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## EGSC plans 9/11 memorial

On Friday, September 11, East Georgia State College will host a 9/11 memorial event to recognize first responders and military students and employees. The memorial will begin at 9 a.m. at the flagpole at the front of the Luck F. Gambrell Building on EGSC’s Swainsboro campus. The community is invited to attend.

In case of weather issues, the event will be relocated to an indoor area. Social distancing will be enforced, and protective face coverings will be required while inside campus buildings and where social distancing may not be possible.

EMANUEL’S ACTIVE COVID-19 COUNT

September 1, 2020

**79**

Access to online web portal now used to provide more accurate COVID reporting

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

According to the county commissioners’ noon update before press time Tuesday, September 1, the total active cases of COVID-19 in Emanuel has increased to 79.

There have been 819 total confirmed cases. Of those confirmed cases, 716 patients have recovered while 24 have died. Altogether, 4,559 patients have been tested; 261 of those patients are awaiting results.

This week’s active count of 63 indicates a decrease of 2 cases from (Continued on page 2A)

### Happenings

*\*Listed events are subject to change.*

**Clothing Pantry**  
New Beginnings Worship Center  
September 2, 1 p.m.

**Bobcat Baseball vs. Scoutz Sports Performance HOME**  
September 11, 1 pm.

**Planting Flowers for you Bees**  
George L. Smith State Park  
September 5, 9 a.m.

**Bobcat Baseball vs. Scoutz Sports Performance HOME**  
September 12, 1 pm.

**Oak Park Moonshine Festival and events**  
Oak Park  
Sept. 19, 9 a.m.

**Bees-It is all in the preparation**  
George L. Smith State Park  
**September 19, 9 a.m.**

**Bobcat Softball vs. USC Union HOME**  
September 19, 1 pm.

**Suicide Prevention Walk and Celebration**  
Downtown Swainsboro  
Sept. 19, 4 p.m.

**Meet Watson the Gopher Tortoise**  
George L. Smith State Park  
**September 19, 9 a.m.**

**Swainsboro Shrine Ladies Auxiliary Brush and Brunch Event**  
Swainsboro Golf and Country Club  
Sept. 26, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

EMANUEL COUNTY

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Your answers are kept confidential and no personal information is gathered such as your social security number or bank information.

Emanuel County is only about 50 percent reported so it is very important that you be counted in order for our county to derive the benefits of this census.

## Welcome, Chief Whitters!

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

Following the resignation of Twin City’s former police chief Randal J. Beach, the vacant capacity has been filled as of August 12 by law enforcement officer, Hank Whitters.

Prior to accepting his current position as chief, Whitters occupied a sergeant position with Millen Police Department. Precedent to his Millen career, Whitters served the City of Twin City as assistant chief under the leadership of police chief Johnny Lane. Holding extensive experience in his line of duty, Whitters has dedicated approximately 33 years of his life to serving the public as a law enforcement officer.

“I’ve always held an interest in law enforcement since I was young. I entered the field as a campus officer while attending college at Savannah State, and later transferred over to city police,” he explained.

When speaking to

Whitters on job perks as a police officer, he states that interaction with local youth makes top list in his book. Since accepting the Twin City job offer, he can often be found directing traffic within the Highway 80 school zone of Twin City schools during morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal times.

“Most children within the area call me ‘the candy man’ because I always present them with a sucker or some sort of candy when coming in contact,” Whitters further commented.

Apart from his professional career statuses and being labeled ‘the candy man’, Whitters holds quite a few other titles such as husband, father, and grandfather. He and his wife are residents of Millen, and, together, they have two daughters and three grandsons. Other subtitles of Chief Whitters include brother, having been born nine of twelve children, and being a



**TWIN CITY POLICE CHIEF WHITTERS**

Perry, GA, native.

Serving Twin City as chief of police, Whitters states the following:

“My intention here is to

make every law enforcement agency around the state, around the country, maybe, even the world, jealous of Twin City.”

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# Meet & Greet

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## Dawn Braddy



★ **Sept 12:** Twin City Pavilion 10-12  
Stillmore Beside the Post Office 1-3

★ **Sept 19:** Oak Park Moonshine Festival 9-2

★ **Sept 26:** Summertown Park behind Community House  
10-12 Cross Green Park 1-3

Please Join us for a Meet & Greet on the above dates.  
Other dates will be announced at a later time.

Access to online...

(From front page)  
the previous week.  
The report on August 25 was as follows:

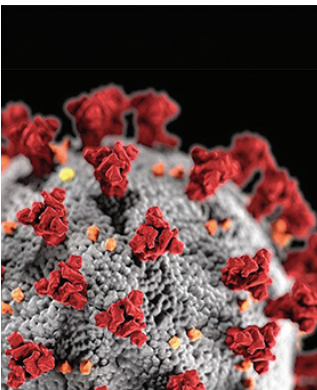
- 63 active cases
- 713 confirmed cases
- 636 recovered
- 4,271 total patients tested
- 262 patients awaiting results

The death count jumped from 13 to 14 on August 19. The previous death count of 13 held steady from August 12 until August 19.

As of Monday, August 31, COVID-19 deaths increased drastically from 14 to 24. The reason being – improved access

to information being granted though an online portal. With granted access to this information, future numbers provided for COVID-19 updates should be more accurate. Prior to portal access, numbers received were hard to compile for death total information. To inquire more information on provided numbers, contact the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners at 478-237-3881.

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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# Gibbs becomes Longstreet Clinic's first female board chair

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Dr. Marti Gibbs of Jefferson will serve as president and governing board chairman of Longstreet Clinic.

Elected by the members of the clinic's physician-led governing board, she becomes the first female to hold the position at Longstreet.

Gibbs said she is looking forward to "putting her energies into the task of leading Longstreet into its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year during a time of unique healthcare challenges."

"I'm so proud to be a part of this physician-led practice, and I view serving in leadership as a way of giving back to the organization," said Gibbs, a Jefferson native that joined Longstreet Clinic in 2001 and practices at its Oakwood location. "I want to continue our healthcare mindset of quality care focused on providing evidence-based medicine, comprehensive care, and population-focused management."

Gibbs preciously served the Longstreet Clinic's governing



DR. GIBBS

board and helped guide the clinic's adoption of Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) best practices—a pursuit that led to Longstreet earning and maintaining prestigious designation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance as a Level 3 PCMH provider in numerous aspects of its care.

Gibbs was also selected for Atlanta Magazine's "Top Doctors" honors for five straight years (2016-2020).

Gibbs – a mother of four to Zach, Ethan, Taryn, and Mia and wife to husband Mark – said she embraces that challenge wholeheartedly.

"My husband and I discussed what this position means thor-

oughly with our family and prayed about it through every step of the process," Gibbs said. "I am honored to have this opportunity, and I'm ready to serve my fellow physicians, patients and Longstreet Clinic employees."

Gibbs obtained her medical degree from Mercer University School of Medicine and completed her residence at Spartanburg Regional Medicine Center in Spartanburg, S.C., and at Atlanta Medical Center. She is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and maintains hospital privileges at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville.

Gibbs is actively involved in the children's ministry at 12 Stone Church in Buford. She also enjoys running and watching her children compete in sporting events.

Dr. Gibbs is the daughter of Gene and Mary Alice Kight Smith, formerly of Swainsboro, and is the granddaughter of Carolyn Kight Snider of Swainsboro, the late Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Smith, and the late J.T. "Red" Kight.

## Wellness Series continues September 22 at EGSC

The September session of the Total Wellness Series will be held Tuesday, September 22, at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center on the campus of East Georgia State College-Swainsboro. The program will be Community Resources for Seniors and will be provided by East Georgia Healthcare Center and Emanuel Medical Center. The session will provide important information about a variety of community-based programs and services that promote good health and independence for seniors.

The series is FREE and is made pos-

sible through a partnership with UGA Extension, Emanuel Medical Center, East Georgia Healthcare Center, East Georgia State College, Queensborough National Bank and Trust, and CarePartners. The session will begin at noon. Lunch, a presentation, and door prizes will be provided. Enrollment is limited to 20, and registration is required. If you have questions or would like to register, please call the Fulford Center at (478)289-2464.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed, and participants are required to wear face coverings. We hope to see you September 22!

## Twin City announces annual cleanup week

The City of Twin City will host its annual city-wide cleanup week event beginning October 4 through October 10. Citizens are encouraged to participate in discarding any trash, broken toys, playground equipment, appliances, and other unused items to rid clutter within city limits.

Four dumpsters will be available Saturday, October 10, for disposal of collected items during the weekly cleaning. Pick up arrangements for larger items to be discarded can be arranged by calling 478-763-2696. Please note, tires will not be accepted.

## DAR to meet September 10

The Governor David Emanuel-Adams Brinson Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the

American Revolution will hold its first meeting for 2020-2021 at 3 p.m. on September 10 at the Sudie Fulford

Learning Center located on the campus of East Georgia State College. Masks are required.

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East Georgia State College will hold their Annual Academic Convocation on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 11 a.m. This year, the Convocation program will be presented via livestream on YouTube, with questions being taken via the EGSC Library Chat. The theme of this year's Convocation is Racial Justice and Equality, a particularly timely subject.

The special guest speaker for this event will be Dr. Patrice Jackson, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs at Augusta University. She served previously at Albany State University, Georgia Southern University, St. Mary's University, College of Charleston, and Trinity University. Dr. Jackson earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from the College of Charleston, her master's degree in counseling from Webster University, and her Doctorate in Education from Georgia Southern University. She is a strong leader who has a student-centered approach, and her passion for campus collaboration helps continue to enhance student life experience.

Her presentation will be Leading With Civility, a timely and much-needed guide for our students who are embarking on a new phase of their lives at East Georgia State College during these uncertain times.

Academic Convocation is held each year at EGSC to celebrate new students' entry into higher education, to officially start the new academic year, to induct new students into the Freshmen Class with our Bobcat Pledge, and to build a sense of group identity or community among the academic family, as well as to share the College's mission and expectations to new and returning students.



This event is open to the entire community, and we encourage everyone to join us via livestream.

