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ONE DOLLAR

## Swainsboro City Council’s hot items of discussions:

*Milage rollback = no tax or water rate increase; first reading of mandatory mask ordinance; entry level bonus pay for select emergency personnel; termination of JACOB’s contract; and more!*

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

The classroom of Swainsboro Fire Department served as the meeting place for Swainsboro City Council’s recent meeting. Originally held the first Monday of every Month, the council meeting had been delayed for one day due to the Labor Day holiday. Opening the meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, Mayor Charles Schwabe welcomed all prior to the invocation being led by Reverend Brad McKenzie.

Minutes from the previous meeting

were reviewed and approved by council. Johnny Ray Stafford made first motion of approval, Julian Sconyers seconded, and all council members voted accordingly, except Councilperson Ricky Stevens, who was not present during the time of this action.

**In reference to old business:**

John L. Stover Jr., RLA with Carter and Sloope, addressed council with three options for council’s approval for the Robin Road Project, and (Continued on page 5B)



BIRDS SPORTS BAR

## Two shot outside of local bar

On the morning of September 13, at 12:30 a.m., the Swainsboro Police Department was dispatched to 226 South Main Street in reference to shots fired outside of a business. Upon responding officers’ arrival, people were running in all directions in a panic. Some officers were immediately directed to the emergency room relating to gunshot victims from the incident at

the same address.

Officers were able to determine that several shots had been fired from an adjacent property toward the business known as “Birds Sports Bar”.

At least three vehicles were damaged, and two individuals were struck by bullets that were fired as a result of the assault.

Investigators were called to the scene as on-scene officers secured

the crime scene and maintained control of witnesses.

Several empty shell casings were found on the scene, including casings from an AR-15 rifle. Those injured were taken to Augusta by medical personnel for treatment. All victims are in stable condition.

The case remains under investigation by Swainsboro Police Department.



BOE MEMBER LANE, LOVETT, MASON, FLAKES, AND DR. JUDY

## National competitors receive certificates at latest BOE meeting

by HALEI LAMB

At its meeting last Tuesday, September 8, the Emanuel County Board of Education resumed recognizing exemplary students after an extensive break due to a statewide shutdown as a result of COVID-19. Students who competed in their respective CTAE organizations’ national conferences over the

summer, along with the advisors who helped prepare them for the events, were atop the agenda to be recognized by the superintendent and board (Continued on page 2A)

## Lamb named 2021 National Merit Scholarship program semifinalist

Swainsboro High School senior Andrew Lamb has achieved the distinction of being named a semifinalist in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship program. Being distinguished as a National Merit semifinalist is a huge achievement along the path to college. More than 1.5 million juniors entered the 2021 National Merit Scholarship program. The nationwide pool of semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

Merit Scholar designees are selected based on their skills, leadership abilities, accomplishments, and potential for



LAMB

success in rigorous college studies. Only those who score in the top one percent nationwide achieve the distinction of National Merit Semifinalist. Every finalist competes for one of 2,500

National Merit \$2,500 scholarships

Swainsboro High School Principal Dr. Denise Warnock said, “Andrew demonstrates the qualities of our very best and brightest at Swainsboro High School. We are extremely proud of his achievement and excited to share his recognition with our community. Andrew has been intrinsically motivated to achieve this merit and throughout his high school career has demonstrated the excellence worthy of a National Merit recipient. We look forward to his continued success in this and all his endeavors.”

### Happenings

*\*Listed events are subject to change.*

**Clothing Pantry**  
*New Beginnings Worship Center*  
 September 16, 1 p.m.

**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.

## Woman accused with attempted fleeing receives fraud and other charges

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

During the morning hours of Sunday, August 30, Emanuel County 911 dispatched officers with Swainsboro Police Department to 409 West Moring Street, Apartment 3, in reference to a domestic disturbance in progress. As officers were in route to the location (Continued on page 2A)



KIRKLAND

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Woman accused with...

(From front page) tion, 911 advised that an involved subject was attempting to leave the scene in a newer model, white Chevrolet Malibu. The driver of the involved car was successful in leaving the scene but later made contact with a responding officer at the intersection of Tyson Street and West Moring Street. As the officer gained on the involved Chevrolet car, the offending driver increased speed in an attempt to elude the officer. Patrol lights were then activated on the officer's vehicle as the announcement of a chase in progress was made via radio. The driver of the Malibu continued to flee from said location toward the intersection of Highway 56 South and U.S. Highway 1, reaching speeds of approximately 80 miles per hour. The chase then continued onto U.S. Highway 1 North toward the intersection of U.S. Highway 80 West, then progressed from Highway 80 West back east toward the Swainsboro city limits at speeds of 15 to 30 miles per hour due sustained damage to the front wheel on the driver's side. The chase ended once the driver parked the car at the address of 144 McMillan Drive. The offending driver, Tracy Delaine Kirkland, 40, was then apprehended without further incident and transported to the Emanuel County Jail, where she was placed on hold, pending charges for fleeing and attempting to elude police and probation/state court/

National competitors receive...

(Continued on page 2A) members. Superintendent Dr. Kevin Judy said, "We always appreciate the hard work our sponsors put into these programs and give these students these opportunities. We appreciate all you do. Students, we're proud of you and appreciate all you do to recognize yourselves and your school. You did a great job." He also thanked the parents for supporting these students' endeavors. Another important discussion on the night's agenda was the discussion of the FY21 Capital Outlay Application for Swainsboro Elementary. For the last several years, the board has been renovating and modifying schools within the district. Of the schools completed so far are Swainsboro Primary School and Emanuel County Institute. Swainsboro High's updates from this summer are almost finished, and the application approved by the board last year to update Swainsboro Middle School has been completed as well. After Swainsboro Elementary is finalized, the only remaining school will be Twin City Elementary for this renovation cycle. In the application for SES, architect costs are \$1,794,430. The board will receive state funds in the ball park of \$640,000, which leaves local expenditure around \$1.1 million. (Dr. Judy also informed board members that because Emanuel is a low-wealth county, the system qualifies for

Middle Georgia Probation violations. During Kirkland's arrest, officers located \$16,250 in cash money on Kirkland's person. The involved car was recovered and impounded at the city shop in Swainsboro. The following day, August 31, a detective with the Swainsboro Police Department was advised of the incident and the details involved. Having knowledge of Kirkland's past criminal history and also having received recent informational leads of Kirkland's alleged fraud involvement, further investigation revealed that Kirkland had obtained fraudulent funding through unemployment and the Small Business Association. Stating that she had faced hardship as a hair and nail salon owner operating out of her McMillan Drive home address, it was confirmed that Kirkland had received SBA relief funding in the amount of \$66,440 for a salon that was non-existent. Kirkland now faces additional charges of theft by deception, possession of firearms by a convicted felon, and drug charges of opium or derivative sale/deliver. She could potentially face other charges as the investigation continues. Additional law enforcement agencies have since assisted Swainsboro Police Department. More information will be released as provided by the Swainsboro Police Department.

extra state funding. In the past, the system has paid 9 percent whereas it will now pay 6.5 percent.) This project at SES will include renovations comparable to those done at other schools: new flooring, new lights, ceiling tiles, painting on the walls, and any other needs specific to the school. This discussion was part of the consent agenda, which also consisted of minutes from the August 11 board meeting, the financial reports, and fundraiser applications for 2020-2021. The consent agenda was approved unanimously toward the end of the meeting with John Allen Bailey presenting the motion and Tanya Lane giving the second. Whitney Lawrence, director of finance, delivered a brief note regarding the FY21 millage rate. A special called meeting will be held at the central office on Monday, September 21, at 5 p.m. to approve the rate following its advertisement in *The Forest-Blade*. She also gave the board an update on SPLOST expenditures for this quarter. On the list were ECI's HVAC project, the ECI renovations, a roofing project that is quickly nearing completion, and the renovations still underway at Swainsboro High School. The 2012-2017 SPLOST closed out June 30 with the SHS batting cage improvement project, which is still ongoing

but the first draw closed, thus eliminating any active projects within that particular referendum. Closing out the meeting, the board gave the floor to guest speaker Deanna Ryan, a teacher with an 11-year tenure at Swainsboro Middle School prior to moving on to instruct at Dublin City Schools. During her allotted three minutes to speak, she addressed the board about a mask mandate, bringing data with her to illustrate how Laurens County's mask mandate has effected COVID numbers in the neighboring county. The board then entered into executive session. Upon returning to open session, the BOE approved the following:

- **Employments, classified personnel** — Dominique Burnett, Matthew McNeely, Wendi Ricks, Janet Sanchez, and Heather Sherrod, substitute teachers; Patricia Goble, school food service assistant; Shannon Howard, substitute for school food service; Edward Johnson Jr. and Teddy Pierce, custodians; and Erica Pennington, bus driver.
- **Resignation, certified employee** — Angela Deal, teacher.
- **Resignation, classified employees** — Casey Arrington and Jessie Cochran, school food service assistants; Lachesha Brown, custodian; and John Harris and Shirley Henry, bus drivers.

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# Lawrence ranks third of 50

After experiencing six months of cancelled competitions, Milan Lawrence earned third place against 50 athletes at the October 13, 2020 Bootlegger Triathlon in Dawsonville. This multi-sport event required competitors to complete 250 yards swimming, 9 miles biking, and 2.25 miles running.

Lawrence has previously competed in over 15 triathlon competitions within Florida and Georgia.

"It felt a little strange competing again, but I was ready for it," explained Lawrence.

Ronald Lawrence, Swainsboro High School graduate, and Leigh Lawrence, Ohio native, are the parents of Milan. She is the granddaughter of Reverend Richard Lawrence Jr. and Edna Lawrence of Summertown. Milan was blessed

with her middle name, Evella, from her dearly departed grandmother, Evella Lawrence of Summertown.

On August 3, 2020, at age 16, Milan graduated from Athens Technical College's GED program. Currently, she is a freshman at Athens Tech. In January 2021, Milan plans to apply for admission and transfer into the United States Coast Guard Academy.



LAWRENCE GRADUATES



LAWNRENCE AFTER RECENT COMPETITION

# Superior Court sentences two

During the Emanuel County Superior Court July 2020 term, the following were sentenced...

Tavarius Menquez Devouil negotiated a plea of guilty on one count possession of firearm by a convicted felon and one count possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 10 years probation.

Leon Timothy Bush negotiated a plea of guilty on one count cruelty to children in the second degree and one count reckless driving. Additional charges of one count fleeing attempting to allude and one count violation of limited driving permit were dismissed. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 10 years probation.

# Active COVID-19 count sees decrease in numbers

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

According to the county commissioners' noon update before press time Tuesday, September 15, the total active cases of COVID-19 in Emanuel has decreased to 96.

There have been 1017 total confirmed cases. Of those confirmed cases, 891 patients have recovered while 30 have died. Altogether, 4,993 patients have been tested; 242 of those patients are awaiting results.

This week's active

count of 101 indicates a decrease of 5 cases from the previous week.

The report on September 8 was as follows:

- 101 active cases
- 906 confirmed cases
- 779 recovered
- 4,765 total patients tested
- 242 patients awaiting results

The death count jumped from 24 to 26 on September 8. The previous death count of 24 held steady from August 31 until September 4.

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.

# Circle K Club to hold benefit car wash

East Georgia State College's Circle K Club, along with other EGSC clubs, will be hosting a car wash for hurricane relief. The car wash will be Wednesday, September 30 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in parking lot P8 on EGSC's Swainsboro campus, located between the main academic buildings.

No one holds my power of attorney but myself. Though my lawyers have sometimes held my power of attorney, as of August 2020, none has ever registered my power of attorney in the Emanuel County Superior Court Clerks office. Anyone trying to register, use, or claim to have my power of attorney would constitute an outright fraud for pecuniary gain.

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## EGSC holds annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

On Friday, September 11, East Georgia State College hosted a 9/11 Memorial event to recognize first responders and military students and employees. The memorial began at 9 a.m. at the flagpole at the front of the Luck F. Gambrell Building on EGSC's Swainsboro campus.


Beverley Walker, Director of the Fire and Emergency Services Administration program at EGSC, began the memorial by reciting quotes from different people about the events that occurred on 9/11. She then shared a story about one of EGSC's students, Bobcat Baseball player Austin Mercado, who lost his father that day. Members of the community and emergency personnel from the surrounding area attended the socially-distanced event. A special thanks to everyone who helped make this ceremony a success.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- September 14 - 18 - Virtual Club Week
- September 16 - 12 Week Session Final Fee Payment Deadline
- September 17 - Fulford Center Advisory Board Meeting
- September 22 - Total Wellness Series

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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### Recy M. Beasley, 77

Ms. Recy M. Beasley, 77, of Wrightsville passed away September 8, 2020 at Emanuel Medical Center following an extended illness. The family received friends Thursday, September 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Sardis Primitive Baptist Church. Funeral Services were held Thursday, September 10 at 2 p.m. at Sardis Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor James Tanner, Jr. and Elder Sam Adkins officiating. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6--feet rule was enforced during visitation and service.

Pallbearers were Brian Pitts, Charlie Pitts, Travis Hudson, Eric Hudson, Glynn Tanner, Ross Tanner, and Glenn Altman.

Ms. Beasley was born November 13, 1942 in Clinch County to the late Ivolene Pitts. She enjoyed traveling, especially going on cruises. Ms. Beasley also loved spending time with her family, and collecting apples and angels. She was a member of Sardis Primitive Baptist Church, where she greatly loved



**BEASLEY**  
her church family. Ms. Beasley is preceded in death by her mother. Survivors include her sons, Stephen (Casey) Beasley of Swainsboro and Jeffrey (Victoria) Beasley of Jacksonville, FL; daughter, Patricia (Bob) Hudson of Wrightsville; brother, Edward Pitts, Jr. of Homerville; sister, Mary Louise Pitts of Interlachen, FL; grandchildren, Brylee Beasley, Bennett Beasley, Elizabeth Beasley, Cayden Beasley, Eric Hudson, Travis Hudson; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends. Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

### St. Philip to hold food pantry

The monthly food distribution will be Thursday, September 17, at the St. Philip Baptist Church Food Pantry from 10 am to 12 pm.

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5:30 PM - Bible Study  
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### Joanna Douglas Harrison, 51

Mrs. Joanna Douglas Harrison, 51, of Kite passed away Monday, September 7, 2020 at Memorial Hospital in Savannah following an extended illness. Funeral Services were held Friday, September 11 at 1 p.m. at Kite First Baptist Church with Reverend Burton Dixon and Minister Brent Allen. Interment followed at Sardis Cemetery. The family received friends Thursday, September 10 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 visitation and service.

Pallbearers were Darrell Wilson, Trojen Harrison, Danny Fortner, Todd Fortner, Mitchell Moore, and Mike Harrison. Honorary Pallbearers were employees of CSB of Middle Georgia.

Mrs. Harrison was born November 7, 1968 in Dublin to the late Thetus "Buddy" Douglas and JoAnn Wilson Douglas. She graduated from David Emanuel Academy in 1986 and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Georgia in 1990. Mrs. Harrison was employed by CSB of Middle Georgia for 30 years. She attended Kite First



**HARRISON**  
Baptist. Mrs. Harrison was a Georgia Football fan who collected UGA memorabilia and loved to see her Dawgs play. She was an avid animal lover and always wanted one more puppy to love. So much like her dad, she enjoyed having family and friends gather at the Douglas clubhouse for some good food with lots of conversation and laughter. Mrs. Harrison loved the farm life and so enjoyed watching her cows and calves grow, and of course, she had to name each and every one. She is preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband of 27 years, William Harrison of Kite; sister, Leahdonna Douglas of Milledgeville; aunt, Leahdora Powell of Meeks; beloved pups, Riley and Roxie; and several cousins and close friends. Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of the arrangements.

