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ONE DOLLAR

## Durden Banking Company announces officer promotions

Loy D. Cowart Jr., Chairman of Durden Banking Company Board of Directors announces the promotions of several officers with the bank.

In the board of directors meeting held on June 9, H. Wade Johnson was promoted to president of the bank effective July 1, 2020. Other promotions included Zachary D. Frye, promoted to city president of the Swainsboro office, and James O. Cowart Jr., promoted to city president of the Twin City office.

Johnson began his career with the bank in 2006 as a loan officer in the Swainsboro office. Prior to joining the bank, he worked with Steve H. Powell and Company as a bank auditor. Johnson currently serves as the bank's executive vice president and chief lending officer.

He is a graduate of Emanuel County Institute (ECI) and The University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree in finance. Johnson is a 2009 graduate of The Georgia Banking School, a graduate of Leadership

Emanuel, a 2016 graduate of Leadership Georgia, and a graduate of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development. He is an Eagle Scout.

Johnson is an active member of his community. This includes, but is not limited to, being a member and club treasurer of the Swainsboro Rotary Club, a trustee of the East Georgia State College Foundation, vice chairman of the board of the Emanuel County Development Authority, and board member of the Pine Tree Festival Foundation, Mill Creek Foundation, and the Twin City Recreation Department. He served on the Georgia Bankers Association (GBA) Leadership Board, of which he was chairman for two years. He served on the GBA Board of Directors and is currently serving on the GBA Credit Committee. On a state/regional level, Johnson is currently serving as an appointed advisory board member on the newly formed Georgia Community Reinvestment Fund. (Continued on page 3A)



COWART



FRYE



JOHNSON



STILL CAPTURE FROM UNDERCOVER VIDEO SHOT DURING PREVIOUS EVENT AT THE SITE OF SATURDAY'S RAID IN EMANUEL COUNTY

## Operation Sunrise shuts down cockfighting operation

More than 200 individuals could face federal felony or misdemeanor charges for operating or participating in animal fighting ventures.

Two major federal prosecutions in the Southern District of Georgia have shut down animal fighting operations and resulted in felony and misdemeanor charges. The investigations involve more than 200 potential defendants.

An arrest warrant was unsealed June 22 in U.S. District Court in Statesboro for a raid

Saturday at in Midville near Swainsboro in which law enforcement officers from at least nine federal and state agencies shut down a cockfighting event in progress with 178 individuals in attendance, said Bobby L. Christine, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. Also on June 22, a federal indictment was unsealed naming 38 individuals charged in the December 14, 2019 raid of a cockfight in progress in Lincoln County. Nearly all of the 38 defendants were from

outside Lincoln County. "Most people in our community rightly would be shocked to learn that the barbaric bloodsport of cockfighting still exists is happening right in their midst and may involve numerous other types of criminal activity," said U.S. Attorney Christine, "but thanks to the outstanding cooperation and work of our law enforcement partners, these cruel activities and a potential bevy of other criminal activities have (Continued on page 3A)

## EGSC Alumni named Nathan Deal Scholar

Susanna Hall, a recent graduate of East Georgia State College (EGSC), was awarded the Mercer University School of Medicine Physicians for Rural Georgia Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to students who are committed to practice medicine in medically underserved rural areas of Georgia. Recipients of the scholarship will be named Nathan Deal Scholars. These scholars will receive financial assistance and leadership training to successfully meet the health care needs of rural Georgia.

Hall, the daughter of Keith and Jeanne Hall, chose EGSC after grad-



HALL

uating from Thomas Jefferson Academy in 2017. She entered the bachelor's degree program at EGSC because she liked the smaller atmosphere. She graduated in May with her Bachelor of Science in Biology. Earlier this year, she was accepted into medical school at Mercer University.

"I was sitting down-

stairs in my usual study area studying Biochemistry, of course, when I got the call that I had been accepted," said Hall. "I was so excited that I could have ran laps around campus. In that moment, I knew that all the long nights and early mornings of studying and the challenges I had been met with so far were worth it. My dream is coming true—I am going to be a doctor."

To help pay for her college, Hall decided to apply for the Mercer University School of Medicine Physicians for Rural Georgia Scholarship. To apply, students must be enrolled or accepted (continued on page 3B)

## Sheriff's office taps GBI to help identify human remains found in Blundale

On the morning of Sunday, June 14, 2020, unidentified human remains were located in a wooded area off Highway 1 North in Emanuel County.

Deputies and investigators of Emanuel County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene and determined the remains were in such a condition that the person's identity, sex, or race could not be determined. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation's crime scene unit was called in to assist the sheriff's office and Emanuel County coroner in the

investigation as to the cause of death of the individual. Foul play is not suspected at this time.

The remains have been sent to the GBI crime lab and within a

few days, an identification should be made.

If you have any information pertaining to this investigation, please contact Emanuel County Sheriff's Office at 478-237-7526.

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engaged with you in the future.

Kathy Palmer

## Thirty-one active cases of coronavirus in Emanuel

by HALEI LAMB

According to the county commissioners' noon update before press time Tuesday, June 22, the total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Emanuel is now up to 77.

Of those 77 cases, 31 are active. Forty-two patients have recovered while four have died. Another 129 people are awaiting test results. A total of 1,389 patients have been tested for the novel virus.

The overall local trend has been moving upward for the last few weeks starting June 9 when the active count reached 6. That count increased and held steady the next three days—June 10, June 11, and June 12—at 7. The active count then doubled on June 15 when it reached 14. (Numbers for June 13 and June 14 were unavailable as data isn't compiled on Saturdays or Sundays.) The total reached 20 on June 16 and remained at such for the next two days on June 17 and June 18.

On June 19, the active total increased by 3 to 23 before increasing dramatically. Again, data was unavailable over the weekend

on June 20 and June 21. Two days ago on Monday, June 22, the active case count peaked at 35; this is the highest number of active cases recorded in the county thus far. Before the latest increases leading up to this peak, Emanuel's highest number of active cases was 10 back in April.

In May, the active total bottomed out at 0. However, it has been climbing ever since—with the exception of this week's decrease from Monday to Tuesday before press time when the active case count dropped from 35 to 31.

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

## Neighborhood watch proposed

Dear Neighbor,

My name is DiTanya Zamudio-Serrano and as a vested member of this lovely community, I write to request your volunteerism, support, and/or involvement in the start of a much-needed neighborhood watch.

What is a neighborhood watch? A neighborhood watch is a group of concerned individuals, usually residents of a specific area, who volunteer their time and energy to help keep themselves, their homes, community, property, and others safe and informed. Members of a watch are *not* the police and do *not* enforce laws, approach wrong-doers, or cause bodily harm to anyone. Instead, these caring people are G.O.O.D. neighbors... ("G.O.O.D." stands for: **G**—get involved, **O**—observe surroundings, **O**—offer solutions, and **D**—demonstrate leadership.)

G.O.O.D. neighbors...

- Look after one another, especially the vulnerable.
- Keep an eye out on one another's property.
- Alert authorities of suspicious and/or criminal activity.
- Alert authorities on environmental issues hurting our community.
- Come together to discuss, plan, and implement ideas to beautify and improve our community.
- Work with property owners and authorities to address over-grown grass, debris, and the dilapidated housing which is unsafe and an eyesore in our community.
- Come together with law enforcement to address concerns as they relate to our community.
- Come together weekly and monthly to discuss, plan, and execute community events that are intended to unite residents, identify needs, provide resources for those needs and support one another.

As a former law enforce-

ment detective, criminal justice professional, and recognized military veteran, I have spent a considerable amount of time enforcing laws, apprehending those who break the law and, the most enjoyable of my career, serving as a liaison between law enforcement, the criminal justice system (courts and court programs), and the community. I know first-hand that a successful program is a cooperative one.

If the sound of random rapid gunfire echoing near your home, visible hand-to-hand and hand-to-car drug activity and loud cars reaching excessive speeds as children play on narrow sidewalks concerns you, get involved. Conversations with neighbors over prostitution on their block where they live and are raising children is a serious problem. This must stop!

Communities with block watch programs report less crime and improved conditions. I am confident this program will:

- Bring residents together over shared interest(s).
- Create an overall healthy living environment for our families.
- Identify community needs and address them.
- Reduce crime by eliminating opportunity.
- Attract future residents and/or businesses to our neighborhood and in doing so...
- Contribute to the economic empowerment of our community.