To view the livestream on EGSC's webpage, visit [www.ega.edu/2020Convocation](http://www.ega.edu/2020Convocation), or visit YouTube directly at <https://youtu.be/8ACe6ltuHKU>.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 2 - Session I - Last Day to Withdraw with No Academic Penalty  
September 3 - Annual Academic Convocation - 11 a.m.  
September 7 - Labor Day Holiday - all campuses closed

For more information on EGSC's schedule and response to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, visit [www.ega.edu/COVID19](http://www.ega.edu/COVID19)



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6:30 PM - Family Dinner  
7:00 PM - Chancel Choir



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# Caleb Lindsey Womack, 71

Caleb Lindsey Womack III, 71, of Wadley, GA passed away Thursday, August 27, 2020 at his residence. A graveside service for immediate family only was held on Sunday, August 30 at 2 p.m. at Bethany Cemetery in Wadley with Pastor Shannon Boula officiating. CDC social distancing guidelines were observed and masks were strongly encouraged. Mr. Womack felt very strongly about preventing the spread of COVID-19. Mr. Womack was born on June 4th, 1949 to the late Caleb Lindsey Womack, Jr. and Joyce Womack Chavous of Summertown. After retiring from working with Carroll Tire in Atlanta for 25 years, Mr. Womack worked in wholesale Tire Sales for GA Tire in Vidalia until recently before his passing. He always loved horses, rebuilding cars, fishing, hunting and spending time with his family. He was a member of Blundale Baptist Church. Mr. Womack was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Kirk Womack and daughter, Sylvia Lynn Womack.



## WOMACK

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Ellyn May Womack of Wadley; son, Samuel Womack of Byron; daughters, Kristle Womack Wheeler (Chris) of Swainsboro, Mary Blalock (Taylor) of Augusta, and Anna Baggs (Randy) of Augusta. Grandchildren include Peyton Chance Taylor of Swainsboro, Julia Belle Blalock, Jane Katherine Blalock, and Ellyn Baggs, all of Augusta.

Pallbearers for the service were Taylor Blalock, Ken Smith, Mitch Smith, Chris Oglesby, Larry Thompson, and Joe Kirkland. Honorary pallbearer was Bill Kirkland.

Tomlinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements

# Chris Hood, 48

Funeral Services for Chris Hood, 48, were held Saturday, August 29, 2020, at 3 p.m. at Twin City First Baptist Church with Reverend Max Rodgers and Dr. Bill Perry officiating. Interment followed in Moxley Cemetery. The family received friends Friday, August 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6--feet rule was enforced during viewing and service.

Mr. Hood was born July 9, 1972 in Swainsboro to the late Wadell Hood and Barbara Stapleton Hood. He was preceded in death by his parents; maternal grandparents, Clarence and Louise Stapleton; paternal grandparents, Joe and Marie Hood. Mr. Hood enjoyed family get-togethers, fishing, and cooking for his family. His nieces, Joeley and Erin, were his world and he loved to spoil them. Mr. Hood worked for Daniels Chevrolet. He loved his church and church family. Mr. Hood spent most of his time heading up the brotherhood for his church. He had the heart of a servant and found his happiness by helping others. Mr. Hood looked for ways to love people and serve God. He was a faithful believer in Christ and left a huge impact on



## HOOD

everyone he met. Mr. Hood was a member of Twin City First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his brothers, Randy (Brandi) Hood, Dean (Nedra) Hood, both of Swainsboro, William (Anita) Hood of Kite; sister, Eloise Hodges of Swainsboro; two special nieces, Joeley Hood and Erin Hood; several other nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Greg Johnson, Brandon Neal, Cliff Mason, Mark Wardrup, Wayne Greenway, Glenn Hendrix, Glenn Way, Jack Mincey, and Pete Peters. Honorary Pallbearers were Twin City First Baptist Church Brotherhood Members.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Chapman Funeral Home 427 N. Main St. Swainsboro, Ga. 30401.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

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# James Alfred Riner, 96

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. James Alfred Riner, age 96, of Swainsboro on Friday, August 28, at Emanuel County Nursing Home. A graveside service was held in the Sardis Cemetery on Sunday, August 30 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Ray Jenkins. CDC social distancing guidelines will be observed and masks are encouraged for safety.

Mr. Riner was born February 19, 1924 in Swainsboro to the late Edgar Reginald and Sallie Lee Lawson Riner. He was a member of the Sardis Primitive Baptist Church. Having retired from Dixie Supply as a salesman, he was affectionately known as the "Dixie Man". Alfred was a great cook, and he would often fry turkeys for friends and neighbors during the holidays. He also loved to fish, work in his vegetable garden and dance with his beloved wife to Big Band music. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 76 years, Hazel Riner, and three brothers, Ulys Riner, Frank Riner, and Talmadge Riner.

Survivors Include his sons, Grayson Riner



## RINER

(Pansy) of Athens, Randall "Randy" Riner (Susan) of Watkinsville, and Ashley Riner (Tracy Mullis) of Adrian; sister, Emily Mason of Swainsboro; brother, Hollis Riner (Miriam) of Dublin; sister-in-law, Imogene Riner of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Gray Riner (Lanie), Jason Riner, Michael Riner (Mary-Catherine), Richard Riner, Zach Riner (Rachel), Jordan Riner, and Amber Helms, great-grandchildren, Cole, Reagan, Carter, Catherine, Ruby, Ripley, Mason, and Parker. Numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Gray Riner, Jason Riner, Michael Riner, Richard Riner, Zach Riner, and Jordan Riner.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

# Donald "Don" Meadows, 66

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. Donald "Don" Meadows, age 66, of Wadley, GA, on Friday, August 28, 2020, at Emanuel Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at Wadley Baptist Church on Monday, August 31 at 3 p.m. With Rev. Gene McCoy officiating. Interment followed in the Wadley City Cemetery with Military Honors observed. The family received friends at the church one hour prior to the service. CDC social distancing guidelines were observed and masks were encouraged.

Mr. Meadows was born December 11, 1953 in Wadley, GA, and was a 1972 graduate of Wadley High School. It was very important to Mr. Meadows that he was from Scottish, Irish, and Creek Native American Heritage. He retired after 18 years with the DOT (Department of Transportation). After retirement, he began his law enforcement career in 1992 while living in Texas, and worked locally with the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office and other area law enforcement agencies. In his spare time he enjoyed collecting western memorabilia and state cups. Don was preceded in death by his father and step mother, Massey W. and Zora Price Meadows; his mother, Annie Grace McGowan Powell; siblings, Pamala Meadows, Dorothy Harris, Penny Lindsey, and Ben Joe Leaptrott; and grandson, Jeremy Blake Meadows.



## MEADOWS

Survivors include son, Jeremy Paul Meadows (Carey) of Wadley; sisters, Gloria Jean Bearce of Belview, FL and Darlene Rollison of Columbia, SC; brother, John W. Harris (Nita) of Lometa, TX; grandchildren, Kimberly Radford and Hailey Lynn Meadows both of Midville, and Nathan Conner Meadows of Wadley; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Pallbearers were Ollie Freeman, Chuck McMillen, George Ratchford, Jr., David Way and Rocky Davis. Honorary Pallbearers were Deacons of the Wadley Baptist Church and officers of the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Meadows' memory to Herrington Homestead-Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home, 8109 GA-297, Swainsboro, GA 30401.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.



## Elaine S. McMillan, 75

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Ms. Elaine S. McMillan, age 75, formerly of Louisville, on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at Wrightsville Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 27 at 3 p.m. in the Peebles-Curry Memorial Chapel with Brother Chris Mosley and Rev. William Jackson officiating. Interment followed in the Coleman Cemetery in Twin City. The family received friends at the funeral home Wednesday, August 26 from 6-8 p.m. CDC social distancing guidelines were observed and masks were encouraged.

Ms. McMillan was born May 31, 1945 to the late Theo and Nellie Bunn Stille in Millen, GA. She attended ECI (Emanuel County Institute) and was very athletic; playing on the ECI basketball team, ECI Powder Puff Football team, Jefferson and Emanuel County softball recreation teams, as well as coaching for Jefferson County Recreation Department. Ms. McMillan retired from the Jefferson EMC as an Executive Secretary and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Louisville. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Ellen Jackson



**MCMILLAN** and special fur babies Dash and Pete. Survivors include daughter, Charla Cobb (Jason) of Bartow, GA; sons, Randy Scott (Vera) of Kite and Terrell McMillan (Kim) of Louisville; sisters, Sandra Mosley (Royce) and Bobbi Mosley (Chris), all of Cobbtown, and Shirley Brown (Keith) of Lizella; brother, Bruce Stille (Jean) of Macon; grandchildren, Scarlett Scott, Ridge Henry, Auriel Nabb, Cody McMillan, Kyle McMillan, Caitlyn Cobb, Aiden Cobb, and Ty Cobb, and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family. Faithful and loyal friend who was by her side throughout her 21 years of illness, Frank Ethridge.

Pallbearers were Tim Oliver, Jeremy Oliver, Ridge Henry, Brandon Albor, Kevin Johnson and Jordan Albor.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangement.

## John Harold Knowlton, 94

*Written by his children*

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our father, Harold Knowlton. Daddy passed away on July 24, 2020, at Canterfied of Bluffton Memory Care at the age of 94. He is predeceased by his wife, Audrey, who passed away on the same date in 2016. They were married 72 years!

He is survived by his two daughters, Lela (Lenny Schaffer), of Beaufort, SC and Kelly (Clarence Young) of Bluffton., SC; his sister-in-law, Beverly Peacock (John); his nephew, Don Knowlton (Ute); his niece, Victoria Gammon (Daniel; ), and his nephew, Mike Murphy (Pokey).

Daddy was born in Atlanta, GA to Kate and W. V. Knowlton. He attended Tech High, where he was named to the All-State basketball team. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1944. In 1945, the destroyer on which he was deployed was one of several that escorted the USS Missouri into Tokyo Bay for the signing of the treaty to end World War II in the Pacific. He attended Livingston State Teachers College where he played football, one of his favorite sports. He met his future wife, Audrey Elaine Jackson, of

Meridian, MS after one of those football games. They got married and started a family in Rome, GA where daddy was a teacher and a basketball and football coach at Rome High School. He was a good, fair young man who made an impression on those he taught and coached. He and his family later settled in Swainsboro where he worked for Cotton States Insurance as a claims adjuster until he retired. Many years later some of his former students located him in Swainsboro and took the time to pay him a visit.

Daddy had lots of good friends and favorite things, but the things he loved the most were his wife, his two daughters, golf, the Georgia Bulldogs and the Atlanta Braves,...sometimes not necessarily in that order! He adored our mother and loved Kelly and I more than anyone could ever know. He is deeply missed.

Daddy will be laid to rest, along with our mother, at noon on Friday, November 27th, 2020, with military honors in The National Cemetery in Beaufort, SC. For further information, please contact Sauls Funeral Home in Bluffton, SC.