### Ronnie Lamar Brantley, 66

Funeral service for Ronnie Lamar Brantley, 66, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 6, 2020 at Poplar Springs United Methodist Church with interment following in the church cemetery. Rev. Mark Hardin officiated. The family received friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Saturday, September 5, at Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory. He passed away Thursday, September 3, 2020 at his residence surrounded by family.

All in attendance were asked to follow mandated social distancing guidelines set by the local health district and CDC. Seating was limited due to the 50-capacity rule set by the CDC on funeral service, but overflow was allowed in the social hall for friends in attendance.

Mr. Ronnie Lamar Brantley was born March 11, 1954 in Dublin. He was the son of the late Martin Lamar Brantley and Eugenia Smith Brantley Bracewell. He owned his own business, Brantley Plumbing and Electrical, for 25 years where he was a state licensed plumber and electrician. Brantley retired in 2019 after being an independent contractor as an inspector for various insurance companies. He enjoyed spending time with his family, whom he loved very much, and enjoyed fishing. Brantley was a member of Poplar Springs United Methodist Church. In addition to his parents, Brantley was

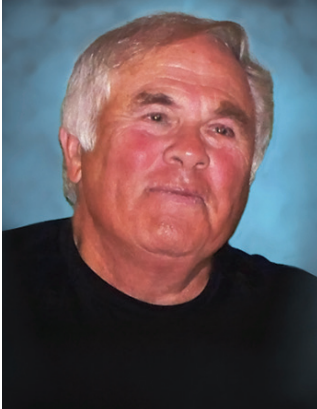


**BRANTLEY**  
preceded in death by his sisters, Betty McDonald and Sharon Mullis. Survivors include his wife, Jan Hutcheson Brantley of Adrian; a son, Shannon J. (Fran-nie) Brantley of Vidalia; two daughters, Trixie R. (Jamey) Scott of Adrian and Cherri N. (Johna-than) Johnson of Swains-boro; a brother, Autry (Barbara Ann) Brantley of Wrightsville; two sisters, Linda Hadden of Swainsboro and Nan (Tony) Fusinato of Kathleen; and eight grandchildren, Jaron Scott, Braden Scott, Colton Scott, Haygen Brantley, Kayden Brantley, Brogen Brantley, Nathan Tucker Johnson, and Emma Grace Scott. Pallbearers were Carl Green, Gene Green, John Webb, Wade Webb, Tommy Webb, and Todd Webb. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that dona-tions be made in mem-ory of Mr. Brantley to Poplar Springs United Methodist Church Build-ing Fund C/O Barbara Webb HWY 86, Adrian, GA 31002. Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory/Dublin Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

### Harry P. "Mutt" Kennedy, Jr., 79

Mr. Harry P. "Mutt" Kennedy, Jr., 79, of Midville passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Community Hospice following an extended illness. The family received friends Thursday, September 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Chapman Funeral. Memorial service was private. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6--feet rule was enforced during viewing and service.

Mr. Kennedy was born July 26, 1941 in Jenkins County to the late Harry P. Kennedy, Sr. and Martha "Tobie" Chandler Kennedy. He was a 1959 graduate of Midville High School and attended Brewton Parker College and Georgia Southern College. Mr. Kennedy worked as a salesman for Northup King Seed Company, where he consistently excelled as one of the company's top salesman. In 1979, "Mutt", as he is best known, came back to Midville to operate McKinney's Pond Restaurant, a business started by his uncles J.J. and Perry Kennedy in 1942. He operated McKinney's Pond for over 40 years, drawing customers from all over the state to enjoy great steaks, seafood, and fresh fish. In the late 80s through the 90s, McKinney's Pond became known as the Beach Music Capital of the World, as many of the country's top beach bands played to sold-out crowds in the converted McKinney's Pond skating rink. Mutt was best known for McKinney's Pond, but he was a proud member of the Midville High School basketball teams of 1957-1959, regularly hosting reunions for the team up until recent years. He would love to tell the stories of the great rivalry with Harlem and the heart-breaking



**KENNEDY**  
loss in the 1959 State Finals. Mutt also loved fishing in Florida and Canada with his friends, often responding to anyone who asked if he caught anything with, "I went, didn't I?" Mutt served as a deacon at First Baptist Church of Midville, where he would often provide meals for events and make sure shut-ins and widows received food and gifts on Christmas. He loved his children and found great joy in his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mutt took great pride in his family name and operating the family business in Midville. He is preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Kyle Johnson. Survivors include his daughters, Sandy (Stewart) Sally of Salem, SD, Tricia (John) Conner of Lyons; son, Bucky (Stacey) Kennedy of Gainesville; sisters, Shirley Hill of Swainsboro, and Dr. Sandra G. Kennedy of Augusta; 4 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; several nieces, nephews, and many friends; and restaurant family, Elizabeth Burton, Elizabeth Scott, and Kenny Bynes. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church in Midville or a tree or plant placed at McKinney's Pond in memory of "Mutt" Kennedy. Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

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### Floyd Lynn Conley, 70

Mr. Floyd Lynn Conley, 70, of Swainsboro passed away Saturday, September 12, 2020 following an extended illness. Funeral Services will be Wednesday, September 16 at 12 p.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Allen Meeks and Reverend Arthur Conley officiating. Interment will follow at Union Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday, September 16 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6--feet rule will be enforced during visitation and service. Pallbearers are Ricky Conley, Gant Conley, Mitchell Conley, B. J. Conley, Michael Conley, and J. R. Conley. Mr. Conley was born January 19, 1950 in Metter to the late Arthur Lynn Conley and Ruby Riner Conley. He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Betty Cox and Mildred Ann Conley; brothers, William Conley,



**CONLEY**  
Robert Conley, and Lewis Conley. Mr. Conley loved the beach and camping out. He loved his nieces and nephews, and having cookouts with his family and friends. Mr. Conley was a Sunday School teacher at his church for 40+ years. He loved going to church and was a member of Sanctuary Church of God in FL. Survivors include his brothers, Arthur (Ann) Conley and Lonnie (Brenda) Conley, both of Swainsboro, John (Inez) Conley of Fayetteville, and Ronnie Conley of Kite; several nieces, nephews, and many friends. Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.



## Sarah Brown Jones, 79

Sarah Brown Jones, 79, of Baxley passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at her residence under the care of Georgia Hospice.

Mrs. Sarah Brown Jones was born August 15, 1941 to the late Rufus Clinton Brown and the late Alma Ruth McNure Brown. She was a member of Satilla Missionary Baptist Church, where she served in the Senior Adult Sunday school class. Jones was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a loving wife of 61 years. She was preceded in death by her brothers, David C. Brown and Harvey Brown.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, James Lamar Jones of Baxley; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lynn and Henry Crosby and Sandra Faye and Garry Mullis, all of Baxley; a sister, Esther and Jimmy Spires of Sardis; brother and sister-in-law, James and Judy Brown of Twin City; grandsons, Chris Mullis, Travis (Masie) Crosby; granddaughters, Ashley (Eric) Mincey and Cassandra (Stanley) Baxley; and six great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 4 p.m. at Satilla Baptist Church Cemetery



**JONES**

with Rev. Rick Brown and Rev. Scottie Pitts officiating.

Active pallbearers were Chris Mullis, Travis Crosby, Stanley Baxley, Eric Mincey, David Bryant, Wayne Crosby, Tucker Mincey, and Tanner Mincey.

Honorary pallbearers were Anna Baxley, Landon Baxley, Jasie Crosby, Jayleigh Crosby, Deryl & Kathy Everett, Satilla Baptist Senior Adult Sunday School Class, Wilda Ann Crosby, Loneta Baxley, Clifton and Marilyn Mincey, Ezra Varnadore, Jeff Herrington, and all friends in attendance.

Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Childrens Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942.

Arrangements were under the direction of Swain Funeral Home.

## Gordon Silas Sheppard, 94

Mr. Gordon Silas Sheppard, 94, of Kite passed away Friday, September 11, 2020 at Scott Health and Rehabilitation following an extended illness. Graveside Service was held Tuesday, September 15 at 10 a.m. at New Home Baptist Church Cemetery with Reverend Phil Wilson officiating. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6--feet rule was enforced during visitation and service.

Mr. Sheppard was born August 28, 1926 in Kite to the late Elzie Silas Sheppard and Aubrey Tharp Sheppard. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Milton Sheppard and Lemar Sheppard; sister, Sara Elizabeth Wheeler; and daughter, Linda Kay Miller. Mr. Sheppard enjoyed hunting, fishing, especially saltwater fishing, and birds. He



**SHEPPARD**

was a member of the VFW in Jensen Beach, FL. Mr. Sheppard was a member of New Home Baptist Church.

Survivors include his son, Michael Mauao of Port St. Lucie, FL; Jacqueline Virginia (Anthony) Carroll of Vera Beach, FL; 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of the arrangements.

## Jane Douglas Mason, 68

Ms. Jane Douglas Mason, 68, of Swainsboro passed away September 13, 2020 at her residence following an extended illness. Memorial Service will be Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Wednesday, September 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6--feet rule will be enforced during visitation and service.

Ms. Mason was born January 25, 1952 in Wrightsville to the late E. A. Douglas, Jr. and Earlene Davis Douglas. She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Lanier Dixon and Earl Dixon. Ms. Mason loved spending time with her family.



**MASON**

Survivors include her daughter, Brandi (Andy) Tant of Kite; brother, Russell (Shirley) Dixon of Wrightsville; sisters, Thelma Sweat and Linda Douglas, both of Wrightsville; granddaughter, Alana Tant of Kite; grandson, Zach Tant of Charleston, SC; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

## Johnny Mark Peebles, 62

Mr. Johnny Mark Peebles, 62, of Twin City passed away Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Twin View Health and Rehab following an extended illness. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, September 15 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Louis Pearce and Reverend Allen Meeks officiating.

Interment followed at Lamb Cemetery. The family received friends Monday, September 14 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 visitation and service.

Pallbearers were Johnny Mills, Forrest Mills, Richard Bedgood, Johnny T. Peebles, Jimmy D. Peebles, and Joseph Peebles.

Mr. Peebles was born September 22, 1957 in

## Everett E. (Gene) Stevens, 81

Mr. Everett E. (Gene) Stevens, 81, resident of Swainsboro, died Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Emanuel Medical Center. Private funeral services will be held Wednesday, September 16 at 11 am from the Chapel of Tomlinson Funeral Home with Reverend Ray Jenkins officiating. Interment with Military Honors will be at Swainsboro City Cemetery. The Family will receive friends at Tomlinson Funeral Home Wednesday morning at 10 am. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, social distancing and use of face masks is encouraged.

Pallbearers will be Cody Canady, Jackson Anderson, Landen Stevens, William Boatright, Tommy Webb, and Andy Stevens.

Mr. Stevens was born in Emanuel County to the late Virgil Stevens and Sue Smith Stevens. He owned and operated A-1 Carpet Cleaners for many years. Mr. Stevens retired from the National Guard with the rank of SSG



**PEEBLES**

Swainsboro to the late George L. Peebles and Christine Moore Peebles. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Susie Peebles of Swainsboro; son, Christopher Peebles of Avery, NC; brothers, Roy Joe (Siatu) Peebles of Columbia, SC and David Bunch of Baxley; 1 niece, 3 nephews, host of other family members, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of the arrangements.



**STEVENS**

after 21 years of faithful service. He is preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Stevens; his second wife, Jerri Stevens; his son, Jeff Stevens; two great-grandchildren, Chandler Stevens and Aiden Stevens; two brothers, H.S. Stevens and Tucker Stevens; and two sisters, Margaret Duckworth and Ruth Roberts.

Survivors include his children, Tim Stevens ( Diane ) and Stephanie Stevens; ten grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and nineteen great-great grandchildren.

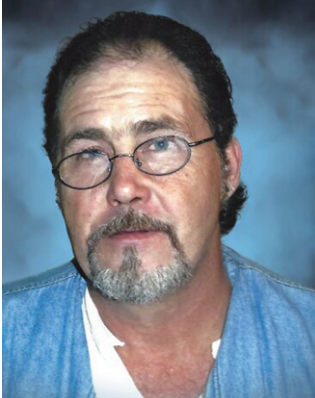
Arrangements are by Tomlinson Funeral Home and Crematory of Swainsboro.

## Thomas Purvis, 57

Mr. Thomas Purvis, 57, of Kite passed away Friday, September 11, 2020 at Fairview Park Hospital following an extended illness. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, September 15 at 2 p.m. at Gumlog Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Richard Penelle officiating. Interment followed in the Gumlog Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends Monday, September 14 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 visitation and service.

Pallbearers were Chris Hilson, Tanny Purvis, Dustin Edenfield, Mike Purvis, Kelly Fortner, and Ralph Jackson.

Mr. Purvis was born October 21, 1962 in Swainsboro to the late Thomas Purvis, and Joyce Price Moore. He is preceded in death by his father; and sister-in-law, Debbie Purvis. Mr. Purvis enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. He was a jack



**PURVIS**

of all trades.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Purvis of Kite; mother, Joyce Moore of Kite; sons, James Leonard Purvis (Elizabeth) of Colorado Springs, Phillip Riner of Swainsboro, Dustin Edenfield of Kite, and Kyle Edenfield of Gainsville; daughters, Kristen Leann Weber (Dan) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Nicole Osika (Drew) of Clearwater, Florida; brothers, Tanny Purvis and Christopher Hilson both of Kite; 14 grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

## Roy Clyde Kilpatrick, 83

Roy Clyde Kilpatrick, 83, died at his home in Statesboro on September 13, 2020 from a sudden illness. Visitation will be held Thursday, September 17 from 10 to 11 am at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home, followed by a funeral service in the Chapel with Dr. H. William Perry officiating. All CDC social distancing guidelines will be observed. Services are streamed using Facebook Live through a private group. Only members of the group will be able to view the service. In order to view the service, log into Facebook on your phone or computer and join the group "Joiner-Anderson Live Stream" at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/jafhlive/>.

Pallbearers will be his nephews, Jason McGee, Keith Mallard, Michael Mallard, Guy Kenny, Justin Brunet, Jorge Brunet, Josh Brunet, Ryan McCoy, Keith White, and Brian White.

Honorary pallbearers will be the Rotary Club of Downtown Statesboro, 10:30 Coffee Club, Country Store Coffee Club, and his golf buddies.

Mr. Kilpatrick is preceded in death by his parents; his brother and sister-in-law, Robert Harvey and Frances Kilpatrick; sister-in-law, Jennie Kilpatrick; and nieces, Lisa Kilpatrick and Mary Alice Kilpatrick.

He was a native of Oconee County, having been born in Salem, and reared in Farmington. He was the youngest child of Glen and Eula Vickery Kilpatrick. A 1964 graduate of Watkinsville High School, he attended Georgia Southern College and Georgia State University. Mr. Kilpatrick was a graduate of Northwestern University School of Mortgage Banking in Chicago, Illinois. He was a licensed real estate broker, real estate appraiser, and insurance agent.

Mr. Kilpatrick began his career in Atlanta where he was employed with D.L. Stokes and Company, and Mortgage Company of Georgia which later became The Georgia Loan and Trust Company. In 1970, he and his wife, Thelma, moved to Swainsboro where he was employed with R.J. Waller Real Estate & Insurance until they opened their own business, Kilpatrick Realty & Insurance. Mr. & Mrs. Kilpatrick operated their business in Swainsboro for more than 25 years until their retirement. Following retirement, he continued to work part-time in insurance for many years.

His life was one of service to his community. While residing in Swainsboro, he was a member of Swainsboro First Baptist Church, Steadfast Sunday School class, and he served on the church Board of Trustees. He served in many offices of the Swainsboro Rotary Club, including president. As a Rotarian, he was a Will Watt Fellow as well as a Paul Harris Fellow. Mr. Kilpatrick served as president of the Swainsboro Golf & Country Club, as chairman of the Industrial Development Committee, as chairman of the Economic Development Committee, and as president of the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce for two terms. He served on the Board of Trustees of Swainsboro Technical College, on the Board of Directors and President of the Altamaha Basin Board of Realtors, on the Board of the Georgia Association of Realtors, as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Georgia (IIAG), and on the National Board of IIAG as State National Director.



