.(S05 059)All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, as shown on a plat prepared by J.D. McLeod, Surveyor, dated January 8, 1966, recorded in Plat Book 3 page 240, Emanuel County records, and to which plat reference is hereby made for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said property Beginning at a point on the southeastern side of Lucky Street located 516 feet S56°, 10° W from the southwest corner of the intersection of Lucky Street and Green Street in said city; thence, turning and running S33°, 26°E for a distance of 284 feet to a point; thence, turning and running S56°, 10°W for a distance of 50 feet; thence, turning and running N33°, 26°W for a distance of 284 feet to a point on the southeastern side of Lucky Street; thence, turning and running along the right of way edge of Lucky Street N56°, 10°E for a distance of 50 feet to the point of beginning. (S24004)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County. Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.
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Lot No. Five (2, 3, & 4) in Block Lettered «D» of the South Side Subdivision and fronting a distance of 75 feet on the Northern side of Pratt Street as shown on a plat of Survey made by C.L. Gillis. Surveyor, dated March 23, 1961, recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Plat Book 1, Page 363, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said property is bounded, now or formerly, as follows: Northwest by lands, now or formerly, of Luck F. Gambrell; Northeast by Lot 4, 3, & 2, Block D, South Side Subdivision, (S37-079, S37-080, S37-081)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County. Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.
Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Loui O & Chris Bellamy to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2015, 2018, & 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$9,070.07 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District, Emanuel County, Georgia, as shown on Plat of Survey made by Frank J. Ford, Surveyor, dated October 19, 1946, recorded in Deed Book CZ, page 210, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; said plat is by reference incorporated herein. Said property faces U.S. Highway No.1 a distance of One Hundred Twenty (120) feet and bounded as follows: North, East and South by lands, now or formerly, of P.D. Leonard and West by U.S. Highway No. 1 and being the same land conveyed by P.D. Leonard to James M. Smith by deed dated December 8, 1945, recorded in Deed Book CX, page 24, in the aforesaid Clerk's Office and conveyed by Mrs. Grace Carter Smith to Dillard E. Keene by deed dated January 23, 1968, recorded in Deed Book FE, page 182, in the aforesaid Clerk's Office and conveyed by Dillard E. Keene by deed dated August 21, 1978, to Debbie Sue Keene and recorded in Deed Book HD, page 292, in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. S20 004

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County. Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.
Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Gary and Rodney Wilson to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2019 in the initial tax amount of \$716.90 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, and being designated as Lot 10, Lot 11, Lot 12, Lot 13, Lot 14, Lot 15 and Lot 16 of Block "F", of the second (2nd) addition to the Lake Luck Subdivision, on that certain plat recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia in Deed Book DR, at page 1B; reference being made to said plat for a more complete and accurate description as to the metes, bounds and location of said property.

Said property is hereby conveyed subject to any and all easements and restrictions of records in the aforesaid Clerk's office. (S06020)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County. Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal

hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.
Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Wilson Motor Mart to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, & 2019 in the initial tax amount of \$1,740.93 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

All that lot or parcel of inventory and or equipment at location dba Wilson Motor Mart South Main St. Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 (P1-1095) **Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County. Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.**
Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Lucious Merriion to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$444.02 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

Tract No. 1: All those certain lots or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, and being located in what was formerly the Flanders Heights Subdivision fronting 160 feet on the North side of Pughsley Street and extending back between parallel lines a distance of 145 feet. Said property being bounded on the North by the St. Phillips Masonic Lodge; on the East by the right of way of Hopkins Street; on the South by the right of way of Pughsley and on the West by land of Arsula and Lulu Allen. (S23095)

Tract No2: All those certain lots or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, and being located in what was formerly the Flanders Heights Subdivision fronting on the North side by lands of Lucious Merriion and extending back between parallel lines. Said property being bounded on the South by the right of way of Pughsley and on the West by land of City of Swainsboro. (S23095A)

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Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

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All that lot or parcel of land with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, in the 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, being shown and designated as Lot 10, Lot 11, Lot 12, Lot 13, Lot 14, Lot 15 and Lot 16 of Block "F", of the second (2nd) addition to the Lake Luck Subdivision, on that certain plat recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia in Deed Book DR, at page 1B; reference being made to said plat for a more complete and accurate description as to the metes, bounds and location of said property.