As the interim (this position is volunteer and should be voted on) downtown Swainsboro G.O.O.D. Neighbor Watch coordinator, I will keep you informed, through email and/or text, of all matters, crime trends, or urgent situations that are communicated to me by police or other officials. As a group, we will need a co-coordinator, block captains, and a planning committee. Meetings offer everyone an

opportunity to have their say and perhaps become involved with any projects that we may undertake. As expected, your details are held very securely; they are neither sold nor shared with anyone.

Tentatively, our first official meeting to learn more about how a neighborhood watch can help our community and how you can get involved will take place:

Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at Vann City Park (specifically, the pavilion) on U.S. 80 West. This meeting will begin with a meet-and-greet at 11:45 a.m., followed by introductions at 12 noon. At 12:15 p.m., there will be a talk about crime and community relations. Thirty minutes later at 12:45 p.m., there will be another talk, this one about the future of downtown Swainsboro. There will be a questions and comments session at 1:15 p.m. prior to the meeting wrapping up at 1:45.

We will meet rain or shine. If the invited guest speakers (Mayor Charles Schwabe, Councilperson Rita Faulkner, Chief Randy Ellison of Swainsboro Police Department, and Chief Mike Strobbridge of Swainsboro Fire Department) nor a representative from their office can attend, we, as a community, will discuss the concerns and issues at hand and take steps toward creating a plan to lessen the impact of the top three concerns and/or issues affecting our community.

Please consider your level of involvement and, if you will, attend our first meeting. Our group email is [goodneighbor30401@gmail.com](mailto:goodneighbor30401@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, June 30, and having you as an official member of downtown Swainsboro's neighborhood watch program.

Appreciatively,  
DiTanya S. Zamudio-Serrano  
Interim coordinator

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## Durden Banking Company...

(From front page)

He is married to Anna Johnson of Twin City, a high school teacher at Emanuel County Institute. They have two children: Halli Kate, age 13, and Davis, age 11, who are both middle school students at Emanuel County Institute. In his spare time, Johnson enjoys being with his family regardless of what activity they are doing, but his personal favorite activities include quail hunting, fishing, watching football, and warm weekends at the lake. He and his family are members of Canoochee Baptist Church, where he serves as church treasurer.

Frye began working with Durden Banking Company in 2005 during his senior year at Swainsboro High School. He continued to work as a part-time employee during college. Upon graduation from Georgia Southern University in 2009, he was employed as a loan officer and mortgage originator with the bank. In 2013, Frye was transferred from the Twin City office to the Swainsboro location and was later named vice president and branch manager. He is responsible for overseeing retail and loan operations of the Swainsboro office, managing a commercial and consumer loan portfolio, growing loan and deposit relationships for the Swainsboro Market, and managing the secondary market mortgage portfolio for all locations of Durden Banking Company.

He is a 2013 Georgia

Bankers Association Georgia Banking School graduate and is currently on the school's board of directors. Frye is also a board member of the Georgia Community Bankers Association LEAD Board. He is a graduate of Leadership Emanuel and the Georgia Academy for Economic Development. Frye is the current chairman of the Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce, vice chairman of the Emanuel County Hospital Authority, past president and member of Swainsboro Rotary Club, board member of Swainsboro Golf and Country Club and First United Methodist Church finance committee and administrative board, secretary of the Emanuel County Republican Party, Emanuel County Schools CTAE Advisory Board member, as well as a past and present volunteer for many other community organizations and events. He is married to Leah Lanier Frye of Swainsboro, a second grade teacher at Swainsboro Primary School, and they have three daughters: Ansley, age 8, Avery, age 6, and Aubrey, age 2. Frye enjoys playing golf, Georgia Southern athletics, Braves baseball, as well as family activities.

Cowart started with the bank in 1994 as a loan officer. He previously worked with Federal Savings Bank in Swainsboro and later with Sea Island Bank in Statesboro. He is currently senior vice president and loan officer and has several administrative responsibilities at the bank. He

is a graduate of Emanuel County Institute, a graduate of Emanuel County Junior College, Georgia Southern University with a bachelor's degree in management, and a graduate of the Georgia Banking School. Cowart's civic involvement includes serving as past president of Twin City Lions Club, former coach with Twin City Recreation Department, and various travel ball teams. He has served on the Twin City Elementary and ECI school councils. He is a charter member of the Emanuel County Eagle Club and is a current member of the Community Bankers Association of Georgia Leadership Division Board. He is married to Sondra Gay Cowart, a teacher at ECI. They have one son, Zach (Katie), and one daughter, Abigail. He and his family attend Mount Olivet Baptist Church. Cowart enjoys hunting, fishing, coin collecting, and working in his yard.

Chairman Cowart also recognized other officers in the bank and their promotions. Senior Vice President Gail Curl was promoted to city president of Metter Bank, a division of Durden Banking Co. Vice President Luke Lanier was promoted to assistant city president of Metter Bank. Vice President Kirk Rocker was promoted to city president of the Millen Office.

G.W. Johnson Jr. will continue in his roles as chief executive officer of the bank and chairman and president of Durden Bankshares Inc.

## Operation Sunrise shuts...

(From front page)

been dealt a significant blow in the Southern District of Georgia."

Saturday's raid, dubbed Operation Sunrise, began with information developed by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Immigration Enforcement Unit (SCDPS-IEU), leading to an investigation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Inspector General (USDA-OIG). That investigation identified a cockfighting operation at a facility south of Midville that already had staged several events this year in an indoor arena outfitted with a fighting ring, management office, concessions stand, and stadium bleachers for spectators.

In addition to the SCDPS-IEU and USDA-OIG, federal and state agencies including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the FBI, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the U.S. Marshals Service, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Georgia State Patrol (GSP) SWAT Team, and the Georgia Department of Corrections, with coordination from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia, conducted Saturday's raid coinciding with a reported cockfighting tournament in progress.

The raid resulted in 178 individuals in attendance processed for possible federal and state charges including those related to animal fighting and gam-

bling and the seizure of nearly 800 roosters and cockfighting paraphernalia, tens of thousands of dollars in gambling proceeds, firearms, and illegal drugs.

The owner of the property, William Shannon Scott, 48 of Midville, is charged in a federal complaint unsealed Monday with Sponsoring or Exhibiting an Animal in an Animal Fighting Venture. Additional charges are pending, and felony and misdemeanor charges are possible against the other individuals processed during Saturday's operation.

"The United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General, actively investigates allegations of animal abuse and gambling activities in conjunction with that abuse," said USDA-OIG Special Agent-in-Charge Jason Williams. "This agency has made animal fighting a high priority in order to demonstrate that these blatant acts of cruelty to animals will no longer be tolerated. We would like to thank United States Attorney's Office for aggressively prosecuting perpetrators of animal fighting and our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners for assisting in enforcing these federal statutes."

Scott had a virtual bond hearing Tuesday, June 23, at 3 p.m. During the teleconference between the judge, prosecution, and his public defense attorney, the court agreed to release Scott on a \$20,000 unsecured bond with conditions. In addition to typical bond stipulations

such as travel restrictions and abiding by state and federal laws, Scott is unallowed to own, house, keep, or shelter birds. He is also prohibited from attending or contributing to cockfighting.

His preliminary hearing will be held Tuesday, July 7, at 9 a.m. with his retained attorney.

Also unsealed June 22 in U.S. District Court is the indictment of 38 individuals on federal felony and misdemeanor charges for the December 14, 2019 raid of a cockfighting tournament in Lincoln County by officers from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and Georgia DNR.

In the indictment, the property's owner, Lanier Augustus Hightower Jr., 64 of Lincolnton, is charged along with six other defendants with Sponsoring or Exhibiting an Animal in an Animal Fighting Venture, and Possession and Transport of an Animal in an Animal Fighting Venture. All 38 defendants are charged with Attending an Animal Fighting Venture, a misdemeanor. Hightower also is charged with Conducting an Illegal Gambling Business.

Both investigations are continuing.

Complaints and indictments are only charges. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The cases are being prosecuted for the United States by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Alejandro V. Pascual IV, Jennifer G. Solari and Xavier A. Cunningham, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Edwin Caban.

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East Georgia State College is helping our area pollinators by keeping beehives at our Swainsboro location, as well as at The Morgan House in Swainsboro. These hives help pollinate plant species not only on these properties, but in local neighborhoods around them. EGSC has also made a commitment to pollinators by creating an integrated pest management plan that minimizes the use of pesticides on campus.

We hope you will join us in celebrating this year's National Pollinator Week!

