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## EGSC to host virtual spring commencement ceremony

East Georgia State College will hold its spring commencement ceremony virtually on Friday, May 8, 2020 at 6 p.m. The ceremony will be held virtually because of the recent COVID-19 pandemic. The ceremony can be viewed in a watch party on the EGSC Facebook page, the college's YouTube channel and on the EGSC website at <http://www.ega.edu/2020-Spring-Commencement>.

Candidates for the 2020 spring graduation can choose to participate in the virtual graduation, and they have been asked to come back in the fall to take part in the fall commencement ceremony. For the virtual ceremony, graduating candidates have been asked to provide photos of themselves to be included in the video when their name is called.

The virtual ceremony

will also feature special messages from student and guest speakers who were scheduled to speak at the graduation. The president of EGSC, Dr. Bob Boehmer, will welcome all viewers to the virtual ceremony, followed by Morgan Bryant and Megan Bryant, who will perform "God Bless America." The reflection will be given by graduating student Susanna Hall. The alumni speaker for the ceremony is Deon Craig, and the student a is Bruce Bass Jr. Col. George Fredrick will deliver special remarks to the students, followed by Dr. Sandra Sharman, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, who will present the degrees to the graduating students.

Please join your fellow students and invite friends, relatives, and others to participate in your virtual ceremony.



ATTORNEY SHEPHERD

## Sixty years of practicing law for local attorney

by HALEI LAMB  
Sid Shepherd could have retired twice by now, but the long-time attorney says he won't quit until he is toted out of his East Moring Street office. His passion is undeniable, given he reached the 60-year mark of practicing law on April 1, 2020, and the longevity of his career lends to an interesting story.

Though he's been in

Swainsboro long enough to call it home, his life story and the professional one attached to it starts in North Carolina. Ask him where he's from and he'll proudly repeat a catchphrase about his birthplace taught to him by his father: Elizabeth City is his hometown, and it's nestled in the County of "Pasquotank, where the bullfrogs jump (Continued on page 2A)

## ATAP Fundamentals: One man's passion for basketball is changing kids' lives

by HALEI LAMB  
Quan McKinney, also known as "Coach Q," started dribbling a basketball when he was a kid and developed a serious love for the game, but he had no idea just how significant that passion would become. He grew up in the Black and Gold, played at the collegiate level, worked with

an NBA manager, came home, started a family, and began coaching. Yet, his greatest accomplishment is still in the making. ATAP Fundamentals, his basketball training service, is hot on the rise with some 400 players coming to him for game-skills polishing—and he's making them better (Continued on page 2C)



COACH Q GIVING INSTRUCTION FROM THE SIDELINES OF THE SWAINSBORO TIGERS' FINAL 4 GAME AGAINST GLENN HILLS IN 2020 AS CED SEABROUGH LOOKS ON

## Twenty-one cases of COVID-19 in Emanuel

by HALEI LAMB  
According to the county commissioners' noon update before press time Tuesday, April 27, the total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Emanuel has now reached 21.

Of those 21 cases, eight are active. Twelve cases have recovered, and one patient has died.

Nine cases are awaiting results. A total of 257 patients have been tested.

The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners

remains the go-to for the most current, cumulative list of local coronavirus cases. 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.



COLEMAN



FUTCH

## ECSCO calling for public's help locating Coleman, Futch

Due to felony warrants in an ongoing investigation, Emanuel County Sheriff's Office is looking to the public for leads on the whereabouts of Justin Coleman and Steven Futch, two individuals who are allegedly involved in a series of thefts.

Sheriff Tyson Stephens says the two men are a danger to persons and property in the county. Anyone with information should call Lt. Matt Lamb or Lt. David McVey at 478-237-7526.

Futch and Coleman, along with two other men, are accused of being involved in the theft of several off-road recreational vehicles. Throughout the course of the investigation, officials named four suspects and sought warrants. Among those were Coleman and Futch, as well as JayJay Cody Pace and Leon Timothy Bush.

Futch is charged with theft by taking and bond revocation. Coleman is charged with theft by taking as well.

## Parade for EMC Nursing Home taking place today

Today, April 29, beginning at 2 p.m., Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home will host a family/community parade for its residents.

Line-up will begin in the parking lot of Swainsboro-Emanuel County Auditorium. Family and community members will be escorted through the front parking lot of Emanuel Medical Center, where nursing home residents will be waiting, 6 feet apart, to watch the parade.

Participants are allowed to decorate their vehicles, but no individuals will be allowed to get out of vehicles.

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## Sixty years...

(from front page) from bank to bank." He spent five years there before his family moved in 1940. As it turned out, his new home wasn't all too different from his former one. His father's career as an oil company employee landed the Shepherds in coastal Georgia, running a store in Savannah. Shepherd spent his for-

mative years there, then moved northward to Athens to attend the University of Georgia. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in 1957 from that institution. His brother, a product of UGA's law school, inspired him to pursue similar endeavors, so Shepherd packed up and moved yet again, this time to Atlanta, to attend Emory University School of Law.

As a result, he eventually landed a job with the Legislative Council of Georgia and was assigned to then-speaker of the house George L. Smith II. As the young lawyer-to-be closed in on his degree, Smith asked if he would be interested in becoming a "country lawyer." The state representative pitched the idea of a visit to Swainsboro, to which Shepherd quickly agreed. One trip to this part of southeast Georgia was all it took. Shepherd was married at the time with small children, and he immediately knew the Crossroads of the Great South would be prime country to raise a family. He passed the state bar April 1, 1960; graduated that June; moved here in November 1961; and has never left since.

"I wanted to get out of the legislative office because it wasn't actually practicing law. We wrote laws, and that wasn't what I went to school for exactly. I knew if I became a lawyer in a small town, I would get to practice in a more generalized manner, meaning I could offer a variety of services from general real estate to estate work to family law to criminal work and so on," Shepherd explained about transitioning from one type of practice to another. "Swainsboro wasn't like Atlanta, where I was living when I worked with the legislative council. I thought it

would be a good place to raise a family, and everybody I met seemed very nice. I and my then-wife liked the town, so it was an easy choice. I've been very fortunate and very blessed since I moved here."

He's met innumerable folks along the way and seen a plethora of changes take place in his profession. When asked about some of the influential people he has crossed paths with over the years, Shepherd said the list is too long to name specifically—but he did give a nod of acknowledgement to his fellow lawyers, the court recorders, the judges, and the clients he has had the privilege of working with from the beginning to now. In regard to the changes that have occurred in the field of law in the last 60 years, Shepherd says his profession has become much more complex. The best example of that, he explained, is that he once could close a real estate loan with approximately 10 pages of documents. Today, that process calls for at least 150 pages or more. However, the complexity hasn't deterred him from thoroughly enjoying what he does. In fact, the complicated nature adds to his passion.

"I enjoy practicing law because it's challenging. They call it practicing because you're always looking for a solution to something. Sometimes, the solu-

tion is harder to find than other times. Sometimes, you can't find a solution, but you just do the best you can. That's what I've tried to do all these years, and knowing I tried my best every time for a client is good enough for me," he said. "My favorite part of being a country lawyer is the pleasure I get from dealing with people, helping them with their needs. When they tell me they're thankful for my help, that makes everything I do worth it."

To that note, the community has apparently been pleased with Shepherd's services. He has been voted Best Attorney numerous times in *The Forest-Blade's* annual Reader's Choice contest. The 60-year professional has been the city attorney since he arrived here in 1961, and he has been the attorney for the Citizens Bank of Swainsboro for that long, too. Many plaques for various awards adorn his office as well.

"I'm glad for the awards and being able to say I've been the city's attorney and the bank's attorney for 60 years, certainly... Those are nice things, but I'm not an ego guy. What means the most, I think, is that the local people think enough of me to trust me with their needs and have kept me in business this long."

Undoubtedly, there is a generation who recalls his early days in Swainsboro,

there is also a group of people who only know him as a partner in his current business, Shepherd, Gary, & McWhorter. The details of the firm's origin are probably unknown to most people in this county, but the story isn't lost on Shepherd.

The local law group to which Shepherd belongs today began back in 1895 with Robert Williams, whose son, Felix Williams, became a lawyer in 1917. Felix and George L. Smith formed the practice when they joined hands; the two were collectively known as Williams & Smith. Once Shepherd came to Swainsboro, he entered the firm, which then became Williams, Smith, & Shepherd. Next, Loren Gary joined the firm, changing the operating name to Williams, Smith, Shepherd, & Gary. Williams died sometime later, and the name was revised to Smith, Shepherd, & Gary. Smith's name was dropped after his death as well. Bill McWhorter came into the firm in 1974, followed by Shepherd's brother, Millard, in 1980. At that time, the name was changed to Shepherd, Gary, & McWhorter, and it has remained such, even after the passing of Millard and Gary. Total, seven lawyers have there have been seven lawyers involved with the firm, but one has withstood the test of time longer than others—and that person is none other than Sid Shepherd, of course. He looks forward to coming to work every day with his one remaining firm partner, McWhorter.

As proud as he is of his many professional accomplishments, including practicing for more than half a century, the father of three is especially proud of his children. His daughter, Kelly Lanier, followed in his footsteps and became a lawyer herself. The Georgia Southern University alum went to law school in Vermont, passed the bar, and began practicing in Brunswick. She is now married and teaches paralegal studies at Coastal Georgia Technical College. She also practices law on the side.

Shepherd has two sons: Sidney B. "Sandy" Shepherd Jr., who retired from the Georgia Department of Agriculture and lives in Richmond Hill, and the late Joseph B. "Joey" Shepherd, who passed away in June 2015.

"When I think back on all my years practicing law, I just feel blessed. I'm glad I've had such a long career, and I don't plan on stopping any time soon. I will admit I avoid going to court unless I have to, but that's okay. I have plenty of work to do otherwise. My favorite part of practicing now is estate work. I hope my passion for law still shows. I really, thoroughly enjoy what I do. When I go, I want to be toted out of this office. I think that's the only way I'll ever call it quits."

## Main Street Market

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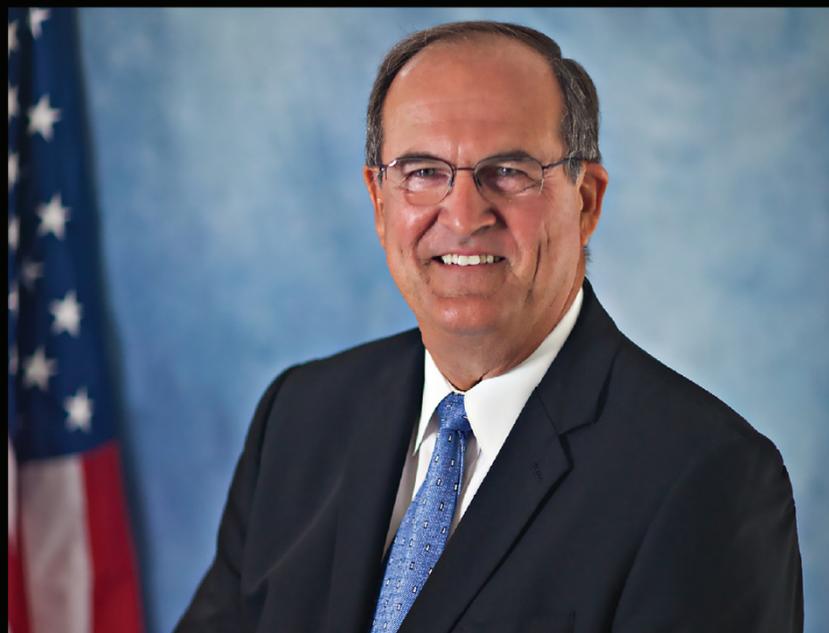
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# Changes to local bank's boards take place after annual shareholders meeting

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Durden Bankshares Inc. was held April 14, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the executive order by Georgia Governor Brian Kemp to cease gatherings of more than 10 persons in a single location and requiring residents to shelter in place in their homes to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the meeting was held by telephone conference.