Said property is hereby conveyed subject to any and all easements and restrictions of records in the aforesaid Clerk's office. (S06020)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County. Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal

hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.
Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Neator White to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2019 in the initial tax amount of \$1,047.13 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

All that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G. M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, as shown on a plat made by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, dated April 28, 1971, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 63, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning for the same on the south side of Mist Street, said point being measured along the southerly side of Mist Street 430 feet from the intersection of Mist Street and King Circle Drive, and running thence with the south side of Mist Street South 84 degrees 15 minutes East 100 feet to a point; thence with lands now or formerly of R. J. Waller, Jr., the three (3),following courses and distances: (1) South 5 degrees 45 minutes West 150 feet to a point; thence (2) North 84 degrees 15 minutes West 100 feet to a point; thence (3) North 5 degrees 45 minutes East 150 feet to the place of beginning. (095A 013) One certain lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, and being designated as Lot Number 31, Block E in DeAlva Park Subdivision, as shown on a plat prepared by Aubrey E. Scott, Surveyor, dated September 29, 3980, and recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 681, of the Records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said plat is hereby incorporated herein for a more full, complete, and accurate description hereof. Said lot being hounded, as shown on said plat, as follows: On the northeast by Lot 32, said subdivision; southeast by lands of J. H. Morgan, Trustee; Southwest by Lot No. 30, said subdivision; and northwest by the right of way of King Circle Drive.

Said property is the same as that conveyed to the United States of America through Farmers Home administration by Warranty Deed dated February 13, 1987 and recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, on March 20; 1957, in. Deed Book 1, page 70-71. (095A 157)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County. Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.
Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Ellen McClester Williams to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2017, 2018, & 2019 in the initial tax amount of \$1,111.06 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing lot 40 x 50, more or less, and being designated on the official tax map of Emanuel. County, Georgia as Map S14, Parcel 25 and what remains of the James B. McClester Estate. Land owned by James B. McClester at his death on January 1, 1971 and whose will was probated in solemn form on June 4, 1971 and recorded in the Office of the Probate Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said property being all or a portion of that property described in Deeds recorded in Deed Book DO, Page 70 of the Records of the Clerk, Superior Court, Emanuel County, Georgia. (S14-025) All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing lot 40 x 50, more or less,

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and being designated on the official tax map of Emanuel. County, Georgia as Map S14, Parcel 25 and what remains of the James B. McClester Estate. Land owned by James B. McClester at his death on January 1, 1971 and whose will was probated in solemn form on June 4, 1971 and recorded in the Office of the Probate Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said property being all or a portion of that property described in Deeds recorded in Deed Book DO, Page 70 of the Records of the Clerk, Superior Court, Emanuel County, Georgia. (S14-025) All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing lot 40 x 50, more or less, and being designated on the official tax map of Emanuel. County, Georgia as Map S14, Parcel 25 and what remains of the James B. McClester Estate. Land owned by James B. McClester at his death on January 1, 1971 and whose will was probated in solemn form on June 4, 1971 and recorded in the Office of the Probate Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said property being all or a portion of that property described in Deeds recorded in Deed Book DO, Page 70 of the Records of the Clerk, Superior Court, Emanuel County, Georgia. (S14-025) **Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.**

Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Felicia Johnson to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2018, & 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$672.03 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied. All that tract or parcel of land, together with all improvements thereon, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, being Lots numbered Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5) in Block lettered «A» as shown on a revised plat of Lake Luck Subdivision, recorded in Deed Book DR, Page 1-B, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said lots combined front 150 feet on the Southerly side of East Main Street, (U.S. Highway 80) and run back between parallel lines a distance of 200 feet and are bounded as follows: Northeast by Lot Two (2) of said Block and Subdivision; Southeast by Lots Twenty-One (21) and Twenty-Six (26) of said Block and Subdivision; Southwest by Wonder Drive; and Northwest by East Main Street (U.S.Highway 80). Said Lots Four (4) and Five (5) being further shown on a plat of survey made by Frank J. Ford, Surveyor, dated September 8, 1955, recorded in Deed Book DR, Page 47, in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Said property is the same as conveyed by Deed Under Power of Sale from Bank One National Association, as Trustee as Attorney in Fact for Robert L. Short to Bank one National Association, as Trustee as shown in Deed Book 176,Page 186-190, Emanuel County Clerk's Records. ALSO being the same property conveyed to Robert T. Rankine and Irma D. Rankine under a Limited Warranty Deed dated the 13th day of November, 2002, which deed is recorded in Deed Book 191, Pages 385-387, aforesaid Clerk's Records.