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- **Reduce your impact.** Reduce or eliminate your pesticide use, increase green spaces, and minimize urbanization. Pollution and climate change affect pollinators, too!
- **Plant for pollinators.** Create pollinator-friendly habitat with native flowering plants that supply pollinators with nectar, pollen, and homes. For information on what to plant in your area, download a free eco-regional guide online at [www.pollinator.org](http://www.pollinator.org).
- **Tell a friend.** Educate your neighbors, schools, and community groups about the importance of pollinators. Host a dinner, a pollinated food cook-off or other event and invite your friends.



EGSC Professors Dr. Paul Cerpovicz and Dr. John Cadle install a new beehive at The Morgan House in Swainsboro this past April

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- June 25 - Session II Classes Begin  
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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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## Lintorn Gordon "Big L" Brett, 81



BRETT

Lintorn Gordon Brett, lovingly known as "Big L," closed his eyes on this earth and opened his eyes to Jesus on June 18, 2020.

He graduated from Wadley High School in 1957. He attended the FFA National Convention in 1959, receiving the American Farmers Degree. He attended business school in Augusta, and he served in the National Guard from 1956 to 1962.

He married the love of his life, Willoise Wilson, whom he affectionately referred to as his "bride" on October 3, 1959. His sister, Helen, brought this Florida gator home from Georgia Baptist Nursing School. Their home grew with three children Murray (Paula) Brett, John (Cindy) Brett, and Linda Lee (Robert) Jenkins. Big L fondly adored his grandchildren Nathan (Simone) Brett, Bethany (Luke) Booker, Benjamin (Raven) Brett, Brett (Laura) Jenkins, Ethan Brett, Clarke (Ashley) Jenkins, Jordan Brett, Jessica Brett, Noah Jenkins, and Grace Ann Jenkins. His love continued to spread to his great-grandchildren Emma, Larson, Noah, Brilee, Aaron, Theo, Winslow, Caleb, Briggs, and Sawyer.

Big L's siblings were an active part of his life: Helen Schmid, Bobby (Betty) Brett, Henry (Jan) Brett, Gayle Farrar, and William (Sandy) Brett.

Big L shared with his children and grandchildren breathtaking beauty in the United States. Some of the sights included the north Georgia mountains, Hilton Head, Alaska, the Grand Canyon, California, Hawaii, Yellowstone, and the Christmas lights with hot chocolate at Callaway Gardens. His generosity will be etched in the memory of his children and grandchildren for years to come.

Big L was known as the John Deere man for years, starting in the mid-1980s. His grandchildren will pass along toy tractors and accessories their grandfather provided for them. He served on the Butler Ag Council. He had a passion for serving farmers.

When Big L turned 60, he picked up the hobby of golf. He enjoyed golf with the Old Timers and

made many new friends on the golf course.

Big L was an active member of the Wadley Baptist Church. VBS was certainly a highlight. His most recent gathering was the Ollie Carter Memorial Peanut Boil. It was no coincidence that Mr. Ollie's grandson, Dr. Robert Carter, cared for Big L with great compassion while he was in the hospital the last few weeks. Throughout the years, he served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, and Gideon. He called the members of the church, his family.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, LA and Gertrude Brett, and his baby sister, Ann.

Big L's casket was draped with his quilt given to him by his grandmother, Veva Brett. He was known as a big man and those who knew him knew his heart was even bigger.

Graveside services were held Sunday, June 21, 2020, at 6 p.m. at Moxley Cemetery with Pastor Murray Brett and Pastor Gene McCoy officiating. Visitation was held Sunday, June 21, 2020, from 3 to 5 pm at Wadley Baptist Church. The services were open to the public, and the services were lived streamed on Chapman Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Pallbearers were Nathan Brett, Benjamin Brett, Brett Jenkins, Ethan Brett, Clarke Jenkins, and Noah Jenkins. Honorary pallbearers were the Wadley High School Class of 1957 and Big L's golfing buddies.

In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, the 6-foot rule was enforced during the viewing and service.

Memorials may be made in memory of Mr. Lintorn Gordon Brett to the Wadley Baptist Church General Fund, P.O. Box 759, 225 N. Main St, Wadley, GA 30477.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Cora Mae "Cricket" Lamb Coursey, 80



COURSEY

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Cora Mae "Cricket" Lamb Coursey, 80 of Louisville, on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 22, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church with Rev. Nick Hazelton officiating and Rev. Ray Jenkins assisting. CDC guidelines were observed. Interment followed at Sardis Cemetery. The family received friends in the Peebles-Curry Memorial Chapel on Sunday, June 21, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m. Pallbearers were Charles Flanders, Wade Bedingfield, Randall Kersey, Russell Moore, Bill Smith, Brent Ross, Tommy Lamb, and Frank Wimberly.

Mrs. Coursey was born March 5, 1940 in Summertown, Emanuel County, to the late Thomas Burnell and Geneva Whitehead Lamb. She enjoyed puzzles, cross-stitching, camping, and traveling. She traveled to many places. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church and the nursery keeper. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her first husband, George Coursey;

second husband, Charles Salter; and brothers, George Herald Lamb, Samuel Mckinley Lamb, and Roy Perry Lamb.

Survivors include sons Jeffrey Wayne Coursey of Dellwood and Thomas Lewis Coursey (Myra) of Newnan; sister Ruby Fagler of Dellwood; brother Herschell Thomas Lamb of Pfafftown, North Carolina; and granddaughter Jessica GeorgeAnn Coursey of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lamb's Chapel Cemetery Fund, c/o Connie Upton, P.O. Box 816, Wadley, GA 30477; Calvary United Methodist Church Children's Program, P.O. Box 683, Swainsboro, GA 30401; and the American Cancer Society, 515 Denmark St. Suite 500, Statesboro, GA 30458.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

## Geneva Heath Harden, 68



HARDEN

Graveside services for Geneva Heath Harden, 68, were held Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Pastor Joyce Williams presiding and Bishop Bertha Jones serving as eulogist. She passed away peacefully Sunday, June 14, 2020 at Community Hospice in Vidalia.

Geneva Heath Harden was born July 30, 1951 to the union of the late Aaron and Lovie Heath. She was a 1973 graduate of Emanuel County Schools, and she was employed with Dr. James Ray Clinic for 35 years. Harden was a member of Williams Grove Holiness Church, CLG. She was the Sunday school superintendent, a deaconess, and served faithfully as an usher until her health declined.

On October 18, 1973, she married the late Melvin Harden. To this union, they were blessed to have seven children: three daughters, Meisha (Frank) Shedrick and Lekisha Harden (Moses Flournoy), both of Swainsboro, and Verna Harden of Hinesville; four sons, Melvin T. Harden of Augusta and Moses (Jordane) Harden, David Harden, and Daniel Harden, all of Swainsboro; three step-children, Prentis (Ebony) Harden of Savannah, Sonya Wright of Swainsboro, and Dexter Wright of Columbia, South Carolina.

Harden was preceded in death by her husband, Deacon Melvin Harden; her sister, Effie M. Perry;

her brothers, Aaron Heath Jr. and Anderson Heath; and her step-daughter, Melisa Jerger.

Survivors include her sisters, Floria (Ricky) Tillman of Swainsboro, Alice (Dewitt) Williams of Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Lydia (Walter) Watson of Brownsville, Florida; her brothers, William (Eva) Heath of Marietta and Walter (Sondra) Heath of Snellville; her in-laws, Pastor Willie (Joyce) Harden, Wylene Woods, Carolyn Stephens, Anthony (Jeanette) Harden, Carnita H. Brown, and Cheryl Harden, all of Swainsboro, Estella McGlawn of Augusta, and Georgianna Harden of Asbury Park, New Jersey; 18 grandchildren; two great-grands; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Pallbearers were Brian Brown, Gary Woods, Bobby Harden, Christopher Watson, Bernard Dukes, and Aaron Heath Jr.

Mosley's Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

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## Billy Walden, 91

Mr. Billy Walden, 91 resident of Canoochee, died Sunday evening, June 21, 2020 at Emanuel Medical Center. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Canoochee Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Mark Wiggins and Will Martin officiating. Interment will follow at Canoochee Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends at Tomlinson Funeral Home Tuesday, June 23, 2020 from 5 until 8 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing guidelines will be in place.