**KILPATRICK**

In 1999, the Kilpatrick's moved to Statesboro and made their home on Thelma's family farm. A lifelong Rotarian, Mr. Kilpatrick was a member of the Downtown Statesboro Rotary Club, Forest Heights Country Club, Statesboro First Baptist Church, Open Door Sunday School Class, 10:30 Coffee Club, and Country Store Coffee Club. In 2011, Governor Nathan Deal appointed Roy to serve on the Georgia Student Finance Commission representing the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Georgia.

Mr. Kilpatrick will be remembered as a true Southern gentleman, a giant of a man with a personality and joyful spirit to match. He seldom met a stranger and, if so, they were sure to quickly become friends and golfing buddies. Mr. Kilpatrick's wit, stories, and bear hugs are legendary and will be sorely missed by his friends and family.

Surviving is his wife, Thelma Mallard Kilpatrick; a brother, Thomas Kilpatrick (Barbara) of Conyers; a brother-in-law, Bobby Hall Mallard (Josephine) of Norfolk, VA; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews, as well as lots of cousins.

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of the arrangements.



# Holy Zion to celebrate 42nd anniversary

Holy Zion Church of Metter on Mincey Street is Celebrating the 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of our Pastor and his wife September 17, 2020.

Tribe of Judah. September 18, Friday night, at 7:30 pm. Guest Speaker: Apostolic T.V. Outen. Guest Churches: New Hope Faith Missionary, St. John, Ada Grove Pentecostal, Living Way. September 20, Sunday morning: Guest Speaker: Pastor

Hagins. Sunday School at 10:30 am, Worship Service at 11:30 am. Guest Churches: House of Hope Church of God in Christ, Holy Zion (Statesboro), Holy Zion (Twin City), Mt. Gilead. Everyone is invited to attend. Dinner will be served. Pastor is Reverend Johnny Ray Jones.



THE GLORY MEN AND TIFFANY

## Mt. Shady to celebrate 90 years

Mt. Shady Baptist Church will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> homecoming Sunday, September 20, beginning at 10 a.m. Featured guests will be The Glory Men and Tiffany of North Carolina. Dinner will be served at 12 p.m., following the conclusion of service.

Rusty Moore, pastor, invites all.

## Tanner presents EMC update to Rotary Club members

The Swainsboro Rotary Club held its weekly meeting at the Rustic Grill on Monday, September 14. President Guy Singletary called the meeting to order and Kristen Hall gave the invocation, led the pledge, and 4 way test. Steven McComas, assistant rotary governor, gave a brief update on area clubs and how meetings have been handled due to Covid 19.

Carmen Tanner, director of marketing for Emanuel Medical Center, gave an informative program on how the hospital has navigated during the pandemic. The hospital has been equipped with three new ventilators and also three nurses from Augusta University that are highly trained in handling critical patients. This has helped the hospital's positive response to the cases in our county and surrounding counties.

Emanuel Medical Center also has a 3D mammogram machine that will make screening processes more efficient and precise. The machine was purchased with funds made available by the Georgia Heart Rural Hospital Organization tax credit program. This is a tax credit program that enables Georgia tax payers to receive a state income tax credit for 100 percent of the amount they contribute to qualified rural hospitals, such as Emanuel Medical Center. As of July 1, there are no limits on the amount that can be donated.

For more information on this program, contact Carmen Tanner at [ctanner@erhospital.com](mailto:ctanner@erhospital.com).

The next Swainsboro Rotary meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, at the Rustic Grill.

We, the family of the late

*Dec. James L. Whitehead & Lattie Jean Harris,*

want to express our gratitude for the abundance of prayers, encouragement, love, donations, calls/text, and food during this time of bereavement. Special thanks to Dr. Anthony Howard at Emanuel Medical Center, Dr. Matt Lyones at University Hospital in Augusta, Georgia, and Dublinair Health and Rehabilitation in Dublin, Georgia. We appreciate your medical services and support. To all the organizations and clubs, we are grateful for your kindness and generosity. Lastly, thank you Mosley Funeral Home for your services.



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*John A. Harris and Mark Whitehead & Family*

## ELECT REGINA JONES CHIEF MAGISTRATE COURT JUDGE

The Magistrate Court oversees many operations for the county pertaining to civil and criminal cases. The Magistrate Court is also considered as the “People’s Court”, giving the citizens of Emanuel County the opportunity to represent themselves without having an attorney.

With 29 years of experience in law enforcement and the judicial system, I am committed to serve the people with integrity, professionalism, and accountability. In all aspects, I will continue to uphold and acknowledge the three F’s: **FACTS, FAIR, & FIRMNESS!**

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## Miss Jackson, Mr. Freeman announce winter wedding plans

Alton and Jodi Reynolds and Mitch Jackson of Swainsboro are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Malanie Paige Jackson, to Mr. Thomas Monroe Freeman Jr. "TJ". He is the son of Tommy and Donna Freeman of Swainsboro.

The bride-elect is a 2014 graduate of Swainsboro High School. She continued her education at East Georgia College, graduating with an associate degree. She then pursued and obtained her bachelor's degree from Georgia Southern University and a master's degree from University of Georgia. She is currently employed by Pruitt Hospice in Swainsboro as a licensed master social worker. Miss Jackson is the granddaughter of Dale and Sandra Wright, Terry and JoAnn Reynolds of Swainsboro, and Carol Jackson and the late Alvin Jackson. She is the great-granddaughter of Faye Sconyers and



MR. FREEMAN AND MISS JACKSON

the late Sam Sconyers of Swainsboro.

The future groom is a 2015 graduate of Swainsboro High School. He continued his education at East Georgia State College and Southeastern Technical College, and obtained his electrical maintenance degree. He is currently employed at Crider Poultry Inc. in Stillmore as an electrical

technician. Mr. Freeman is the grandson of Joann Cannon and Martha Faye Freeman of Swainsboro, the late JW and Elna Cannon, and the late Rev. Dr. James Ray Freeman.

The wedding is set for December 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at The First Baptist Church in Swainsboro. A reception will follow at the Mont Royal Clubhouse.



MS. TURNER AND MR. PROCTOR

## Miss Turner to wed Mr. Proctor September 26

Kelvin and Michele Turner of Canoochee are happy to announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Olivia Turner, to Zach Proctor, son of Eric and Thresea Proctor of Millen.

The bride-elect is a 2017 graduate of David Emanuel Academy. Furthering her education, she later graduated from East Georgia State College with a degree in sociology. Miss Turner currently works at

Advanced Metal Components in Swainsboro as a customer service representative. She is the granddaughter of Jack and Betty Rigdon, Johnson Turner, Joann Greenway, the late Edward Greenway, and the late Jeanette Turner.

The future groom is a 2015 graduate of Emanuel County Institute. He furthered his education as a graduate of Georgia Southern University, where he obtained a mas-

ter's degree in accounting. Mr. Proctor is currently employed at The Citizens Bank of the South in Statesboro and is in the training process of becoming a loan officer. He is the grandson of Faye and Cecil Proctor, Jerry Schultz, and Karen Shultz and Mark Wicka.

Zach and Olivia will be united in matrimony on September 26, 2020 at the Proctor Family Farm in Millen.

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# Hardy lawn deemed *Yard of the Month*

The Seedling Garden Club proudly announces that the September 2020 Yard of the Month is the home of Miriam and Vernon Hardy, located at 1138 Hwy. 56 South, Swainsboro. The Hardy's enjoy working in their yard to help Emanuel County stay beautiful.

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



MR. AND MRS. HARDY

## Swainsboro Kiwanis Club members adopt a senior

Seventeen members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, under the direction of President Petite Garrett, are participating in the Adopt-a-Senior Program at Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartments.

Residents have had a six-month quarantine with no non-essential visitors and with no end in sight. Visitation in person has been limited to brief speaking visits via a phone and a window for those residents who have family members in the area.

Dana Flanders, administrator of presbyterian apartments, and Rosa Amerson, assistant administrator, have seen to it that the necessities



FLANDERS, AMERSON, AND GARRETT

of groceries, medicines, masks, and sanitation products have been met with donations from generous local businesses.

Through this adopt-a-senior program, Swainsboro Kiwanians hope to boost spirits and promote a positive well-being atmosphere through

small gifts of books, snacks, cards, and puzzles during the upcoming months of sheltering in place.

## Swainsboro Kiwanian elected Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis Vice Governor

In the first virtual meeting and election in 102 years, Dr. Dwight Watt, a Swainsboro resident and a member of the Fort Oglethorpe and Swainsboro Kiwanis Clubs, was elected vice governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District.

Following his election, Watt expressed his gratitude to those Kiwanians along his journey to this

office. Chip Durden, past Governor of the Georgia District and a member of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, appointed Watt to his first position on the district level in Kiwanis as webmaster and technology chair for the Georgia Kiwanis. Leonard Fant, raised in Hope, Arkansas, member of the Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis until his death, and Lieu-

tenant Governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee Division 3, and Governor of Kentucky-Tennessee International Kiwanis, encouraged him to run for higher office in the Kiwanis International organization. Appreciation is also extended to the Jaycees, the organization that planted the seed for Watt to seek service in a civic organiza-

tion on state and national levels. Watt joined the Swainsboro Club over twenty-five years ago.

In running for this office, Watt literally ran as part of his campaign in the Greenup County Kiwanis Race by the River this past summer, winning a medal and t-shirt for his efforts.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Watt pledged to help all the clubs in his district and participate in every project possible.

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club is extremely proud of one of its own being elected to this state office. Together, Kiwanians can do more to serve the children of the world, one child and one community at a time, and do service to humanity.

Dr. Watt and his wife, Shari Gambrell Watt, make their home in Swainsboro. He teaches at Georgia Northwestern Technical College in Rock Spring.



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# Cook of the Week

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From the kitchen of *Carmon Lewis, CSR*

### Potato Au Gratin

- 4 medium russet potatoes, sliced into 1/4-inch slices
- 3 1/2 c. shredded cheese
- 3 Tbsp. of butter
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400°F. Butter a medium casserole dish. Layer potatoes into bottom of prepared casserole dish and season with salt and pepper. Cover with aluminum foil and cook potatoes until tender. Remove aluminum foil and add a layer of cheese. Let sit before serving.



From the kitchen of  
*Pam Meeks, Head Teller and CSR*

### Chewy Cake

- 1 box brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 1/2 c. self-rising flour
- 1 stick of butter
- 1 c. nuts
- 1 tsp. vanilla

In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese on medium speed of electric mixer until fluffy. Add sugar and spice. Beat until combined. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing until just combined after each addition. Stir in pumpkin. Pour into crust. Bake at 350°F for 35-40 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool for one hour on wire rack. Refrigerate at least three hours. Garnish as desired. Store in the refrigerator.

Yield: 10 servings



From the kitchen of *Nona Steele, Teller*

### Bacon-Wrapped Smokies

- 16 oz. package of little smokies
- 15 slices of bacon, cut into 3 smaller slices
- 3/4 c. light brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- Black pepper to your liking

Layer a large baking sheet with aluminum foil. Lightly spray foil with non-stick cooking spray. Preheat to 350°F. Pat dry smokies with a paper towel and wrap little smokie with a piece of bacon. Secure with a toothpick. Add brown sugar, cayenne, and black pepper to a large Zip-lock bag. Use a spoon to combine sugar with seasoning. Add several bacon-wrapped smokies, seal bag, and shake gently to coat. Repeat until all smokies are coated. Line season-coated smokies on baking sheet and bake 30 to 35 minutes, until bacon is browned. If desired, broil for a couple minutes after baking for extra crispness.



This week's featured Cooks of the Week are Swainsboro's Queensborough National Bank & Trust crew. As QNBT employees, these ladies assist in offering locals a wide range of banking services including personal and business banking mortgage service, wealth management, and other financial services. When not assisting customers at their workplace, Pam, Vicki, Nona, Carmon, and Catherine enjoy spending time in the kitchen, preparing mouthwatering creations. Here are some of their most favorite recipes that they would like to share. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of  
*Pam Meeks, Head Teller and CSR*

### Fluffy Pumpkin Cheesecake Pie

- 2 pkgs (8 oz) cream cheese, softened (microwave 15-20 secs)
- 2/3 c. sugar
- 2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 2 eggs
- 1 can (15 oz) pumpkin
- 1 Keebler Ready Crust Extra Serving Size pie crust

In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese on medium speed of electric mixer until fluffy. Add sugar and spice. Beat until combined. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing until just combined after each addition. Stir in pumpkin. Pour into crust. Bake at 350°F for 35-40 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool for one hour on wire rack. Refrigerate at least three hours. Garnish as desired. Store in the refrigerator.

Yield: 10 servings



From the kitchen of  
*Vicki Anderson, Branch Manager  
and Loan Officer*

### Ellison's Favorite Peanut Butter Cookies

- 2 c. of Bisquick
- 1 can of Eagle Brand Milk
- 3/4 c. of creamy peanut butter
- 1 tsp. of vanilla
- Sugar

Mix all ingredients together. Roll dough into balls. Put sugar into bowl and roll cookie dough ball around until covered. Place sugar covered dough on cookie sheet and flatten the dough balls using a fork. Press down firmly with the fork before turning it 90 degrees and pressing down again, creating a crisscross pattern. Bake at 375 °F for 10 minutes.

### Words of Encouragement That Give Hope

**Greeting:** I'm so excited what God is doing in me during this season of my life. Change is good when we allow God to change us more like him. THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH. Hallelujah!

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son; that whosoever Believe, shall not perish, but have eternal Life".

**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 mine. Change us oh LORD that we are more like you. Increase our faith and help our unbelief. Thank you, Father for suppling all our needs and directing our pathway unto all truths. In Jesus Name. AMEN!

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How precious is that! Your heavenly Father loves you so much that He has your picture tattooed permanently on His hands. Human parents didn't come up with the idea of keeping pictures of their kids with them all the time—God Himself carries a picture of His children everywhere He goes. The next time you question your self-worth, remember that He has your picture tattooed on the palms of His hands, and that He has a beautiful future for you (see Jeremiah 29:11).

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## Swainsboro City Council’s...

(From front page)  
stated that all options would all be effective assistance for elevating the wet areas of concern.

Following the presentation of options and further discussion, a motion for approval of option three, being the only option to fall within the city’s right-of-way without obtaining easements, and the advertisement for bids was made by Rita Faulkner and seconded by Stevens. The vote was unanimous by a show of hands, 6-6.

**In reference to new business:**

• Council heard the first reading of a mandatory mask ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF S W A I N S B O R O , GEORGIA, CHAPTER 62--OFFENCES AND MISC. PROVISIONS,-- BY ADDING SECTION 62-15 “REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS TO BE WORN IN PUBLIC DURING THE COVID -19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY”, AND FOR ALL OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

**WHEREAS;** the Mayor and City Council; as the governing body of the City of Swainsboro are empowered to provide for the health safety and welfare of its residents, visitors, employees, and businesses within the city; and

**WHEREAS;** the spread of the COVID -19 virus has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO); and

**WHEREAS;** the Centers For Disease Control (“CDC”) has stated that COVID -19 spreads very easily when an infected person (who may or may not exhibit symptoms) talks, coughs, or sneezes, in close proximity (within six feet) of other, and

**WHEREAS;** the President or the United States has declared the spread of COVID -19 a national emergency; and

**WHEREAS;** more than three million people in the United States have beers confirmed infected and

**WHEREAS;** the

Governor of Georgia has declared the spread of COVID - 19 a public health emergency in the state; and

**WHEREAS;** there has been a significant increase of COVID - 19 cases in Emanuel County and the City of Swainsboro in recent weeks, and

**WHEREAS;** city staff and the governing body have been closely monitoring the spread of COVID - 19 with guidance and direction from state and federal agencies, as well as medical professionals and

**WHEREAS;** The Georgia Commissioner of Public Health has recommended that individuals wear facial covering over the nose and mouth to mitigate the spread of COVID -19 when in public places where social distancing is not possible, and

**WHEREAS;** 0. C. G. A. 38-3-28(a) grants political subdivisions the power to supplement the Governor’s Executive Order: and

**WHEREAS;** This ordinance is intended to be as a supplement to the Governor’s Executive Order 06.29.20.02 which describes health and safety procedures related to the COVID -19 public health

**NOW THEREFORE** the Mayor and City Council of the City of Swainsboro Georgia hereby ordains and declares that a local state of emergency continues to exist within the territorial limits of the city and shall continue until the requirements of this declaration are abated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED** that mask or facial coverings of the nose and mouth shall be required in public places within the City of Swainsboro to slow the spread of COVID -19 as follows:

**A. EXCEPTIONS INCLUDE**

1. The requirement cannot be applied to people who are eating or drinking,
2. The requirement cannot be applied to people who have difficulty putting on or taking off a face covering without assistance
3. The requirement cannot be applied to people who have a religious objection
4. The require-

ment cannot be applied to people who have a medical reason for not wearing a face covering.