## Johnnie L. Boatright, 71

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Johnnie L. Boatright, age 71, of Tennille, GA on Saturday, August 29, 2020, at Coliseum Medical Center in Macon after a brief illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 1 at 10 a.m. in the Peebles-Curry Memorial Chapel with Rev. Ray Jenkins officiating. Interment followed in the Kite City Cemetery. The family received friends at the funeral home Monday evening from 5:30 to 7 p.m. CDC social distancing guidelines were observed and masks were encouraged.

Mrs. Boatright was born July 28, 1949 in Sandersville to the late John W. “Pete” and Oleta Meeks Fuller. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, retired from Rheem Manufacturing as a welder and was a member of the Kite United Methodist Church. Mrs. Boatright was a resident of Tennille for the last 26 years. She had a love for her family and enjoyed keeping up with friends on Facebook, Dr. Phil, Ellen, and taking care of



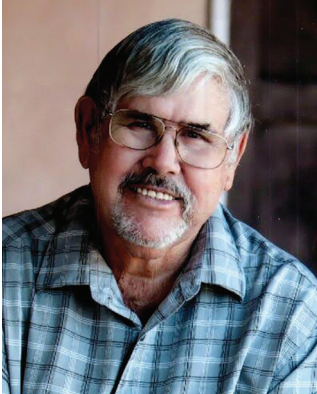
**BOATRRIGHT** her many rescue animals. Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Andy Boatright of Tennille; daughters, Stacie Coleman of Goodlettsville, TN and Amy Hartley (Jerry) of Tennille; son, William Boatright (Michele) of Vidalia; grandchildren, Holli Childs (Joshua), Kayla Coleman, William Boatright Jr, Tyler Boatright, and Zade Boatright; nieces, nephews, and extended family. Pallbearers were grandsons.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Emanuel County Humane Society, P.O. Box 443, Swainsboro, GA 30401.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements

## Leonard Leroy Gregory, 71

Mr. Leonard Leroy Gregory, age 71, beloved husband of Lillian Keen Gregory, passed away on Sunday, August 16, 2020 at Emanuel County Medical Center in Swainsboro. Funeral services were conducted at 12 noon on Tuesday, August 25 from the graveside at Harmony Baptist Cemetery with Reverend Tim Price officiating. Born in Garfield, Mr. Gregory was the youngest of nine children born to the late Leonard Lee and Sarah Elizabeth Wood Gregory. He lived most of his life in and around the Swainsboro area. Mr. Gregory had worked in machinery for Roper and Yardmaster Industries in Swainsboro and worked as a Landscaper later in life. He was a huge animal lover and had the ability to calm the most wary of animals and find them in his lap within minutes. In retirement, he and his wife traveled worldwide and enjoyed many bus tours within the United States. Mr. Gregory enjoyed time with his family, his friends and his church family at New Beginnings Church in Swainsboro. In addition to his parents, Mr. Gregory is preceded in death by siblings, Iva Mae Mock,



**GREGORY** Mary Gregory, Helen Gregory Neal, Martha Gregory Hendley, James Byrd Rudolph Gregory, William Arnold Gregory and Eugene Gregory.

Mr. Gregory leaves behind, his wife of 47 years, Lillian Keen Gregory of Swainsboro; their son, USAF CMSgt Daniel Gregory and his wife, Catherine, presently serving at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, AZ; sister, Violet Burke, Millen; brother, Robert Gregory, Sylvania; three grandchildren, Christopher Fisher, Brendon Fisher, and Dakota Gregory; great granddaughter, and many nieces and nephews.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to: GoFundMe at <https://gf.me/u/yq4qys>

Sammons Funeral Home of Soperton was in charge of arrangements.

## Gertrude Rowland Thompson, 99

Our mother, Gertrude Rowland Thompson, age 99, passed away at her beloved home on the family farm on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. She had been surrounded by her children throughout the day. She dearly loved her children, Wanda, Randy, and Susan and told them that every day. She would have loved for them to move back in the home with her. She was so proud of them – all graduating from Georgia Southern University. Not going to college was not an option. She went to school in Wesley, played basketball, and was valedictorian of her class.

Everyday was Sunday dinner at our house. There were always three full meals. She was an excellent cook. She never used recipes and she never measured anything. Just ask her grandchildren, Scrap and Shot Scarboro, about her chicken and dumplings.

She was born in Emanuel County to Remus Rowland and Trudie Lowe Rowland. Her mother passed away when she was four-years-old, leaving six children, Juanita, Ruth, Ora Mae, Hubert, and R.W., from ages 2 weeks to 11-years-old. She would tell stories of how hard life was for them on the farm. Her father never remarried. As the older children moved away, she remained with her father until age 28 when she met the only love of her life, Randolph Thompson. They were married for 51 years.

Randolph was a small farmer, growing cotton and tobacco and raising cows and hogs. It seems both had a green thumb and

working together, they expanded the size of the farm. The farm was later called Thompson Feed Lot when they changed to beef cattle. As their family grew, so did the size of their vegetable garden. Our mother canned, pickled, or froze everything. Nothing went to waste. We remember picking butterbeans late one fall with gloves on. She never complained, but we did. Just like our father, she had a love for the land.

She joined and attended Mount Shady Church until her hearing declined. She loved God and hoped He had a place for her. Randy Travis had a song that said, “Not all angels have robes or halos.” She didn’t on this earth, but we know she does now.

After being called “Goggie” by her oldest grandson, Scrap, in his childhood, she affectionately was called “Goggie” by everyone. This now includes Scrap’s wife, Heather, and their two children, Lainey and Leanna, along with Shot’s wife, Caroline, and their two children, Cooper and Cameron.

Our family had a visitation at Chapman Funeral Home on Saturday morning, August 29, at 9:30 a.m. with graveside service at Swainsboro City Cemetery at 11 a.m. with Pastor Wesley Webb officiating. She was laid to rest next to her husband.

Chapman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

*Written and submitted by her children*  
Wanda (Wayne) Thompson Scarboro,  
Randy Thompson  
and Susan (Danny) Thompson Faircloth



### Words of Encouragement That Give Hope

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**Philippians 4:13** “I CAN DO All things through CHRIST which strengtheneth me”.

**Philippians 4:19** “But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus”.

**Ephesians 6:10-11** “Finally my brethren, be strong in the LORD, and in the power of his might! 11) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil”.

Let us Pray: Father, teach us to trust and obey you LORD; with all our heart, soul, and mind. Change us oh LORD that we are more like you. Increase our faith and help our unbelief. Thank you, Father for supplying all our needs and directing our pathway unto all truths. In Jesus Name. AMEN!

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# Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the State Bar of Georgia, I am writing to extend congratulations to Toombs County State Court Judge Tommy J. Smith of Lyons on his appointment by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as a Superior Court judge for the Middle Judicial Circuit, covering Candler, Emanuel, Jefferson, Toombs and Washington counties.

Judge Smith will be well served in his new position by his 23 years in the legal profession, including 12 years of service as a State Court judge and additional experience as a solicitor general and Municipal Court judge.

By accepting this appointment, Judge Smith demonstrates his continued commitment to serving the public and the justice system. We wish him well in this new capacity of judicial leadership.

Sincerely,  
Dawn W. Jones  
President, State Bar of Georgia

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## Jeff Allen Watson, 62

Jeff Allen Watson, of Dadeville, Alabama passed away on August 26, 2020 at the age of 62. A private memorial service will be held by invitation only at the Watson Residence. Alabama Funeral Homes & Cremation Centers of Camp Hill is handling arrangements.

Mr. Watson is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Wendy Watson; children, Dane Watson (Krystal), Daniel Watson (Rocky), Danielle Stroud (Josh); grandchildren, Dane Watson Jr., Dixon Watson, Kaley Watson, Bracy Stroud, and Brayden Stroud; brother, Joe Watson (Linda) of Twin City; sister, Peggy Braswell (Fred) of Swainsboro; mother, Mary Watson of Twin City; special mother-in-law, Judy Owsley (Dadeville); and two beloved fur babies, "Big D" and "Little Bit".

This is a courtesy announcement by Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro.



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## Lottie Jean Whitehead Harris, 81

Graveside services for Lottie Jean Whitehead Harris, 81, of Swainsboro were held Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Reverend Jerry Armstrong serving as eulogist. She passed away August 20 following a brief illness.

Mrs. Lottie Jean Whitehead Harris was born July 17, 1939 in Emanuel County to the late James L. "Fish" Whitehead and Mary Etta Williamson Whitehead. She attended Emanuel County Schools and was a 1958 graduate of the Industrial High School. Harris was employed with Emanuel Medical Center's dietary department as a cook for more than 25 years. As years passed, she began working part-time and eventually retired. Once retired, she stayed home and enjoyed spending time with her family. She made lasting friendships with her coworkers while employed and always wanted everyone to enjoy a good meal. Harris was a member of Springfield Missionary Baptist Church and later joined Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as a deaconess. In addition, she



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was also a member of the Missionary Society and Second Union Home Mission, where she served as a secretary for the Second Union Missionary Baptist Association for many years. She was also a life-long member of Olive Leaf Chapter No. 295m Order of the Eastern Star, where she served as recording secretary for more than 50 years, and was a charter member of the Mary Neal Allen Assembly No. 317, Order of the Golden Circle. Survivors include her husband of 55 years, John A. Harris; sons, Mark Whitehead and John Collier; sisters, Charlene Wright and Grace Tukes; four grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Mosley's Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

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## Editorials Columns

### Thoughts on positive COVID rates

They keep saying positivity rates in COVID should be below 10 percent and is considered to be a strong indicator for infections. However, I am confused by that. In my opinion, the positivity rate only reflects those who are tested and received positive results.

In Georgia, during the months of March and April, the reported rate was at 17 percent. I kept saying, “That number seems low, because the only people at that time getting tested were those that,

according to two medical representatives, had said they thought they had COVID.”

So, to clarify, if two medical representatives informed you that you look like you have COVID, and the positivity rate is only at 17 percent, it sounds like medical representatives do not know how COVID actually appears.

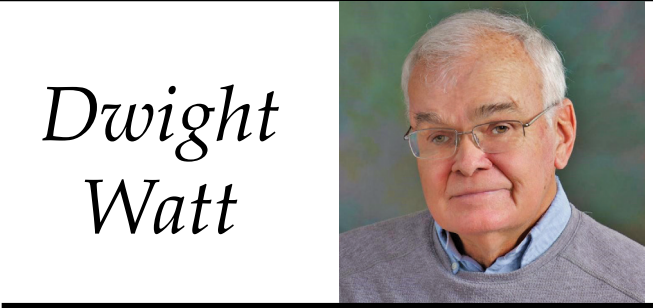
Now, others are getting tested and are thinking that they might have COVID or may have been exposed to the virus. But, how

can this be? It is not an indication of universal testing, like experts seem to think, nor is everyone being tested on an every week basis.