Mr. Billy Walden was born in Emanuel County, son of the late Henry Athen Walden and Bertie Henry Walden. He was a member and deacon of Canoochee Missionary Baptist Church, a member of the men's Sunday school class, Gideons International (state faith fund coordinator), Young Outstanding Farmer, and a member of the Emanuel County Hospital Authority. Walden enjoyed going to church, reading his Bible, fishing, Sunday family dinners, and spending time with his family. He was a farmer. Walden was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Orie Morris (Martis) and Althea Green (Lewis); a twin brother, Jack Walden (Tissie); an additional brother, J.W. Walden; and granddaughter, Rebekah Leigh Hall.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Hilda Grace Walden of Canoochee; daughters, Brenda Kay Blount (David) and Cynthia Walden Hall, both of Canoochee; son, William Athen

## Roy G. Owens, 67

A graveside service for Roy G. Owens, 67 of Millen, was held Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at Millen City Cemetery with Cameron Kennison officiating. The family received friends Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at Millen City Cemetery. He passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at Emanuel Medical Center in Swainsboro following a brief illness.

Mr. Roy G. Owens was born November 20, 1952 in Millen to the late Henry Owens and Margie Rabitsch Owens. He owned and operated Dixie Oil Company in Millen. Owens loved playing and writing music, watching the Atlanta Braves, John Wayne movies, and Gunsmoke. He was of the Baptist faith, and he was preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters. Survivors include his



### WALDEN

"Bill" Walden (Patricia) of Metter; grandchildren, Allison Renee' Blount Martin (Will), David Rhett Blount, Brandon Reeves Blount (Julianne), Alysa Ann Walden Bletscher (Bren), William Isaac Walden (Sarah Beth), and Rachel Grace Hall; great-grandchildren, William David "Billy" Martin Jr., John Nathan Surrett Martin, Samuel Harry Martin, Lyla Grace Martin, Nicholas Walton Martin, Abel Lawson Martin, Mary Charles Blount, and Benjamin Reeves Blount; sister, Betty Ruth Walden Wheeler; and brother-in-law, Gene Hyland Hall.

Pallbearers will be David "Rhett" Blount, Brandon Reeves Blount, William "Isaac" Walden, "Bren" Daniel Bletscher, William David Martin Jr. "Billy", John Nathan Surrett Martin, Samuel Harry Martin, and William David "Will" Martin.

Honorary pallbearers will be the deacons of Canoochee Missionary Baptist Church and the Gideons.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 365, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 in memory of Mr. Billy Walden.

Tomlinson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



### OWENS

sons, Michael Owens and Daniel Owens, both of Atlanta; nephews, Ronnie (Jo Ann) Heath of Midville, Tommy (Diana) Heath of Millen, Danny (Michelle) Willis, Dewayne (Christin) Owens, and Brad (Allison) Willis, all of Sylvia; nieces, Holly McCoy of Dublin and Rosemary McCoy of Swainsboro; and many friends.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Heath, Tommy Heath, Danny Willis, Dewayne Owens, Brad Willis, and Timmy Owens.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Hilda Elvira Cross, 70

Graveside services for Hilda Elvira Cross, 70, were held Friday, June 19, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Willow Springs Cemetery with Rev. Johnathan Hampton officiating. She transitioned from this life on June 10, 2020 at her home in New Carrollton, Maryland.

Ms. Hilda Elvira Cross was born May 11, 1950 to the late William and Pauline Cross in Brunswick, Glynn County. She was the first of four children from this union. She began her education at Perry Elementary School and graduated from Glynn Academy High School in Brunswick. In pursuit of higher education, Cross attended Albany State University and Savannah State University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and History. In 1972, she was blessed with the birth of her daughter, Tracy Cross. She was a dedicated social worker for Bulloch County Department of Family & Children Services in Statesboro. She later worked for the Dekalb County Department of Family & Children Services in Decatur. Cross had a passion for protecting the rights



### CROSS

of children. She was very talented with arts and crafts. Her hobbies included sewing, macrame', crocheting, making gift baskets, and baking. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Pauline Cross; her brother, William Alvin Cross; and her niece, Teasha Cross.

Survivors include her devoted daughter, Tracy Cross of New Carrollton; sisters Connie Cross of Stone Mountain, Cheryl Cross of Silver Springs, Maryland, and Teaner Crobett of Las Vegas, Nevada; sister-in-law Rosemary Cross of Savannah; niece Pertrina Cross of Conyers; nephew Ian Harris of Conyers; and a host of cousins and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Carmie Renae Bush, 49

Private services, by invitation only, for Carmie Renae Bush, 49 of Smyrna, will be held at Norristown Baptist Church with Reverend Louis Pearce officiating. The service will be steamed live Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 11 a.m. on Facebook. She descended from this earth and transitioned to her heavenly home to be with her Lord and Savior June 16, 2020.

Ms. Carmie Renae Bush was born April 7, 1971 in Savannah to Kenneth Bush and Jennie (Bobby) Hodges. She was the agent and owner of Carmie's Insurance Solutions in Smyrna. She enjoyed hiking, camping, traveling, cruises, softball, and hanging out with family and friends. Bush had a zest for life, and it radiated through family, work, and friendships as she would light up the world with just her presence. She was definitely a people-person and loved going to concerts and festivals. Bush was an avid Georgia Bulldog fan and animal lover. She loved reaching out and helping the needy, elderly, and homeless, and supporting her family and friends in times of crisis. Bush's pride and joy was her Jeep ride. Her love for her family and friends was infectious, and she showed love with her beautiful smile and magic with her gorgeous blue eyes. Bush had unconditional love for everyone and a magnetic personality. The light of her life was her Mom and Daddy



### BUSH

Hodge; her love for them and concern for their health and needs was always her first priority. She was preceded in death by her father; sister, Pam Carino; maternal grandfather, J. M. Spearman; paternal grandparents, Ezra and Lucille Bush; and the love of her life, her Border Collie furbaby, Oreo.

Survivors include her parents, Jennie and Bobby Hodges of Swainsboro; brothers, Charles Bryant of Columbia, South Carolina and Josh Bush of Carrollton; step-sister, Amity (Tony) Lindsey of McIntyre; step-brothers, Ty Hodges of Pooler, Kip (Season) Hodges of Swainsboro, and Chris (Jenny) Elliott of Breman; maternal grandmother, Polly Spearman of Adrian; godmother, Sandra Bush of Soperton; her new Border Collie furbaby, Thor; and many uncles, aunts, cousins, extended family, and friends.

Loving memory donations may be made to Humane Society of Georgia.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

## Farm Bureau using bingo to promote ag education

Georgia Farm Bureau Ag In The Classroom and Georgia Public Libraries have partnered together for their summer reading program.

A bingo-style contest has been developed for families. To participate, call the local Farm Bureau office at 237-8848 and request a bingo card. After completing five activities (vertically, horizontally, or diagonally), participating parties earn the chance to enter into a contest for a prize. When families take a completed bingo card to the library, they will receive a bookmark. This bookmark has a link to an entry form for the prize, which is an age-appropriate book. (The rules are printed on the bingo card.)

This is a fun activity the entire family can enjoy, and Emanuel County Farm Bureau is excited to partner with Franklin Memorial Library in Swainsboro to provide students and their families the opportunity to learn more about the importance of agriculture. The contest will most likely run through mid-August or September 1. This project is an attempt to continue agriculture education despite the restrictions on in-person activities due to COVID-19.



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## Miss Freeman to wed Mr. Scott

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

The bride-elect is a 2009 graduate of Swainsboro High School. She furthered her education at East Georgia College, where she graduated in December 2011 with an associate of arts. The future-bride then continued her education at Gupton-Jones College, where she graduated in February 2013 with an Associate of Science in Funeral Service. Miss Freeman works as the Jeff Davis county clerk and as a funeral apprentice at Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors.

She is the granddaughter of Joann Cannon, Martha Faye Freeman, both of Swainsboro, and the late JW and Elna Cannon and the late Rev. Dr. James Ray Freeman.

The future groom is



**.MISS FREEMAN AND MR. SCOTT**

a 1998 graduate of Jeff Davis County High School. He furthered his education at American Intercontinental University, where he graduated with an associate degree in business administration. Mr. Scott started his career with Rayonier in 1999. The company was purchased by Interfor in 2013 and after 21 years, he is still a

part of the team working as quality control supervisor

The groom-elect is the grandson of Shirley Long and the late Paul Long of Warner Robins, the late Charles Scott of Lumber City, and the late Dalton and Patricia Powell, also of Lumber City.

The wedding is set for August 1, 2020 at 6 p.m. at Rocky Creek Lodge in

Vidalia. A reception will follow at the same place. Formal invitations will not be sent.