**B. ENFORCEMENT**

1. Enforcement can only be against individuals. People who operate business and the business themselves cannot be held liable for failures of their customers to comply.
2. T h e Requirement cannot be enforced at any Polling Place.
3. T h e Requirement cannot be enforced against individuals on residential property.
4. The requirement cannot be enforced against people on private property when the owner or occupant of the private property does not consent to enforcement. Such businesses, etc. can be required to post a reasonable public notice stating whether they consent to enforcement or do not consent to enforcement on its property.
5. A warning must be issued by the governing body who impose a face covering requirement about the health risks of not wearing a face covering prior to issuing a citation and shall make good faith efforts to distribute free mask to those who cannot afford a mask. If an individual is found in violation and cannot afford a mask, the local government must provide them a mask at the local government’s expense.

**C. PENALTIES**

1. The maximum penalty cannot be larger than \$50.00 per offense.
2. Penalties (criminal or otherwise) cannot be imposed on any private business, establishment, corporation, non-profit corporation, or organization.

Mayor and the city council of the city of Swainsboro have the authority to control the terms of entry onto property owned or leased by the local government regardless of whether the threshold Requirements is met or not.

• Council then considered the setting rates for milage and water FY2021. Having already been advertised and approved by

council at a previous meeting session, City Administrator Al Lawson reported a change in the rollback rate of 19.353 to 19.405 had occurred due to the city experiencing a negative digest this year. Lawson further advised councilpersons that the change in rollback rate would not result in tax increase due to the city not collecting more money than the previous year. He also stated that the water budget would not require an increase in rates either. Stevens cast first motion of approval for presented milage rates to include no water rate or tax increase. This action was seconded by Stafford and voted in accordance by remaining councilpersons, 6-0.

• Council members approved the adoption of a resolution to renew the loan for the airport community hanger. A motion to approve the renewal of said loan, in the amount of \$633,922 was cast by Stevens, seconded by Stafford, and approved by all council members, 6-0. This loan is a joint loan between the city and county.

• Mayor Schwabe asked that council consider the purchase of PTE suites for Emanuel Medical Center. He stated that after speaking with the hospital administrator, Damion Scott, request for assistance during this time of crisis had been requested. It was further advised that Scott requested 12 suits be purchased for an approximate estimated total of \$18,000. Mayor Schwabe advised council that reimbursement would be made from CARES money if the city obtains a second round of reimbursements. Stevens motioned for approval of the mayor’s recommendation for suit purchases and Stafford seconded. The vote passed unanimously, 6-0.

With a roll call vote taken of all in favor, council then entered executive session for the discussion of a real estate issue, receive recommendation from legal counsel, and personnel discussion.

**Executive session was as follows:**

**AFFIDAVIT**

Personally appeased

before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Charles Schwabe, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and OD oath states the follow:

I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Swainsboro City Council held on the day of August 08, 2020.

That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A 550-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the chairperson

or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to maths within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception. The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 8th day of August, 2020, which was closed for the purpose of real-estate and legal issue requested by Mayor Schwabe as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 1.1, was devoted to matters within thaw exceptions and as provided by law.

**This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. 850-1 44(h) that such an affidavit be executed.**

• Mayor Schwabe informed council that he has had a constitute approach the city about renting the recycle center. Mayor Schwabe stated the rent of \$15,000 per year was discussed and the business owner would do all of the remodeling needed for his operation. No one on council objected.

• Council also discussed the given of a signing bonus to all new entry level fire fighters and police officers. The signing bonus would be \$500 upon approved emolument and additional \$500 when the entry level person finished training. A motion for approval was made by Stevens, seconded by Sconyers, and favored by Stafford. Opposing the proposal were Faulkner, Collins, and Parker. With Mayor Schwabe being in favor

for the approval of said bonuses, the 3-3 vote passed.

• Council discussed the future of the city of Swainsboro’s agreement with JACOBS. Council discussed the dissatisfaction with Jacob’s performance and compliance with job requests. Taking action, a motion was then made to terminate all services provided by JACOBS. In doing so, a deadline of September 15, 2020 was set for JACOBS to allow the removal of all equipment and personnel. With John E. Parker and Bobbi Collins opposing said action, the vote passed 4-2. Stevens made first motion for approval, Sconyers seconded, and Stafford and Faulkner were in favor.

• Council then discussed the future of the water/public works departments. After interviewing two companies that could come in take over the services, a motion was made to hire Clearwater from South Carolina to come in on an interim basis until a request for proposal could be written to bid projects out. Clearwater will operate on a month-to-month basis, including the hiring of all present employees working under JACOBS. In favor of said discussion, Stevens motioned for approval and Stafford seconded. With Faulkner in opposition and Collins abstaining from the matter, the vote passed 4-1.

## Driver escapes injury in single-vehicle rollover

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

At 8:02 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, Emanuel County EMS, firefighters from Garfield and Twin City, along with Sheriff’s deputies, were dispatched to Canoochee-Garfield Road by Mt. Olivet Church Road for a crash.

Arriving units found a Chevrolet Spark LT on its roof in the field. The female driver appeared to have fallen asleep, went off road, struck a drive-



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way culvert, went airborne, and rolled to a stop.

She was evaluated by EMS and refused transport.



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It's not unusual to hear someone say, "But I don't want to be a role model." But that's not the way it is. All of us are, at one time or another, a model who someone will try to imitate for one reason or another. David made this observation a long time ago.


"My eyes will be on the faithful in the land," he said. When David looked for a role model he did not look for one who was famous or powerful, one who had wealth or riches, he looked for one who was "faithful to the Lord." He was committed to build his life on God's principles - principles that were eternal and everlasting. So, he searched for those who had God's purposes and plans in their minds and hearts, those were obedient to God. And when he found them he surrounded himself with them and even invited them to "dwell" with him.

Someone once asked John Rockefeller, "How did you become so successful?" He looked at him sternly and said, "Because I surround myself with successful people!"

Here we find a great lesson for life: If we want to achieve great things for God, we must surround ourselves with people who have done or are doing great things for God. We cannot become more than we are for God if we associate with and follow the examples of those who do not care much for God or do not have loving and serving God at the very center of their lives.

David expressed his need for being surrounded by the "faithful." He knew that "He whose walk is blameless will minister to me."

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# EGSC to host ribbon cutting for JAM Expansion Project

East Georgia State College is excited to announce the date of the Jean Anderson Morgan Student Activities Center Expansion Project ribbon cutting. The event will be held Thursday, October 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the new entrance of the JAM Center Expansion. The community is invited to join the livestream of the event on EGSC’s YouTube page. The expansion project, which began in 2018, was completed over the summer and has added approximately 15,000 square feet to the existing facility. The new addition has provided much-needed student activity space, including a large multi-purpose room, digital gaming, larger game room, offices and a meeting room for the Student Government Association, Student Publication offices, and Student Life administrative space. The existing portion of the JAM Center was repurposed for a larger College Bookstore, as well as open computing space and student group study nodes.

Dr. Steve Wrigley, the 13th Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, plans to attend the event to help EGSC celebrate.

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements, a limited number of attendees will be on site for the ceremony, but EGSC would love to have our community friends join the livestream of the event on EGSC’s YouTube page at [www.ega.edu/2020JAMRibbonCutting](http://www.ega.edu/2020JAMRibbonCutting).



JAM CENTER EXPANSION

## EGSC to celebrate Constitution Day

In celebration of the creation of the American Constitution, East Georgia State College will sponsor a lecture and discussion on the Constitution on Tuesday, September 22, from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. The guest lecturer is Dr. Bruce Frohnen, an internationally respected political scientist and law professor. The lecture is entitled “The New Imperial Presidency and the Constitution.” EGSC will commemorate the 231st anniversary of the acceptance of the U.S. Constitution with this lecture and discussion, which will take place via Zoom technology and will be livestreamed for the community to watch on YouTube by visiting [www.ega.edu/2020ConstitutionDay](http://www.ega.edu/2020ConstitutionDay). Dr. Frohnen holds the Ella and Ernest Fisher Chair at Ohio Northern University School of Law. He has served as a legislative aide for a United States senator, as a visiting scholar at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and held



DR. FROHNEN

visiting posts as Charles Evans Hughes professor of jurisprudence at Colgate University and as Thomas Bahnson and Anne Bassett Stanley professor of ethics and integrity at the Virginia Military Institute. Frohnen’s talk is closely related to his most recent book, *Constitutional Morality and the Rise of Quasi-Law*, published by Harvard University Press. He is the author of two other books and editor or co-editor of eight volumes. His articles have appeared in journals such as the *George Washington Law Review*, *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, and the *American Journal*

*of Jurisprudence*. In 2015, he received the Fowler V. Harper Award for Excellence in Legal Scholarship. He holds a J.D. from Emory University Law School and a Ph.D. in government from Cornell University.

“With our current constitutional challenges, it is vital for the world’s leading democracy to remember our roots and discuss our Constitution. EGSC welcomes our whole community to share in these conversations,” said Dr. Carlos Cunha, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at EGSC.

To watch this special event, members of the community can visit [www.ega.edu/2020ConstitutionDay](http://www.ega.edu/2020ConstitutionDay) to view the livestream, while EGSC faculty, staff and students will receive an email outlining how to access the Zoom broadcast. We look forward to enjoying this special presentation with all of our community!



AKRIDGE AND CRAPPS

## Crapps wins Bus Safety contest

John Crapps of Swainsboro was the winner of The Forest Blade’s Bus Safety crossword puzzle. He received a \$25 check from Pam Akridge, employee at The Forest Blade.

## Savvy Senior: How Medicare and other tools can help older smokers kick the habit

*Dear Savvy Senior,*  
*I understand that COVID-19 hits smokers a lot harder than nonsmokers but quitting at my age is very difficult. Does Medicare offer any coverage that helps beneficiaries quit smoking?*

**Must Quit**  
Dear Must,  
It’s true. Smokers and vapers have a higher risk of severe COVID-19 infection as the coronavirus attacks the lungs. That’s why quitting now is more important than ever before.

If you are a Medicare beneficiary, you’ll be happy to know that Medicare Part B covers up to eight face-to-face counseling sessions a year to help you quit smoking. And, if you have a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, certain smoking-cessation medications are covered too. Here are some other tips that can help you kick the habit.

**It’s Never Too Late**  
According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 12.5 percent of Medicare beneficiaries smoke. Many older smokers, like yourself, indicate that they would like to quit, but because of the nicotine, which is extremely addictive, it’s very difficult to do.

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable illness, responsible for an estimated one-fifth of deaths in the United States each year.

But research shows that quitting, even after age 65, greatly reduces your risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer, osteoporosis and many other diseases

including COVID-19. It also helps you breathe easier, smell and taste food better, not to mention saves you quite a bit of money. A \$6 pack-a-day smoker, for example, saves about \$180 after one month without cigarettes, and nearly \$2,200 after one year.

**How to Quit**  
The first step you need to take is to set a “quit date,” but give yourself a few weeks to get ready. During that time, you may want to start by reducing the number or the strength of cigarettes you smoke to begin weaning yourself.

Also check out over-the-counter nicotine replacement products – patches, gum and lozenges – to help curb your cravings (these are not covered by Medicare). And just prior to your quit day get rid of all cigarettes and ashtrays in your home, car, and place of work, and try to clean up and even spray air freshener. The smell of smoke can be a powerful trigger.

**Get Help**  
Studies have shown that you have a much better chance of quitting if you have help. So, tell your friends, family, and coworkers of your plan to quit. Others knowing can be a helpful reminder and motivator.

Then get some counseling. Don’t go it alone. Start by contacting your doctor about smoking cessation counseling covered by Medicare and find out about the prescription antismoking drugs that can help reduce your nicotine craving.

You can also get free

one-on-one telephone counseling and referrals to local smoking cessation programs through your state quit line at 800-QUIT-NOW or call the National Cancer Institute free smoking quit line at 877-44U-QUIT.

It’s also important to identify and write down the times and situations you’re most likely to smoke and make a list of things you can do to replace it or distract yourself. Some helpful suggestions when the smoking urge arises are to call a friend or one of the free quit lines, keep your mouth occupied with some sugar-free gum, sunflower seeds, carrots, fruit or hard candy, go for a walk, read a magazine, listen to music or take a hot bath.

The intense urge to smoke lasts about three to five minutes, so do what you can to wait it out. It’s also wise to avoid drinking alcohol and steer clear of other smokers while you’re trying to quit. Both can trigger powerful urges to smoke.

For more tips on how to quit, including managing your cravings, withdrawal symptoms and what to do if you relapse, visit [60plus.SmokeFree.gov](http://60plus.SmokeFree.gov). There are also a variety of helpful quit smoking apps you can download like [SmokeFreeApp.com](http://SmokeFreeApp.com) and [QuitGenius.com](http://QuitGenius.com).

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.

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September 15, 2020

I think everyone would agree that 2020 has been a very unsettling year. But even with the challenges and unfamiliar times we have seen, we can still be thankful that we live in a land where the basic freedoms we enjoy remain secure and protected.

The Swainsboro City Council at its last meeting voted to recognize the men and women of the Swainsboro Police Department for their dedication, professionalism and commitment in standing for law and order and standing against the threats of criminal activity in all its many forms. They are on the line every day of the year for this city and we stand behind them.

We are thankful for all our law enforcement and public safety agencies including the Emanuel County Sheriffs Department, the Georgia State Patrol, our Swainsboro Fire Department and our Emanuel County First Responders.

All of these people are led by a spirit of service, compassion and justice. No matter who you are, they are there to help you and deserve our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

Charles Schwabe  
Mayor, City of Swainsboro

# And The Firefighter too



# Varsity Eagles continue on with victory streak

by WHITLEY CLIFTON  
PHOTO CREDIT  
CRAIG ROWLAND

David Emanuel Academy's Varsity Eagles travelled to Covington on September 3 to compete against Covington Academy Bulldogs. The Eagles returned home with a region game victory score of 54-12.

Racyn Faircloth added the first six eagle points of the game with a 30-yard run touchdown. Banks Booth and Timothy Braddock increased the

score 8-0. Holding the Covington Bulldogs back, Rylie Rowland completed a 48-yard touchdown pass sent from Dane Arrington bringing the score to 14-0. Booth and Faircloth added two additional points to the scoreboard, 16-0.

Going 22-6, Brayden Smith completed a 1-yard run. A completed play by Booth and Braddock brought the score up to 24-6.

Following a 20-yard

run made by Arrington, the Varsity Eagles' scoreboard number increased to 30-6. An attempted 2-point play was deemed unsuccessful.

A 38-yard touchdown pass from Booth to Faircloth gained additional Eagle points, followed by an additional two point play made by Booth and Braddock, brought the score to 38-12.