In actuality, I suspect that the majority of the population has never been tested. Medical representatives, probably, are tested regularly. For those who receive positive COVID tests results, two additional tests are required to be taken and must both indicate negative results prior to that person being able to return to work, per

CDC guidelines (which my college is using). So, unless a positivity rate is zero, then there is a strong indication no one has Covid.

With the current test, I do not see people wanting these tests performed unless they absolutely have to, and are more likely to do so if testing is free. I think free tests are offered at public sites. However, if local walk-in clinics advertise a charge of \$175 for insured patient testing, why undergo the test if there is no real suspicion for COVID?



Dwight Watt

In all reality, there is no treatment at this time for those who test positive for COVID.

Which leaves me to my final conclusion on the matter: If provided with a percentage of breathalyzers administered to intoxicated individuals within a one-week timeframe, the outcome result would not indicate nor

provide exact numbers of individuals that drink versus individuals who drive while impaired by alcohol. Instead, the final percentage would be a combined result of both categories.

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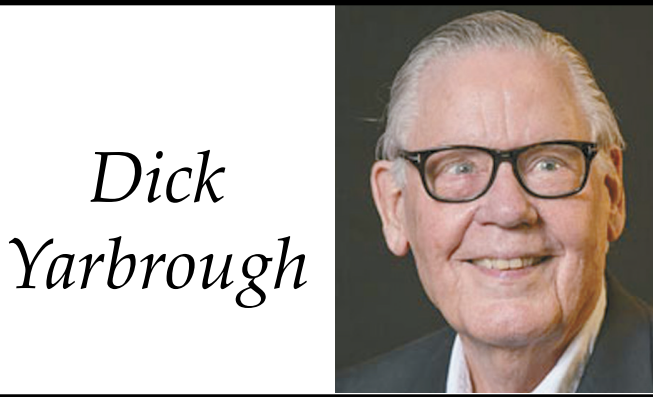
### Is there any place for love in today’s world?

Remember the Tina Turner hit, “What’s Love Got To Do With It?” In the lyrics, love is referred to as a “second-hand emotion.” That song popped into my head as I watch what is happening to our country. Love has got a lot to do with it and, unfortunately, it seems to be a second-hand emotion

these days — second to a lot of hate. We see that hate on television, hear about it on the radio, read about it in the newspaper and watch as hate is fanned with irresponsible social media postings. Hate seems to have gotten its impetus from well-publicized examples of highly questionable police tactics and

spread into something approaching anarchy in cities across the nation. Some people are demanding law enforcement agencies be defunded. Others wonder how we can stop the rioting and looting without the police. Kneeling at the playing of our national anthem is seen as a heroic gesture by some and

patently disrespectful by others. We hear that Black lives matter — and they do — but many whites perceive that statement as a wholesale indictment of all white people who, in turn, wonder why no one brings up the killing fields in places like Chicago, where Blacks are killing other Blacks in alarming numbers. Yet, many white people don’t seem to understand or appreciate the inherent frustration of Blacks. I can’t imagine how I would feel today had I grown up watching parents that I loved dearly having to sit in the back of the bus, be denied service in a restaurant because of the color of their skin, serving their country in war and yet being prohibited from voting when they returned. Many would say we are long past those days, others would say we have a long way to go. As for this day, we seem to be at an impasse in race relations in this country. We aren’t talking to each other. We are yelling. It is only going to get worse as election time nears and politicians pander to their supporters on either side of the racial divide. What is keeping us from reaching out to each other? Arnie Sidman, former senior vice president at RJR Nabisco and an Atlanta tax attorney is author of “From Race to Renewal: It’s Not All Black & White.” In a recent opinion piece in the Atlanta newspapers, he says, “Any plan to im-

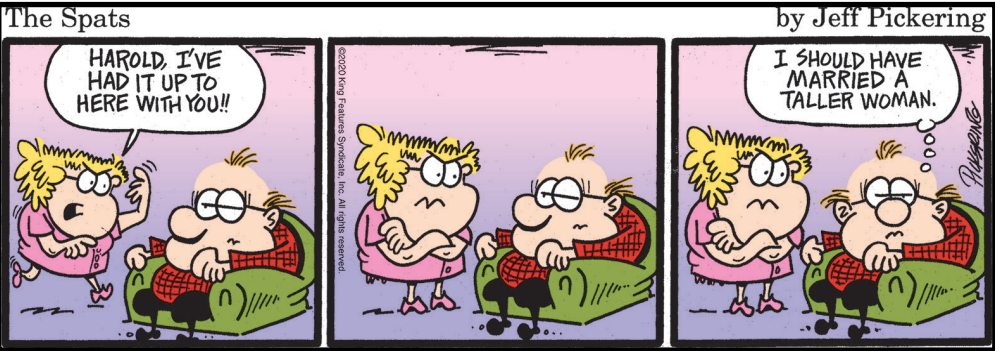
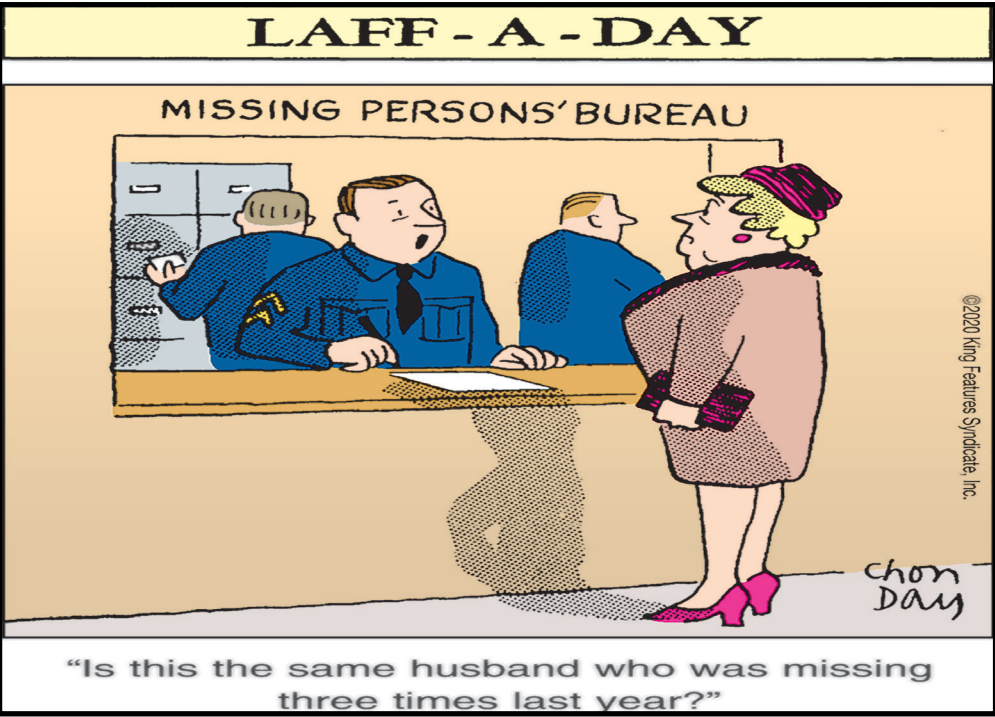
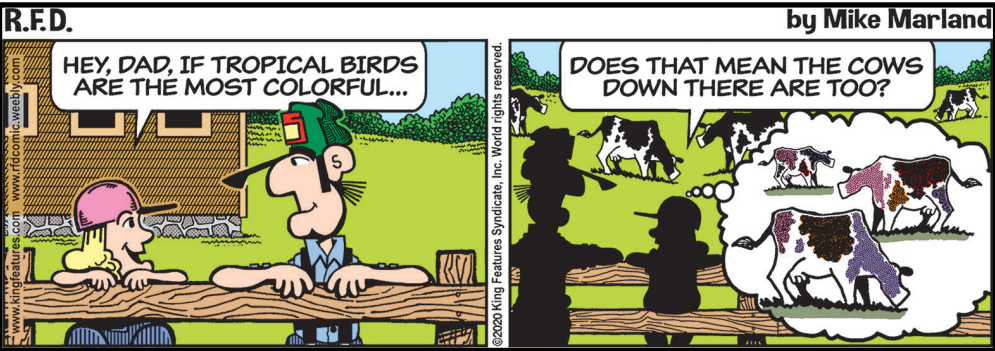



Dick Yarbrough

prove race relations between Black Americans and white Americans must be voluntarily implemented outside the political realm” and that “the initial goal should simply be making Blacks and whites more comfortable with one another in a social setting.” If we get to know each other up-close-and-personal, we might find out we have more in common than we realize. Sidman suggests that white churches and black churches pair up with an agreed-upon minimum number of congregational pairs that could meet and “discuss family stories and items of mutual interest or concern in a less threatening and confrontational medium than protest marches.” I could not agree more. My Christian faith espouses that we love everyone. So, why don’t we? The answer is that churches — Black and white — are composed of human beings who bring their prejudices in on Sunday, hear a rip-roaring sermon about turning the other cheek, walking the extra mile, getting the mote out of our own eye and then revert back to business as usual on Monday. Sadly, I speak from experience. My own. If our houses of worship aren’t willing to make

the effort, who can? I believe racism is a learned behavior. I have told the story previously of our Birthday Bash last November where great-grandson Cameron Charles Yarbrough and I celebrate our respective birthdays with family and friends. As everyone was preparing to leave, 5-year-old Hayden and 4-year-old Kayden gave each other a big hug. Hayden is my great-granddaughter. She is white. Kayden is the grandson of Carla, who has been an important part of our family for the past year. Kayden is Black. Obviously, neither of them seemed aware of their differences and just as obviously, didn’t care. Over the coming years, will they learn to hate and distrust each other? If so, our society is going to have to teach them that. I pray that they and their generation will find a better way to deal with their disagreements than what I am seeing today. We can’t continue down this path of self-destruction and survive. What’s love got to do with it? Everything. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at [dick@dickyarbrough.com](mailto:dick@dickyarbrough.com); at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139; online at [dick-yarbrough.com](http://dick-yarbrough.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/dickyarb](http://www.facebook.com/dickyarb).