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# Key awarded scholarship by EREA

The Emanuel Retired Educators Association (EREA), a chapter of Georgia Retired Educators Association, is pleased to announce that Mary Evans Key, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian and Karol Key of Swainsboro, has been awarded the 2019-2020 \$1,000 EREA Scholarship for an Emanuel County student who intends to become a teacher.



**DR. JOHN DERDEN PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP TO KEY**

Key is a native of Emanuel County and graduated from Swainsboro High School, where she was involved in Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Citizens Bank Student Advisory Council, Swainsboro High School Marching Band of Gold, and Swainsboro High School Concert Band. In 2018, Swainsboro Exchange Club selected her as Youth of the Year.

Following high school graduation, she enrolled at East Georgia State College (EGSC), from which she recently graduated with an associate degree. While at EGSC, she was a Correll Scholar and a "Bobcat Buddy" (an EGSC student who volunteers to tutor elementary school students).

Active as well in community affairs, Key has volunteered at her church (Swainsboro First United Methodist), local nursing homes, and the animal shelter. Key has been accepted into Valdosta State University's Elementary Education program and hopes to return to Emanuel County to

teach. The EREA scholarship is given each year to a qualified college student to encourage academic performance, extracurricular involvement, and interest in the teaching profession. An EREA Scholarship Committee evaluates the applicants and selects the recipient.

# Seedling Garden Club visits local PD

The week of June 7-13 was National Garden Club Week, and Seedling Garden Club celebrated the occasion in different ways. One of these celebrations included thanking Swainsboro Police Department for its service and protection during the pandemic.



**GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS AND STAFF OF SWAINSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

President Lucille Braswell presented a bouquet of flowers to Swainsboro Police Chief Randy Ellison. Upon the presentation, she stated, "Seedling Garden wants to thank the Swainsboro Police Department for their continued work while others were trying to stay in for protection from the virus." Your officers put themselves in danger so we may be safe, and they are very much appreciated."

Presenting the bouquet along with President Braswell were Secretary Cheryl Goodman and Treasurer Kay Peacock. Accepting the bouquet on behalf of the department was;

Chief Ellison, Lt. Richard Peacock, Staff Sgt. Angie Wilkerson, Cpl. Melody Grant/Clerk of City Court, and Zelda Sumner, administrative assistant.

[Editor's note: This story from the June 17, 2020 edition of *The Blade* is being reprinted due to the accidental omission of the photograph. *The Blade* regrets this error.]

# Letter to the Editor



**SHURLEY SELFIES WITH TWO SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES**

Dear Editor,  
I live in Atlanta and was on a road trip to my niece's wedding on Saint Simons on Tuesday, June 16, driving backroads late that afternoon, alone with a full car. I was on U.S. 1—such a crazy, busy highway with endless logging and transfer trucks, when I had a flat tire.  
I'm 62 years of age and in good health, but I was unable to unload the chaise lounge and car load by myself and have never changed a tire. I called AAA, but they advised it would be a wait up to

90 minutes. So, I began the long wait as far off the shoulder as I could move the car.  
Within 20 minutes, an Emanuel County Sheriff's car pulled up beside me, and the kindest, young officer offered to assist me. I posted this story on my Facebook page and have had so many likes, comments, and suggestions to share with their superior officers and the news media because it's so rewarding to show gratitude—especially in a national climate where our men and women in blue and grey

and tan are getting so much bad press. We need to highlight their continued goodness, selflessness, and commitment to serving the public!  
I would love for you to view my Facebook page using all three names, Marcia Cousins Shurley, read my post, and leave a kind comment!  
I have taken the time to praise and honor these fine, young officers for their generosity of chivalry. I hope you will as well!  
With joyful gratitude,  
Marcia Cousins Shurley

## EGSC Alumni named...

(From front page) for enrollment in the four-year M.D. program at MUSM and be a Georgia resident with strong ties to rural Georgia. The scholarship covers 85% to 100% MUSM tuition for a maximum of four academic years. She sent in her written application in February and participated in a Zoom virtual interview with the Physicians for Rural Georgia Committee in March.

"As a student, the financial aspect of college weighs heavy in deciding to pursue further education. Fortunately, through the Correll Scholarship and affordability of EGSC, I was able to graduate this past May with no debt. None! As I begin medical school as a Nathan Deal Scholar, it is nice to know that most of my schooling will be paid for. I truly believe that where God guides, He provides-- whether it's with finances, friends, or hope," said Hall.

Hall said she wanted to pursue this scholarship because of her strong ties to South Georgia and her dream of coming back to the area of Swainsboro to open her own pediatric and internal medicine practice.

"When Pete and Ada Lee Correll created the Correll Scholars Program at East Georgia State College, they envisioned talented students from this region having an opportunity to earn a college degree while learning about the needs and opportunities of the region," said Dr. Bob Boehmer, President of EGSC. "They envisioned that these students would engage in service while earning that college degree. Perhaps most

importantly, they envisioned Correll Scholars ultimately choosing to make their homes in this great region and using their EGSC education and experience to improve lives in the region. Susanna Hall's path from EGSC to Mercer Medical School and, in the future, back to this region to practice medicine demonstrates clearly the wisdom of Pete and Ada Lee Correll in establishing the Correll Scholars Program. East Georgia State College is deeply proud of all that Susanna Hall has already accomplished. We will all be watching with pride as she completes her medical degree and improves lives through the use of her unique abilities to meet the health care needs of our region of Georgia."

While at EGSC, Hall was a Correll Scholar, the vice president for the Student Government Association, part of the STEM Club, Beta Beta Beta Biological Honors Society (TriBeta) and the Book Club. She was awarded the Leadership Award for the Book Club, the Excellence in Chemistry Award and the George Marvin Baker Award for Excellence in Biological Science during EGSC's Virtual Honors Night Celebration. Hall was also recognized by the University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents and the Georgia General Assembly for receiving the Academic Recognition Day Award.

"The EGSC Biology Department and I are very proud of Susanna's accomplishments," said David Chevalier, Biology Chair at EGSC. "I realized that Susanna was an outstanding student while teaching her the first required

Biology during the 2017 Summer. Susanna is not only a bright and dedicated student, but a very compassionate and empathetic human being. She possesses all the essential qualities to become an exceptional medical doctor. I am looking forward to her coming back and practicing in our rural region of Georgia."

She will begin classes at Mercer University August 10.

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# Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

## Stormie Dunaway



This week's Cook of the Week is Stormie Kimbrough Dunaway. She will be 3-years-old on June 27. Stormie is the daughter of Lester and Kim Dunaway, and she is the granddaughter of Martha Mulling of Swainsboro and the late John Nessmith. She loves taking dance and gymnastics, spending time with her cousins, Sissy and Bubba, as well as her Aunt WeWe and Uncle MeMe. Stormie also enjoys watching Disney Junior; her favorite show is Minnie Mouse. She also likes watching kid stuff on YouTube and playing outside with her daddy. Here are a few of her favorite recipes are. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of Stormy

### Chicken Nuggets

- 2 chicken breasts
- 1 c. flour
- 1 Tbsp. dried parsley flakes
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Oil to fry

Cut chicken breast into chunks. Heat oil until hot enough to fry. While oil is heating, mix together flour, dried parsley flakes, salt, and pepper. Shake chicken in flour mixture. Fry a few at a time until done. Let cool and enjoy.



From the kitchen of Stormy

### Mac and Cheese

- 16 oz. round noodles
- 16 oz. cheese, mild cheddar
- 1 stick butter
- 1 c. milk
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook noodles according to box in salted water. While noodles are cooking, shred cheese and cube butter. Drain cooked noodles. Put noodles back in pot on low heat. Add remaining ingredients and keep stirring until everything is combined and cheese is completely melted. Serve hot and fresh.



From the kitchen of Stormy

### Scrambled Eggs

- Non-stick pan
- 4 eggs
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- Salt and pepper to taste

Melt butter in pan over medium high heat. Add cracked eggs. Gently stir and whisk eggs with a rubber spoon until mixed well. Keep stirring and mixing until done. Serve hot.

Note: Add salt and pepper if needed.

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**Bearing one another's burdens. Part 2**

In this column, we continue with a major concern for the world today, neighbors helping neighbors. When I was in school, it was called the "golden rule." The Bible says it in this fashion: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Last week, we referred to a man in London, England. Patrick Hutchinson helped a man in crisis although he didn't know him. We also talked about the good Samaritan who helped a wounded Jew who had been beaten and left for dead. This good Samaritan didn't know the Jew, yet he went out of his way and took care of all the Jew's needs.