Going for another touchdown pass, Arrington passed the ball 22 yards to Rowland and Booths and Smith assisted in gaining an additional 2 points for a score of 46-12.

Ace Ely then completed a 2-yard run followed by an additional run by Arrington, bringing the final score of 54-12.

The Eagles traveled to Cordele to compete in the third game of the season against Crisp Academy on Friday, September 11.

Following the 7:30 p.m. kick-off, the varsity Eagles gained leverage with a 8-yard run completed by Racyn Faircloth and a two-point conversion play by Banks Booth and Rylie Rowland. The score was 8-0.

Crisp Academy completed a touchdown play in hopes to stay in close ties to David Emanuel Academy. Their efforts fell short after a com-



EAGLE FOOTBALL VERSUS COVINGTON SCENES



EAGLE FOOTBALL VERSUS CRISP ACADEMY SCENES

pleted one-yard run by Brayden Smith. The two-point conversion was deemed unsuccessful, but the Eagles kept lead, 14-6.

A 25-yard touchdown pass from Booth to Jesse Moore increased the Stillmore team's score to 20-16, and a two-point conversion from Booth to Rowland increased the score to 22-16.

Moore gained an additional touchdown for the Eagles by completing a 6-yard run. Booth ran a two-point conversion, tallying the scoreboard 30-22.

A four-yard run completed by Moore and two-point conversion play ran by Faircloth sealed the deal for the Varsity Eagles. With nota-

ble mention to Random Williams for intercepting on a Crisp Academy play, the Eagles claimed another football victory with a final score of 38-22.

Having traveled to play their last two games, the Varsity Eagles will host Coastal this coming Friday, September 18. Kick-off time is set to begin at 7:30 p.m.



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SECOND BASEMAN KELLY JOSEPH  
TURNS A DOUBLE PLAY AGAINST CLAXTON

## Bulldogs record eighth shutout of season

by RON WEATHER-FORD

From September 3 through September 10, the Lady Dawg softball team shutout their three opponents in that time span. During the three games they outscored their opponents 30-0.

The Bulldogs did lose their first region loss of the season on September first in Pembroke losing to the undefeated Redskins from Bryan Co. 5-2. This was just the second region loss for the Bulldogs in the last two years.

On September third ECI traveled to Sylvania to play the Gamecocks. The Bulldogs blanked Screven Co. 8-0.

Wednesday, September 9 they played another

road game in Portal. They left the Turpentine Capital with their second shutout, 8-0 against the Panthers.

Claxton came calling to Twin City last Thursday. The Lady Dawgs scored 12 runs the first three innings and ended the game in the bottom of the fourth, run ruling the Tigers 14-0 for their eighth shutout of the season.

Sullee Bodiford went the distance in the circle for the Bulldogs.

Last Saturday, September 12, ECI played in the Jeff Davis tournament in Hazlehurst.

The Bulldogs gave Pierce Co. just their third loss of the season in the first game 5-4, avenging an early loss to the Yel-

low Jackets the first game of the season.

The afternoon game saw the Bulldogs defeating AAAAA Coffee Co. from Douglas Ga. 2-1.

Line scores and stats are not available for any of the games noted.

The Bulldogs are currently 13-5 overall and 5-1 in region play.

The Bulldogs will hit the road for the next three games before returning home for a rematch against Bryan Co on September 24.

Tuesday, September 15 the Bulldogs played in Metter against the Tigers. Tomorrow, September 17, they will cross the river to play Jenkins Co. and will make the long trip to Darien on September 22 to play McIntosh Co.



# 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).*  
Leon Timothy Bush, 35, 4899 Cannon Ct, Augusta, entered 9/7/20; Probation/ Superior Court; ECSO  
George Wayne Gregory, 29, 192 Union Chapel Rd, Swainsboro, entered 9/8/20; Driving lic sup/rev/Speeding < 14 MPH over; released 9/8/20; SPD  
Bobby Lee Parker, 38, 444 Fairground Rd, Swainsboro, entered 9/8/20; Probation/ Superior Court/Driving lic sup/rev; TCPD/ ECSO  
Brandon Renard Lowe, 32, 403 Hunnington Chase Cir, Waner Robins, entered 9/8/20; Hold for out of county billing; released 9/9/20  
Georgiana Nicole

Stephens, 31, 563 Drake Ave, Swainsboro, entered 9/9/20; VGCSA/vio ga control subst act; Walk-In  
Clevie Gerome Williams, Jr, 35, 368 Stevens Dr, Swainsboro, entered 9/9/20; Crim trespass/Theft/taking/ VGCSA possession of drug related object; SPD  
Stephanie Layne Toberson, 31, 262 Johnson Powell Dr, Midville, entered 9/9/20; Probation/ State Court/Middle Ga Probation; Walk-In  
Zikomo Taheam Bostic, 35, entered 9/9/20; Federal Inmate-US Marshall \*\*NO Bond\*\*/Driving lic sup/ rev; GSP  
Shawn Devin-Otto Ehmke, 28, 50 Long

Bay, Twin City, entered 9/10/20; Probation/ Superior Court  
Barton Bernard Perry, 43, 219 Mary St, Midville, entered 9/10/20; VGCSA possession marijuana/ VGCSA / vio ga control subst act/ Driving lic sup/rev/ DUI/drugs/Failure to maintain lane; released 9/11/20; ECSO  
Corderro Javante Johnson, 34, 203 Oak Grove Church Rd, Swainsboro, entered 9/11/20; Public drunk/Simp assault/ Simp battery; released 9/11/20; Walk-In  
Marycella Ramirez, 24, 684 N. Coleman St, Swainsboro, entered 9/11/11; Theft/ shoplifting; released 9/11/20

Shaquanza Osheana Tillman, 24, 34 Hickery Trace Cir, Swainsboro, entered 9/11/20; Theft/ shoplifting; released 9/11/20  
Jeremy Wesley Hall, 30, 5694 River Rd, WADley, entered 9/11/20; Probation/ Superior Court/Hold for SPD; ECSO  
Teige Leroy Howard, 36, 208 S. Racetrack St, Swainsboro, entered 9/11/20; Failure to stop at stop sign/Driving lic sup/rev/No insurance/ Following too closely; released 9/12/20; SPD  
Heather Lynn Hutcheson, 38, 6 Phillip St, Swainsboro, entered 9/11/20; Disorderly conduct; SPD  
Ronald Lee Banister, 33, Homeless, entered

9/12/20; Public drunk; released 9/14/20; ECSO  
Ju'Kobie Obryan Boatright, 25, 123 Paradise Rd, Twin City, entered 9/12/20; Tag light requirements/ VGCSA possession marijuana/ VGCSA possession of drug related object; TCPD  
Joey Wayne Loggins, 37, 34 Everett Rd, Cleveland, GA, entered 9/12/20; Hold for out of county billing  
Bobby Cooper Simmons, Jr, 44, 1026 Ga Hwy 15 S, Adrian, entered 9/12/20; DUI / a l c h / V G C S A marijuana/poss less than oz; SPD  
Eddie Terrell Mack, 32, 225 Emanuel Rd, Swainsboro, entered 9/13/20; SPD

# Swainsboro Police Reports

Officers with the Swainsboro Police Department (SPD) reported...  
**September 4**  
Officer was dispatched to Dollar General in reference to a male subject urinating on the bathroom floor.  
**September 5**  
Officer spoke with complainant in reference to a dispute.  
Officer was dispatched to S. Racetrack St. in reference to loud music.  
Officer was dispatched to a prowler call on Youngblood St. No offender was located but the screen on the victim's window was cut into.  
Officer was dispatched to Hardee's in reference to a harassing phone call.  
Officer responded to a N. Coleman St. address in reference to a harassment complaint.  
Officer was dispatched to a Gumlog Rd. apartment in reference to a dispute.  
Officer was dispatched to a Sutton Dr. residence in reference to an unwanted person.  
**September 6**

Officer was dispatched to a Pughsley St. address in reference to a theft.  
Officer responded to a Lucky St. residence in reference to a large crowd reportedly attempting to fight.  
Officer responded to a N. Main St. address in reference to a male requesting an escort to gather his belongings.  
**September 7**  
Officer was dispatched to a Lewis St. residence in reference to damage to vehicle.  
**September 8**  
Officer responded to Lee St. in reference to an argument that could be heard outside of the residence.  
Officer responded to a West St. address in reference to a financial dispute.  
Officer conducted a traffic stop for vehicle going 82 MPH, and was advised by the driver that his license were suspended.  
**September 9**  
Officer was contacted by a concerned citizen whom stated they were contacted and told victim was being

beaten across his back to the point whelps and marks were left present. Officer responded to the S. Green St. residence and made contact with the victim. The victim stated his living arrangements aren't he best, and showed officer his back, where there were multiple whelps present. Officer contacted DFCS to start a report.  
Officer took a report in reference to deposit account fraud.  
Officer was dispatched to a vehicle left abandoned on Calhoun St.  
Officer was dispatched to W. Church St. in reference to stolen property.  
**September 10**  
Officer was dispatched to a Durden Dr. address in reference to criminal trespass and theft.  
Officer met with complainant in reference to harassing communications.  
Officer responded to the area of N. Racetrack St. in reference to complaint's daughter being followed by a male.

# Sheriff's Reports

According to the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office...  
**September 2**  
Officer was dispatched to Cow Ford Bridge Rd. in reference to an unattended death.  
**September 3**  
Officer reported that his vehicle had been struck on the passenger side front bumper, causing moderate damage.  
Complainant reported a child custody dispute with her ex-husband. She stated her daughter made false allegations against her and DFCS was called. Offender stated there is an active investigation and he did not want his daughter to go back with her mother. Child was left with father until directed otherwise by DFCS or a court order.  
Complainant stated she struck a deer causing minor cosmetic damage to the front of her vehicle.  
**September 4**  
Deputies responded to Pendleton Springs Dr. in reference to shoplifters.  
Deputy reported to Hereford Rd. in reference to a TPO being violated.  
Officer responded to Lambs Bridge Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, victim appeared frightened and traumatized, and was bleeding from her head/ face area.  
Complainant stated he parked his big truck at his Earl Rd. residence and hooked the battery charger to it and left. When he went back to get it, the house was burnt to the ground and the big truck was also burnt up.  
Complainant stated victim and offender were having problems and fighting when they arrived at her residence, and the victim told her the offender had hit her. Offender stated someone stole \$900 out of his wallet.  
**September 5**  
Complainant stated that people adjoining her home had been firing guns all afternoon and planned to do so through the holiday weekend and she insisted that they were frightening her.  
**September 6**  
Vehicle was found abandoned on Fox Rd. and removed by a towing company.  
Deputy responded to a 911 call of a female walking on Ehrlich Farm Rd. Complainant stated offender put her out of her car in Swainsboro and she was trying to get to Midville.  
**September 7**  
Deputy responded to a domestic dispute on Bird Flanders Rd.  
Deputies were dispatched to Summer St. in reference to assault/battery.  
Complainant stated an unknown male subject texted her daughter stating he was going to come and

get her.  
Complainant stated he and offender got into a verbal altercation.  
Deputy responded to Pinetucky Rd. in reference to a male stopping at complainants house and offering his services of cleaning her yard and spreading pine straw. Complainant advised offender several times that she wasn't interested and he ignored her and proceeded to spread pine straw on her property.  
**September 8**  
Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 57 N in reference to a single MVA.  
Officer spoke with complainant who stated he made a prior report about his neighbor threatening to kill his dog, and now his dog is no where to be found.  
Complainant was traveling down US 1 S. when he saw a grain auger start to roll down a hill towards the highway and he was unable to move over and the auger struck the passenger side of his truck.  
Offender stated he was backing up his UTV and hit victims car.  
Complainant reported his AR15 being stolen.  
Deputy received a report from complainant advising she received an email and a transaction on her debit card that she did not do, and discovered item was being shipped to a Hampton, GA address.  
**September 9**  
Complainant stated offender took her personal items and won't give them back. She also stated offender cuts off the electricity when he wants to and all her food goes bad.  
Complainant stated he hit a deer causing slight damage to his vehicle.

Complainant stated he saw a black mustang doing donuts in the parking area of Crossing Green Community Park and took off when he saw him standing there.  
**September 10**  
Complainant stated her neighbor appeared to be taking photos of her teenage children and felt the offender would use the photos in a sexual manner. Offender stated he did take photos because they were on his property.  
Complainant and offender reported that offender entered their residence without permission and has been told not to be on their property. Offender has been harassing them because of complainant's mother being his ex.  
Deputy met with complainant that stated she is worried about her grandmother's health and well being. Complainant went by her mother's house, which is who the grandmother lives with, and stated her mother has not been feeding her grandmother good and hasn't been giving her the care she needs.  
Deputy received a call from complainant stating she and her boyfriend got into a verbal altercation which turned physical. Complainant stated offender hit her in the head with a phone and held her down with his forearm.  
Complainant stated she was driving on Hwy 56 S. when a deer ran out in front of her, causing minor damage to the front end.  
Deputy made contact with complainant that stated she was traveling on Hwy 192 S. when her vehicle struck a deer, causing minor damage.

# Twin City Police Reports

Officers with the Twin City Police Department (TCPD) reported...  
**September 5**  
Officer was dispatched to Durden Bank in reference to a male trying to cash a check on an elderly disabled subject.  
**September 12**  
Officer conducted a traffic stop for not having any tag lights. Investigation revealed the driver to be in possession of a misdemeanor amount of green leafy substance and a distributable amount of MDMA.



FIREFIGHTERS ATTACK HOUSE FIRE

# Fire destroys a Twin City residence

County firefighters from Twin City and Swainsboro, EMS, and Twin City Police were sent to the corner of Allen Street and Durden Road at 6:23 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9.  
A police officer arrived shortly and reported heavy smoke showing from a one-story wood frame structure located at 802 Durden Road. Heavy fire conditions met the interior fire attack team as

they made entry through the front door. Multiple lines were used to gain control of the fire, that was now burning above the ceiling and venting out the eaves.  
The main fire was under control in a half hour with crews remaining for overhaul until 7:45 p.m. There were no reported injuries to the resident or firefighters. The cause is presently unknown.





# Editorials Columns

## Key Club

When I receive my weekly Forest Blade, my first scan is to find names from my memories. Finding a photo is a special prize. In the issue of May 5, I viewed a photo and current news article that took me back to SHS and two of our finest. Lovely Linda Dekle Lamb was shown awarding the Dekle/Lamb/Kiwanis/Circle K annual scholarship to a deserving student of East Georgia College in honor of the memory of her late husband, David Lamb. What a fitting tribute and honor. David and

Linda were faithful members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis and strong supporters of East Georgia College. This dedication did not start with David, the adult. He was a part of the founding members of the Kiwanis sponsored Key Club at SHS and served as president his senior year. Kiwanians support the training of High School Key Clubs and College Circle K Clubs to develop the world's next class of leaders. David did his part. The next giant step for SHS was the formation

of a band. David's love of music led him to be one of the original band members and assistant director of the first band that paraded at halftime of the Tigers. The PTA was a great help in dressing them out in really spiffy uniforms. Band director, Dale Rush motivated the fledgling musicians to know they were a proud marching band. No longer did SHS have to envy the spectacular band of Statesboro High. In high school, David found the love of his life, a girl with curly blond

hair named Linda. I will make a bet that their love affair started by "sitting together at the Dixie.". After his death, Linda has continued to support the annual scholarship. Her comment in Blade was, "I am so delighted to honor the memory of my late husband, David Lamb, through this scholarship." Many successful, respected and well-loved students have passed through the halls of SHS and are honored. I proudly say that Linda and David Lamb are two of the finest.

## Shirley Proctor Twiss



One of the ways to raise money for our senior trip was by serving dinner to the monthly meeting of civic clubs. Our principal, Mr. V.E. Glenn, was a member of the Kiwanis Club and filled with pride when his senior class prepared their meal. He always told us how much

the meal was enjoyed, especially the home-made biscuits of home economics teacher, Mrs. Marcelle Bird. We kept the hot biscuits coming. Thank you, Linda and David for opening the door of opportunity for many students. Write to Shirley at [www.sptwiss@gmail.com](mailto:www.sptwiss@gmail.com).