## Editorial Cartoons





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# Savvy Senior: Financial help for retirees affected by COVID-19

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Are there any financial assistance programs you can refer me to? The coronavirus pandemic has cost me my part-time retirement job and has shrunk my measly IRA account.

Needy Retiree  
Dear Needy,  
Absolutely! In addition to the \$1,200 federal coronavirus stimulus check that was distributed in April and May, there are many other financial-assistance programs (both public and private) that can help struggling retirees, as well as give relief to family members who help provide financial support for their loved ones.

To find out what types of assistance you may be eligible for, just go to [BenefitsCheckUp.org](http://BenefitsCheckUp.org), a free, confidential Web tool designed for adults 55 and older and their families. It will help you locate federal, state and private benefits programs that can assist with paying for food, medications, utilities, health care, housing and other needs. This site – created by the National Council on Aging – contains more than 2,500 programs across the country.

To identify benefits, you'll first need to fill out an online questionnaire that asks a series of questions like your date of birth, ZIP code, expenses, income, assets, veteran status, the medications you take and a few other factors. It takes about 15 minutes.

Once completed, you'll get a report detailing all the programs and services you may qualify for, along with detailed information on how to apply.

Some programs can be applied for online; some have downloadable application forms that you can print and mail in; and some require that you contact the program's administrative office directly (they provide the necessary contact information).

If you don't have Internet access, you can also get help in-person

at any of the 84 Benefit Enrollment Centers located throughout the U.S. Call 888-268-6706 or visit [NCOA.org/centerfor-benefits/becs](http://NCOA.org/centerfor-benefits/becs) to locate a center in your area. Some centers also offer assistance over the phone.

**Types of Benefits**  
Depending on your income level and where you live, here are some benefits you may be eligible for:

**Food assistance:** Programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can help pay for groceries. The average SNAP benefit for 60-and-older households is around \$125 per month. Other programs that may be available include the Emergency Food Assistance Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

**Healthcare:** Medicaid and Medicare Savings Programs can help or completely pay for out-of-pocket health care costs. And, there are special Medicaid waiver programs that provide in-home care and assistance too.

**Prescription drugs:** There are hundreds of programs offered through pharmaceutical companies, government agencies and charitable organizations that help lower or eliminate prescription drug costs, including the federal Low-Income Subsidy known as "Extra Help" that pays premiums, deductibles and prescription copayments for Medicare Part D beneficiaries.

**Utility assistance:** There's the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), as well as local utility companies and charitable organizations that provide assistance in lowering home heating and cooling costs.

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI):** Administered by the Social Security Administration, SSI provides monthly payments

to very low-income seniors, age 65 and older, as well as to those who are blind and disabled. In 2020, SSI pays up to \$783 per month for a single person and up to \$1,175 for couples.

In addition to these programs, there are numerous other benefits they can help you locate such as HUD housing, home weatherization assistance, tax relief, veteran's benefits, senior transportation, respite care, free legal assistance, job training and employment and debt counseling.

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



There once was a dog named "Nipper," a terrier who was very devoted to his master, Mark Barraud. The two were best friends and were rarely seen apart from each other. When Mark died, his brother Francis 'adopted' him and after a lengthy period of mourning, "Nipper" became very attached to Francis, an artist. Eventually they too developed a very close relationship.

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# Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

## Jackie Hopkins



This week's Cook of the Week is Jackie Hopkins. She is a long-time resident of Emanuel County. She is a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her children are Brent Clifton, Keith Clifton, and Abby Veetil. Hopkins retired from county employment with the Emanuel County Tax Assessors Office in 2008. Through the years she has prepared many family meals, and though she can no longer prepare a complete meal due to health problems, she still enjoys preparing a favorite dish now and then. She finds the sharing of food helps pleasure to share three to retain a family bond, of her favorite recipes. and, today, it is her Enjoy




From the kitchen of Jackie

### Yummy Chicken Sticks

20-25 chicken fryer wings.  
1/4 c. salad oil (olive)  
1 c. water.  
1 tsp. garlic powder  
1 c. soy sauce.  
1 tsp. ginger  
1/4 c. pineapple juice

Mix water, soy sauce, pineapple juice, and olive oil with garlic powder and ginger. Pour over wings. In a large shallow pan, cover and refrigerate overnight. Bake uncovered on a flat cookie sheet at 350°F for 45 minutes or until tender and brown. Makes 4 to 5 servings or may be used as an appetizer.




From the kitchen of Jackie

### Apple Crisp

4 c. tart apples, pared and sliced  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
3/4 c. light brown sugar, packed  
1/2 c. un-sifted all-purpose flour  
1 c. oats  
3/4 tsp. ground cinnamon  
3/4 tsp. ground nutmeg  
1/3 c. margarine, cut up

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease 8x8x2 inch pan. Place apple slices in pan, sprinkle with vanilla extract. In small bowl, combine brown sugar, flour, oats, cinnamon, nutmeg, and margarine. Sprinkle mixture over apples. Bake 30 minutes or until apples are tender and topping is golden brown. Serve warm with light cream or soft vanilla ice cream.



From the kitchen of Jackie

### Cream of Broccoli Soup

1 c. water  
1 10 oz. package chopped broccoli  
2 c. whole milk  
2 c. chicken bouillon cubes  
1 c. half and half  
2 c. Velveeta cheese  
1/2 c. all-purpose flour

Cook broccoli in water, approximately 10 min. Add other ingredients. Simmer until cheese is melted and soup is hot.



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Hold On To God's Unchanging Hand

BY JEANETTE HARDEN

Over these past few months we have heard a lot of news about the death of so many loved ones and friends. The numbers of the Corona Virus seemed to be increasing instead of decreasing. It would seemed everything is like gloom and doom. But hold on, God has the finally say. This is why I want to encourage all to Hold to God's unchanging hand.

What the people of olden days knew was that God's hand never grew tired. He never lets go of us, it is us that let go of him. 1st Peter 5: 6-7 tells us, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Casting all your cares upon Him because He cares for you."When humble ourselves, it is then we begin to recognize that God is full control. We can then take our concerns to the Lord and leaves them there. He knows before we brought those concerns to Him what they were. Don't let go because those prayers have not been answered yet. Keep holding on to God's unchanging hand.

Most people have the expectancy that God will answer right away. When He doesn't, they have the tendency to give up. They look for someone or something else to meet the need. The scripture tells us that they who wait upon the Lord will find their wait worthwhile. Isaiah 40:31 says it, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. By waiting on God, we learn how to be patience and let God do what He knows best. Our faith is renewed and we learn the benefit of holding on to God's unchanging hand.

You see when we ask God to intervene on our behalf, he starts on the answer right then. But the enemy of our souls wants us to think God isn't listening and therefore we will quit trusting in God. Be encouraged and don't give up. Hold on to the unchanging hand of God. Don't let people hinder you with their unbelief and negative words but trust the living Word of God and you will see the answer manifest itself before your very eyes. A lot of things change as we have seen over these last few months. Our lifestyle have changed. The weather changes daily, people change, circumstances change, but God never changes. It is written in Malachi 3:6, "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."When sickness, distress or calamity come, we still must hold on, to God's promises for deliverance and healing. Hold on to him because He is holding on to us. Whatever it is that you might be going though, believe God. Hold on to God's unchanging hand.

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## Four shutouts with a perfect game for the Lady Dawgs

by Ron Weatherford  
The ECI softball team was humming on all cylinders in ever aspect of the game last week out scoring their 4 opponents 29-0. Included in the 4 shutouts was a perfect game where Clifton struck out each batter she faced.

Tuesday, August 5 ECI honored their 6 seniors before the game. They made the most of it defeating Jenkins Co. 7-0.

The game was scoreless until ECI broke through in the bottom of the second inning scoring 2 runs.

Brianna Rich singled in the inning followed by a sac bunt by Kelly Joseph. With Rich on second, Kelsey Harper played two runs on a double and 2 base error which had her rounding the bases for a 2-0 Bulldog lead.

ECI scored single runs in the fourth and fifth innings for a 4-0 lead and closed out the scoring in the sixth inning putting 3 more on the board for a 7-0 win for the Bulldogs.

Charla Clifton stood in the circle for ECI allowing just 2 hits, no walks while striking out 12 Eagle batters.

ECI scattered 10 hits

with Brianna Rich, Jesley Snellgrove and Kelsey Harper leading the Bulldogs at the plate with 2 hits each.

August 27 saw the Bulldogs hosting McIntosh Co. for their second region game of the week. It was a short stay for the Bucs and were sent back to Darien after the Lady Dawgs shut them out 15-0 in just 3 innings.

To say that McIntosh was dominated in the game would be an understatement. The Bulldogs put 13 runs on the board in the first two innings and ended the game in the third with 2 more for a 15-0 score.

Clifton struck out all 9 batters she faced in the three-inning game needing just 41 pitches for the win.

Last Saturday the Bulldogs played a double header for two make-up games due to rainouts earlier in the season.

ECI defeated Southeast Bulloch in the 9:00 game 1-0.

It was a pitchers' duel during the 1-0 game with both throwers allowing just 2 hits each. ECI scored the only run of the game in the bottom of the fifth inning.

With one out in the fifth, Mattie Grimm walked followed with singles by Taylor Radford and Kelly Joseph for a 1-0 Bulldog lead.

The hits by Radford and Joseph were the only ones for the Bulldogs.

Clifton went the distance for ECI allowing two hits while striking out 3 Blue Jackets.

At 1:00 the Bulldogs played Johnson Co. in another make-up game. ECI led JOCO in the rain out game 4-0 but was called in the second inning due to lighting.

The second and third innings saw the only runs of the game. ECI scored four in the second and two more in the third for a 6-0 win and their fourth shutout of the week.

Sullee Boddiford and Charla Clifton led ECI at the plate with 2 hits each.

Pitchers Clifton and Boddiford also combined for the shut out allowing just one hit each.

The Lady Dawgs have two games on tap this week. Tuesday September 1 (yesterday) ECI was in Pembroke to play Bryan Co. and will play Screven Co. in Sylvania on Thursday.

## Ladies of Fire announce upcoming dice run benefit

The Ladies of Fire is sponsoring its fifth annual dice run in memory of Lt. Ricky Thurman set to take place Saturday, September 19, at Swainsboro Shrine Club located on Highway 56 N.

Registration will begin

at 9 a.m. on the morning of the ride, kickstands up at 11 a.m. Entry fee is \$25 per rider and \$35 with passenger.