Today, we'll talk of two more men bearing burdens for others, Simeon of Cyrene and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Simeon of Cyrene was a black man compelled to help Jesus carry His burden of the rugged cross. While Jesus is both man and God, the human side of Him was the side that needed help. The god in him could have called and angels would've been right there to assist Him. While he was beaten, rejected, and despised, Jesus felt all the agony and pain in His flesh. In this situation, God used Simeon to show that we are one another's helpers. God wanted to show that we are here to bear one another's burdens.

While Simeon of Cyrene was helping Jesus Christ, Jesus was also helping Simeon. The burdens Jesus was carrying were not His own because He did no wrong. The weight of the cross was the burden and sins of the whole world. The Bible lets us know that while we are still sinners, Christ died for us. Jesus did not wait for us to be good; instead, He died and shed His blood so we could be good.

Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of bearing one another's burdens. He bore all our sins, sickness, shame, grief, and pain. He died so we might be free. He knew no sin, yet He became sin so we could become the righteousness of God. He gave His life for us. Now I ask this: what about us? Are we willing to help others? Do we judge whether we think others are good enough? Is what we have too good for our brothers and sisters we see every day?

It's time to reach out to others. It's time to love each other. It's time to bear one another's burdens.

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Swainsboro Kiwanis Club's latest donation to help the community one child at the time was to the local Dixie Youth League organization. Making the presentation of monetary support was club member Cayla Page.

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, along with other civic organizations and local businesses, annually sponsors a team to participate in the Dixie Youth League baseball program. This year's season has been shortened due to the pandemic, but boys and girls who love the game of baseball can be seen playing at the fields on Empire Expressway.

Dixie Youth Baseball

is a non-discriminatory community-based organization that aims to promote fair play for all participants and is fully committed to equal opportunity and abides by all applicable federal, state, and local laws pertaining to nondiscrimination and fair practices.

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providing the example. Over the past several years, Swainsboro teams have been regular participants in district, state, and World Series tournaments, traveling to states such as to Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, and South Carolina.

To become a member of the Kiwanis Club, contact Jane Durden, membership chair, at 478-494-4113 or email her at [hsturden@bellsouth.net](mailto:hsturden@bellsouth.net). New member registration fees are being suspended now through September 30, so now is the time to join. To learn more about Swainsboro Kiwanis Club and the many community service projects sponsored by it, visit its Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

### PPP funds still available to local businesses with Queensborough

Paycheck Protection Program loans are still available, and Queensborough National Bank & Trust Co. can help eligible businesses secure the funding.

Many businesses throughout Georgia, especially in the tourism and entertainment industries, are just now starting to re-open. With a loss of income from the COVID-19 shutdown, some of those businesses could benefit from Paycheck Protection Program loans. Other businesses that already re-opened are just now realizing the benefit PPP funding can provide.

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#### 1. CONTINUED THREAT OF CV 19

Although the threat level in our area is still relatively low, we must face the fact that this health crisis is still very much apart of our lives. As testing here becomes more readily available, the reported count of corona virus continues to rise. Make sure you still practice the precautions that have worked so well for us here.

- WASH HANDS OFTEN
- WEAR MASK
- DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE
- STAY OUT OF CROWDS
- IF YOU ARE SICK, STAY HOME

#### 2. CLEAN UP YARD SIGNS

Please do your part in removing political yard signs. Now that some races are over, it's time to get out and take down any and all signs that should no longer be there. Thanks to all the folks who ran and worked hard in our democratic process.

#### 3. 2020 CENSUS

Now is the time to concentrate on breaking the numbers to make our 2020 census the biggest and best population count we have ever had. If you haven't filled yours out either online or with paper form, PLEASE don't put it off any longer. If you have a relative of friend who is dragging around, make them understand that a **BIGGER COUNT MEANS BETTER THINGS FOR US ALL!**

#### 4. DOWNTOWN NEWS

Things are happening in downtown Swainsboro with renovations, new store openings and the soon to be completed home of the local Art Center adjacent to our Historic Movie Theatre which is also in the process of restoration. Thanks to Downtown Development Authority for the great job in dressing up the square for the upcoming July 4th Independence Day observance.

#### 5. JUST SAY THANKS!

This has been an unusual winter and spring for this country. The natural, predictable routine of our daily lives has become a good bit more uncertain. Economic slips and slides, the corona virus, and riots and unrest all combined to make you wonder how safe we really are. That's a good time to think about the policeman, sheriff deputies, fireman, EMTs, and first responders, who will always be there to help you when everything else gets shaky. If you see one of these folks, just say thanks!

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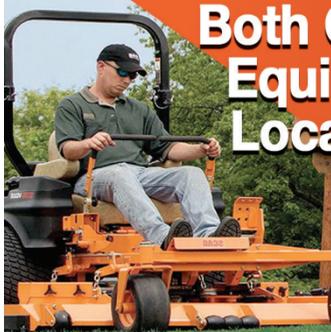
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## SBA's EIDL reopened to all eligible small businesses, non-profits impacted by pandemic

To further meet the needs of U.S. small businesses and non-profits, the U.S. Small Business Administration reopened the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance program portal to all eligible applicants experiencing economic impacts due to COVID-19 today.

"The SBA is strongly committed to working around the clock, providing dedicated emergency assistance to the small businesses and non-profits that are facing economic disruption due to the COVID-19 impact. With the reopening of the EIDL assistance and EIDL Advance application portal to all new applicants, additional small businesses and non-profits will be able to receive these long-term, low interest loans and emergency grants, reducing the economic impacts for their businesses, employees and communities they support," said SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza. "Since EIDL assistance due to the pandemic first became available to small businesses located in every state and territory, SBA has worked to provide the greatest amount of emergency economic relief possible. To meet the unprecedented need, the SBA has made numerous improvements to the application and loan closing process, including deploying new technology and automated tools."

SBA's EIDL program offers long-term, low interest assistance for a small business or non-profit. These loans can provide vital economic support to help alleviate temporary loss of revenue. EIDL assistance can be used to cover payroll and inventory, pay debt or fund other expenses. Additionally, the EIDL Advance will provide up to \$10,000 (\$1,000 per employee) of emergency economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing temporary difficulties, and these emergency grants do not have to be repaid.

### SBA's COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance

- The SBA is offering low interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses and non-profit organizations that are suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19 in all U.S. states, Washington D.C., and territories.

- These loans may be used to pay debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact, and that are not already covered by a Paycheck Protection Program loan. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.

- To keep payments affordable for small businesses, SBA offers loans with long repayment terms, up to a maximum of 30 years. Plus, the first payment is deferred for one year.

- In addition, small businesses and non-profits may request, as part of their loan application, an EIDL Advance of up to \$10,000. The EIDL Advance is designed to provide emergency economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. This advance will not have to be repaid, and small businesses may receive an advance even if they are not approved for a loan.

- SBA's EIDL and EIDL Advance are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response.

- The SBA is also assisting small businesses and non-profits with access to the **federal forgivable** loan program, the Paycheck Protection Program, which is currently accepting applications until June 30, 2020.

For additional information, please visit the SBA disaster assistance website at [SBA.gov/Disaster](http://SBA.gov/Disaster).

## Crash on bridge results in arrest

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO  
A 50-year-old male was

arrested as the result of a single vehicle crashing into a bridge.

Around 12:50 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 911 received a call from OnStar reporting a rollover crash on Lambs Bridge Road by Antioch Church Road.

Emanuel County EMS, firefighters from Swainsboro and Twin City, sheriff's deputies, and Georgia State Patrol were dispatched.