## Handling flour safely: What you need to know

Flour is raw food. It may not look like raw food, but it usually is, just like fresh tomatoes or carrots. The grains from which flour is ground are grown in fields. Like all foods grown outdoors, potentially harmful bacteria like Salmonella and pathogenic E. coli could be present. These are essential things to know about flour. Flours most commonly used in home baking and cooking are made directly from raw grains. Processing these

grains into flour does not kill harmful bacteria. Many foods made with flour also contain raw eggs, which may contain harmful bacteria. Cooking is the only way to be sure that foods made with flour and raw eggs are safe. Never eat or taste raw flour, dough, or batter. Here are a few do's and don'ts for consumers: Don't eat or allow children to eat or play with raw dough products made with any brand of flour

or baking mix before cooking. Do follow package directions on baking mixes and other flour containing products for correct cooking temperatures and specified times. If you have any recalled flour at home, throw it away. Don't let children use the raw dough for crafts/play clay. Do keep all raw foods like flour and eggs separate from ready-to-eat foods. Remember, flour is a powder and spreads easily. Don't use products

that contain raw flour, like cake mix, to make milkshakes. Don't use raw cookie dough in ice cream. Ready to sell cookie dough is treated to kill harmful bacteria. Do refrigerate cookie and pastry dough according to package directions. Use a refrigerator thermometer to be sure your refrigerator is at a safe 40°F. Do clean up carefully after working with flour or raw dough and eggs: Wash hands thoroughly with soap and

## Marnie Dekle



running water, and wash utensils, bowls, baking pans, cutting boards, and countertops with warm, soapy water. Protect yourself and your family by following these safety tips when preparing foods that contain flour. For additional information, please visit <https://www.fda.gov/media/133072/download>. Check out our Facebook Pages; search Candler County UGA Cooperative Extension OR UGA Extension Emanuel County for Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS), Agriculture, and 4-H programs.

## State school superintendent refuses to turn around on testing

I have a new hero. His name is Richard Woods and he is the state school

superintendent of Georgia. First, a little background: For a couple of years during

the Deal administration, Superintendent Woods, although duly elected by

the people, was relegated to the governor's time-out chair in a dispute over how to deal with the state's lowest performing schools. Under a law pushed through by then-Gov. Nathan Deal, that responsibility was given to a chief turnaround officer in 2017, bypassing Woods, who Deal criticized for a "downward spiral of failure" in education under his leadership. Fast-forward to 2018 and the election of Brian Kemp as governor. How things have changed. Kemp described his relationship with the superintendent as "fantastic." And the chief turnaround officer? He resigned in January after the Department of Education initiated an audit of his office, reportedly triggered by a whistleblower and accusations of bid-rigging, workplace harassment and questions regarding travel expenses. Bottom line? The turnaround guy is long gone. Richard Woods is still here. So much for the time-out chair. Woods, a Republican, came to the job as state school superintendent with excellent credentials. He is a former educator, including 14 years in the classroom as a high school teacher and an additional eight as a school administrator. He was also named teacher of the year during that time. Compare that to Betsy DeVos, the federal Secretary of Education, who is about as qualified for her job as I am to fly jets in the Moldovan Air Force (if they have any.) DeVos is a Republican fundraiser married to a rich guy and a skill for charter schools. Her Eminence recently issued a directive from her ivory tower in Washington that the U.S. Department of Education would not grant federal testing waivers for the 2020-21 school year despite the chaos the current pandemic has caused in the classroom and

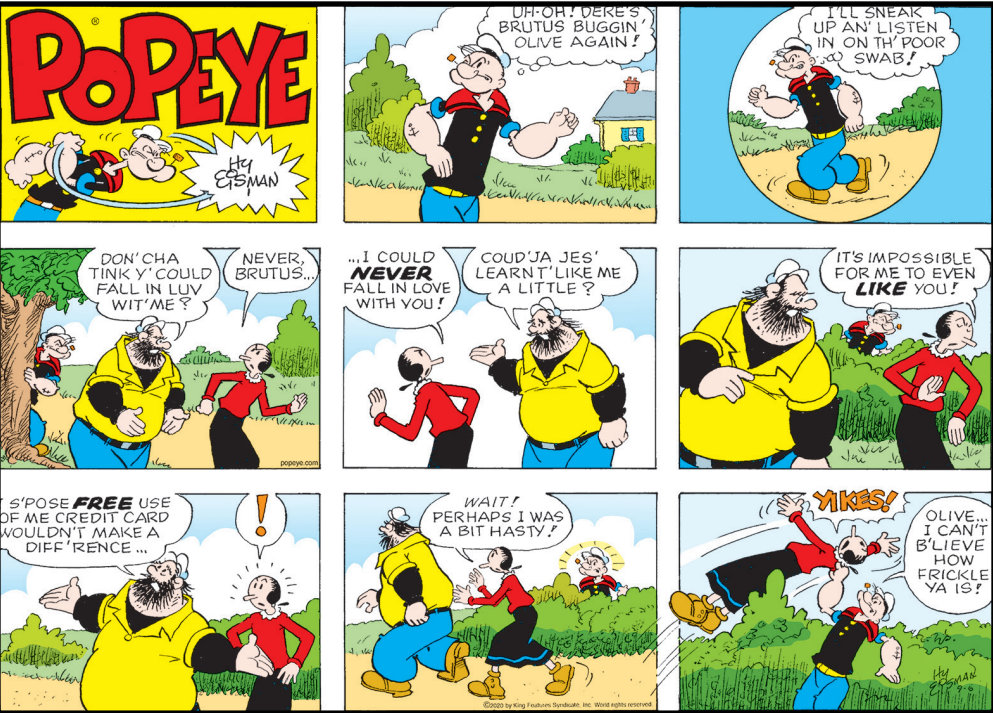
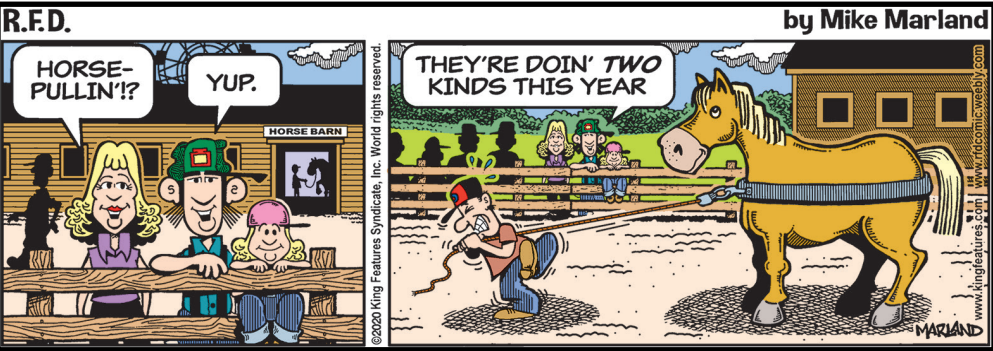
## Dick Yarbrough




elsewhere. Georgia had been the first state in the nation to announce its intent to apply for such a waiver this year. That is when Richard Woods promptly unloaded on DeVos. In response, the superintendent said, "(I)n a year when instructional time is so precious, why cut into it with high-stakes testing? At a time when our economic outlook is still shaky and millions of dollars are having to be cut from our classrooms, why divert millions to high-stakes tests? At a time when families, students, and educators have understandable anxiety about returning to a new instructional environment, why add the additional stress of high-stakes testing? "Continuing to administer high-stakes tests during these unprecedented and uncertain times is, sadly, more about adults than the needs of students and teachers. "Those who push the rhetoric about moving forward with high-stakes summative testing during a pandemic show total disregard for the realities faced by our families, students, and educators. Make no mistake — these test scores will not be used to support teaching and learning, as the proponents suggest. They will be used to undermine our public education system, understate the heroic efforts of our teachers, and undercut any opportunity we have for a full K-12 recovery." And he wasn't through. "To our districts, families, educators, and students: Don't worry about the tests. Given the unique environment we are in, they are neither valid nor

reliable measures of academic progress or achievement. "I repeat: Do not worry about the tests. Worry about meeting the students and teachers where they are. Worry about a safe and supportive restart. Worry about the well-being of your students and teachers. Worry about doing what's right." Woods says in coming days he will announce a list of actions and recommendations to do just that — reduce the pressure of high-stakes testing in Georgia. "No test prep or cramming. No punishing students, teachers, or schools for scores. No giving up weeks to administer, remediate, and administer tests." The superintendent ends his letter saying, "I deeply appreciate having Governor Kemp's support every step of the way in our common commitment to let our teachers teach." Amen, brother. I also appreciate that somebody finally has the teachers' backs. They have been lied to, disrespected, furloughed, second-guessed and micro-managed at every level of government for way too long by people who couldn't carry their book bags, including that joke of an education secretary. Thanks to your strong support, Mr. Woods, maybe Georgia's public school teachers can finally get to do what they signed up to do — teach. If so, that would be quite a turnaround. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at [dick@dickyarbrough.com](mailto:dick@dickyarbrough.com); at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139 or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/dick-yarb](https://www.facebook.com/dick-yarb).

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# Swainsboro takes down Washington County

by TROUP BRINSON

The Swainsboro Tigers won a physical battle this past Friday night to pick up their first win of the season, beating Washington County 20-14. The Tigers originally scheduled to play Jefferson County, were fortunate to find a team in a similar situation after Covid related cancellations midweek.

Swainsboro traveled to Sandersville to meet the Golden Hawks on a field that the Tigers dominated just last season in a 27-7 victory. The Tigers got on the board first after Washington County mishandled a punt attempt, putting Swainsboro 31 yards away from pay dirt. Robert Allen scored from 3 yards out on 4<sup>th</sup> and goal to give the Tigers a 6-0 lead with 5:07 on the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter clock. The Golden Hawks picked up a first down around midfield and then found a crease to spring a 50-yard touchdown run to take a 7-6 lead.

Swainsboro scored again in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter on a 14-yard pass from Ty Adams to Fred Seabrough and the Tigers took a 12-7 lead. Last week's shutout at



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the hands of Metter became a distant memory as Swainsboro's offensive line performed much better, allowing running backs time and space and giving Adams adequate time to make decisions.

The Tigers have experience and playmakers at several positions, but this is a very young team for the most part with players getting their first taste of the Friday night spotlight.

"Week 1 was the first time for many of our starters," explained head coach Scott Roberts. "That's not making excuses. There are none. It's just a reality that we knew as coaches. We have to play and get experience under the lights."

Swainsboro stretched their lead to 14-7 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter after another punting mishap for Washington County turned into a safety. That set up an exciting 4<sup>th</sup> quarter with drama until the final minute of play.

Washington County caught fire midway through the final quarter, biting off big chunks of yardage and driving 74 yards to tie the game at 14 with 5:23 remaining. The Tigers received the kick and started off 74 yards away as well from a potential victory.

Swainsboro steadily moved down the field, making it to the 10-yard line with under 40 seconds remaining. From there, Ty Adams took the snap and rolled out to his left, surveying 2 receivers on that side of the field. Adams decided to tuck the ball and head into a vacated middle of the field, diving into the end zone just ahead of Washington County defenders. The 10-yard TD scamper with 32 seconds remaining gave Swainsboro a 20-14 lead and hard-earned victory. A young team found a way to get it done in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and grew a lot in the process.

"Our kids ignored all the noise that goes on around them after week 1 and just went back to work," said Roberts. "These kids fought like crazy for each other to get that win Friday night and I could not be prouder of them. If they continue to fight like that, we'll be ok."

Swainsboro rushed for 197 yards on 43 carries, split almost evenly among 3 runners. Robert Allen carried the ball 21 times for 68 yards, Adams 9 times for 65 yards,

and Ryan Dekle 11 times for 65 yards. Adams passed 7-14 for 95 yards. Fred Seabrough caught 3 for 34 yards, Demonte Smith caught 2 passes for 31 yards, and Cedrick Seabrough caught 2 passes for 30 yards. Zabrien Harden led all defenders with 13 tackles.

Swainsboro will host the Statesboro Blue Devils this Friday night at Tiger Field. Statesboro will be playing the initial game of the season.

# DEA softball gets comeback victory

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

The Lady Eagles of David Emanuel Academy hosted Jenkins County Monday, August 31. The softball team defeated their opponents 8-6.

Leading up to the Eagle victory, three points were gained in the third inning, with five additional points being added to the scoreboard in the sixth inning.

Jenkins County's softball group obtained one point in the second inning, four points in the fourth, and an additional one point in the fifth.

On September 8, the Lady Eagles team hosted Covenant Academy

at 6 p.m., and sent the traveling team back home defeated 15-7.

Scoring four points respectively in the first, second, and fifth innings, the Lady Eagles tacked an additional three points to the scoreboard during the sixth inning for their recent win.

Covenant staggered behind the hosting

team throughout the game, scoring one point in the first inning, four points in the second inning, and their last two points during the fifth.




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## Two injured in single-vehicle crash

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

Once again, emergency responders were dispatched to an all too familiar location on Highway 192 South. The location is the stretch of roadway between Sparrow Lane and Indian Trail. Over the years, this has been the site of many crashes involving cars, SUVs, pick-up trucks, 18-wheelers, and motorcycles.

On Thursday, September 10, at 4:35 p.m., Emanuel County EMS, firefighters from Stillmore and Twin City, Sheriff's deputies, and Georgia

State Patrol troopers from Post 19 responded to a single-vehicle crash.

A black Chevrolet Camaro driven by 31-year-old Sakiya Terrell and occupied by 34-year-old passenger Jasper Johnson, both of Ashburn, had crossed the center line, traveling 385 feet, and ran into the edge of the shoulder before traveling 64 feet up the embankment and going airborne for another 43 feet prior to impacting into a large pine tree.

Terrell, who is eight-months pregnant, received severe traumatic injuries and was flown by

Air-Evac to The Medical Center, Navicent Health in Macon. Originally, she was to be airlifted to a Savannah medical center, however, due to weather conditions, the helicopter rerouted to Macon where an emergency c-section was performed. Thankfully, it has been reported that the involved unborn infant was delivered and was announced to be in stable, healthy condition.

Johnson was transported to East Georgia Regional of Statesboro by Emanuel EMS, due to weather conditions also.

Troopers investigated the crash.



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## GA Dept. of Driver Services adds *Even Exchange Program* to CDL military waiver services

GA Dept. of Driver Services (DDS) has launched an additional military commercial vehicle waiver service -- the *Even Exchange Program* -- endorsed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). This program enables qualified Service Occupational Classifications from the Army, Navy and Air Force to be exempt from the knowledge test for obtaining a CDL. When used with the Military Skills Test Waiver, this allows drivers to exchange a military commercial license in an easier and less expensive manner.

"For the men and women who have served the United States through military service, DDS welcomes the opportunity to serve you," said DDS Commissioner Spencer R. Moore. "Georgia joins a growing number of states participating in the Even Exchange Program, and we are hopeful this will lead to more veterans moving into this important industry."

Since the program was launched on April 15th, thirty-one service members and veterans have taken advantage of this waiver program. Customers can check if their Service Occupational Classifications are eligible for this program by reviewing the

Military Skills Test Waiver Form Application and other information available on the DDS website at this link <https://dds.georgia.gov/how-do-i-military-skills-test-waiver>. Once the application is processed, an approval letter is provided to the customer which can be taken to any DDS location for no testing CDL license issuance.

### Even Exchange Program (Knowledge Test Waiver)

This program allows qualified military drivers to be exempt from the knowledge test for obtaining a CDL. When used with the Military Skills Test Waiver, this allows a driver to exchange a military license for a CDL, without having to take any additional tests.