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O.C.G.A. §36-81-5(d)

A public hearing will be held Wednesday September 9th, 2020 at 5:00 PM at the County Office Building, 101 N. Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 to receive public comment on the Budget O.C.G.A §36-81-5(e)

Notice is also given that all FY 2020-2021 Budgets will be adopted on September 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the County Office Building at 101 N. Main Street Swainsboro, Georgia 30401. O.C.G.A. §36-81-6(a) and 31-81-5(e)

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Investment Income	\$40,000.00		
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Miscellaneous Revenue	\$115,000.00		
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Other	\$79,770.00		
Other Financing Sources	\$0.00		
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### Special Revenue Fund

Fund	Revenue	Expenditures	Total
Juvenile Service Fund 202	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Jail Fund 206	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$5,000.00
Drug Fund 212	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
E-911 Fund 215	\$604,400.00	\$604,400.00	\$0.00
Multiple Grants Fund 250	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fire Fund 270	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00
Development Authority Fund 271	\$455,000.00	\$455,000.00	\$0.00
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# DEA Eagles win first game of season

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

On Friday, August 28, David Emanuel Academy’s Varsity Eagles laced up their cleats for the first game of the season. Hosting the game at home, Twiggs Academy Trojans traveled from Jeffersonville to Stillmore for the 7:30 p.m. kick-off that ended with an Eagle victory, 44-38.

The Eagles entered the game with the advantage of a 65-yard kickoff return by Jesse Moore. Following a 2-point attempt, the score was 8-0.

Gaining points, the visiting trojans surpassed the Eagle’s score, 8-21. Varsity Eagle Dane Arrington increased the Eagle scoreboard 14-21 with a run for conversion. After clearing a 48-yard Eagle touchdown, Arrington added two additional points to the score board, tightening the scoreboard numbers, 16-21.

Still falling short to the Trojans, 16-24, an additional run for conversion play by Banks Booth added six more Eagle points to the score-

TWIGGS TROJANS TRAIL BEHIND RUNNING EAGLES

board. Racyn Faircloth completed the play with a 6-yard touchdown run, bringing the score to a tie 24-24.

The two varsity teams continued head on, with the Eagles trailing close behind the Trojans. Booth and Timothy Braddock brought the scoreboard to another tie of 30-30 after a conversion play. Faircloth added two additional points for the Eagles after completing a 3-yard touchdown run, 32-30.

Reaching another tied score of 38-38, the Eagles gained lead over the Trojans with a 44-38 victory. DEA’s Varsity

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Eagles will travel to Covington September 3 to compete in their second game for the sea-

son against Covington Academy Bulldogs. Kickoff time is set for 7:30 p.m.

# Free puppies-No return policy

by SHARI WATT, EMANUEL COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Recently, while driving through the Wal-Mart parking lot, I saw a young couple with two spotted hound dog pups in a basket. Their sign read, “Free Puppies with Food.” Naturally, I had to stop and inquire. They gave me the same story I have heard so many times before: “We didn’t know the mother dog was in heat.” I questioned them about the puppies, breed, age, health, how many in the litter? There were six in the litter.

The young couple had already given away three, and they kept a female puppy. I agreed to take the two left, and I assured them I had rescues that would take the pups and place them in good homes. I strongly urged the couple to please get

the mother dog spayed soon, so this didn’t happen again. I also voiced my concern over their keeping one of the puppies, because now they would have two dogs that would need to be fixed. I gave them names of some resources that may be able to help them.

I would like to give the couple credit for trying to find loving homes for the pups. They didn’t dump them off at a dumpster like so many people do. However, when giving away free pets, how can you be sure they are going to good homes and not going to be used as “bait” for dog fighting? As I was driving home with my two “free puppies,” I had growing concerns about the homes the other three puppies went to. Did they go home with a person who will be a responsible pet owner, or did they go home with someone who took them on an impulse?

We’ve all been guilty of impulsive shopping. We see something in the store or on-line that we think we have to have, but after we get it home, we change our minds and want to return it. Taking home a free puppy or kitten from yard sales or off the Wal-Mart parking lot is like impulse shopping. You see that adorable face, smell that puppy breath, get lots of kisses in the face, and your heart just melts. You think you have fallen in love. Then you say, without thinking about all the responsibility that comes with a new pet, “I’ll take it.”

There is a big difference between shopping in a store and taking home a free pet. When shopping in a store, you can return

an item if not satisfied with it. Give-a-ways are non-returnable. If you get home with your free new puppy or kitten and realize you have no place to keep it, or your landlord doesn’t allow pets, or you can’t afford to feed it and keep it healthy, you can’t take it back, because the people are long gone. Then what do you do? Most of the time, the pets end up in shelters or are left abandoned somewhere.

Taking in a new pet is a big responsibility. It should be a carefully, well thought out decision, not just an impulse. Pets are living, breathing creatures! They have to be fed and watered, have proper shelter, proper health care, exercise, love and get spayed/neutered. A pet should NOT be treated like a child’s Christmas toy that is tossed to the side when the newest/cuteness wears off.

Before you are tempted to take home that cute/adorable pet, you should ask yourself these questions:

- (If you rent) Does my landlord allow pets?
- If I move will I be able to carry my pet with me?
- Do I have a proper place to keep it where it will be safe and stay warm/cool and dry?
- Can I afford to feed it and give it the proper veterinarian care it needs to keep it healthy?
- Do I have the time to spend with it, to train it, exercise it, and love it?
- Will I have the funds to have it fixed (spayed/neutered) when it is old enough? (4-6 months old).
- I cannot stress enough the importance of spay-

ing/neutering pets. If more people did this, we wouldn’t have the problem of pet over-population. Our shelters and rescues wouldn’t be running over. We wouldn’t have problems with strays roaming our streets and hanging out at dumpsters. There wouldn’t be anyone at yard sales or on the Wal-Mart parking lot giving away puppies/kittens. A key to this is finding resources and funding to assist the people in our community with spaying/neutering. I am trying to do my part through writing grants and looking for resources to help.

I do get so frustrated at times seeing how some animals are abused or neglected, and the problem does not seem to be getting any smaller. Barb Moore, our Emanuel County Humane Society President, has said to me, “How do you eat an elephant? The answer is “One bite at a time.” Sometimes I feel like that elephant keeps getting bigger and bigger, but I will not stop my efforts, no matter how big the problem seems to be.

I keep hoping these articles I write will make a difference in the way people think about and treat their pets. I know that education is the key to help change the way we think. Hopefully, one of these days, we will conquer that elephant through our efforts of education. If we all do our part, we can make a difference. I look forward to the day when giving away unwanted animals in a parking lot is a thing of the past. Don’t you?



## Jail Report

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

Sheriff's Office (ECSO); Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office (PROB).  
Sabrina Kay Jackson, 42, 967 Empire Expressway, entered 8/26/20; Fail to

appear/list orig charge; SPD  
Michael Jermaine Howard, 44, 7143 Cobden Ln, Charlotte, NC, entered 8/26/20; Driving lic susp/rev; released 8/26/20; SPD  
Charles Justin Davis, 35, 115 McLeod Bridge Rd, entered 8/26/20; Driving lic susp/rev  
Robert Lee Brown, 19, 39 Wheeler Dr, entered 8/27/20; Speeding 30+ MPH over/Reckless driving; SPD

## Sheriff's Reports

According to the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office...  
**August 24**  
Victim stated he hydroplaned into the median duo to excess water on the roadway causing his vehicle to strike a tree.  
**August 25**  
Deputies went to a Fowler Lane residence to serve an arrest warrant. Upon arrival, officers observed offender running away from the residence. Deputies chased offender to the woods where he was apprehended. Officer spoke with complainant about a burglary at his property on Glenwood Rd, where multiple items were stolen.  
Complainant stated she had to reduce the amount of people at her wedding due to COVID-19 and offender got upset and started sending her threatening messages.  
**August 26**  
Complainant stated that offender was driving through his hay field and then stated driving up and down McLeos Bridge Rd. like he was chasing something. Complainant also stated that the offender has been acting very weird the last couple of day stating that people are trying to get him.  
Complainant stated that an unknown person tried to open several accounts

in his name and tried to cash a check for \$100.  
Officer took a report of a copper theft which occurred at the cellphone tower on Antioch Church Rd.  
Deputy received a call from complainant stating she hit a deer on Lambs Bridge Rd.  
**August 27**  
Complainant stated the vehicle in front of him slammed on brakes causing him to slam on brakes and turn towards the ditch to miss the vehicle, causing him to slide into the ditch.  
While officer was on routine patrol, a driver struck a deer causing slight damage tot he vehicle.  
Complainant stated some type of animal ran into the front passenger side bumper of his vehicle causing moderate damage.  
**August 28**  
Complainant stated that someone called her ad wantner her to set up a bank account and would deposit \$500 a week into the account and she would need to send them all her information.  
Officer spoke with complainant who advised him that her husband's welding machine was missing. Known offender stated it was his but after being contacted by complainant that she was pressing charges, offender said he would return it.

## Swainsboro Police Reports

Officers with the Swainsboro Police Department (SPD) reported...  
**August 20**  
Complainant reported his vehicle was damaged at Walmart.  
**August 22**  
Complainant filed a terroristic threats and acts report.  
**August 24**  
Officer responded to a Pratt Ave. residence in reference to a dog at large.  
Officer was dispatched to a Brown St. address in reference to burglary/

forced entry.  
Officer met with complainant at a Green St. address in reference to a disorderly conduct incident.  
Officer arrived at a known location in reference to a stolen CashApp card that was being used by an unknown person.  
Officer was dispatched to a West St. address in reference to theft by taking.  
**August 27**  
Officer was dispatched to S. Main St. is reference to a shoplifter.  
Officers responded to a W. Church St. addressing reference to two female subjects having a physical altercation.  
Officer was dispatched to N. Main St. in reference to a shoplifter.  
Officer responded to a N. Central St. address in reference to a report that someone shot complainants car.  
**August 28**  
Officer was dispatched to an E. Pine St. residence interference to damage to a vehicle.  
Officer initiated a traffic stop for speeding.

## Twin City Police Reports

Officers with the Twin City Police Department (TCPD) reported...  
**August 28**  
Officer conducted a traffic stop for a blue light infraction. Investigation revealed the suspect was under the influence of alcohol in combination with marijuana.  
**August 29**  
Officer made contact with offender in reference to an outstanding felony warrant.