Durden Bankshares Inc. is the parent or holding company of Durden Banking Company, Inc. with its headquarters located in Twin City and with offices in Swainsboro, Metter and Millen. The bank was organized in Summit on June 26, 1935.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman G.W. Johnson Jr.

The minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting were approved.

Chairman Johnson reviewed the financial reports that had been provided to the shareholders prior to the meeting. He reported net income for the year was up by 16 percent while assets increased to \$176,999,589. Earnings per common share was \$94.04 while Return on Average Assets was 1.67 percent and Return on Average Equity was 10.45 percent. He informed the shareholders their internal rate of pre-tax return over the past several years was 16.97 percent, and he provided the attendees with a report by Demarest Strategy Group, a leading consultant for banks in the southeast U.S., that listed Durden Banking Company as the 18th

best performing bank in Georgia over a period of the past two years. Chairman Johnson then told the shareholders the bank was open for business despite the COVID-19 outbreak, although the bank lobbies were closed. The bank's drive-through windows are open and quite busy. Durden Banking Company, Inc. is making appointments for customers who need to come into the bank, but the company is careful to practice social distancing and disinfect the facility as needed. Chairman Johnson informed everyone that the loan staff has worked diligently to process the SBA Paycheck Protection Plan loans for our customers, and he remarked that he was pleased to announce the staff has remained healthy and prays everyone and their families will remain virus-free.

The next order of business was the election of board members. Re-elected to serve a three-year term on the board were Loy D. Cowart Jr., Lacy B. Frye III, and Dal D. Durden.

Director William L. "Bill" Mathis retired as a member of the fiduciary board and was elected to serve as honorary director. Director Mathis retired from the board after serving for more than 19 years as a director of the bank, where he also served on the Executive Committee. Bank President G.W. Johnson commented that Mathis would certainly be missed but was hopeful he would attend meetings as able to share his many years of insight and experience. He cited Mathis as being a

man of good character with a congenial disposition and having a high sense of honor and a deep sense of personal responsibility.

Also elected to the board was James R. "Jim" Mercer to fill Mathis' unexpired term. Mercer lives on the family farm near Twin City. He is a graduate of ECI and the University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forestry. He and his wife, Tracey, an educator in Emanuel County's school system, own and manage MTMS, Inc., a farming and forestry consulting business in Emanuel County. He has been awarded Emanuel County Farm Family of the Year as well as Emanuel County Young Agri-Business of the Year. He is currently on the Board of Directors of Emanuel County Farm Bureau and is a member of Emanuel County Young Farmers. The Mercers are members of Twin City First Baptist Church, where Jim serves as a deacon and Sunday school director. They have two sons, Peyton, a junior forestry student at University of Georgia, and Lawson, a rising sophomore at ECI.

Other board members include Jerry N. Cadle, Danny Olliff, Clay H. Clark, J. Robert Bowen Jr., and G.W. Johnson Jr.

In subsequent meetings, G. W. Johnson Jr. was elected chairman of the board of Durden Bankshares Inc., and Donna J. Weatherford was elected secretary and treasurer. Loy D. Cowart Jr. was elected as chairman of the board of Durden Banking Company Inc., and Jerry N. Cadle was elected secretary of the bank board.

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# BOBCAT SPOT

—What's going on at your hometown college!

## Student Spotlight: Bryan Martinez

Bryan Martinez is from Wadley, Ga. He will be graduating from East Georgia State College in May and transferring to Georgia State University in the fall to get his Bachelor's degree in video game development. Martinez plans to specialize in programming while also assisting in the design process of video game development.

The *Quetzalcoatl* is a Maximum Time Aloft (MTA) boomerang that requires a humpback throw. When thrown correctly into the sky, it will catch the thermals and glide in circles as it falls back down. This is one of Martinez's favorite boomerangs based on its unique design.

"I chose the design based on its flight pattern, which is circular, and because it wears a mask on top of its face much like *Quetzalcoatl* does in mythology," he explained.

"The *Megarang* and *Night & Day* are my favorite boomerangs based on how they were built," said Martinez. "The *Megarang* is based off the traditional boomerang shape. However, I scaled up the size so that it was three by three feet wide. While this change means the *Megarang* requires a hard throw to be used, in return it looks amazing as it flies due to its sheer size. The *Night & Day* is a Hook boomerang which is known for flying great distances. Since I wished to modify a boomerang, I added fishing weights to the tips of the wings of the *Night & Day* so that it would fly even farther."

As many of the graduating Art Majors at East Georgia State College are unable to hold their Exit Art Shows, we will be featuring artwork from each of these students as a special showcase! Congratulations to our graduates!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 30 - Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center 10th Anniversary Virtual Celebration  
May 8 - Spring Commencement Virtual Celebration

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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Message from our CEO:

Emanuel Medical Center wants you to know and understand that we are here for you. As the Governor is allowing our state to open back up with restrictions, we want you to feel safe and feel comfortable coming back in to our hospital and clinics. We will continue to be a safe place to come for all your healthcare needs. All of our clinics and hospital have the appropriate PPE, sterilizing cleaners to disinfect and a comprehensive screening process that will remain in place until further notice.

As your healthcare provider, we don't want anyone putting off your routine services. We will be taking the proper precautions to serve you in our clinics, outpatient testing and elective surgeries in a healthy and safe environment. Our clinics are happy to see you in the office, therefore will continue our telemedicine practices if that is better for you and your family.

If you are concerned that you have Covid-19, then please call your primary care physician's office to discuss your symptoms and your possible exposure. Your healthcare provider will determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19.

Be prepared to treat the common symptoms of COVID-19, which includes fever, cough, and possible respiratory congestion. Be sure to remain hydrated, drinking plenty of liquids. Sports drinks such as Gatorade and Powerade contain electrolytes that are effective in combating dehydration.

Thank you for your continued support to our community and hospital. Emanuel Medical Center and our physician offices are committed to caring for our community. We are pleased to now be able to test all patients that meet the criteria of COVID-19 testing guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 478-289-1100 and ask for Administration.

Sincerely,  
Damien Scott, CEO

### Paul Henry Moore, 79

for Paul Henry Moore, 79 of Midville, were held Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Hines Baptist Church Cemetery. He passed away Friday, April 24, 2020 at his residence following an extended illness.

Mr. Paul Henry Moore was born May 31, 1940 in Summertown to the late Ralph Moore and Annie Womack Moore. He loved the Lord, his family, and church family. Moore worked on the railroad, as a truck driver, at Rayonier, with Med Service, and at Fulghum Fiber in wood production. He enjoyed fishing, cutting grass at his church, and watching western movies. Moore was a deacon and member at Hines Baptist Church and, in addition to his parents, was preceded in death by one son, Christopher Moore, and a brother,



**MOORE**

Ralph Moore.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Chris Moore of Midville; sons, Greg Moore of Adrian and Rusty Moore (Heather) of Walton, Kentucky; brother, Herman Moore of Summertown; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

### Clairena Bishop Greenway, 95

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Clairena Bishop Greenway, 95 of Swainsboro, on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

Private graveside services will be held at Eastbrook Cemetery with Rev. Ray Jenkins officiating.

Mrs. Greenway was born January 11, 1925, in Augusta, Richmond County to the late Remer P. and Nellie E. Hill Bishop. She retired from Swainsboro Sportswear after 27 years, was a member of the Swainsboro First Baptist Church, loved fishing with her late husband, Walter Greenway, and enjoyed cooking. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Niagara Gay and



**GREENWAY**

Lourea Parks.

Survivors include her daughter, Maxie Anne Keidel of Swainsboro; granddaughter, Terri Aldridge Walker (David) of Saint Marys; great-grandchildren Zan Leakway, Sloan Walker, Lauren Walker, Ryan Walker, and Adrian Walker; and nieces, nephews and extended family.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

### Ruby Louise Whetsell, 95

Ruby Louise Whetsell, 95, resident of Twin City, died Thursday morning, April 24, 2020 at her residence.

Ruby was born in Glennville, daughter of the late Parker and Ruby Bailey Kicklighter. She was also preceded in death by her husband, John Edgar Whetsell; two daughters, Elaine Christmas and Loraine Whetsell; a granddaughter, Jody Anne Whetsell; and a sister, Dealva K. Snyder.

Mrs. Whetsell received her master's degree and

had taught fourth grade for many years. She was a member of Twin City First Baptist Church.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, graveside services for the family were held Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Twin City Cemetery with Dr. Bill Perry officiating.

Survivors include a son, John Wayne Whetsell Sr., and two grandsons, John Wayne Whetsell and John E. Whetsell

Arrangements were by Tomlinson Funeral Home.

### Alma M. King, 76

Graveside services for Alma M. King, 76 of Swainsboro, will be Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Eastbrook Cemetery and Mausoleum with Reverends Chris Young and Donnie Young officiating. Visitation will be held at Eastbrook Cemetery and Mausoleum Chapel from 1 p.m. until the time of service. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, the 6-foot rule will be enforced during viewing. She passed away Monday, April 27, 2020 at her residence following an extended illness.

Mrs. Alma M. King was born February 27, 1944 in Chester to the late Arthur Lamar Williams and Annie Pearle Warner Williams. She was a CNA at Swainsboro and Wadley hospitals for years. She was a homemaker. King loved her chickens, cats, gardening, and fishing. Her husband was her "everything." King was a member of Pentecostal Light House Church for 34 years. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Copeland; brothers, Jake Williams, Junior Williams, Pete Williams, Herbert Williams, and Billy Williams; and sister, Ruth Williams.



Survivors include her husband, Don King of Swainsboro; sons, Terrell (Jodi) Colters and Jami Colter, both of Adrian, and Arthur (Cissy) Copeland of Kite; daughters, Teresa (Larry) Ely and Lamanda (Stacey) Hendrix, both of Swainsboro; step-mother, Mary E. Williams of Swainsboro; brothers, Ray (Darlene) Williams of North Carolina and Bobby Williams of Swainsboro; sisters, Geneva Hall of Macon, Emily Mizek of South Carolina, Betty Hall of Swainsboro, and Becky (Nathan) Rutherford and Barbara (Speck) Hall, both of Norristown; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

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

### Marilyn Wheeler Harrison, 95

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Marilyn Wheeler Harrison, 95 of Kite, on Monday, April 20, 2020, at her residence.

Graveside services will be private at the Kite City Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Bruce Whitfield, Blake Keyton, Evan Stinson, Jason Riner, James Stinson, and Alec Riner.