### Military Skills Test Waiver Program (Skills Test Waiver)

The program allows drivers with two years' experience safely operating heavy military vehicles to obtain a CDL without taking the driving test (skills test). The program is available in every state.

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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.

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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/Deborah 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. P.O. Box 720 Millen, GA 30442 (478) 401-0355**

## 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 Willosie 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 sue 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

## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **TIMOTHY JOSEPH WOODS TO CLEMENS TREE SERVICE, LLC, 702 Friendship Church Road, Twin City, GA 30471**, dated October 11, 2019 and recorded in Deed Book 487, pages 152-155, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia, with in the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2020, to wit: October 6, 2020, the following described property: **All that tract or parcel of land**

for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia, with in the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2020, to wit: October 6, 2020, the following described property:

**All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the town of Summertown, 57<sup>th</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, designated as Lot Number 4 on a plat of Pecan Subdivision made by Frank J. Ford, Surveyor, dated July 5, 1962 and recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Plat Book 2, page 105. Said lot fronting One Hundred Thirty-Three (133) feet on the South side of Church Street and extends back a distance of One Hundred Forty-Five and Six Tenths (145.6) feet on the West and One Hundred Forty Five and Three Tenths (145.3) on the East; and is One Hundred Thirty Three (133) feet wide in the rear and is bounded as follows: North by Church Street; East by Lot No. 5 of said subdivision; South by Lot No. 9 and said subdivision; and West by Lot No. 3 of said subdivision. The above described tract of land is the same as that conveyed by a Joint Survivorship Warranty Deed from Ricky D. Anderson and Melanie F. Anderson to Joanne Radford and Keith Radford dated October 26, 2001 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Deed Book 169, pages 331-332.**

Said Deed to Secure Debt was executed to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$27,020.34, with interest at the rate specified therein together with all other indebtedness of the borrower to the lender then due or that might thereafter become due, or thereafter become contracted, which was or would be evidenced by a note or notes.

The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees. Notice of intent to collect attorney's fees has been given, as provided by law.

Said property is commonly known as **25 Summertown Church Street, Midville, GA 30441**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the subject property is: **KEITH RADFORD OR JOANNE RADFORD** or tenant or tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, and covenants, etc.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: **H. Wade Johnson, Durden Banking Company, Inc., P.O. Box 1560, Swainsboro, GA 30401, telephone (478) 237-2121.** The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein.

This sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being **Durden Banking Company, Inc., as Attorney in Fact for Keith Radford and Joanne Radford, P.O. Box 1560, Swainsboro, GA 30401. Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. Attorney P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401** THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **TIMOTHY JOSEPH WOODS TO CLEMENS TREE SERVICE, LLC, 702 Friendship Church Road, Twin City, GA 30471**, dated October 11, 2019 and recorded in Deed Book 487, pages 152-155, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia, with in the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2020, to wit: October 6, 2020, the following described property: **All that tract or parcel of land**

**lying, situate and being in the City of Twin City, 1560<sup>th</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 1.08 acres, fronting on the Northeastern side of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue a/k/a Fifth Street, as shown on a plat of survey dated August 2, 1993 made by Marlin Nevil, Surveyor, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Plat Book 15, page 657, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said property is bounded now or formerly as follows: Northwest by an unopened street, as shown on said plat of survey and lands of Tommy Connell, formerly lands of by lands of Mrs. Ruby D. Hughes; Northeast by lands of Jo Ann Trammell and Howell Trammell, formerly lands of Walter A. Creech and Mrs. Jimmye Creech; Southeast by lands of Wesley D. Hendley and Patti Hendley; and Southwest by 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue a/k/a Fifth Street.**

**LESS AND EXCEPT: All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Twin City, 1560<sup>th</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting on the Northeastern side of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue a/k/a Fifth Street being the southern-most 15 feet of that certain 1.08 tract of land and extending back along parallel lines to lands of Jo Ann Trammell and Howell Trammell, formerly lands of Walter A. Creech and Mrs. Jimmye Creech, as shown on a plat of survey dated August 2, 1993 made by Marlin Nevil, Surveyor, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Plat Book 15, page 657. Said tract of land being bounded, now or formerly as follows: Northwest by lands of Clemens Tree Service, LLC; Northeast lands of Jo Ann Trammell and Howell Trammell, formerly lands of Walter A. Creech and lands of Mrs. Jimmye Creech; Southeast by lands of Wesley D. Hendley and Patti G. Hendley; and Southwest 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue a/k/a Fifth Street.**

**Said property is the same as that conveyed by a Warranty Deed dated October 11, 2019 from Clemens Tree Service, LLC, A Georgia Limited Liability Company to Timothy Joseph Woods, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court.**

**Said property is designated in 2020 by the Emanuel County Tax Assessors as Map and Parcel No. T01-016.**

Said Deed to Secure Debt was executed to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$108,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein together with all other indebtedness of the borrower to the lender then due or that might thereafter become due, or thereafter become contracted, which was or would be evidenced by a note or notes.

The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees. Notice of intent to collect attorney's fees has been given, as provided by law.

Said property is commonly known as **307 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Twin City, GA 30471**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the subject property is: **TIMOTHY JOSEPH WOODS** or tenant or tenants.

Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, and covenants, etc.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: **Dane Clemens, Clemens Tree Service, LLC, 702 Friendship Church Road, Twin City, GA 30471, telephone (478) 494-4776.** The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein.

This sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being **Clemens Tree Service, LLC, as Attorney in Fact for Timothy Joseph Woods, 702 Friendship Church Road, Twin City, GA 30471. Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. Attorney P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401** THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING

TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF SALLY KING WALTON, DECEASED PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY ESTATE NO. 2030011

All creditors of the estate of **SALLY KING WALTON, deceased, late of Emanuel County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.**

**This 27th day of August, 2020. S/ WILLIAM W. UNDERWOOD**

**WILLIAM W. UNDERWOOD 1538 Hwy 56 North, Swainsboro, GA, 30401 SHEPHERD, GARY & MCWHORTER, LLC ATTORNEYS AT LAW P. O. BOX 99 SWAINSBORO, GA 30401 478-237-7551**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

### IN RE: ESTATE OF DANIEL H. KIMBALL, DECEASED

All creditors of the estate of **DANIEL H. KIMBALL, deceased, late of Emanuel County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.**

**This 1st day of September, 2020. S/ PAUL C. LEIGH**

**PAUL C. LEIGH 229 Woodland Trace Road, Dublin, Georgia, 31021 SHEPHERD, GARY & MCWHORTER, LLC ATTORNEYS AT LAW P. O. BOX 99 SWAINSBORO, GA 30401 478-237-7555**

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of DLRS Choice Enterprises to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$204.39 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied. All that certain lot of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 5<sup>th</sup> G. M. District, Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting on Mary Ann Street a distance of 93.8 feet and running back between parallel lines a distance of 200 feet. said property being known and designated as Lots No. 4, Block E. and an alley lying south of said Lot No. 4, Block E, all in the South Side Subdivision, as shown on plat of same made by C.L. Gillis, Sr., Surveyor, on March 25, 1961, said plat being recorded in the office of Clerk of the Superior Court. Emanuel County, Georgia In Plat Book No. I, Page 363, the said lot as a whole being bounded on the north by Lot No. 3, Block E said subdivision; South by land of Central Georgia Gas Company and Lot No. 5, Block E, said subdivision; East by right of way of Georgia and Florida Railroad; and West by Mary Ann The Grantor herein represents and covenants that he is the owner in fee simple of said property and that the property shown. on said plat as an alley is his property in fee simple, that same has never been open as an alley, has never been dedicated as an alley and has never been conveyed to any person, firm, corporation or political body as an alley and permission or authority has never been granted to anyone to use said property for any purpose or reason whatsoever.

W. A. Youngblood III and Avery Lee Youngblood Parker are Co-Executors of the Estate of W. A. Youngblood, Jr., which Will is recorded in Will Book J, Page 258 and the proceedings to Probate in Solemn Form are recorded in Minute Book 43, Page 132-135, of the Records of the Probate Court of Emanuel County, Georgia.

The property described herein was deeded to W. A. Youngblood, Jr. on August 25, 1965, recorded in Deed Book EU, Page 19, of the Emanuel County Clerk's Records and the representation and covenants as to the alley in that deed are herewith conveyed in this instrument.(S37 086) **Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in September 08, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 8th day of September 2020. Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro**

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of AENF to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$1,116.75 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.

Tract Number One: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 53<sup>rd</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia and in the City of Swainsboro, being Lot 21, Block A in Lincoln Park Addition Subdivision. Said Lincoln Park Addition being a subdivision of Lot Number 2 in Block A, part of the W. F. Thompson Subdivision as shown on a plat of said Lincoln Park Addition prepared by E. K. Hatten, Surveyor, which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County,

Georgia in Deed Book CV, Page 409. Said Lot 21, Block A being further shown on a plat prepared by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, dated September 1, 1966 and recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 13 of said records. Tract Number Two: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 53<sup>rd</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia and in. the City of Swainsboro, as shown on a plat prepared by Marvin D. Clements, Surveyor dated October 20, 1977, which plat is recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 202 of the Records of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said plat is by express reference incorporated herein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said property having been conveyed to N.F. Williams by deeds dated June 27, 1962, which is recorded in Deed Book EE, Page 444, of the Emanuel County Clerk's Records and by deed dated July 21, 1976 which is recorded in Deed Book GR, Page 228, of the aforesaid Clerk's Records.

Said property is identified by the Emanuel County Tax Assessor's Office as Map S41-117 and is bounded, now or formerly, as follows: On the Northwest by property of Catherine Grindler, J.R. Rountree LP and property of Saint Phillips Baptist Church; on the Northeast by South Racetrack Street; on the Southeast by property of Johnny Cross; and on the Southwest by property of Alfonso W. Oglesby and property of Harrison L. Pitts. (S41-117)

Tract Number Three: All those lots or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the 53<sup>rd</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia and in the City of Swainsboro. known and designated as Lot 4 and Lot 5, Block C, of the G.F. Flanders Subdivision and on the Northeast by property of John Murphy; on the Southeast by Lee Street; and on the Southwest by property of Sandra Kemp. Said lots are the same property conveyed to N.F. Williams by a deed dated August 21, 1972 which is recorded in Deed Book FY, Page 284 and by a deed dated September 13, 1926 which is recorded in Deed Book BY, Page 396 of the Emanuel County Clerk's Records. Said property being identified by the Emanuel County Tax Assessor's Office as Map S23-040 and Map S23-039A. Said property has a current address of 326 and 328 Lee St. Swainsboro Ga. (S23 -039A & S23-040)

All of that lot or parcel of land together with improvements, situate, lying and being in the 53<sup>rd</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia and in the City of Swainsboro, known and designated as Lot 5 of the G.F. Flanders Subdivision and being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: On the northwest by New Street, formerly known as Charles Street; On the Northeast by property of Ella Norma Mays et al; On the Southeast by property of Cassandra Kemp and on the Southwest by property of Dessie Davis. Said property is designated by the Emanuel County Tax Assessor's Office as Map S23-064. Said property has a current address of 337 New Street Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 (S23-064)

Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in October 06, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 8th day of September 2020. Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro

### NOTICE

**Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of DLRS Choice Enterprises to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$298.38 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.**

All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the 53<sup>rd</sup> G. M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, designated as Lots 8 and 9 of Block ."F" of the revised Plat of Lake Luck Subdivision, prepared by Frank J. Ford, Surveyor, which is recorded in Plat Book DR, Page 1B, of the records of the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court and further by that Plat recorded in Deed Book DR, Page 562. of the said Emanuel County Deed Records. Said Plats by reference hereto are incorporated therein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said property fronts 100 feet on the Eastern side of Advantage Lane and extends back between parallel lines for a distance of 200 feet. Said tract of land being bounded now or formerly as follows: North by lands of Dale T. Renfro; East by lands of Thelma Waller Peebles; South by lands of Nelson Wilson, Jr.; and West by Advantage Lane.

The above described tract of land is the same as that conveyed to Rodney K Wilson from Creston Federal Credit Union, on April 28, 1994, which is recorded in Deed Book 61, Page 84, of the Office of Clerk Emanuel Superior Court. (S06 019)

**Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in September 08, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 8th day of September 2020. Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro**

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#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Vernell Moore to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2017, 2018, & 2019 in the initial tax amount a \$1,154.98 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied. All that lot or parcel of land and the improvements thereon lying, situate,

and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53<sup>rd</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, fronting Fifty (50) feet on Charles Street, also known as New Street, and extending back between parallel lines along Flanders Street a distance of One Hundred Fifty (150) feet, and bounded as follows: North by lot of Doris Vining; East by Flanders Street; South by Charles Street, also known as New Street; and West by lot of Mary and Anthony Demarco.

Said property being the same property conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vining by Warranty Deed dated December 20, 1971 and recorded in Deed Book FV, Page 26, Emanuel County Clerk's Records.

Said property being the same property conveyed to Lee Jones, Jr. by Warranty Deed dated /slay 29, 2001 and recorded in Deed Book 160, Page 547, Emanuel County Clerk's Records. (S23 079)

**Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in September 08, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 8th day of September 2020. Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro**

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**Notice is hereby given that the city of Swainsboro has levied upon the following property of Vista Real Estate Company to satisfy city taxes owing to the said city for the year(s) of: 2018, & 2019 in the initial tax amount of \$8,388.11 Amount could include additional cost and interest. This can only be calculated when tax is satisfied.**

All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53<sup>rd</sup> GMD of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 4.43 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described by plat of survey prepared by Walter K. Maupin, Jr., Surveyor, dated December 8, 1995 and recorded in Plat Book 16, page 237, Emanuel County public records. Said tract beginning at an iron pin at the intersection of the east right of way of Hill Street and the south right of way line of Modoc Road and running thence North 55 degrees, 59 minutes East for a distance of 251.47 feet along the south right of way of Modoc Road to a rebar; thence, South 32 degrees, 50 minutes, 02 seconds East for a distance of 689.76 feet along the west 30 foot right of way line of Old Wadley Southern Railroad to a concrete marker; thence, South 5 degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds West for a distance of 155.93 feet along the west right of way of Rentz Street to a concrete monument; thence, South 78 degrees, 04 minutes, 04 seconds West for a distance of 165.30 feet along property of the City of Swainsboro to a concrete monument; thence North 32 degrees, 48 minutes, 59 seconds West for a distance of 747.57 feet along the east right of way line of Hill Street to the iron pin located at the point of beginning. S14 - 017.

**Said property will be sold before the courthouse doors in Emanuel County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in September 08, 2020, between the legal hours of sale in order to satisfy said tax this 8th day of September 2020. Tax Officer, City of Swainsboro**

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**APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO CONDUCTED UNER A TRADE NAME** The undersigned hereby certifies that it is conducting a business in the City of Swainsboro, County of Emanuel, State of Georgia under the name of: HANE TECH and that the nature of the business is Science and research and that said business is composed of the following Individual: Royal Trans, 1064 GA HWY 56 S unit 31, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401.

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COPURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the Name Change of Child RONALD DEAN SKIPPER PERRY GALE WOODS, CIVIL ACTION NO:

Petitioners, NOTICE

TO: Ronald Dean Arledge Jr.

By Order of the Court for service of Publication dated August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, you hereby noticed that on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, day of September, 2020. Perry Gale Woods, filed suit against you for Requesting to Change the Name of Your Minor Child. You are required to file with Clerk of Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney Marnique W. Oliver, P.O. Box 308, Swainsboro Georgia 30401, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication which was August 28, 2020.

Witness, the Honorable Robert S. Reeves, Judge of Emanuel County Superior Court.

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2020 Kristin Hall, Clerk Emanuel County Superior Court P.O. Box 627 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the Name Change of Child RONALD DEAN SKIPPER CIVIAL ACTION NO: PERRY GALE WOODS, Petitioners

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

Perry Gale Woods filed a petition on the Emanuel County Superior Court on September 3, 2020 to change the name of the following minor child Ronald Dean Shipper to Dean Andrew Woods.

Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections

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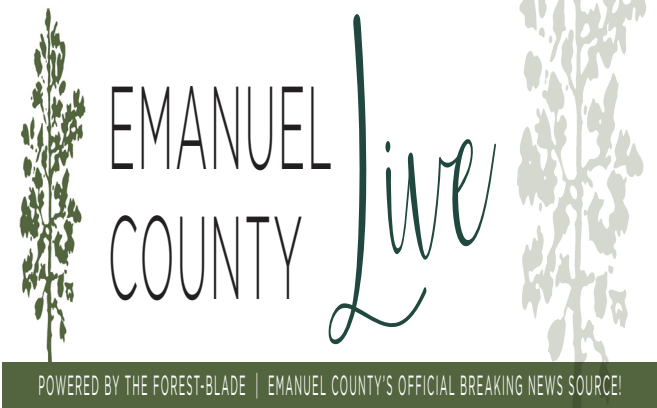
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Jimmy Chalker**  
Unit #22  
Balance **\$80.85**

Units will be sold on or after  
September 17, 2020 if the balance is not paid in full.

**Holsonback Rentals**

342 W Main St., Swainsboro • 478.419.1333



## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Date of Publication: September 16th, 2020

City of Twin City City Hall  
112 South Railroad Ave  
Twin City, GA 30471  
478-763-2695

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS

The City of Twin City seeks to use Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants to develop the Carlee Coleman Park owned by the City of Twin City to sustain, enhance, protect, and conserve Georgia’s natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations.

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The City of Twin City City Council has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Twin City City Hall, 112 South Railroad Ave, Twin City, GA 30471 and Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, 5405 Oak Street, Eastman, GA 31023 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission. All comments received by October 19th, 2020 will be considered by the City of Twin City City Council prior authorizing a submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Twin City certifies to Georgia Department of Natural Resources that Matt Donaldson in his capacity as Mayor of Twin City consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Twin City to use Program funds.

City of Twin City  
Matt Donaldson, Mayor of Twin City  
City of Twin City City Hall  
112 South Railroad Ave

# Commissioner King remembers 9-11 as soldier, former police officer, citizen

Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King released the following statement regarding the 19th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks:

“As a soldier, former police officer, and citizen, I will never forget the events of September 11. Today, my staff, my family, and I have heavy hearts as we remember those impacted by the attacks, from the family members who lost loved ones that day to those brave men and women who are still dealing with ensuing consequences such as trauma-induced mental health problems and the sacrifice of sending loved ones overseas.

The events of September 11 showed us the worst in humanity, but the response showed us the best. New Yorkers ran into the Twin Towers to rescue not just loved ones, but strangers.

The heroic passengers on United Flight 93 saved countless lives. Our neighbors around the globe sent aid and denounced terrorism. Men and women of all races, nationalities, and political ideologies gathered to pray and to remember the lives lost.

I distinctly remember being deployed overseas when I heard the news. As a police officer, I feared for my fellow officers and firefighters as our brothers and sisters in New York City fulfilled their duty to protect and serve. I realized that day that all of our lives had changed forever.

In the coming years, I deployed with other men and women in uniform to Iraq and Afghanistan for multiple tours of duty. While my service may have earned medals, too many of my friends made the ultimate sacrifice.

While those terror-

ist attacks 19 years ago could have divided us, they instead strengthened our bond as Americans.

Today, we face a pandemic, an election, and ongoing societal issues that divide us across racial, political, and socioeconomic lines. So let’s learn from the example we set on September 11 and beyond. Let’s remember the value of our first responders. Let’s honor the inherent dignity of every human life and work together as neighbors, not rivals. Let’s keep seeking to fulfill the promise of liberty and justice for all that unites us as citizens.

Let’s never forget.”

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## Legals

(From page 3D)  
within the time prescribed in OCGA 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2020.  
Marnique Oliver, Ga Bar # 141305  
P.O. Box 308  
115 S. Racetrack Street  
Swainsboro , Ga 30401  
(478) 289-7661  
[legaleagleoliver@yahoo.com](mailto:legaleagleoliver@yahoo.com)

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**  
STATE OF GEORGIA , EMANUEL COUNTY  
WHEREAS, HERETOFORE ON February 8, 2016 CRYSATL S. TURNER did execute and deliver to HARVEY P. STEVENS., of the County of Emanuel State of Georgia a Deed to Secure Debt conveying the land described in Exhibit “A” below, and ,  
WHEREAS, said Deed to Secure the Secure Debt was executed to secure a Note of even date therewith in the original amount of THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND, NINETY TWO

DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$35,092.00) DOLLARS, together with all other indebtedness of the Borrower to the Lender then due or that might thereafter become due, or thereafter contracted, including any renewals thereof which was or would be evidenced by the Note or Notes from CRYSTAL D. TURNER, all of which are shown by said Deed to Secure Debt recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel County Superior Court, in Deed Book 426, Pages 71-74, and,  
WHEREAS, said Notes and Deeds to Secure Debt as described therein, which were due and payable in monthly installments are past due and CRYSTAL D. TURNER, has been notified that the mortgage is in default and that lenders(s) therein have elected to accelerate payment of said Note, And,  
WHEREAS, noticed has been given to CRYSTAL D. TURNER as requires by O.C.G.A. 44-14-162 through 44-14-163.4 (MICHIE 192).  
NOW THEREFORE, according to

the terms of said Deed to Secure Debt and the laws in such cased made and provided, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed to Secure Debt from after proper advertisement, on the first Tuesday in October, 2020, to-wit: October 6, 2020, between the legal hours of sale before the courthouse door in Emanuel County, Georgia. Said sale will be subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes, and the purchaser will be responsible for any Georgia Real Estate Transfer Tax. Proceeds from said sale will be used first, to pay the cost and expense of said sale: second, to pay the balance of the indebtedness mentioned above due by CRYSRAL D. TURNER and third, to pay the surplus if any, to the person or persons legally entitled thereto.  
This 31<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.

HARVEY P. STEVENS, As Attorney’s in fact for  
Crystal S. Turner  
SHEPPERD, GARY & McWHORTER, LLC  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Drawer 99  
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401  
(478) 237-7551  
Exhibit “A”  
All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Oak Park, 58<sup>th</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 1.339 acres, more or less, as show on a plat of survey prepared by A.G. Wells, Jr., Surveyor, dated August 7, 2007, which was recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Plat Book 21, Page 689, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said tract of land is known as Lots 26 and 274 of Long Bay Lots and is bounded now or formerly, as follows: North by Bowen Drive; East by Lot 28 as shown on said plat, being the lands of Dudley Horton 1999 Trist 1 & 2; South by lands of Phuoc Dang Chau and others; and West by an area designated “Well Lot”, as shown on said plat.  
There is also conveyed herewith a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress from the public roadways in the areas to said lots along the roadways over lands of previous grantors as shown on said plat. Said parcel of land of conveyed subject to restrictions of use covenants of record.  
Sais property is the same as that conveyed by a WD dated February 8, 2016 from Robert S. Reeves to Harvey P. Stevens which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Deed Bool 426, Page 63-64.  
Also conveyed herewith is a 1999 Gorton Mirage, III 16X76 Mobile. Serial Number H-207972-G.  
Said property is designated by the Emanuel County Tax Assessors as Map number-120-019

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Garfield does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Garfield City Hall on September 21, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. and pursuant to the requirements of the O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years. COVID-19 Guidelines will be followed.

### CURRENT 2020 TAX DIGEST AND 5-YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

City WIDE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Real & Personal	1,969,365	1,949,065	1,965,764	1,972,485	2,004,460	2,243,066
Motor Vehicles	169,230	152,810	92,520	59,860	49,940	18,024
Mobile Homes	27,517	26,435	26,435	16,903	16,745	15,199
Timber-100%						
Heavy Duty Equipment						
Gross Digest	2,166,112	2,128,310	2,084,719	2,049,248	2,071,145	2,276,289
Less M&O Exemptions	133,540	132,527	134,940	128,578	92,390	123,944
Net M&O Exemptions	2,032,572	1,995,783	1,949,779	1,920,670	1,978,755	2,152,345
State Forest Land Grant Value						
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	2,032,572	1,995,783	1,949,779	1,920670	1,978,755	2,152,345
Gross M&O Millage	17.5900	16.6580	16.3550	17.5660	17.6410	17.4060
Less Rollbacks	11.0900	10.1580	9.8760	11.1140	11.2360	11.0010
Net M&O Millage	6.5000	6.5000	6.4790	6.4520	6.4050	6.4050
Total City Taxes Levied	\$13,212	\$12,973	\$12,633	\$12,392	\$12,674	\$13,786
Net Taxes Increase (Decrease)		(\$239)	(\$340)	(\$240)	\$282	\$1,112
NetTaxes % Increase (Decrease)		-1.81%	-2.62%	-1.90%	2.27%	8.77%



# Keeping you in the know: *Pet ownership and correlated information in Emanuel County*

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

When deciding to bring home a new pet, it is important that the owner accepts the responsibilities that correspond with proper pet ownership. Not only should food, water, and shelter be considered the main necessities a pet requires, but that's always a good start. Apart from providing love and care to your pet companion, proper confinement and veterinary care are just a few other important factors a person should provide as a pet owner.

To ensure proper care is rendered to pets and animals, ordinances and state laws pertaining to proper pet ownership and the treatment of animals have been set. The following information is intended to provide general knowledge to local pet owners as well as the responsibilities required when owning a pet or pets within Emanuel County:

*Let's talk health and vaccination*

**Sec. 10-32 Inoculation required; generally.**

All dogs owned or kept within the county shall be inoculated with the rabies vaccine for immunizing dogs against rabies annually on or before April 13 each year. Such vaccine shall be administered to such dogs by a regularly licensed veterinarian, licensed by the state to practice veterinary medicine and practicing within the county. Such veterinarian shall furnish to the owner or keeper of any such dog a certificate of inoculation showing the date of inoculation, the name, age, sex, color, and markings of such dog and the owner or keeper's name and address within five days after each such inoculation, and shall furnish to the county veterinarian a copy of such certificate of inoculation.

(Code 1970, § 4-19; Cod 1990, § 4-38)

*State law reference-Control of rabies, O.C.G.A. § 31-19-1 et seq.*

**Sec. 10-33 Inoculation of dogs brought into county or born into county.**

All dogs brought into the county shall be inoculated with the rabies vaccine for immunizing dogs against rabies within ten days from the date they are brought into the county, unless such dogs shall be less than eight weeks old, in which event they shall be inoculated when they become eight weeks old. All dogs born in the county shall be inoculated as provided herein when

they become eight weeks old, and all such dogs shall be inoculated annually thereafter as provided herein.

(Code 1970, § 4-20; Cod 1990, § 4-39)

**Sec. 10-34. Dog tag required.**

It shall be the duty of a veterinarian inoculating the dog against rabies to issue the owner or person responsible for such dog a metal tag showing that such dog has been inoculated as required herein.

(Code 1970, § 4-21; Cod 1990, § 4-40)

**Sec. 10-35. Tag to be attached to collar.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog within the corporate limits of the county without having attached to its collar the metal tag provided for in this article, and such collar must be attached to such dog.

(Code 1970, § 4-22; Code 1990, § 4-41)

**Location, location, location...**

**Sec. 10-43 Pen Locations**

No pen, house, enclosure, or area where dogs are kept overnight, shall be located within 25 ft. of an adjacent property owners dwelling or residence.

*Keep the numbers at five or below (exceptions apply)*

**Sec. 10-44 Number of dogs**

A landowner or resident is allowed to have no more than five adult dogs at any one location. Puppies less than three months old are exempt from this rule.

**Means of restriction**

**Sec. 10-36 Restriction on dogs running at large; enclosures; leashes.**

It shall be unlawful for any dog to be on the streets, lanes, highways, or roads of the city or loose on vacant lots or unenclosed lots so that he may freely have access to the streets, lanes, highways, or roads of the city, unless such dog is held firmly on a leash held by a person.

It shall be the duty of any owner or possessor or any person who harbors or keeps any dog to confine securely the same within the limits of his own premises by fence or appropriate enclosures and not to permit such dog to run or have access to run the streets, lanes, highways, roads, or parks of the city, except when controlled by leash.

A leash shall not be required when the dog is in the immediate. Physical presence of, in voice control of, and on the property of its adult owner with the metal tag provided for in this article attached to its collar and on its neck.

(Code 1970, § 4-23; Code 1990, § 4-42)

**Define Nuisance**

**Sec. 10-41. Nuisances.**

No person owning a dog shall permit such dog to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood by barking or making other loud or unusual noises.

(Cod 1970, § 4-28; Cod 1990, § 4-47)

**Stray Talk – Georgia Law**

A private individual should take a presumed stray animal to animal control in case it needs to be reclaimed.

**Individuals with good intentions could be charged with theft.**

If an animal rescue organization picks up a stray animal, it must be taken to animal control unless the rescue is contracted by the local government to perform animal control services. The holding period for animal control is set by local ordinance.

In other words, rescue groups are **NOT** allowed to take or keep anyone's stray pet, it must be taken to animal control. Private individuals should take a resumed stray animal to animal control in case it needs to be reclaimed. Individuals with good intentions could be charged with theft.

Rescue organizations that are licensed by the Georgia Department of Agriculture are not allowed to pick up stray animals, unless they are contracted to do so by the local government. They may only obtain animals that are relinquished by an owner or that are obtained from a licensed animal shelter. Under the Animal Protection Act rule 40-13-13-.04 (1) (h), each animal they obtain must have record of the name, address, and phone number of the individual involved in the transaction, date of transaction or activity, type, and number of animals.

**Animal Cruelty**

As outlined in the **City of Swainsboro's Animal Cruelty Ordinance (Chapter 10, Article III)**, the purpose of the ordinance is to provide a method of prosecuting animal cruelty cases in the Municipal Court of the City of Swainsboro. (See sec. 10-50)

**Sec. 10-51. Explanation**

No owner of custodian of any domesticated animal shall fail to provide the animal with humane care; adequate food and water; adequate shelter which has appropriate and adequate ventilation and adequate shelter from inclement weather including extreme heat.

**Sec. 10-52 Description of Acts**

The following are specifically found to be acts of animal cruelty and prohibited by this ordinance:

1) Chaining animals to a stationary location with a chain less than twelve (12) feet in length.

2) Use of chains which are a gauge so heave as to cause pain and/or discomfort.

3) Chaining animals without the use of a properly sized collar.

4) Abandoning animals on public or private property which includes the owner of custodian vacating the property where the animal is located.

5) Organized dog fighting.

6) Failure to inoculate the animal for rabies.

7) Any intentional act or omission which causes physical injury or extreme discomfort to the animal except in

the rendering of medical care by a licensed veterinarian or the rendering of a course of treatment prescribed by a licensed veterinarian.

**Sec. 10-53. Enforcement**

The Swainsboro Police Department or it's appointees shall be responsible for investigating claims of animal cruelty under the terms of this ordinance and the prosecution of same. Prosecution shall be initiated by service upon the owner or custodian on the animal a citation describing the manner it is contented this ordinance has been violated and ordering such owner or custodian to appear at a time and date certain in the Municipal Court of the City of Swainsboro then and there to face charges.

**Sec. 10-54 Penalty for violation of article.**

Violations of this article upon conviction before the municipal judge of the City of Swainsboro, are punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation and imprisonment in the Emanuel County Jail for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months for each violation.

**Violation Fees**

731 10-33 Dogs Vaccination Required \$150

496 10-36 Dog n Running At Large \$150

739 10-41 Dog Nuisance \$275

759 10-44 Number of Dogs Restricted \$165

727 10-50 Animal Cruelty (City Code) \$315

*For further information or questions, contact Leta Fuentes, Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter manager, at 478-237-4040.*



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