Said property is identified by the Emanuel County Tax Assessor's as Parcel Number S06-036 and address of 804 E. Main Street. Less and Except: One certain strip or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, which is more particularly described as follows: The property herein conveyed is a strip of land measuring eight (8») feet in width by approximately two hundred (200») feet in length and being the strip of land lying on the northeastern boundary line of property owned by Robert Rankine et al which is adjacent to property now or formerly owned by Betty Jane Tomberlin. A plat to the property owned by Robert Rankine et al from which this strip is carved and conveyed is shown on a survey prepared by George William Donaldson, Surveyor, dated November 7, 2002 and recorded in Plat Book 21, Page 40, of the Emanuel County Clerk's Records and is referred to herein for a more accurate description of said property. Said strip of land fronts on the right of way of U.S Hwy. No. 80 a distance of eight (8') feet and runs back between parallel lines a distance of approximately 200 feet and is 8 feet in the rear. The strip herein conveyed is bounded now or formerly as follows: Northeast by land now or formerly owned by Betty Jane Tomberlin; Southeast by land of Herbert C. Sammons; Southwest by the remaining lot from which this strip is carved, which is owned by Robert Rankine et al; and Northwest by U. S. Highway No. 80. Said property being the same property deeded to Betty Leila Falotico by Quitclaim Deed on February 14, 2003, as shown by a deed recorded in Deed Book 197, Page 361, Emanuel County records. (S06 036)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.

Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Lorene Blue to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$507.56 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

All that tract or parcel of land with all improvements thereon, lying, situate, and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, as shown on plat made by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, dated March 25, 1970, recorded in Plat Book 5, page 295, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING for the same at the Southeast intersection of King Circle Drive and Ben Street and running thence with Ben Street the two following courses and distances: thence (1) North 65 degrees17 minutes East 45 feet to a point; (2) thence South 84 degrees 15 minutes East 91 feet to a point; thence with lands of R. J. Waller, Jr. The two following courses and distances; thence (1) South 8 degrees 45 minutes West 150 feet to a point; thence (2) North 84 degrees 15 minutes West 68.75 feet to the easterly side of King Circle Drive; thence with same North 14 degrees 55 minutes West 138.50 feet to the place of beginning. Said property is the same as that conveyed from Durden Banking Company, Inc. as Attorney in Face for Hattie Pearl Redding to Durden Banking Company, Inc. by Deed Under Power of Sale dated January 3, 1995, recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Deed Book 69, pages 322-324. (095A009)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.

Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Deforest Denson to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2017, 2018, & 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$1,572.92 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia designated as Lot 3 of Block C, Lincoln Park Subdivision and shown by plat of said subdivision which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Emanuel County, Georgia in Deed Book CT, Page 1A. (S22 032) All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G. M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, designated as Lot No. 16, Block D, in Lincoln Park Subdivision, fronting on the Northern side of Washington Avenue, as shown on Plat of Survey recorded in Emanuel County Records in Deed Book CT, page 1A, and Lot 16, Block A, Lincoln Park Subdivision, fronting on the Southern side of Lincoln Street, as shown on Plat of Survey recorded in said records in Deed Book CV, page 409. Said lots combined contain 0.230 of an acre, as shown on Plat of Survey made by George William Donaldson, Surveyor, dated January 16, 2002, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Plat Book 21, page 712, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said 0.230 of an acre is bounded now or formerly as follows: Northwest by Lincoln Street; Northeast by lands of Jones Sellers, Jr. and lands of Thelma Jones Estate; Southeast by Washington Avenue; and Southwest by lands of the Swainsboro City Council, formerly lands of Rufus Bailey, and lands of Johnny Bailey, formerly lands of Lonzie L. Davis, as shown on said plat of survey. (S22 035) **Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.**

Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Tara D Scarborough to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2019 in the initial tax amount of \$656.78 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied. All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G. NI. District, Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting on the West side of North Main Street a distance of sixty-four (64) feet and running in a Westerly direction between parallel lines a distance of one hundred ninety-five (195) feet. Said property being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by lands of Carol A. Canady and lands of James E. Bell; East by North Main Street;

South by lands of L. B. Moxley; and West by lands of James E. Bell. Said tract being a portion of those lands as shown on a plat prepared by E. Warren, Surveyor, from survey dated March 9, 1934 and recorded in Emanuel County Deed Book CK, page 3, which plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein and made a part of this description. This being the same property as conveyed to William Dean Morgan by virtue of an Executor's Deed from Thomas David Scott as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Eula Bell Scott dated January 19, 2000 and recorded in Emanuel County Deed Book 139, pages 152-153. (S17 031)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.

Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Wesley Dwayne Scarboro to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$803.37 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

All those tracts or parcels of land lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lots Numbered 1 of the Mrs. S. W. Moring Subdivision. Said lots more particularly shown by a plat of survey recorded in Deed Book AX, Page 258, of the records of the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court. Said plat by reference hereto if incorporated herein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said tract of land is bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by Thompson Street formerly referred to as an alley; South by Moring Street sometimes referred to as Moring Street Extension; and West by lands of William Donaldson and east by Alfred Lamb. (S41136)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.

Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Sherry Turner % Ricky & Trent Turner to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2018 & 2019 in the initial tax amount of \$2,542.48 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied. All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in or near the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District, Emanuel County, Georgia containing 11.49 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of same by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, dated June 4, 1979, recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 300, in the Office of the Clerk, Superior Court, Emanuel County, Georgia, to which reference is made for a more complete, accurate and detailed description of said property. Said property is bounded now or formerly as follows: North by a county road; East by a railroad bed and property of Frank Miller; South by Jack E. Davis; and West by Old Wadley Road, and being the Northern half of property conveyed to Spivey State Bank by Brantley tIE & Pallet Company on February 1, 1979. LESS AND EXCEPT: All that tract or parcel of land situatg, lying and being in the 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia and in the City of Swainsboro, and containing one acre, more or less, all as shown by that certain plat of survey dated July 8, 1988 by Walter K. Maupin, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1036, and being recorded in Deed Book 13, Page 473, of the Emanuel County Records, which plat and the reference thereof is incorporated herein by specific reference as if though fully set our herein for a more complete and accurate description. Said portion having been conveyed to L.P. Kottong et al by deed dated July 27, 1988, recorded in Deed Book 8, Page 458, of the Emanuel County Records. ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: All that tract or parcel of land situatg, lying and being in the 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia and also mostly in the City of Swainsboro and containing 8.93 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon, all as shown by that certain plat of survey dated October 19, 1992 and revised March 29, 1995, by Walter K. Maupin, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1036, said plat of survey being recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 283, of the Emanuel County Records, which plat and the reference thereof is incorporated herein as if though fully set our herein for a more complete and accurate description. The within described property is bounded now or formerly as follows:

On the East by lands now or formerly of Frank Miller; on the South by lands now or formerly of Jack D. Davis and other property of Ricky L. Turner and Sherry L. Turner; and on the Northwest by the right-of-way of Ralph Lee Street. (075 123) **Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.**

Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Gertrude Bennett to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2016, 2017, 2018, & 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$475.59 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

All that lot or parcel of land lying, situate, and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia fronting Seventy-Five (75) feet on Williams Street and extending back between parallel lines a distance of Two Hundred Sixty (260) feet, as shown by plat made by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, dated June 18, 1963, which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Plat Book 2, Page 209, to which reference is made as a part of this description, and bounded now or formerly as follows: Northwest by lands of Leila Woods; Northeast by lands of Magnolia Pughsley Estate, lands of Ethel Warren, lands of Harvey Chance, and lands of Dessie Lyons; Southeast by Williams Street; the Southwest by lands of Leonard Nunn Estate. Said property is the same as that conveyed to the Grantor herein by Warranty Deed dated June 24, 1963 from Dessie Lyons which is recorded in said records in Deed Book EJ, page 250. (S15025)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in August 04, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 1st day of July 2020.

Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

I ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS Y2019 CDBG or the CITY OF TWIN CITY, GEORGIA

Sealed proposals will be received by City of Twin City, Georgia at City Hall, 112 South Railroad Avenue, Twin City, Georgia 30471 until 3:00 p.m. local time, Friday, July 24, 2020 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. No submitted bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.

All Bidders must have a State of Georgia Utility Contractor License and must employ a state "Utility Manager" certificate holder who will have oversight of all the work.

The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment and labor for the construction of: Water System Improvements including 9,208 L.F. of 8-inch PVC water line, 2,742 L.F. of 6-inch PVC water line, 1,640 L.F. of 2-inch PVC water line, 738 L.F. DI water line and 42 gate valves of varying size, 15 fire hydrants, reconnect 61 existing house services with 24 road bores, 100 L.F. 16" Steel Casing (0.312" W.T.) by jack and bore, including all appurtenances and grassing of all disturbed areas.

Time allotted for construction is 150 consecutive calendar days for substantial completion and 180 days for final completion.

Proposals for the complete work in one general contract shall be made on the proposal form provided and shall contain prices in words and figures for the work bid on.

This is a Section 3 Covered Project under the HUD Act of 1968 and Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns are encouraged to apply. The City of Twin City is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education, and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age.

All proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond drawn in favor of the City of Twin City, Georgia, in the amount of at least 10% of the lump sum bid for the complete work; such Bid Bond representing that the Bidder, if awarded the contract, will promptly enter into a contract and furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond as provided by law and approved by the Attorney for the City of Twin City, Georgia. Each bond shall be equal to 100% of the contract amount. The Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the City of Twin City, Georgia as liquidated damages if the Bidder fails to execute the contract and provide Performance and Payment Bonds within 10 days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract. Drawings and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the City of Twin City, Georgia and at the offices of Turnipseed Engineers in Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia. Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Turnipseed Engineers, 4210 Columbia Road, Building 3, Augusta, Georgia 30907, upon

receipt of \$250. Additional reduced drawings are available for \$125.

Digital copies of the documents are not available.

Upon receipt of all documents in undamaged condition within 30 days after the date of opening of bids, half of the deposit will be refunded.

The difference between the deposit and the amount refunded represents the cost of reproduction. No refund will be made for documents received after 30 days or in damaged condition.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

CITY OF TWIN CITY, GEORGIA

By: _____

Matt Donaldson, *Mayor*

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated June 26, 2007, from Johnny D. Williams, Jr and Tracy P. Williams to Bank of America, N.A., recorded on June 27, 2007 in Deed Book 293 at Page 8 Emanuel County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated June 26, 2007, in the amount of \$88,000.00, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Emanuel County, Georgia, on August 4, 2020 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"): ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING, SITUATE, AND BEING IN THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO, 53RD G. M. DISTRICT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 0.47 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND DESIGNATED AS PARCEL 2 ON THAT PARTICULAR PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY ANTHONY R. HUTCHESON, SURVEYOR, DATED JANUARY 31, 2007, WHICH IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE 619 OF THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK, EMANUEL SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT BY REFERENCE HERETO IS INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR A MORE FULL, COMPLETE, AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY. SAID TRACT OF LAND BEING BOUNDED, NOW OR FORMERLY, AS FOLLOWS: NORTH BY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LAKE LUCK DRIVE; EAST BY LANDS OF HOWARD AND MYRTICE E. KERSEY; SOUTH BY LANDS OF CARLO THOMAS; AND WEST BY PARCEL 1 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT.

The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note and has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining is in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property are Johnny D. Williams, Jr and Tracy P. Williams.