## Emanuel County Magistrate Court awards local shelter ownership of July intake

by WHITLEY CLIFTON  
During the later month of July, Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter staff responded to a Fulmer Lane address in Twin City in reference to an intake request. According to information provided, the callers stated smelling an awful smell as if something dead may have been drug up to the household by the involved dog. Upon arrival of shelter staff, the dog was apprehended, and it was then learned that the strong odor reported was actually coming from the dog itself.  
The involved dog, a male, Asian Shephard, multi-colored, weighed 77.4 lbs. at time of intake and had severe injuries to its back.  
Medical care was rendered by Dr. Wesley McRae, DVM, who performed an overall health evaluation and examined and applied wound care to the large canine. According to documentation from this visit, it was recorded that the dog suffered severe injuries on his back and was flea infested. The two lesions on the back of the dog was measured to be 6"x 3" and 3"x 2". Hair was reported missing on both lesions and appeared to be black in color, indicating necrotic (dead or dying) flesh present. The wounds were severely infected underneath the dead skin and drainage was present, and appeared to be caustic in nature, indicating possible burn results by some agent. Medication and care instructions were provided to shelter staff and the dog's care was turned back over to the animal shelter. The diagnosis given was severe, traumatic, contact dermatitis – caustic in nature with sever secondary bacterial infection.  
After being under the care of Betty Gambrell

Animal Shelter for almost one month, the dog, now known as Dallas, returned to McRae's vet clinic for a re-check examination. In the short time frame, the second report provided by Dr. McRae detailed that Dallas appeared to be bright, alert, responsive, and had a normal temperature. In comparison to Dallas' first visit, all wounds were healed by the second visit, no infection was reported present, and health scar tissue formation was reported and not deemed concerning. Since the primary visit in July, Dallas had since gained seven pounds. Finalizing the report, Dr. McRae documented "Due to the diligent care by the Swainsboro Animal Control in administering the medications prescribed by McRae Veterinary Clinic, Dallas has fully recovered from the severe wounds that were present a month ago and is doing great."  
On Thursday, August 27, Dallas' case was brought before the honorable Magistrate Court Judge Dawn Braddy, who was sitting in for the honorable Judge Ronald Wiggins. Judge Braddy provided opportunity for both parties to speak, which involved shelter manager Leta Fuentes and the dog's owner, Connie Dowd.  
Fuentes provided detailed information and records obtained from the vet's office as well as that of the shelter. Photos and current status of Dallas were also displayed to Judge Braddy.  
Dowd stated that the involved dog, Dallas, was a stray that she had taken in and admitted to knowledge of one "skin mark," but did not admit to knowledge of all documented wounds.  
Emanuel County Humane Society had also provided statement

that Dallas, if released to Dowd, would not be considered to be in the right home to receive proper care.  
After further discussion on the matter and provided evidence from both Fuentes and Dowd were presented and viewed by Judge Braddy, the final ruling was that Dallas would be better off if placed with another home that could provide better

supervision.  
"Canines and other animals have no voice. We have to speak for them," Judge Braddy stated as she announced the final verdict for Dallas' case.  
Judge Braddy ordered Dowd to repay the shelter for associated care cost of Dallas since the July intake, which ranged close to an approximate \$480 but waived immediate payment be made.

Instead, Dowd was ordered repayment be made through the completion of 40 hours community service of three months or less.  
The Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter has many pets for adoption. Just recently, on National Dog Day, August 26, a walk-thru of the shelter featuring adoptable dogs as well as recent shelter renovations made live appearance on

Facebook. This footage can be located by visiting Emanuel County Live! Please note, the shelter is in need of donations of puppy and canned dog food, but all donations are greatly appreciated. To inquire more information on possible adoptions or ways to donate or volunteer a helping hand, contact the shelter at 478-237-4040.



DALLAS AFTER FIRST VISIT TO DR. McRAE



CURRENT PHOTO OF DALLAS

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# Construction worker injured in fall

by Bill Cahill SFD PIO  
A 55-year-old male construction worker was injured in a fall in Stillmore. Around 9:45 a.m. on Friday, August 28, Emanuel County EMS and firefighters along with Stillmore Police were dispatched to 1 Plant Avenue. A male had fallen approximately 12 feet from a beam at a construction site. After being treated and stabilized on scene, he was transported to the football field at David Emanuel Academy where he was transferred to Air-Evac 91 and flown to a trauma center in Savannah. As of press time, there was no update on his condition.

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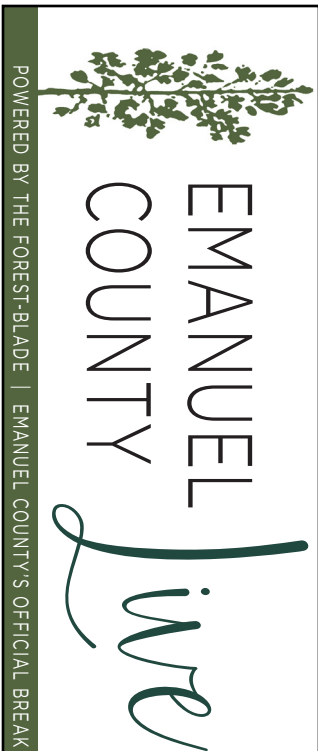
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# Georgia Power announces new fixed price rate plan for customers: Pay by Day plan provides customers another option to manage their energy use and payments

Georgia Power is giving residential customers another option to manage their energy use and payments with the new “Pay by Day” rate plan, an innovative option that locks in a fixed daily price for electricity over an entire year.

Pay by Day is a pre-paid service plan that gives customers the ability to deposit funds into their Georgia Power account with a fixed amount deducted daily, no matter the amount of energy used. This helps to avoid fluctuations in energy costs during the heat of summer and the cold of winter. Qualifying residential customers can have certainty in their budget with a customized Pay by Day offer based upon their projected electricity usage over the next 12 months.

Georgia Power customers who have had service for 12 months can receive their customized Pay by Day price and sign up by calling 1-800-642-4590.

**How Pay by Day works**

After customers sign up for the Pay by Day rate plan, they can simply add funds under the “My Account” section

of [www.GeorgiaPower.com](http://www.GeorgiaPower.com) or by visiting one of more than 4,000 Authorized Payment Locations (APLs) that accept Georgia Power payments. Each day, the customer’s account is charged the fixed, custom daily price. If funds in the customer’s account get too low, Georgia Power will send them a reminder that it is time to make a payment.

The Pay by Day rate plan also provides customers who have an outstanding balance an additional payment option. If a customer has a past-due balance when signing up for Pay by Day, 25 percent of every payment will be applied to the remaining balance. No late fees will be charged if outstanding balances are paid before April 2021.

The Pay by Day plan was originally offered as a pilot program. After review, the Georgia Public Service Commission approved the plan as a new offering available to all eligible customers.

**Rate options to fit customers’ budget and lifestyle**

Georgia Power offers a variety of flexible and customizable rate plans to meet every lifestyle and budget. Ensuring that you are on the most economical rate plan for your use is one of the most effective ways to keep your energy costs low. In addition to the new Pay by Day plan, customers can explore Georgia Power rate plans at [www.GeorgiaPower.com/Pricing](http://www.GeorgiaPower.com/Pricing):

the Nights & Weekends rate is for you. By changing when you wash dishes, do laundry or cool your home, savings add up annually.

- **PrePay** – This rate plan option allows you to pay as you go and add funds as needed. This plan requires no deposit, credit check or reconnection fees.
- **Residential Services** – Georgia Power’s basic rate plan is available to all residential customers. This plan has a monthly base charge and a rate that changes based on your monthly usage and the time of year.
- **Resources for customers**

Whether customers own a home or rent, tailored energy-savings tips are available at [www.GeorgiaPower.com/Save](http://www.GeorgiaPower.com/Save), which also includes access to a free *Online Energy Checkup* and a variety of rebates and incentives for both homes and businesses.

Additionally, Georgia Power’s *My Power Usage* program, a free service connected to many Georgia Power online accounts, allows customers to track their daily energy use, project their monthly bill, and set daily or monthly usage alerts.


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## Historian, Author DeVos speaks to Little River

President Wilder Smith Jr. and Registrar Dess Smith III of the Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, traveled 90 miles to Lincolnton to attend the Little River Chapter SAR's 6:30 p.m. monthly meeting on Thursday night, August 20.

This month's meeting of the Thomson Chapter was held at the Lincoln County Historical Society's museum in downtown Lincolnton. The featured pro-

gram was presented by Historian and Author Ed DeVos, who highlighted his recently published book, *The Last 100 Yards*. DeVos' book is history based with a focus of soldiers - infantry soldiers - the heart and soul of our Army. His book describes how, after Vietnam, our army developed new doctrine, new equipment, and a tougher, more meaningful training philosophy. This featured book introduces some common sense leaders whose

principles still impact our military today while also providing a glimpse into the lives of military spouses and children, who serve their country alongside their soldiers.

Little River President Bill Tankersley presented three new members their SAR certificates and inducted them into the chapter. In addition, President Tankersly also presented two members with their National Society SAR Veterans Certificates of Patriotism.



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## City of Swainsboro Budget Hearing

December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021

The City of Swainsboro will hold a public hearing Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Swainsboro Fire Dept. for the purpose of hearing written and oral comments from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for the fiscal year 2020-21 as contained in the proposed budget summary below. Decisions on use of these funds are made at the local level by government and people closest to local problems. Georgia Act 1405, which was passed by the Georgia Central Assembly, requires a hearing on the purposed use of the funds in relation to the overall budget before the budget is adopted each year.

All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens and organizations representing the interest of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and submit comments.

Any person needing special services should contact Al L. Lawson, coordinator of handicapped services, at City Hall.