Units located a 2009 Chevrolet Equinox LTZ in

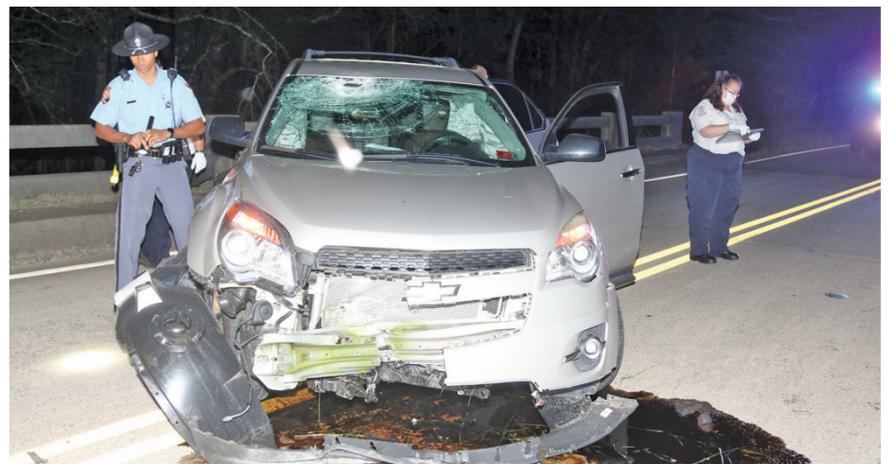
the middle of the bridge with extensive damage as well as a section of the bridge rail missing. The driver from West Virginia was evaluated by EMS of

his injuries and released.

Following the investigation by the trooper on scene, he was placed under arrest and transported to Emanuel County Jail.



DAMAGE TO BRIDGE



TROOPER AND EMS WORKER AT SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT

Dear community,

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

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

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

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

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

You may contact me at 478-494-2106. My address is 11 Laurel St., Swainsboro.  
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# 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 (ECSCO); Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office (PROB).

Christopher Shane Richardson, 26, 118 Falcon Trl.; entered 6/15/20; Taillight Requirements, Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/16/20; SPD  
 Darius Tayshawn Johnson, 28, 335 Lewis St.; entered 6/15/20; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; released 6/19/20; SPD  
 Sean Maceo Cuyler, 32, 184 Deer Creek Dr.; entered 6/16/20; Cruelty

to children, Simp battery, Aggr assault; released 6/17/20; SPD  
 Marcus Alvin Vinson, 19, 422 N. Coleman St.; entered 6/16/20; Crim trespass; released 6/16/20; SPD  
 Angel Lasybil Miles, 35, 510 Marion St.; entered 6/16/20; Probation/State Court/Middle Ga Probation, Probation/Superior Court; SPD  
 Leanne Nicole Shaw, 33, 208 Pine St., Vidalia; entered 6/16/20; Probation/Superior Court; ECSCO  
 Aaron David Alger, 34, 115 E. Broad St., Twin City; entered 6/16/20; Driving lic susp/rev, Failure to Maintain Lane, Dui/multiple subs; released 6/17/20; GSP  
 Justin Cody Williams, 25, 201 Maple Ave., Stillmore; entered 6/17/20; Hold for Out of County Billing; released 6/17/20; SMPD

Dylan John Dufur, 24, 456 Brazell Nabb Rd., Vidalia; entered 6/18/20; Probation/Superior Court; ECSCO  
 Veronica Ann Kelly, 51, 22 W. Bryan St., Apt. 231, Savannah; entered 6/18/20; Expired tag, Open Container; released 6/19/20; SPD  
 Joshua Maurice Brown, 22, 463 Norwood Ave.; entered 6/18/20; Open Container; released 6/19/20; SPD  
 Ciera Jeannette Brown, 20, 201 Maple Ave., Stillmore; entered 6/19/20; Tag Light Requirements, Dui/drugs, Driving While Unlicensed/Expired; released 6/19/20; TCPD  
 Ashley Colten Driggers, 26, 308 E. Oak Park Ave., Lyons; 6/19/20; Reckless Driving, Driving lic susp/rev, Speeding 15-29 MPH over, Failure to Maintain Lane, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign, Failure to

Stop at Stop Sign, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign, Fleeing/attempt to elude ofc, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign; ECSCO  
 Dewayne Lashon Sanders, 45, 425 N. Coleman St.; entered 6/19/20; Crim trespass, VGCSA Possession of VG Related Object, Obstr/ofc; SPD  
 Melissa June Caraway, 51, 118 John Deer Rd., Adrian; entered 6/19/20; Probation/Superior Court; PROB  
 Lois Ann Mikell, 42 384 Old Swainsboro Rd., Twin City; entered 6/19/20; Probation/Superior Court; released 6/21/20; PROB  
 Byron Sanchez Badie, 33, 826 Bailey St., Twin City; entered 6/19/20; Probation/Superior Court; released 6/21/20;

PROB  
 Matthew Marston Roberts, 38, 418 Fairground Rd.; entered 6/19/20; Parole Violation; released 6/21/20; WALK-IN  
 Bobby Lee Parker, 38, 120 5th Ave., Twin City; entered 6/19/20; Probation/Superior Court; released 6/21/20; WALK-IN  
 Harry Lamont Carlton, 34, 116 B Racetrack St.; entered 6/19/20; Probation/Superior Court, Probation/State Court/Middle Ga Probation; released 6/22/20; WALK-IN  
 Marnez Trevon Cooper, 22, 506 Center St.; entered 6/19/20; Probation/Superior Court; released 6/21/20; WALK-IN  
 Kristi Ann Jacobs, 40, 4736 Ada Bell Rd., Register; entered 6/19/20; Probation/Superior Court; ECSCO  
 Kevin Hutcheson, 50,

764 Foskey Rd.; entered 6/19/20; Simp battery, Stalking; released 6/20/20; ECSCO  
 Rashad Jamal Deloach, 26, 270 Ben Lane Rd., Garfield; entered 6/19/20; Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/20/20; TCPD  
 Stephanie Kaye McKee, 58, 1150 Turkey Creek Rd., York, South Carolina; entered 6/20/20; ZDriving lic susp/rev; released 6/20/20; SPD  
 Phillip John Haught, 50, 1711 Andrew St., Packersburg, West Virginia; entered 6/20/20; Dui/alch, Failure to Maintain Lane; released 6/20/20; GSP  
 Bennie Lee Cox Jr., 33, 429 GA Highway 46, Twin City; entered 6/20/20; Disorderly conduct; released 6/21/20; ECSCO  
 Joshua Carlton Parker, 31, 236 Trinity Church Rd., Adrian; entered 6/21/20; Dui/alch; released 6/21/20; GSP

# Swainsboro Police Reports

Officers with the Swainsboro Police Department (SPD) reported...  
**June 15**  
 Complainant reported a dispute.  
**June 16**  
 An additional complainant reported a dispute.  
 Police headquarters dispatched officers to a South Main Street address in reference to a criminal trespass offense.  
 Emanuel County 911 dispatched officers to an address on Marion Street in reference to a dispute. While on scene, officer learned that the involved

offender had an active probation warrant. An arrest was then made.  
**June 17**  
 Officer was dispatched by Emanuel County 911 to an address on Bucklen Drive in reference to a report of disorderly conduct.  
 Complainant filed a report in reference to financial transaction card theft and financial transaction card fraud.  
**June 18**  
 Emanuel County 911 dispatched officer to a Oak Street address in reference to a burglary by forced entry offense.

Officer responded to an address on Colegrove Drive in reference to a simple battery offense.  
 Officer made a traffic stop in reference to an expired paper tag on a vehicle being operated on a roadway. During the traffic stop, officer found the driver to be in violation of open container and was also cited for interference with police officer.  
**June 19**  
 Officer was dispatched to an address on East Pine Street in reference to a report involving theft by taking.

# Sheriff's Reports

Deputies with the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office (ECSCO) reported...  
**June 9**  
 Complainant reported damaged property.  
 Complainant reported a lost or stolen tag.  
 Complainant reported offender for changing address to obtain mail sent to the complainant.  
 Complainant reported terroristic threats/intimidation.  
**June 10**  
 Complainant reported an unknown offender placing blocks on a telephone and not leaving the complainant alone.  
 Deputy responded to an address on Mustang Road in reference to a burglary by forced entry.  
**June 11**  
 Complainant reported a private property crash.  
 Deputies responded to an address on Owen Bailey Road in reference to a domestic dispute and welfare check.  
 Deputies assisted Swainsboro Fire Department with a vehicle fire within the area of Kite Road and U.S. 1 Bypass South. Due to the vehicle's registration being expired, the driver was issued a citation.  
**June 12**  
 Complainant on Highway 56 North reported four missing batteries following an alarm.  
**June 15**  
 Victim reported burglary by no forced entry and theft by taking.  
 Deputies were dispatched to the area of Cow Ford Bridge and Wilson roads in reference to a female found sleeping in bushes.  
 Deputy responded to an address on Highway 192 South in reference to a burglary by forced entry.  
**June 16**  
 Complainant struck a deer while traveling I-16 East.  
**June 17**  
 Victim stated he was walking outside a business when offender hit him from the back.  
**June 18**  
 Complainant struck a deer while traveling Highway 1 South near Lexsy Stillmore Road.  
 Complainant reported someone placing small pebbles inside the valve stem caps of her car to let the air out of its tires. Complainant also reported someone had removed her tag from the vehicle.  
 Complainant reported a

dog bite.  
 Driver struck a deer while traveling Big Creek Road.  
**June 20**  
 Deputies were dispatched to an address on North Old Reidsville Road in reference to items found on complainant's porch. Items included a wallet, black cell phone, and bottle containing what was believed to be a clear plastic bag of narcotics. Complainant stated she did not know who the items belonged to.  
 Deputies responded to a gas station for a burglary alarm. Glass front door had been broken and the store was burglarized. Case was turned over to investigator.  
**June 21**  
 Deputies assisted Georgia State Patrol with a three-vehicle motor vehicle crash on I-16.  
 Complainant reported offender for harassing him via texts and phone calls.  
**June 22**  
 Deputies were dispatched to a business in Oak Park, where victim reported damage to building due to offender hitting it with her car.