The property, being commonly known as 160 Lake Luck Dr, Swainsboro, GA, 30401 in Emanuel County, will be sold as the property of Johnny D. Williams, Jr and Tracy P. Williams, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above described mortgage is as follows: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 350 Highland Dr, Lewisville, TX 75067, (888) 480-2432 . The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Albertelli Law Attorney for Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper as Attorney in Fact for Johnny D. Williams, Jr and Tracy P. Williams 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 960 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone: (770) 373-4242 By: Cory Sims For the Firm THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

I SUMMONS AND PROCESS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA TO: EMERALD MOSER

IN THE INTEREST OF:

A. J. SEX: F DOB: 06/30/2014 CASE # 18JV128

Minor Child

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to **Motion to Intervene, Complaint for Custody and a Motion to Amend Disposition/ Petition for Appointment of Permanent Guardian**; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated _June 30, 2020_, 2020, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Pettitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.

You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the 28th day of August, 2020 at the **EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., for a FINAL HEARING** on this issue and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted.

The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel.

The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Hearing will become final at the Final Hearing unless the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication fails to appear at the Final Hearing on the petition, the Findings of Fact and Interlocutory Orders made will become final without further evidence and will be governed by the Juvenile Court Code as if made at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing, the Interlocutory findings and Orders shall be vacated and disregarded, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion.

A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court.

This _____ day of _____, 2020.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLARD GEORGE PEASE, ESTATE NO. 20E0066

DECEASED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: CATHERINE L. SHEPARD has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of WILLARD GEORGE PEASE deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10:00 A.M. AUGUST 3, 2020.

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

Judge of the Probate Court By: Jeanie Hooks Clerk of the Probate Court P.O. Box 70 / 125 S. Main Street Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 Address 478-237-7091 Telephone Number

Woman rescued from car in pond

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

A female driver was rescued by bystanders after her vehicle propelled into a Maple Street pond in Twin City. The incident occurred around 10:30 p.m. on the evening of Friday, July 3.

Emergency response units from Emanuel County EMS, firefighters from Twin City and Swainsboro, sheriff's

deputies, Twin City police, and Georgia State Patrol troopers, were dispatched to a drowning with a car in the pond.

The first arriving firefighters reported the victim out of the car with CPR being performed. The victim began breathing and regained consciousness. She was transported to Emanuel Medical Center and

was later transferred to Augusta University Medical Center by an AirEvac helicopter.

It appears the driver lost control of the car, struck a trash container, and entered the pond, where it sank below the water. After several dives by a tow truck team, the dripping wet, full-sized, 4-door Pontiac Bonneville was removed from the pond.



EMERGENCY PERSONNEL ON SCENE AS CAR BEING REMOVED FROM POND



TOW TRUCK WORKER ENTERS POND TO LOCATE CAR FOR REMOVAL



CAR SURFACES WHILE BEING PULLED FROM POND BY TOW TRUCK TEAM



INVOLVED CAR REMOVED FROM POND



EMERGENCY PERSONNEL RENDER CARE TO INVOLVED DRIVER

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals from General Contractors will be received by Emanuel County Board of Commissioners, on site John C. Coleman Hotel Building, 101 North Main Street, Swainsboro, Ga 30401 until 3:00 p.m. prevailing time on July 16, 2020, For the Re-Roof of the Mitchell Building, Emanuel County Federal Courthouse, John C. Coleman Hotel Building, and Emanuel County Jail Dorm.

At the time and place noted above, the proposals for the project will be accepted and reviewed by the owner. No extension of the bidding period will be made.

Mandatory Pre-Bid Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 10:00 am on site John C. Coleman Hotel Building, 101 N. Main Street, Swainsboro Ga 30401 in the County Commissioner's Board Room. Attendance is mandatory to participate in bidding.

Bidding documents may be obtained at the office of James W. Buckley & Associates, Inc., 114 North Green Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401. 478-237-6467

Contract, if awarded, will be on a lump-sum basis. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 35 days after time and date of opening.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities.