Mrs. Harrison was born March 4, 1925 in Swainsboro, Emanuel County to the late Joseph Harvill and Ola Woods Wheeler. A Swainsboro High School graduate, she was previously employed with Sinclair Oil, Central Bank, and was owner/operator of Harrison's Grocery Store in Kite with her late husband, James Benagie Harrison. After closing the grocery store, they worked with the late Ellis and Grace Claxton at the City Drug Co. Mrs. Harrison was a member of the Kite First Baptist Church and, in addition to her parents and husband, was preceded in death



**HARRISON**

by two brothers, Johnny Wheeler (Anita) and J. H. Wheeler Jr. (Betty).

Survivors include one daughter, Sharon Harrison Helms (Walter) of Waverly; a son, Bennie Joseph Harrison of Kite; sister, Ann Wheeler Whitfield of Harlem; two grandchildren, Allison Stinson (James) of Dublin and Jason Riner (Mandy) of Statesboro; four great-grandchildren, Blake Keyton (Brittany), Evan Stinson (Cynthia), Marley Riner, and Alec Riner; great-great-grandchild, Cameron Michael Keyton; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors is in charge of services.

### Kathleen Donelson, 62

A private memorial service honoring Kathleen Donelson, 62 of Swainsboro, will be held at a later date. She passed away Friday, April 24, 2020 at Pruitt Health of Swainsboro following an extended illness.

Mrs. Kathleen Donelson was born July 27, 1957 in Wyandotte, Michigan to the late Billy Donelson and Ellen Nunn.

Survivors include her sons, Jason Donelson

of Nashville, Tennessee and Joshua Jost of Clearwater, Florida; daughter, Jessica Jost of Albany; sisters, Michelle Donelson of Carlyle, Illinois, Denise Donelson of Clayton, Missouri, and Kimberly Keenan of Ft. Madison, Iowa; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

### Emma Jean Holloway Martin, 62

Mrs. Emma Jean Holloway Martin, 62 of Swainsboro, passed away Friday, April 24, 2020 at Community Hospice in Vidalia following an extended illness.

Mrs. Martin was born June 17, 1957 in Summertown to the late Willie Gamble Sr. and Henrietta Holloway Gamble. She was a good cook, and she loved family time, puzzle books, playing games on her phone, and drinking Coca-Cola.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Martin of Swainsboro; sons, Chavez Holloway and Verlon Gillis Jr., both of Swainsboro, and Keeven Holloway of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; daughter, Tamika (Kelvin) Peebles of Swainsboro; step-daughters, Cha'Bria Martin of Swainsboro and Shemekia Vinning of Wadley; brothers, Willie Gamble Jr., Walter Gamble, Gregory (Sandra) Waters, all of Swainsboro, Herbert Waters of Fort Lauderdale, Florida,

and James (Zipporah) Gamble of Pooler; sisters, Darleen (Calvin) Jenkins and Laverne Holloway, both of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Cheryl (Ronnie) Hughes of Stillmore; 24 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and many friends.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 11 a.m. in Swainsboro City Cemetery with Pastor Dondia Cuttray officiating. There will be a walk-in viewing Friday, May 1, 2020 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, the 10-person, 6-foot rule will be enforced during the walk-in viewing.

Pallbearers will be Derek Hughes, Mark Watson, Eric Hughes, Clayton Watson, Marvin Hughes, and William Johnson. Flower attendants will be friends and family.

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PHOTO OF UNIDENTIFIED CHILDREN

## Who are they?

While searching through a box of photos belonging to her husband's aunt, Shirley Cowart is curious to know if anyone can help identify the two children in the attached picture. The photo is a product of R.H. Hicks Photos in Swainsboro and has no date. If, by chance, you can assist with identifying the individuals in the photo, contact Cowart at [shirleycowart123@gmail.com](mailto:shirleycowart123@gmail.com).

## Deadline for scholarship applications extended

Due to the closing of the schools, Emanuel County Farm Bureau is extending the deadline date for the Dolan E. Brown Memorial Scholarship to May 15, 2020.

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Call the Farm Bureau office at 237-8848 to obtain an application.

## Exemplary Swainsboro Elementary students named to honor lists

According to Principal Valorie Watkins, the following Swainsboro Elementary School (SES) students were named to the below honor lists for the third nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year:

### Star honor roll

**Third grade** — Silas Anderson, Christopher Barrett, SanQuan Benjamin, Ayden Bishop, Levi Bishop, Hannah Camarero, Jacob Carroll, Jamir Carter, Adalia Cloud, Kaybreigh Hostilo, Cayden Hutcheson, Maurice Lane, Sydney Lively, Shaniya Marion, Stella Kate Marsh, Parker Outlaw, Melina Ramos-Perez, Maritza Saldana-Martinez, Taylor Salter, Colt Sconyers, Raylin Stapleton, Isis Trice, McKinley Walden, Raleigh Walls, Raymond Williams, and Andrew Wu

**Fourth grade** — Landon Akridge, Johnny Allen, Kamm'Rynn Bell, Amelia Grace Clements, Elijah Holley, Mariska Hutcheson, Savannah Jackson, Mario Lampkin, Weston Lee, Jerome Long, Ava Mack, Safia Prentice, Miranda Rich, Santavious Roberts, Nikirra Robinson, Arlin Swanner, and Savannah Thompson

**Fifth grade** — Molly Bird, Wendell Coleman, Luke Colston, Arlener Cuyler, Dei'Vion Davis, Deasia Greene, Abigail Henning, Kyleigh Hostilo, Carly Jersey, Malyiah Jones, Gi'Zyria Kirkland, Thomas McCullough, Alleson Price, Daylan Riner, Rolan Riner, Cason Sapp, Emma Sconyers, Kaci Smith, Landon Stapleton, Maci Sumner, and Irihanna Williams

### Honor roll

**Third grade** — Haley Brooks, Jayla Clark, Joy Conley, Ne'Veah Connor, Kaidyn Crisp, Zayden Cuyler, Jeremiah Davis, Ar'Shoni Greene, Jeslee Hernandez-Puon, Kaitlyn Hughes, Rayleigh Hutcheson, weston johnson, Josheua Lockett, Payton McCullough, Ryan McKenzie, Chianti Mosley, Lilly O'Quinn, Olivia Rogers, Sara Talledo, Jason Walker, Bowen Ware, and Hadley Woods

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Sara Smth, Dayna Tillman, and Ason Wheeler

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Grace English, Moriah Graves, Blair Hedger, Emma Jay Irvin, Jesus Jimenez, Zaidee Love, Aryah Lowe, Madelyn Oglesby, Mason Outlaw, Kailey Phan, Emilio Talledo, and Ariel Tapley

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# COVID-19 guidance for restaurants and food service

by MARNIE DEKLE, Family & Consumer Sciences agent for Emanuel and Candler counties

The expanding global outbreak of respiratory infections due to a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has now been declared a pandemic. Cases of COVID-19 are rapidly increasing in Georgia.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough, and shortness of breath. The best way to prevent infection with any respiratory virus is to use the same preventative strategies used during a normal cold and flu season: get a flu shot, wash hands regularly, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home when experiencing symptoms of illness until they resolve.

Everyone has a role in keeping our community healthy, and that includes our food service partners at local restaurants, mobile food units, and food trucks.

## Everyday Disease Prevention

Take simple steps to support a healthy work environment. These are important every day, but especially when preventing the spread of respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 and flu.

- Post signs that encourage staying home when sick (link is external), covering coughs and sneezes (link is external), and washing hands frequently with warm soapy water (link is external) at workplace entrances, restrooms, employee break rooms and in other visible areas.

- Remind people to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

- Provide tissues, waste baskets, and EPA-approved hand sanitizer in areas where employees gather or meet.

- Provide disposable wipes and other cleaning materials so that frequently touched surfaces (counters, doorknobs, toilets, phones, etc.) can be properly wiped down by employees before each use.

- Follow recommendations for cleaning and sanitizing your workspace.

## Protect Your Customers

- An "Imminent Health Hazard" is defined as a product, practice, circumstance, or event that may

pose a significant risk of injury or illness to food service employees or to members of the public if not promptly corrected or halted. The COVID-19 virus is considered an "imminent health hazard" by this definition. Because of this and in order to protect members of the public, dining areas should be closed until further notice. Take out, drive-thru, delivery, or third-party delivery options should be the only means by which consumers can obtain food.

- If customers arrive at your establishment to pick up an order, encourage customers to wash their hands to help reduce illness transmission.

- Limit the number of customers allowed inside your establishment to no more than 10 at a time.

- Provide clearly marked waiting areas that allow customers to remain at least 6 feet from each other while waiting to pick up their food.

- Keep restrooms stocked with soap and paper towels. You may notice that sinks in customer restrooms need to be stocked more frequently.

- Make sure alcohol-based hand sanitizer (approved by the EPA) is available for customers to use if there is no access to soap and water.

- Be sure to clean and sanitize any objects or surfaces customers may touch, including restroom surfaces, door handles, counters, menus, condiments, etc.

Georgia Food Service Rules and Regulations do not govern customer behavior; however, it is imperative that the number of customers allowed inside your establishment is limited to no more than 10 at a time. With social distancing measures in place, provide clear direction such as marked areas for them to wait, allowing at least a 6-foot separation. As a food service permit holder, and in accordance with Chapter 511-6-1 Rule .02(1)(f)9, you are required to comply with directives from the Health Authority.

A hand sanitizer must be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency before it can be advertised or used. Restrooms for employees and customers should

be kept stocked with adequate soap, warm water and paper towels, as proper handwashing is recommended for reducing the spread of viruses and bacteria. Food service employees are not to use a hand sanitizer unless it meets the requirements of Chapter 511-6-1-.03(5)(e).

## Employee Health

- Support employees staying home when they are sick. Per CDC guidance, employers are encouraged not to require employees to provide a doctor's note to return to work, because doing so will burden the medical system.

- Ensure that your sick leave policy makes it easy for employees to stay home if they need to. Make sure you are following federal, state, and local sick leave laws and policies. Make sure employees know these policies and understand your expectations.

- Create or update flexible policies that allow employees to stay home to care for a sick family member or child who cannot go to school.

- Remind employees that anyone who becomes sick with a fever and cough at work should go home immediately. They should return only after they are symptom-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines and/or cough suppressants unless they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, in which case it should be 72 hours symptom-free without the use of fever-reducing medicines and improvement in respiratory symptoms and at least 7 days have passed since symptoms appeared.

- Make sure supervisors send employees home if they are sick.

- Plan for absenteeism by identifying essential functions and creating plans for continuity of operations. Cross-train staff to perform essential functions so you can operate if key people are absent and consider what you need to maintain critical operations (identify alternative suppliers, prioritize customers, temporarily suspend some operations, if needed).

## Promote Proper Handwashing

- Make sure handwashing signs are put where

employees can see them.

- Ensure handwashing sinks are adequately stocked with soap and paper towels.

- Wash hands thoroughly (link is external) with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.

- Dry hands with paper towels and throw the paper towels in the trash.

- Do not handle any ready-to-eat foods with bare hands.

## Remember to Wash Hands:

- After coughing, sneezing, and wiping your nose.

- After using the bathroom.

- When preparing foods.