### Summary of Proposed Budget (General Fund)

Sources	REVENUES	Amount
General Tax Digest .....		\$2,499,727.28
Other Taxes & Franchise Fee .....		\$2,719,000.00
Licenses and Permits .....		\$272,500.00
Fines and Forfeits .....		\$331,000.00
Service Charges/Fees .....		\$1,558,052.83
Income From Other Governments .....		\$995,881.18
Hotel /Motel Tax .....		\$125,000.00
Loan .....		-0-
Total .....		\$8,501,161.29

### EXPENDITURES

Activity	Amount
Police .....	\$2,242,277.00
Fire .....	\$1,122,082.38
Public Works .....	\$1,388,409.68
Sanitation/ Recycling .....	\$670,000.00
Recreation Parks .....	\$899,170.08
Airport .....	\$412,451.58
Airport Hangers .....	\$4,081.58
General Administration .....	\$850,284.15
Downtown Development .....	\$354,562.83
Animal Control .....	\$172,992.97
Building Department .....	\$116,388.04
Hotel /Motel Division .....	\$105,861.00
Cultural Arts .....	\$87,600.00
Capital Budget .....	\$75,000.00
Total .....	\$8,501,161.29

### SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET (WATER AND WASTE WATER FUND)

Sources	REVENUES	Amount
Water and Waste Water Receipts .....		\$2,200,000.00
Water and Waste Water Services .....		\$5,000.00
Service Charges .....		\$101,000.00
Customer Transfer Fees .....		\$23,031.03
Miscellaneous .....		\$53,932.78
Contingency .....		-0-
Total .....		\$2,329,031.34

### EXPENSES

Sources	Amount
Water and Waste Water Funds .....	\$2,329,031.34

A copy of this information, the entire proposed budget and additional background materials are available for public inspection from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at City Hall, Swainsboro, GA 30401

## CITY OF SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA

In compliance with O.C.G.A Section 48-5-32, the City is publishing the following report setting forth the proposed tax digest and millage rate for the current year prior to adoption of the millage rate. The current year being proposed is the City's fiscal year ending November 30, 2021.

The City of Swainsboro will set this millage rate at the Council meeting at City Hall, Monday September 08, 2019 at 6:00pm.

### Proposed 2021 Tax Digest and 5-Year History of Levy

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>CITY OF SWAINSBORO</b>					
ASSESSMENT RATE	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%
REAL & PERSONAL	\$132,720,298	\$136,020,131	\$140,347,431	\$141,465,306	\$134,331,543
MOTOR VEHICLES	\$4,605,370	\$3,522,120	\$2,903,300	\$2,444,60	\$1,116,201
MOBILE HOMES	\$121,204	\$117,453	\$116,765	\$92,241	\$88,654
TIMBER-100%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HEAVY EQUIPMENT	\$19,295	\$13,688	\$0	\$0	\$0
GROSS DIGEST	\$137,466,167	\$139,673,392	\$143,367,496	\$144,002,147	\$135,536,398
FLPA REIMBURSEMENT VALUE	\$71,662	\$72,344	\$74,080	\$16,777	\$16,266
LESS M&O EXEMPTIONS	-\$21,301,254	-\$22,593,472	-\$23,771,814	-\$22,366,654	-\$10,039,428
NET M&O DIGEST	\$116,236,575	\$117,152,264	\$119,669,762	\$121,652,270	\$125,496,970
GROSS M&O MILLAGE RATE	27.52	27.52	27.52	27.52	27.52
LESS ROLLBACKS	29.04%	29.15%	29.40%	29.68%	29.49%
NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	19.529	19.499	19.428	19.353	19.405
NET TAXES LEVIED	\$2,269,984	\$2,284,352	\$2,324,944	\$2,354,011	\$2,435,268
NET TAXES \$ INCREASE	-\$48,723	\$14,368	\$40,592	\$29,067	\$81,257
NET MILLAGE % INCREASE	0.54%	-1.69%	-0.36%	-0.39%	0.27%



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MISC

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**183 acre cattle farm for sale:** Griffin Ferry Road south of Stillmore, fenced, ponds, \$550,600. Adjacent 4 bedroom, 3-1/2 bathroom brick home on 1 acre, \$185,000. Details at [www.GeorgiaLand.com](http://www.GeorgiaLand.com), Shivers Real Estate, 706-833-9114

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The shelter is always in need of donations of canned and bagged dog food. We appreciate any and every donation.

If you are missing a dog or have found a dog, please call the shelter at 478-237-4040 to report it.

Visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/EmanuelCountyShelter](http://www.facebook.com/EmanuelCountyShelter) or visit our visitor website, [www.petestablished.com/organization/1760/](http://www.petestablished.com/organization/1760/), to view our adoptable dogs.

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

We are open Monday through Friday, 8-4, and Saturday, 8-12.

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Lanie Jonas, Title IX Coordinator, Room 138B, 912-538-3230  
[ljonas@southeasterntech.edu](mailto:ljonas@southeasterntech.edu)

Helen Thomas, Section 504 Coordinator, Room 108, 912-538-3126  
[hthomas@southeasterntech.edu](mailto:hthomas@southeasterntech.edu)



# Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF  
GEORGIA

In Re: Gloria Dixon  
Civil  
Action File No. 20CV191  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
CHANGE NAME**  
Georgia, Emanuel County  
Notice is hereby given that Gloria  
Phyllis Ann Franklin Dixon the  
undersigned, filed his petition to  
the Superior Court of Emanuel  
County, Georgia on the 6th day of  
August, 2020, praying for a change  
in the name of petitioner from  
Gloria Phyllis Ann Franklin Dixon to  
Phyllis Ann Franklin Dixon. Notice  
is hereby given pursuant to law  
to any interested or affected party  
to appear in said court and to file  
objections to such name change.  
Objections must be filed with said  
Court within 30 days of the filing of  
said petition.  
This 6 day of August, 2020.

Petitioner

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY  
OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE  
FRANK KIRKLAND, SR.,  
DESEASED.

All creditors of the estate of Georgia Frank Kirkland, Sr., deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Dennis Earl Kirkland, Executor of the George Frank Kirkland, Sr. Estate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.

This 11th day of August, 2020.

**RICHARD M. MCNEELY,**  
Attorney for  
Dennis Earl Kirkland  
Executor of the  
George Frank Kirkland, Sr. Estate  
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.  
P.O. Box 767  
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401  
(478) 237-4225

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND  
CREDITORS            GEORGIA,  
EMANUEL COUNTY

All persons having claims against the estate of M. L. Reid, a/k/a Maynard Lloyd Reid, Jr., are hereby notified to render demand upon the undersigned as provided by law and all persons indebted to M. L. Reid, a/k/a Maynard Lloyd Reid, Jr., are hereby required to make immediate payment to the personal representative listed below.  
This 12th of August, 2020.  
Synovus Trust Company, N.A.,  
Executor under the Will  
M.L. Reid, a/k/a Maynard Lloyd Reid, Jr., deceased  
c/o Synovus Trust Company, N. A.,  
P O Box 23024  
Columbus, GA 31902-3024  
Wayne Hadden, Attorney  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF  
GEORGIA

BEN HENRY EASON  
Plaintiff,  
Civil Action No. 20-CV-206

V.  
SANDRA KAY EASON  
Defendant.

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS-  
SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
TO: SANDRA KAY EASON,  
Defendant Named Above:

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking BEN HENRY EASON[state the relief sought] was filed against you in said court on August 13, 2020, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on August 13, 2020 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Ben Eason, plaintiff, whose address is 216 Lewis St. Apt-A Swainsboro, Ga 30401 an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Witness the Honorable Robert S. Reeves, Judge of said Court.

This the 13th day of August, 2020.

Clerk of Superior Court.  
Emanuel, County

IN THE PROBATE COURT  
OF EMANUEL Y STATE OF  
GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF  
MINNIE PEARL RICKS BRINSON,  
ESTATE NO. 20E0083  
DECEASED  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF  
ADMINISTRATION  
NOTICE**

TO: ALL INTERESTED  
PARTIES and to whom it may  
concern:

**BOBBY LEE BRINSON JR.** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of **MINNIE PEARL RICKS BRINSON** 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. SEPTEMBER 21, 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. WIKES**  
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

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY**  
All creditors of the estate of Julia  
Oliver McPherson, decedent, late  
of Emanuel County, are hereby

notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

Tommie F. Harper, Executrix of the Estate of

Julia Oliver McPherson, decedent

Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.

P.O. Box 68

Swainsboro, GA 30401

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY  
OF TOOMBS  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND  
CREDITORS

IN RE: The Estate of James Mark Strange, deceased.  
All debtors or creditors of the Estate of James Mark Strange, deceased, late of Emanuel County, Georgia, are hereby to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are to make immediate payment to me at the address below.  
This 19th day of August, 2020.  
 **/ s / D e b o r a h**  
**Strange**  
Deborah Strange, Executrix of the Estate of James Mark Strange, Deceased  
Paul K. Cook, Esq.  
The Cook Law Firm, LLC  
P. O. Box 63  
Vidalia, Georgia 30475  
912-537-8875 Telephone

Notice to Debtors and Creditors  
All creditors of the Estate of Willard George Pease, late of Emanuel County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
This 21st day of August, 2020.  
Name: Catherine L. Shepard

Title: Administrator  
Address: 3055 Arden Way  
Snellville, GA 30039  
Ayers Law Office, P.C.  
PO Box 720  
Millen, GA 30442  
(478) 401-0355

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF  
EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF  
GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
A G W,  
ESTATE NO. 20E0087

**MINOR  
NOTICE**  
Date of second publication, if any  
September 9, 2020  
**TO: JATERRIAS BURDEN**  
You are hereby notified that  
**REGINA HOPE MOYE** has filed a  
Petition seeking to be appointed  
temporary guardian of the above-  
named Minor. All objections to  
the Petition to the appointment  
of a temporary guardian or the  
appointment of the Petitioner as  
temporary guardian, must be in  
writing, setting forth the grounds  
of any such objections, and be  
filed with this Court no later than  
fourteen (14) days after this notice  
is mailed, or ten (10) days after  
this notice is personally served  
upon you, or ten (10) days after the  
second publication of this notice,  
if you are served by publication.  
All objections should be sworn to  
before a notary public or Georgia  
probate court clerk and filing fees  
must be tendered with your objec-  
tions, unless you qualify to file as  
an indigent party. Contact Probate  
Court personnel for the required  
amount of filing fees.  
**NOTE:** If a natural guardian files  
a timely objection to the creation  
of the temporary guardianship, the  
Petition will be dismissed. If a  
natural guardian files an objection  
to the appointment of the Petitioner  
as guardian, or if a parent who  
is not a natural guardian files an

objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is 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**  
**478-237-7091**  
Telephone Number

I Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **Community Affairs Assistance, Inc.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the **Georgia Business Corporation Code**. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at **516 North Coleman Street, Swainsboro, GA, 30401** and its initial registered agent at such address is **Kendra Denise Worthen**.

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY  
OF EMANUEL  
IN RE: ESTATE OF LINTORN  
GORDON BRETT, DECEASED.

All creditors of the estate of Lintorn Gordon Brett, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Willosi W. Brett, Executor of the Lintorn Gordon Brett Estate, at P.O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and a;; persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.

This 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

RICHARD M. MCNEELY  
Attorney for  
Willoise W. Brett,  
Executor of the  
Lintorn Gordon Brett Estate

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