ROADWAY AFTER VEHICLE STRUCK TRASH CONTAINER

Regional T-SPLOST (2010 TIA) Public Meetings Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission's Regional Transportation Roundtable Executive Committee will hold two public meetings on its Constrained Draft Lists of Regional and Local Projects under the 2010 Transportation Investment Act (O.C.G.A 48-8-243) on the following dates, times and at the following locations:

July 15, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Baxley City Hall
282 E Parker Street
Baxley, Georgia 31513

July 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Vidalia City Hall Annex-Municipal Court Room
302 E 1st Street
Vidalia, Georgia 30474

The purpose of these public meetings is to provide the general public and local officials an opportunity to learn more about the Regional T-SPLOST referendum authorized under the 2010 Georgia Transportation Investment Act, and currently proposed for November, 2020, to continue a one percent sales and use tax to fund local and regional transportation projects solely in the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Special Tax District Region. The Heart of Georgia Altamaha Special Tax District Region includes the following counties: Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, Wheeler, and Wilcox. The Draft Constrained Lists of Regional and Local Transportation Projects developed under authority of the 2010 Transportation Investment Act by the Executive Committee of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Transportation Roundtable, and proposed for the 2020 sales and use Regional T-SPLOST referendum, will be available for review and comment.

Please plan to attend one of these public meetings and learn more about this important referendum and the transportation projects proposed for funding. Although the meeting will include a formal overview presentation early in the meeting, citizens can drop in at any time during the public meeting to receive information or provide comment. The Draft Constrained Lists of Regional and Local Projects and other 2010 TIA information can be viewed online at www.ga-tia.com or www.hogarc.org.

Please contact the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission at (478) 374-4771, or email at brown@hogarc.org, with any questions or for more information.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed for these public hearings. A mask will be required.

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SPD’s second annual Treasure Hunt for Kids has begun!

Swainsboro Police Department is excited to announce the agency’s 2nd Annual Treasure Hunt for Kids, an interactive program organized as an effort to strengthen relations with area youth and help form a bond between law enforcement and the citizens they serve.

During the month of July, SPD officers will hide rubber balls, each displaying a message, throughout the city of Swainsboro. Once an officer has hidden a ball, a daily clue hinting the ball’s whereabouts will be posted on Swainsboro Police Department’s Facebook page.

Participating youth are to locate the hidden ball and return it to police headquarters, located at 212 North Main Street, where they will be awarded a prize. Prizes can be redeemed during normal office hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.



EXAMPLE OF RUBBER BALLS AND MESSAGE

All winning participants to locate a hidden ball will be placed on a list. At the end of the program, the list of names will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize!

This year’s reported winners are as follows:

Leland Williford found the first hidden ball on July 1 and was awarded a Spider-Man scooter board. The winner for July 2 was Abbygail Hernandez, who was awarded a Minnie Mouse scooter board. Justin Zeilger was the third winner for this month. He found the hidden ball on July 6 and was also awarded a Spider-Man scooter board.

This program is specified for children between the ages of 5- and 12-years-old. This year’s hunt officially began Wednesday, July 1. For additional information, contact Swainsboro Police Department at 478-237-8967.



JULY 1 WINNER--WILLIFORD



JULY 2 WINNER—HERNANDAZ



JULY 6 WINNER—ZEIGLER

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Question:

What is serverless computing?

Dwight Watt

Answer:

Traditionally, computer users had larger systems called servers that organizations used to do most of most of their work on. These servers were also the place data was stored. The physical location of said servers was typically in the computer lab at an organization’s headquarters.

To get a server, a person or business had to buy powerful enough machines to handle the highest usage demand while also offering plenty of storage space. However, for much of the year, that excess power and storage space sat unused, so often times, server users were paying for things they didn’t need. Enter serverless computing.

You may have heard of “the cloud.” This is where your computing and storage is kept. The cloud is strictly virtual. Some companies that offer it are Amazon Web Services (AWS), Google, and Microsoft. These entities keep computer users with computing power and storage space as needed.

“Serverless computing” is the term for the new way of computing. People and organizations are no longer required to buy and house servers to run their computing needs. Instead, as they need computing machines, they simply use the equipment on the cloud (a wireless, invisible server) for the amount of computing and storage they need at any given time. When either or both of those demands increase, the cloud customer pays for more power and storage as needed. In the opposite case when the demand decreases, the cloud user spins down the extra they were using and only pays for what was needed.

Because computer users are not having to keep track of space and power on specific servers and because they are only getting the amount needed, the term “serverless computing” was created. Cloud users are sharing servers with other people or organizations, and together, everyone is keeping the servers operational while having just the right storage space and computing power. The good part is individual computer users no longer have to manage the server itself; instead, that is the cloud provider’s responsibility.

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