- When switching from preparing uncooked foods to working with ready to eat foods.

- After touching your face or hair.

- After touching animals.

- After eating and using tobacco/nicotine.

- After handling money or other forms of payment.

- After handling dirty equipment or utensils.

- Before putting on dis-

posable gloves.

- Whenever hands become dirty.

## Use Routine Cleaning Procedures

Early evidence suggests that the COVID-19 virus can survive for several days at room temperature. However, special processes beyond routine cleaning and sanitizing are not recommended at this time.

**Only use sanitizers that have been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency according to the product label.**

## Cleaning and Sanitizing

- Remember, cleaning and sanitizing are not the same. Clean with soap and water to remove dirt and food from surfaces. Sanitize with chemicals or heat to reduce germs. Surfaces that look clean may still have germs on them that you can't see. Sanitizing reduces these germs to safer levels. Always follow the product's label when using sanitizers.

- Clean and sanitize surfaces that are frequently touched. Surfaces such as remote controls, kitchen counters, doorknobs, bathroom surfaces, key-

boards, tables and chairs, and phones and tablets should be cleaned often.

- Food-contact surfaces must be washed, rinsed, and sanitized after each use.

- Use disposable gloves for cleaning and sanitizing. Throw them away before leaving the area and wash hands.

- If you use disinfectant wipes, use according to package directions. Do not reuse the wipes to wipe down multiple surfaces. Throw used wipes in the trash.

For a list of approved disinfectants from the Environmental Protection Division that are shown to be effective against SARS-CoV-2, visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>. Note: These disinfection concentrations may exceed the allowable levels allowed for use on food contact surfaces such as dishes and utensils. Be sure to follow the label directions for FOOD CONTACT SURFACES when using the chemical near or on utensils and food contact surfaces.

## Watch under your feet!

What began and ended as a normal afternoon photo session could have taken a turn for the worse.

Pictured are Mitch, Emma, and Finley Proctor and one photogenic snake, a baby timber rattler to be exact.

It wasn't until the family reviewed this photo that they realized the photobombing ophidian beside Emma's foot. The Proctors (Tammy and Mitch) shared this photo on social media to help others see just how easy a snake can be overlooked.

With warmer weather approaching, be sure to stay alert on your surroundings because the snakes are out and about, and they aren't too worried about social distancing.



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## Savvy Senior: Travel tips for grandparents and grandchildren

Dear Savvy Senior,  
My husband and I are interested in taking our two grandkids on a big trip this summer and are looking for some good ideas. Can you recommend some travel companies that offer special travel packages for grandparents and grandkids?

Doting Grandparents  
Dear Doting,  
Grandparents traveling with their grandchildren has become increasingly popular in recent years. Not only is this type of travel fun, it's also a wonderful way to strengthen family bonds and create some lasting memories.

To help you with your traveling aspirations, there are a number of travel companies today that offer specialized multi-generational trip packages for grandparents and grandchildren. This is a nice way to go because they plan everything for you, with most activities for the two generations together, but some just for adults so you can get an occasional breather.

Available in various trip lengths and price ranges, these tours are designed for children, typically between the ages seven up to 17 or 18, and are usually scheduled in the summer, or sometimes during winter breaks when the kids are out of school. Here are some top tour companies to check into that will take you and your grandkids on a fun, well-planned vacation.

**Road Scholar (RoadScholar.org):** This well-established not-for-profit organization has offered educational travel to older adults since 1975. They currently offer 130 different programs geared to grandparent and grandchildren. About 75 percent of the grandparent trips are domestic; 25 percent are international. Some of the most popular destinations include the U.S. National Parks, Costa Rica, the Galapagos Islands and Paris. The average cost per person per night is \$250 for domestic trips, \$360 for international.

**Tauk (Tauk.com):** This is a large tour operator that offers 22 foreign and domestic multi-generational trips called Tauk Bridges family tours. Some of their most popular trips are Costa Rica, the European riverboat cruises, and the Cowboy Country, which tours you through Wyoming and

South Dakota.  
**Austin Adventures (AustinAdventures.com):** An adventure travel tour operator that offers 119 family friendly trips ideally suited for grandparents and grandchildren. Popular packages include destinations to Yellowstone National Park, Alaska, Costa Rica, Austria and Holland.

**Adventures by Disney (AdventuresByDisney.com):** Offers more than 35 vacations all over the world, including itineraries in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America.

**Smithsonian Journeys (SmithsonianJourneys.org):** They offer seven different family journey trips to London and Paris, Tuscany, Iceland, Galapagos Islands, Botswana, Yellowstone and a Rhine River cruise.

**Journeys International (JourneysInternational.com):** They offer customized multi-generational trips primarily to Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific.

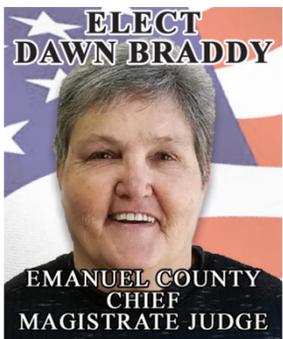
### Grandkids Travel Documents

Depending on where you go and your mode of transportation, you'll need to gather some documents for your grandchildren to make sure everything goes smoothly. In general, most travel experts recommend you bring a notarized travel consent form (letter of permission from the parents), and a medical consent form in case any emergencies or problems arise. Also bring copies of insurance cards.

If you're traveling domestically, you should know that airlines and trains don't require any form of ID for children under 18. But if you're traveling to Mexico, Canada, Bermuda, or other areas of the Caribbean by land or sea, grandchildren 15 and under will need certified copies of their birth certificates. And if your grandkids are 16 or older, or you're traveling to these locations via air, passports will be required.

If you're traveling overseas, all children, even infants, must have a passport. Some countries also require a visa for entry, and vaccinations may be required in some cases. Before booking a trip, check the U.S. Department of State's website at [Travel.State.gov](http://Travel.State.gov) for country-specific information.

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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Music and God's Word have always been a very important ingredient in worship. When there is joy in the hearts of the faithful, praising God is a natural part of life and is always evident in times of worship. With shame and sorrow the captives of Babylon admitted this in Psalm 137:4. As their captors ridiculed them for it they said, "How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?" Sin separated them from God and they lost the joy of their salvation. It will do the same to us.  
In the Old Testament we find many occasions of God's children coming together to sing and shout and praise the Lord. In Psalm 95:1 the "worship leader" looked at the crowd before him and said let's "sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." That invitation remains open to us today.  
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## Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

### Hannah Greenway



This week's Cook of the Week is Hannah Greenway, the owner of Wild Flowers Florist. Hannah really enjoys working at her shop located on her husband's family farm and says being home makes it easier to cook for her husband, which she also loves to do. Hannah has always enjoyed cooking with her mother and says the men and women on both sides of her family enjoy cooking as well. Hannah and her husband will welcome their first child, a son, into the world next month. Here are some of her favorite family recipes. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of Hannah

#### Mawmaw's Buckeyes

- 2 sticks butter
- 1.5 boxes confectioner's sugar
- 18 oz. crunchy peanut butter

- Dipping chocolate
- 12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 stick paraffin wax

Melt butter; add to sugar and peanut butter. Roll into small balls. Put in refrigerator.  
Dipping chocolate  
Melt chocolate chips together. With toothpick, dip chilled balls into hot chocolate mixture. Let cool on waxed paper.



From the kitchen of Hannah

#### Aunt Luree's Zucchini Bread

- 3 eggs
- 1 c. cooking oil
- 2 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 c. raw, peeled and grated zucchini, drained

- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 3 c. flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3.5 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 c. chopped nuts

Beat eggs until foamy. Add oil, sugar, and vanilla. Mix well. Stir in zucchini. Sift together dry ingredients. Add to egg mixture, mix well. Fold in nuts. Pour mixture into two 9"x5" greased loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 55 minutes



From the kitchen of Hannah

#### Grandma's Homemade Ice Cream

- 6 well-beaten eggs
- 3 c. sugar
- 2 cans condensed milk
- 2 -1/4 tbsp. vanilla
- Pinch of salt

Mix all ingredients with mixer. Pour into ice cream freezer; finish filling canister to fill line with whole milk. To add fruit, use three cups pureed fruit to mixture

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**Loving others with your words**

BY JOYCE MEYE

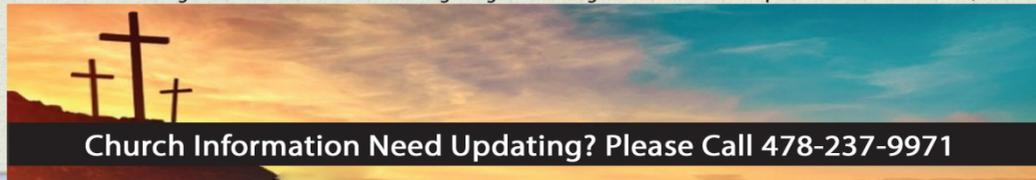
Are you part of God's construction crew or Satan's destruction crew? God's word teaches us to edify and build up people because they need to hear our words of encouragement. We all like to have people say loving things to us, so we should do for others what we want them to do for us (see Matthew 7:12). We should never refuse to do something God asks us to do just because it doesn't come easily.

Ask God to give you words that you can sincerely say to people that will build them up. You might be shopping for some new clothes and see a store clerk and think, "That dress she's wearing is really pretty." Your thought won't help her, but saying it to her will. Tell people you appreciate their hard work because you might be the only person who ever tells them.

Start encouraging the people in your family, then gradually expand to those at work or church and eventually get extreme enough to try complimenting complete strangers (use wisdom when speaking to members of the opposite sex).

If you like to set goals for yourself, why not set one in this area? Start by committing to give three compliments each day and keep increasing the number until it becomes part of who you are and not just something you try to do.

Prayer Starter: Holy Spirit, I invite You to direct my words today. Thank you for teaching me in every moment how I can encourage those around me and for giving me the right words for each person. In Jesus' name, amen.



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## Looking back: Bulldogs begin season at Paulson Stadium

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

After winning the scrimmage game against Fitzgerald, the 2012 ECI football team opened the season playing in the inaugural Erk Russell Classic. The Bulldogs defeated Metter 42-7, receiving the trophy from former ECI Bulldog and GSU Eagle Tim Durden. The 2012 team went on to win the state championship, losing only to Washington County in the regular season, who lost in the third round of the AAA state playoffs to Saint Pius. The Bulldog offensive juggernaut scored an average of 39.5 in the state playoffs, defeating Dooly Co 42-7 to win their second state championship in five years.

After spring and summer workouts and practice, football teams are chomping at the bit and looking forward to the first game of the season. This year, the Bulldogs have an added incentive to begin the season as ECI has been chosen and invited to play in the inaugural Erk Russell Classic at Paulson Stadium, home of the GSU Eagles. The Bulldogs will face long-time rival Metter Tigers in their annual match-up. Coach Chris Kearson stated, "The Erk Russell Classic game is a great opportunity for our players, coaches and community to experience a college atmosphere in a college stadium against one of our oldest rivals."

The game began as a conversation last summer in the Bishop Field House at the stadium among former Eagle players, discussing an event that would honor Coach Russell. The four players, Darryl Hopkins, Tim Durden, Mel McBride and Terry Harvin, decided to honor the coach with football games at the field he once roamed, inspired players, thrilled fans, and won championships. Not many coaches at any level motivated his players to play 100 percent than Erk Russell. When the name "Erk Russell" is



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mentioned, football fans think of GSU football, GSU championships, a bleeding forehead, beautiful Eagle Creek and his quote for which he was famous during the playoffs, "One More Time."

The next thing they had to do was find a sponsor. Due to NCAA sanctions, the Eagle Football Alumni Association could not sponsor the event. The sponsor of this year's games will be The Heritage Investment Group from Hinesville. They also needed four area football teams who have a large following both at home and away. It was decided that with the Bulldogs large fan turnout and Metter being a rival game, they would invite the Bulldogs and Tigers to play in the early game. Originally, the late game was to be the state champion Burke County Bears versus the Bluffton Bobcats, but that game had to be cancelled due to

the Bobcats dropping the Bears from their schedule. The second game will now be the 1AAAAAA Brunswick Pirates versus the 3AAAA Wayne County Yellow Jackets.

The Bulldogs will be the home team with the kickoff at scheduled at 5:30 on Saturday, August 25, 2012. The Brunswick-Wayne County game will be the late game, which should start around 8:30.

Metter has not beaten the Bulldogs since 2004 when the Tigers won 26-21. Since that game, ECI has beaten Metter by an average score of 45-14 with the closest game being in 2011. With the game tied 7-7 at the half and 14-7 at the end of 3rd quarter, the Bulldogs scored 2 fourth quarter touchdowns to pull away in a hard-fought game 25-13. This year's game promises to be the same hard-fought game as Metter's coach, Mike West, has the Tigers play-

ing more competitive ball since he took over in 2010. With Coach West being a former Eagle player, he and his Tigers will have added incentive to take one from the Bulldogs this year.

Tickets for the game are \$10 and include both games. It is advised to purchase your tickets in advance at the ECI front office. More information will be posted on the Bulldogs' football website, [www.ecibulldogs.com](http://www.ecibulldogs.com), and the Bulldogs' Facebook page, ECI Bulldogs Football, when available.

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## ATAP Fundamentals...

(From front page)  
kids in the process.

McKinney's basketball journey starts just like everyone else's around these parts. He and his friends often gathered at the park and played ball in the afternoons. He then moved into the rec league and moved through the ranks of middle and high school ball for the Swainsboro Tigers. As a varsity player, McKinney developed under coaching legends Leroy Jordan and Bobby Andrews from 2000 to 2003, earning an athletic scholarship to Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina as a senior. He spent four years as a Hornet, and in 2008, he graduated with a degree in recreational administration. After his collegiate years, sometime in 2009, McKinney ran into Dwight Howard's manager and landed a job in Orlando. That, he says, helped lay the foundation for some of the coaching approaches he uses today.

"I learned a lot of life skills in Orlando. As a college athlete, you learn about discipline and leadership and gameplay, but it was different when I went to Florida because I learned about the management side of the game at the highest level," Coach Q commented. "When I came home in 2010 and started helping Coach Jordan at the high school, I understood how important it was to keep my priorities straight. I also learned how getting up earlier helps you get a lot more done if you don't get an early start to your day."

Giving up his gig in Orlando was both an easy and hard decision. As a part of the managerial team there, Coach Q worked with NBA players, and that was difficult to willingly abandon. However, his wife, Patronia McKinney, had their first daughter, Savannah, and fatherhood beckoned him home, and he was happy to oblige. He took a job as a paraprofessional with Emanuel County Schools, and Coach Jordan took the youngster under his wing. The theme of his story remains the same even though his journey is still unfolding. Everything he does today is about basketball and the kids who play it.

"Coach Jordan, man, he helped me become accountable. As a player, he held me accountable. He even held me accountable as a coach. Now, I apply those same standards to my players. He, along with the late, great Coach Bobby Andrews, 100 percent get the credit for who I am as a coach today, but I can't forget about Coach Brice Hobbs, either. I'm always learning things from him," Coach Q said with admiration about his mentors. "In everything those guys do, winning games, making kids into better players, and developing their players into good students and upstanding members of society is what it's all about. That's what I'm trying to do, too."

Coach Q tagged along with Coach Jordan for several years before the long-time SHS head coach departed Tiger Nation to lead the East Georgia State College Bobcats. Meanwhile, during the time when he was helping Coach Jordan at the high school and even after his mentor left to take over a program just across town, Coach Q began dabbling in community basketball relations, laying the foundation for ATAP Fundamentals. He made quite a name for himself doing that, so much so that when he took a brief hiatus from school ball in 2014 or 2015, Dr. Denise Warnock, principal of SHS, called him and requested he fill in Coach Andrews' absence due to a surgery. Of course, Coach Q said yes, and he hasn't missed a year with the Tigers since. That is not to suggest, however, ATAP Fundamentals, has taken a back seat. On the contrary, his training service is growing at an unprecedented rate.

ATAP's story starts back in 2014, around the same time when Dr. Warnock called for help. "One day, I decided I wanted to help train kids. I'm a point guard, so ball handling is my main focus. When I was coaching—be it at the rec level, at Upward games, middle school games, even the high school level—I saw mechanical things that weren't exactly

right and I thought, 'Somebody's got to do something.' I just assumed that somebody could be me just as well as it could be someone else. I went to one of my brothers/great mentors, Gary Hackett, and he helped me come up with a plan. That's kind of how I got where I am today."

After brainstorming with Hackett, McKinney started running his nonprofit business out of the gymnasium at the rec department on Old McLeod Bridge Road. Because of scheduling conflicts with basketball season and because the gym had to close at 5 p.m. even on days when there weren't games and practices, he came to the inevitable conclusion that he needed his own space. (However, he is quick to credit Tony Mangieri, director of Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks & Recreation, for his generosity, accommodations, support, and help during his endeavor's early years.)

Shortly after that mental revelation, McKinney moved into the old Walk The Line building on West Main Street. It was a humble space; its low ceilings posed a problem, and so did the flooring. In total transparency, the space was a far cry from what Coach Q needed—but he made it work for the time being. He rallied a few kids to come and train with him. Together, they ran what few drills they could, and Coach Q videoed their sessions, a tactic he still uses today.

"I knew that because I had a limited space, I had to prove to people that taking a chance on me would be worth it. I started with some sample kids, like Tyler Kelly and Charley Kelly; my brother, Jaylan McKinney; Gary's son, Immanuel Hackett; and a few others. Now, I've got kids from Metter, Statesboro, Wadley, Louisville, Vidalia, David Emanuel Academy, Bulloch Academy—pretty much anywhere nearby you can think of, I've got players coming to Swainsboro. It's a dream come true really."

His coaching skills certainly contribute to his ability to reel in clientele, but the fact that he now has a better training spot helps as well. McKinney raised funds and looked to community members for support for his vision to expand his gym. In 2016, he moved into his current location, which is just a stone's throw from his first. ATAP Fundamentals' is now headquartered in the old Otasco building and it's a beauty of a facility, but it took a little elbow grease to get it that way.

"Gary came in and helped me give that place a total 180. We gutted the place, then added concrete and plywood. The Kelly kids, their mom, Jennifer, her husband, and his brother helped with painting it. Lee Stewart helped me along the way... So many people in the community were supportive in different ways, and I don't want to leave anyone out. All I can say is it took a community effort, and that's why everything I do is for this community and its kids."

Once the physical aspects of the gym were finalized, complete with equipment purchased through his own personal purse and fundraising dollars alike, Coach Q realized he needed a better name for his operation. In the earliest days, he called his training service "Coach Q's Training Skills." As his clientele increased and his service began to blossom, he wanted a more significant name, one that would shoulder the weight of motivating players.

"When I was brainstorming for a new name, I recalled another guy that played for AND1, Pat the Roc. He started his own training service and called it 'Anything Is Possible,' 'AIP' for short. I wanted something similar, something that would be inspiring like that but a little different, so I came up with 'All Things Are Possible.' That's what 'ATAP' stands for."

Today, one of the walls in his facility proudly boasts the acronym "ATAP," and kids by the hundreds—literally—draw inspiration from it during every session. Jennifer Kelly testifies to what Coach Q is doing and the message his service's name sends.



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HAYDEN CLAY WORKS WITH COACH Q IN THE ATAP GYM



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"ATAP gave my kids a place to go to improve on their basketball fundamentals at an early age, and my son and daughter have continued to grow as players throughout middle school, high school, and college. Coach Quan has taught my kids that 'all things are possible' through hard work and dedication."

Throughout his time as a coach, he has helped advance a handful of players to the next level, including Jaylan, who now plays with the South Georgia Technical College Jets; Charley, who plays with EGSC; and Precis Harden, who is verbally committed to Kennesaw State University. He's proud of helping those players move on, but McKinney generally shies away from the limelight in an effort to keep the spotlight where it should be.

"ATAP gives me a chance to give kids something I didn't have. If I would've had this kind of training or motivation or access to a gym whenever, there's no telling where I would be. I love the game of basketball, but I love to see a kid do something that will make them better humans even more. These guys and girls, they learn about life while they're dribbling a ball, whether they know it or not. If I can help get someone to the next level, that's great, but if they end up finishing high school, going to college, and getting a job after it's all over, that's just as good to me."

Even as his list of clients continues to mount, Coach Q realizes business hasn't always been this great. Starting ATAP, even before his training service was officially called that, was difficult in that some people thought he was solely out for monetary gain. That's why he holds tight to the ones who have been with him from start to finish. That's why every victory small and large, on and off the court, is so important. "There were some hard times for sure. I had to continue putting myself out there, shooting videos and posting them. I had to make people see this isn't a money issue. I had to show people I can bring change, that I can help a kid know which type of pass to use on the court and know how important it is to handle their business in the classroom and understand all the things that make a good player and a good person. It took a while, but all my hard work is starting to pay off. I couldn't be happier. I can't wait to see what the future holds."

In the meantime, he's going to be working toward a few specific goals. First, he wants to pour back into his wife all the support she has given him. He also wants to continue being an active father for his children, who enjoy basketball just as much as he does. He wants to continue being a great supervisor at Wincore Windows & Doors in Swainsboro from 9 to 5 as a way to repay their support for all of his basketball activities, and when he's got time to spare, he wants to keep growing ATAP. He would also love to pick up another championship win or two with the Tigers while continuing to learn about coaching and different aspects of the game from Coach Hobbs. Long-term, Coach Q also says it would be an absolute dream to be at the helm of the Tigers' basketball program. Until then, he is sticking to what he knows works, which is the five Ps, "proper planning prevents poor performance," and enjoying every day in his gym making kids better.

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## Jail Report

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

(GAPP); Georgia State Patrol (GSP); Emanuel County Sheriff's Office (ECSSO); 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 (CSRUI); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office

(PROB).

John Russell Aaron, 31, 4243 Oak Park Hwy., Lyons; entered 4/20/20; Sexual battery; released 4/24/20; ECSO

Tonya Allison Conner, 33, 860 N. Main St., Wadley; entered 4/21/20; Obstr/ofc, Hold for Jefferson County; ECSO  
Paul Hooks, 54, 308 Ellis St., Metter;

entered 4/21/20; DUI/alch, Leaving Scene of Accident, Parole Violation; ECSO

Brian Tremaine Bacon, 29, 101 Lake Pointe Dr., Savannah; entered 4/22/20; Armed robbery, Kidnapping, Aggr assault, Theft/taking, False imprison; SPD

Matthew Russell McReynolds, 27, 4th

St., Stillmore; entered 4/25/20; DUI/alch, Failure to Maintain Lane; released 4/26/20; TCPD

David Herman Alvarez Cruz, 36, 1000 Corbin Rd., Baxley; entered 4/26/20; Seat belt violation, Failure to Maintain Lane, Driving While Unlicensed/Expired, DUI/alch; GSP

Gerald Clyde Rollins

Jr., 47, 1035 Waldron Rd., Douglas; entered 4/26/20; DUI/alch, Speeding 15-29 MPH over, Open Container; released 4/27/20; SPD

Carol Ann Donaldson, 44, 178 Ollifftown Rd., Twin City; entered 4/26/20; DUI/alch, DUI/endangering child, DUI/endangering child; GSP

## Sheriff's Reports

According to Emanuel County Sheriff's Office...

**April 18**  
Complainant on McKenzie Drive reported shots fired. Deputy met with complainant, who stated offender had shot a gun in the area and some pellets hit his house. Offender admitted to shooting a gun to kill a snake. Complainant wanted the incident documented in the event of further problems in the area.

**April 20**  
Complainant on West Lawson Road/Cow Ford Bridge Road reported numerous stolen tools from two toolboxes that had been broken into over the weekend.

Complainant's vehicle accumulated tar while traveling on Highway 23 North due to road work.

Complainant filed a report in reference to a victim being harassed by an offender. Offender had broken into victim's residence during the harassment.

Complainant filed a report in reference to a burglary at one of his houses.

**April 21**  
Complainant requested a deputy's assistance with getting into her rental property after tenants left and locked the doors. Complainant also needed help collecting skipped rent from said tenants and was referred to the magistrate.

Complainant reported a theft from his mailbox. Complainant received confirmation that a smartwatch had been delivered to the mailbox, but when he checked, it was nowhere to be found. Complainant also reached out to delivery service, who stated the package had, in fact, been delivered and placed into mailbox.

**April 22**  
Deputies responded to a gas station on Highway 80 West in reference to an intoxicated male threatening customers. Offender was arrested and transported to the jail.

Complainant received several items and later learned those items were possibly stolen. Complainant made reasonable attempts to return any of the items that were in her possession.

Deputies responded to the area of Fannie Brewer Road in reference to an argument between two males. Upon arrival, deputy met with complainant who stated

a male wrecked his truck, approached him, and started yelling at him. Complainant showed deputy where truck was wrecked, but no one was around the scene. A black pick-up pulled up and the driver stated he picked the man up, took him down the road, and dropped him off. One deputy stayed with the vehicle while two others went to the area where the man was dropped off. Once in the drop-off area, one of the deputies saw an individual who said he saw the man get dropped off and run into the woods. Individual showed deputies to the wooded area. During that time, 911 received a call that someone matching the man's description showed up at a house down the road, yelling about being chased by the cops and stating he had been in a wreck. Two deputies made contact with him and detained him for investigation. Third deputy arrived on scene and spoke with offender, who stated he was driving the vehicle, was on parole, and didn't want to get in trouble because he had taken drugs. Deputies could tell offender was under the influence and arrested him. Offender was transported to Emanuel Medical Center for a blood test but became non-compliant in route, so he was taken to the jail instead.

Complainant filed a report and stated she had allowed two offenders to stay at her residence for a couple days, then asked them to leave due to them always fighting and doing drugs. Offenders left, then complainant left. While complainant was gone, offenders came back to her residence and took the rest of their belongings. When complainant arrived back at her residence, offenders were departing with a trailer load of items. When complainant went back inside residence, she noticed some of her clothes were gone as well as two laptops.

Complainant stated a young male drove a motorcycle onto her property without permission. Complainant stated she had attempted to contact offender but was unable to gather any of his information. Report was filed for documentation purposes.

**April 23**  
Victim reported offender for cashing forged checks at his business. Victim provid-

ed video footage of transactions and provided copies of the checks. Case was turned over to investigators.

Victim stated offender had been sending harassing text messages. Deputy contacted offender and told him to stop all contact, to which he agreed.

Complainant reported offender for harassing her on Facebook.

Deputy responded to East Oak Park Avenue for a civil matter. Complainant stated her son took her car for a "joyride" earlier that day. Complainant further stated she had already spoken with her son's probation officer, who advised her to have the sheriff's office document the incident so probation could follow up on the issue.

**April 27**  
Complainant reported that on April 25 at 5 p.m., she left her residence and left her three dogs locked inside. When she returned later that night, two of her dogs were outside and her doors were unlocked but closed. Complainant also stated on April 26, she left her residence but left the doors unlocked. When her child came home, the doors were locked and she couldn't get inside. Complainant stated when she returned home later that night, the doors had been unlocked. Nothing was missing or disturbed, and no signs of forced entry were located.

Complainant struck a deer while traveling Lambs Bridge Road.

Complainant reported being cursed at and pushed into some bushes while attempting to give offender a letter from the magistrate court.

Complainant reported being stalked by a male individual in a local business back in February. Complainant also stated she believed the same subject came to her house on April 25 and asked about her pond. Complainant added on April 25, her sister had an encounter with a male on the complainant's property. Complainant believed all three encounters were with the same subject and wanted the incidents to be documented.

Deputies responded to a welfare check. Scene was turned over to investigator.

## Swainsboro Police Reports

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

**April 21**  
Officer was dispatched to an address on New Street in reference to an armed robbery with a gun.

Officers were dispatched to an address on Lee Street in reference to robbery and simple battery.

**April 22**  
Officers were dispatched by Emanuel County 911 to an address on Gumlog Road in reference to a miscellaneous report.

Complainant reported financial transaction card fraud.

Officer responded to an address on Old Nunez Road in reference to a damaged vehicle.

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

Officer responded to an address on Jerome Street to follow up on an incident that had previously occurred at another location.

Officers responded to the

area of New Street and assisted with a vehicle repossession.

**April 23**  
Officer was dispatched to an address on South Main Street in reference to a two-vehicle accident.

**April 24**  
Complainant reported abuse/neglect of elderly/disabled person.

Officer responded to an address on South Main Street in reference to an entering auto with intent to commit a theft.

**April 25**  
Officer responded to an address on Grady Street in reference to a nuisance dog.

Officer responded to an address on McMillian Drive in reference to criminal trespassing on private property.

Complainant reported theft of lost/mislaid property.

Officer attempted to make contact with a male driver operating an ATV on the roadway. The offending driver fled from the scene and was not apprehended.

## Twin City Police Reports

Officers with Twin City Police Department (TCPD) reported...

**April 16**  
Complainant reported ongoing issues regarding trespassing, stalking, and harassment by unknown offenders who continue to show up at the complainant's residence on 4-wheelers, causing yard damage and also shocking the wife's eyes and bottoms of her feet with a laser beam.

**April 20**  
Officer responded to an address on 5th Avenue in reference to a complainant reporting being hit with a stun gun by unknown offenders on 4-wheelers.

Officer reported being summoned to an address on Highway 80 East in reference to burglary by forced entry. The involved victim later followed up with a TCPD officer and reported what items were found to be missing.

**April 21**  
Complainant reported an affray.

**April 23**  
Officer wrote a citation in reference to an offending driver operating a vehicle with a suspended license.

**April 24**  
Complainant reported a dog bite.

Complainant reported striking a deer while traveling within the area of Highway 192 and West Broad Street.

Victim reported theft of a lost/mislaid cell phone.

Officer issued citations in reference to the violation of license restrictions and con-

tribution to delinquency of a minor.

Officer responded to an address on Granddaughter Avenue in reference to disorderly conduct.

Officer responded to the area of 5th Avenue in reference to suspicious activity and criminal trespassing.

Officer responded to a call involving a simple assault.

**April 25**  
Victim involved in the lost or mislaid cell phone report on April 24 met with officer in reference to locating the phone via Find My Phone. It was reported that the phone pinged at an address on 5th Avenue. Contact was made with offending party, who advised of locating the phone while walking down the

Officer attempted to make a traffic stop, which led to the offending party fleeing from the officer and eventually the driver and passenger entering a wooded area, where contact was lost. The involved vehicle was towed, and contact was made with the vehicle owner, who advised of being at work and not knowing who had possession of her car during the offense.

**April 26**  
Officer made a traffic stop in reference to an offending driver operating an unregistered and uninsured vehicle. The driver was also in offense for driving in violation of license restriction.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a speeding driver. During the stop, the driver was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol and open container.

Officers were dispatched to an address on South Racetrack Street in reference to loud music.

road. Although the phone's data had been erased due to failed attempts to log into the phone, involved offender advised of intentions to turn in the phone but further reported forgetting to do so.

Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a driver's inability to maintain lane. The driver was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol and was transported to the Emanuel County Jail.

**April 26**  
Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a driver operating a vehicle while texting. GSP arrived on scene and arrested the offending driver due to a past reckless driving offense/altercation.

## Farm tractor burns in Twin City

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

While working in the field on Monday, April 20, a John Deere Model 7710 developed a fire under the cab. The operator was able to escape the flames uninjured. Owner Chris Ellison called 911 to activate the fire department's response.

County firefighters from Twin City Engine 202 and Swainsboro Engine 200 responded to the scene. Engine 202 arrived to find the tractor fully involved with fire impinging on a bank of three pole mounted power



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transformers. The fire was quickly knocked down, but the tractor was a total loss. The cause is undetermined. Altamaha EMC was notified to evaluate the transformers.

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# Editorials Columns

## Combating burweed

by SAVANNAH TANNER, Emanuel County Extension agent  
 COVID-19 has us all looking for sunshine, warmth, and a change of scenery. Lots of us are spending ample time in our yards and if you are like me, you're barefoot the majority of the time. However, in most lawns, that is tricky because of the stickers. The most common question extension agents receive this time of year is about these stickers or lawn burweed (*Soliva pterosperma*). It is also referred to as spurweed, stickerweed, sandbur, sanbur, and sandspur. Unfortunately, little can be done this time of year, but the below information from UGA Specialists may assist in preventing these from getting worse.

As a winter annual and member of the Aster family, lawn burweed germinates in the early fall months as temperatures cool but often remains unnoticed. However, as temperatures warm in the early spring, lawn burweed initiates a period of rapid growth and begins to form spine-tipped burs in the leaf axils. The sharp-tipped, spiny burs of this weed can cause minor irritation to the skin.  
 Lawn burweed can be easily controlled during the winter months. December, January, and February are ideal months to apply preventative herbicides for the control of this weed. On non-overseeded Bermuda grass fields, Aatrex (a Restricted Use Herbicide), simazine

(Princep, Wynstar, others), and Sencor Turf will effectively control lawn burweed. This group of herbicides should not be used on Bermuda grass fields overseeded with a cool-season turfgrass or on tall fescue fields as they can injure cool-season turfgrasses.  
 Other options to control lawn burweed are 2,4-D, dicamba and two-way and three-way mixtures of 2,4-D, 2,4-DP, MCPP, and dicamba. Dicamba and the two-way and three-way mixtures generally provide better lawn burweed control than 2,4-D. These products can be used on tall fescue fields, fall overseeded Bermuda grass fields in which the overseeded cool-season grass has been mowed four to five

times, and non-overseeded Bermuda grass fields. This group of products should be applied on a warm (air temperatures at least 55°), sunny day. Two to three weeks after the initial application, lawn burweed control should be evaluated. If control is not acceptable, an additional application may be necessary.  
 The key factor to effectively controlling lawn burweed is to apply an appropriate herbicide during the winter months. Lawn burweed is smaller and easier to control at this time of the year than in April and May. Winter is also the dormant season for turfgrasses, so they have a better tolerance to some herbicides.  
 Lawn burweed can be controlled in late March,

## Savannah Tanner



April, and early May. However, the plant is harder to control once the spiny burs or stickers have formed, and the weed begins to die as late spring temperatures approach 90°. Multiple herbicide applications are usually necessary, which increases the risk of temporary injury to the turfgrass. Additionally, it takes time for the herbicide to control lawn burweed, and after death, it takes time for the dead lawn burweed plants to decompose. Dead lawn burweed plants contain dead or brown

spine-tipped burs. Dead or alive, the spiny burs still present a problem. The only recourse at this point is to allow time for the plant to naturally decompose.  
 If the weed is sprayed during the winter, it is easy to control, and you can enjoy the warm weather without being bothered by the annoying stickers. Always remember to read and follow the label to any pesticide you use. For more information on different herbicides or management methods, contact your local Extension office.

## If governor can open tattoo parlor, why not my favorite jewelry store?

No, I cannot tell you why Gov. Brian Kemp decided to open up tattoo parlors and bowling alleys but not my favorite jewelry store where a repaired watch eagerly awaits me. I do know that under his recent order no one is required to open up and even if they do, nobody

is required to show up. So let us all take a chill pill and relax.  
 I am not sure who is advising the governor these days but somebody needs to tell him to improve his communications skills. (I think I saw my hand raised.) The fact he announced the reopening without first

alerting the members his coronavirus task force is a case in point.  
 According to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, six members of the committee found out about the order only after it was announced. Members of the committee include Bernice King, daughter of civil rights leader Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr., who said she found out about the reopening via a text message from a friend. That is not good.  
 Such is life these days that we find Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms agreeing with Donald Trump on the belief that the governor could have waited a little longer to begin to reopen the state.  
 Trump paused long enough in his wee-weeing contest with the national media last week to say that he told Gov. Kemp that that he "disagreed, strongly, with his decision to open certain facilities," saying the state's coronavirus case numbers don't meet the threshold needed to reopen under the White House's guidelines.  
 Trump said it's "just too soon" for places like "spas and beauty salons and tattoo parlors and barber shops. I love them, but they can wait a little bit longer."  
 I find it interesting that on at least two occasions now, our governor has basically ignored the president's advice. And, remember, it was the president's endorsement of Brian Kemp that is widely thought to have propelled him into the governor's seat. It did not hurt that the presumed favorite, Casey Cagle, developed a fatal case of foot-in-the-mouth disease.  
 In addition to opening tattoo parlors, et al. against Trump's advice, there was his decision to appoint soybean queen-cum-gazillionaire Kelly Loeffler to the U.S. Senate, replac-

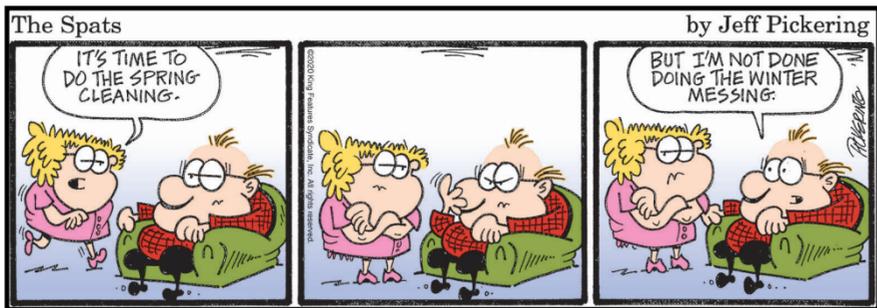
## Dick Yarbrough



ing Johnny Isakson, who retired for health reasons. Trump had suggested Gainesville Congressman Doug Collins, one of his most ardent and high-profile defenders during the recent impeachment hearings.  
 If my mail is any indication, Kemp made the wrong choice. That choice was exacerbated by an ill-advised hatchet job on Collins by some bone-headed special interest group in Washington who thought We the Unwashed were so dumb we would assume that Trump's chief advocate during the trial was, in fact, a Nancy Pelosi liberal weenie who was soft on crime and an audacious spendthrift. At least Collins has not had to explain why he was trading stocks right after a private briefing on the COVID-19 pandemic.  
 An aside: Did you notice that Loeffler announced she and her husband had changed their investment strategy and said they would divest their individual stocks in favor of mutual funds and exchange-traded funds? This was right after her meeting with Figby, my image expert at the Yarbrough Worldwide Media and Pest Control Company, located in Greater Garfield, Georgia. No question,

Figby knows what he is talking about. I am still waiting to see if she rides a cow to work as he also suggested.  
 But while the political battles heat up, let us not forget that we still have the nastiest pandemic in a century with which to deal. We are told the outbreak is leveling off and that the worst may be over but we are not out of the woods by a long shot. And who is to say the virus will not pop up its lethal head later in the year?  
 In the meantime, if you want to go bowl a couple of frames and show off your latest tattoo, have at it. I, on the other hand, will stay safely in place and focus my efforts on seeking out the humor-impaired wherever they may lurk. And they continue to be as numerous as fleas on a yard dog. You should read my mail.  
 One humor-impaired soul even intimated that it was I who is humor-impaired. In retrospect, he could be right. If Gov. Kemp can open a tattoo shop but not my favorite jewelry store so that I can get my watch, that's not a bit funny.  
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## Two injured in Highway 56 crash

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

A two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Old Savannah Road and Highway 56 North on Saturday, April 25, resulted in two drivers receiving injuries.

At 3:44 p.m., county EMS, firefighters from Summertown, and Rescue 1 from Swainsboro, along with deputies from the sheriff's office, were dispatched.

First-arriving officers found the male driver of a 2001 Ford Taurus four-door sedan lying on the pavement with bystanders giving aid. He was treated by EMS and transported to Swainsboro Airport and an awaiting Air-Evac helicopter. He was flown to the trauma center in Augusta.

Following the collision, the 1997 Chevrolet WT 1500 pick-up struck the brick McKinney's Pond Restaurant sign. EMS transported the male driver to Emanuel Medical Center for treatment. Two small goats in a crate in the rear of the truck appeared to be uninjured.

Georgia State Patrol conducted the crash investigation.

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**Fri. & Sat, May 1st & 2nd, & May 8th & 9th from 9am - 3pm** at 226 Hwy 221 S (4miles from Kite). MISC items include clothes, dishes, furniture, etc. Call 478.410.4526 if needed.

## HOUSES FOR RENT

**4BDR/2B.** \$650 dep/\$650 mth. **5BDR/2B** located in Midville. \$675 dep/\$675 mth. **4BDR/2B** on Lake Luck. \$850/mth. **4BDR/2B** located on Lake Collins in Portal. \$750 dep/\$750 mth. Call 478.299-8722 for more info.

**ADRIAN BUILT MODULAR HOME: EXTRA CLEAN!!!** 3BDR/2B, LR, DR, Den, Kitchen, Laundry room. \$700/mth with \$700 dep. No Pets. No smoking. Will be checked every 30 days. 12 month lease can be terminated by owner. 2 references required. If interested, send request to: PO Box 728, Swainsboro.

## MISC FOR SALE

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## RENTAL HOUSES/STORAGE UNITS

**Holsonback Rentals, LLC:** Homes - Apartments - Storage Units. 342 W Main St. 478.419.1333. Mon - Fri from 9am - 12pm, & 2pm - 5pm

## MISC NOTICES

**WE DO not knowingly** accept advertisements that discriminate, or intend to discriminate, on any illegal basis, nor do we knowingly accept employment advertisements that are not bona-fide job offers. All real estate advertisements are subject to the Fair Housing Act. We do not accept advertising that is in violation of the law. The law prohibits discrimination based on color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or family status. **NEED TO SEND A COPY OF A DOCUMENT, LETTER, ETC., TO SOME PLACE IN A HURRY? The Forest-Blade** can do the job for you in minutes with its fax machine. We can also receive copies of documents. For more information come by our office on West Moring Street.

## PETS/ANIMALS FOR FREE/MISSING

**Animal shelter** — The Emanuel County Animal Shelter has chocolate lab mix males, female Australian cattle dog mixes, male pointer, several bulldogs, and a lot of shepherd mixes (male and female).

We have lots of great family dogs as well as great guard dogs.

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

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

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

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

## Legals

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN THE INTEREST OF:**  
**K.W. SEX: F**  
**DOB: 05/21/2019**  
**CASE # 20JV51**  
**Child Under 18 Years of Age**  
**NOTICE OF SUMMONS**  
**TO: Laura Mintney Lee Walls, Norris Preston Kennedy Jr. and any unknown biological, legal, and/or putative father of the above named child born to Laura Walls at Meadows Regional Medical Center in Vidalia, Georgia.**

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced child; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated March 25th, 2020, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.

You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the 28th day of May, 2020 at the **EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., for a FINAL HEARING** and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. Prior to the Final Hearing a Provisional Hearing on the petition will be held before the Court on May 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Juvenile Courtroom at the **EMANUEL County Courthouse, Swainsboro, Georgia.**

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

You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the children unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file:

A petition to legitimate the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and

Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Emanuel County Juvenile Court.

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

and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion.

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

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

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

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN THE INTEREST OF:**  
**R.R. SEX: F**  
**DOB: 08/16/2018**  
**CASE # 20JV50**  
**Child Under 18 Years of Age**  
**NOTICE OF SUMMONS**  
**TO: Tarrah McLaughlin, Justin Rampy and any unknown biological, legal, putative father of the above named child born to Tarrah McLaughlin at Memorial Regional Health in Craig, Ohio.**

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced child; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated March 25th, 2020, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.

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

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN THE INTEREST OF:**  
**A.H. SEX: F**  
**DOB: 05/03/2018**  
**CASE #**  
**Child Under 18 Years of Age**  
**NOTICE OF SUMMONS**  
**TO: Any unknown biological, legal, and/or putative father of the above named child born to Kristen Handy at Memorial Health University Medical Center in**

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## Publisher's Notice

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitations or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status including or national origin, or an limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

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Now hiring truck drivers.

We pay per mile loaded and unloaded.  
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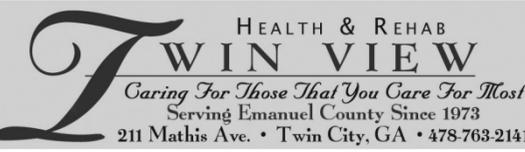
## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Charge Nurse: 7a - 7p

CNAs: 3p - 11p & 11p - 7a



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www.pruithhealth.com



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LPN's & CNA's:  
7pm - 7am & 7am - 7pm

Cooks/Aides

Apply in person.  
Twin View Healthcare is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## PATROL OFFICER

Swainsboro Police Department

### Full Time Job

The agency is looking for individuals interested in attending the Police Academy as a new recruit to learn the skills and functions of the job of police officer, under the guidance of experienced police staff.

The City of Swainsboro is seeking motivated, dedicated, adaptable, compassionate individuals that have a strong desire to serve the community as a Police Officer. The Swainsboro Police Department is a well trained and very diverse agency, dedicated to providing outstanding law enforcement services. This is an exciting career for candidates who have a passion for protecting life and property through the enforcement of laws and ordinances.

Applicants must be 21 years of age and be able to pass an extensive background investigation prior to employment to include drug screen and employment history references.

Applications can be obtained from Swainsboro Police Department located at 212 North Main Street in Swainsboro during regular business hours.

Deadline to apply for position:  
May, 15, 2020 by 4:00 P.M.

## Looking for an Opportunity?

Savannah Luggage Works is looking for people who are reliable, dependable, and quality-minded to join our team. We are manufacturing protective equipment for the Department of Homeland Security, law enforcement agencies and the military as they continue their effort to keep America safe and secure. We also have openings in our luggage manufacturing facility. We are in need of additional associates in order to meet our growing customer demand. We have an immediate need to fill the following position(s):

**PRODUCTION OPERATORS**  
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We offer an excellent benefit package including vacation, incentive pay, bonus pay, 7 paid holidays and more.

Please apply in person between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM (Monday – Thursday) or Friday from 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM at 3427 Hwy 297 North, Vidalia, Ga. We are an equal opportunity employer.

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420 N. Racetrack Street  
Swainsboro, GA 30401  
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and Disabled Persons  
HUD Subsidized



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Handicap Units  
Available

## ROUTE DELIVERY DRIVER NEEDED

For local routes. CDL preferred, but not required. No weekend work. Must pass background and drug screen.  
Call 912-562-3231 to apply.

# Legals

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**Savannah, Georgia.**  
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced child; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.

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

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

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

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF RYAN EARL ALDERMAN,**

**ESTATE NO. 20E0041 DECEASED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:  
PATRICIA C ALDERMAN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of RYAN EARL ALDERMAN 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. MAY 11, 2020.

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

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

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF OPAL FAILS f/k/a OPAL SCOTT, ESTATE NO. 20E0043 DECEASED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:  
RUFUS B FAILS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of OPAL FAILS f/k/a OPAL SCOTT 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. MAY 11, 2020.

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**NOTICE OF INCORPORATION**

Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Reflections of Love Christian Ministry, Inc have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 428

**West Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401** and its initial registered agent at such address is **Victor Manuel Figueroa, Jr.**

I  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
In Re : Name Change Civil Action File No. 20CVA1  
**FINAL ORDER**  
The above and foregoing Petition to Change Name coming on to be heard pursuant to law, and it appearing that notice has been published pursuant to law and that no objections have been timely filed, and it further appearing that sufficient grounds exist for the granting of the relief prayed for in said Petition and that no reason appears showing why said prayers should not be granted,

(a) That the name of Joyce Richards, Petitioners, be changed to DayYah Bhat, Tszizown Yisrael

(b) That such name change shall not operate to authorize petitioner to fraudulently deprive others of any legal rights under the law.

**SO ORDERED**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

JUDGE, Superior Courts Southern Judicial Circuit  
Presented by:  
Joyce Richards  
Petitioner

**INVITATION TO BID**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Stillmore, Georgia is seeking sealed bids for the sale of the following described parcel of land:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 57<sup>th</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, being designated as Parcel 1, containing 0.156 acre, more or less, together with all improvements thereon as shown on that certain plat of survey dated April 15, 2013, prepared for Vincent Mincey and Terri V. Mincey by George William Donaldson, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, and recorded in Plat Book 22, Page(s) 417, Emanuel County records. Said plat and the reference thereof are incorporated herein for a more complete and accurate description.

The within described tract is bounded, now or formerly, according to the aforementioned plat as follows: North by lands of Vernie Mae Mercer; East by the right-of-way of Oak Street; South by Parcel No. 2 of said survey; and West the right-of-way of Perkins Lane.

Subject to any and all applicable zoning ordinances, easements, restrictive covenants, and/or rights-of-ways in use or of record.

Bids will be accepted at City Hall located at 307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Stillmore, Emanuel County,

Georgia, 30464. Bids will be opened on Friday, May 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the same location.

Bidders are responsible for the delivery of their bids in a timely

manner. Reliance upon U.S. Mail or other carriers is at the bidder's risk. Late bids will not be considered.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, accept

any and all bids, and to waive technicalities and informalities. Conveyance of the above-described property will be made my quit claim deed.

Brent Carter



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tlc101562@aol.com



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**TENTATIVE BUDGET EMANUEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021**

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>			
LOCAL TAXES	\$ 7,411,561		
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	\$ 437,000	\$ 103,800	\$ 25,000
STATE SOURCES	\$ 30,230,347	\$ 1,227,691	
FEDERAL SOURCES		\$ 8,072,078	
INCOMING TRANSFERS			\$ 2,600,000
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS			
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 38,078,908</b>	<b>\$ 9,403,569</b>	<b>\$ 2,625,000</b>
<b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</b>			
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$ 26,042,266	\$ 4,743,222	\$ 325,000
PUPIL SERVICES	\$ 2,024,861	\$ 359,029	
IMP OF INSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$ 343,414	\$ 34,214	
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	\$ -	\$ 598,907	
MEDIA SERVICES	\$ 752,173	\$ -	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$ 736,392	\$ 123,000	
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$ 3,109,695	\$ 71,231	
BUSINESS SERVICES	\$ 572,873		
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION SERVICES	\$ 2,934,795	\$ 31,299	
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	\$ 2,338,218	\$ 312,056	\$ 120,000
CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 671,776	\$ -	\$ 180,000
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 22,300	\$ 3,300	
SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES		\$ 3,121,596	
FACILITIES ACQ & CONST SERVICES			\$ 5,000,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 39,548,763</b>	<b>\$ 9,397,853</b>	<b>\$ 5,625,000</b>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXP	\$ (1,469,855)	\$ 5,716	\$ (3,000,000)
ESTIMATED TOTAL FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2020	\$ 11,453,092	\$ 689,864	\$ 5,129,836
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE JUNE 30, 2021	\$ 9,983,237	\$ 695,581	\$ 2,129,836

The Emanuel County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2021 Budget will be considered for final adoption by the Board on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Emanuel County Board of Education Central Office located at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. As stated in the notices published in **The Forest Blade**, an opportunity for public input will be provided during the May 12 and June 9 board meetings regarding the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

## EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Emanuel County Board of Education will hold its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Emanuel County Board of Education Office located at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. During this meeting, there will be an opportunity for public input on the Emanuel County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

# Water System Notice

Our Community Water System (CWS) violated drinking water standard. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct these situations.

\*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific conditions on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. We did not properly complete the required monitoring or testing for **DISINFECTION BY - PRODUCTS (TTHMs & HAA5s)** during the **01/01/2017 - 12/31/2019** compliance period and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.\*

**What should I do?**

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

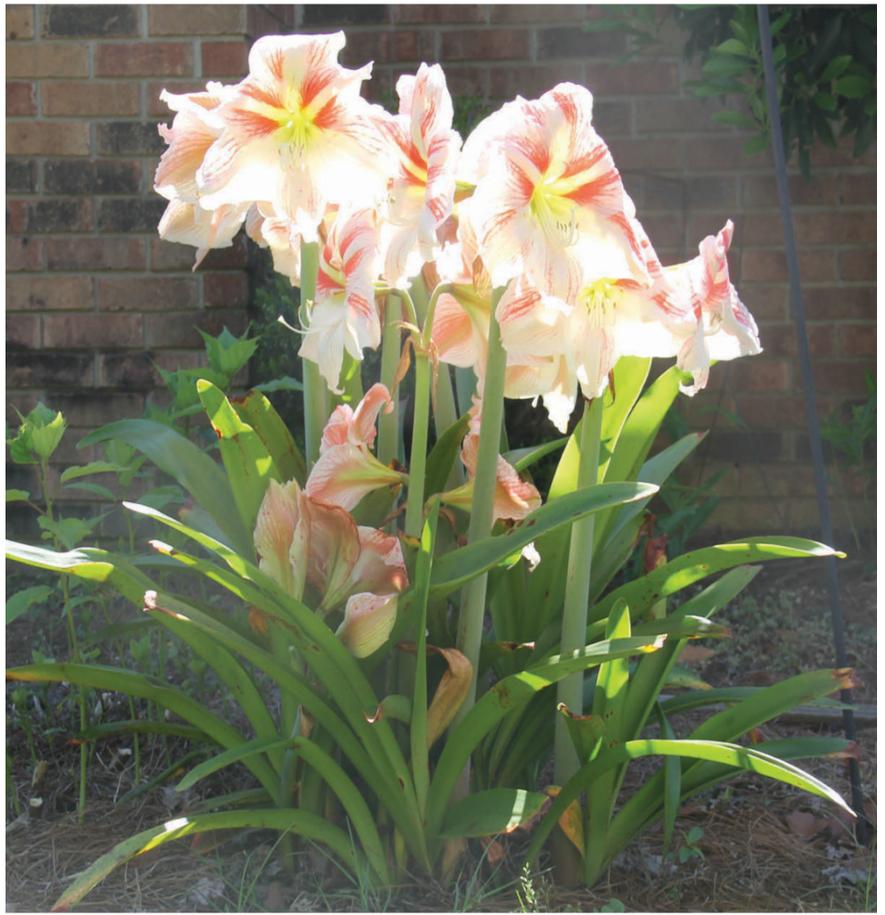
**What is being done?**

The town of Summertown is making efforts to insure this does not occur again in the future. A monthly check off sheet has been established to confirm samples are taken at the directed time.

The table below gives more detailed information about the monitoring violation:

Contaminant?	Required number of samples that should have been taken?	Number of samples that were taken (if any)?	When samples should have been taken?	When samples were taken (if any) or will be taken next?
TTHM	1	0	Between June 1 <sup>st</sup> and Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> of compliance period	Sept. 30, 2020
HAA5	1	0	Between June 1 <sup>st</sup> and Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> of compliance period	Sept. 30, 2020

For more information, please contact Jonathan Scott at 478-455-4684.



SARA GRIMES' AMARYLLIS

## Look what's growing

Sara Grimes, 92-year-old resident of Old Wadley Road, is pleased to share a product of her green thumb, amaryllis flowers, that she plants in memory of her late husband, Morris.

According to Jan Grimes, daughter of Sara and Morris, the family purchased amaryllis bulbs for her father to grow every year for Christmas due to his adoration of this specific flower.

After enjoying the flower inside during the Christmas season, the Sara and Jan recommend saving the bulbs to plant in spring. Amaryllis flowers should be planted in a location that is visible to the morning sun and afternoon shade. Sara also adds the plant deals with neglect and flourishes well.

When giving advice on caring for plants, Sara suggests that any type of plant will always perform well with the proper soil, location, fertilizer, water, and many compliments.

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