Deputies assisted Georgia State Patrol with a single vehicle crash on Highway 80 West.

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# Twin City Police Reports

Officers with the Twin City Police Department (TCPD) reported...  
**June 11**  
 Complainant reported enter of auto with intent to commit theft.  
**June 13**  
 Officer reported coming in contact with a vehicle in violation of firearms possession by a minor, possession/purchase of alcohol under 21 years of age, and possession marijuana (less than 1 oz.).  
**June 14**  
 Officer made a traffic stop at Highway 80 East and Parrish Pond Road. During the traffic stop, officer found the involved driver to be in possession of marijuana

(less than 1 oz.).  
**June 16**  
 Officer attempted to make a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle. Prior to the attempt, the driver truck a tree on a Palm Street address.  
**June 18**  
 Officer responded to an address on North Railroad Avenue in reference to a miscellaneous report.  
**June 19**  
 Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a tag light violation. During the traffic stop, officer learned that the driver was operating the vehicle without a valid license and while under the influence of marijuana. The driver was

arrested and eventually turned over to the Emanuel County Jail.  
**June 20**  
 Officer responded to the area of Highway 80 East in reference to assistance with unlocking a vehicle. While on scene, officer located less than an ounce of marijuana.  
 Officer approached a vehicle in violation of parking in the handicap/disabled parking spot without proper display on vehicle. During the encounter, officer found the driver to be operating the vehicle with a suspended license. The driver refused to comply and step out of the involved vehicle. An arrest was eventually made.

# Highway 80 East crash injures one

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO  
 A two-vehicle crash on Highway 80 East within the city limit on Sunday, June 21, injured one.  
 The collision between a 2008 GMC Sierra SLE pick-up and a four-door Ford EcoSport SE resulted with the Ford rolling over and coming to rest upright on the lawn at 1002 Highway 80 East.  
 Swainsboro Police and firefighters with Rescue 1, Emanuel County EMS, sheriff's



INVOLVED FORD (FOREGROUND) AND INVOLVED GMC (BACKGROUND) deputies, and Georgia State Patrol were dispatched at 7:22 p.m. One person was transported to Emanuel Medical Center by EMS. Georgia State Patrol investigated the crash.

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 VIN #  
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## Editorials Columns

### Pickling cucumber season: Making pickles

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

Planning to make cucumber pickles this season? The type of cucumber you use makes a difference! Choose pickling varieties of cucumbers for the best quality fresh pack or fermented pickles. Burpless cucumbers are not recommended. At their normal mature size, these cucumbers produce an enzyme that causes pickles to soften during fermentation.

Select “unwaxed” whole cucumbers for pickling because the brine or pickling solutions cannot penetrate the wax. Choose 1.5” long cucumbers for gherkins and up to 4”

long for dills. Use odd shaped or more mature cucumbers for relishes or sliced pickles.

Do not use cucumbers that show any signs of mold or deterioration. Use safe food handling practices when pickling cucumbers. Wash hands with soap and warm water. Keep all utensils and surfaces clean by washing with soap and hot water before, during, and after pickling. Wash cucumbers under cold running water while scrubbing with a clean vegetable brush; especially in the stem area where soil can trap bacteria that can cause pickles to soften. Drain and blot dry with clean paper toweling and refrigerate at 40° or below if not pickling immediately. Cucumbers deteriorate rapidly at room tem-

perature. For best quality pickles, plan to process cucumbers within 24 hours of picking or purchasing.

UGA Extension recommended procedures provide guidelines for processing safe and quality pickles. Ingredients used when making quick pickled cucumbers can include salt, vinegar, sugar, and spices. Each of these ingredients play a vital role in the success of the finished product! The amount of vinegar is very important to safety and the freshness of spices is important to quality.

**Salt** – Use pure granulated salt labeled as “pickling” or “canning” salt. Other salts contain anti-caking materials that can make the brine cloudy. Recipes for pickles with reduced sodi-

um content are provided in Guide 6 of the USDA *Complete Guide to Home Canning*.

**Vinegar** – Use 5% (50 grain) cider or white vinegar. Check the label and verify. Do not use homemade vinegar or vinegar of unknown acidity when pickling. Follow UGA Extension recommendations for using vinegar when pickling. Do not dilute vinegar unless UGA Extension recommended recipes specify to do so. Cider vinegar adds flavor and aroma; however, white vinegar should be used for lighter or white fruits and vegetables for clarity of color.

**Sugar** – White sugar is used unless brown sugar is specified in the recipe. Sugar substitutes are usually not recommended because heat and stor-

## Marnie Dekle



age can cause bitterness or loss of flavor and do not “plump” the pickles like sugar and keep them firm.

**Spices** – Always use fresh whole spices for the best quality and flavor when pickling cucumbers. Powdered spices will cause pickles to darken and make the brine cloudy. Tie whole spices in a clean white cloth or cheesecloth bag when heating the brine, then remove before packing the pickles in the jar.

Hard water may interfere with the acid formation and prevent pickles

from curing properly. Soften hard water by boiling for 15 minutes, covering and cooling for 24 hours before removing any scum. After the settling for 24 hours, pour the softened water carefully into another container from the top so any sediment on the bottom is not poured out with it.

UGA Extension recipes for both fermented and fresh pack pickles are also available in our *So Easy to Preserve* book ordered online at [setp.uga.edu](http://setp.uga.edu).

### The New York Times owes us an apology

In case you haven't heard, there is a big stink permeating the offices of the New York Times. Let me ask the question for you: Why should you care? Let me answer the question for you: We may be entering an era where opposing viewpoints are

no longer acceptable. That bothers me. I hope it bothers you, too.

The Times has apologized for running an opinion piece by Arkansas Senator Tom Cotton suggesting that military force be called in to deal with recent riots. The editorial

page editor has resigned as a result.

Remember, this was on the editorial pages, not in the news section. That is where opinions belong, even opinions with which you might disagree. But that is not the case at the New York Times. They

seem no longer willing to have opinions stated with which they disagree internally or to risk the predictable mobs at their front door. So much for freedom of expression.

Sen. Cotton posited that President Trump could legally invoke something called the Insurrection Act to deal with current protests if he felt it necessary. This act has been on the books since 1807 and has been used on several occasions, including against the Ku Klux Klan, enforcing civil rights laws and helping restore law and order during riots in Detroit in the late 1960s and in Los Angeles in 1992.

Personally, I think the Insurrection Act is a draconian measure that should not be employed at this time but I also think we should all have the opportunity to see why the senator thinks maybe it should be. By the way, for all the snoots out there who think everybody in Arkansas raises pigs and marries their third cousins, Tom Cotton is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard University and was on the editorial board of The Crimson newspaper. You would think that would get him some respect from the intellectual weenies at the Times. Not so.

The decision of the paper to apologize for publishing an opinion piece by a conservative senator that in some ways might be considered favorable to Donald Trump further convinces the president's supporters that anything the national media runs about Trump is fake

## Dick Yarbrough



news. Other fair-minded people wonder about the media's objectivity. Even though the media's public approval ratings these days are slightly lower than that of mule skinner, they don't seem to care. This war of words with Trump is personal with them. Objectivity be damned.

I think fake news to Donald Trump is anything that our thin-skinned president doesn't like, but it does occur. I can attest to that fact. During the planning for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, Arizona senator John McCain, a great American war hero but a deceitful and duplicitous politician, began telling the media we were using military personnel to wash the athletes' uniforms and cook and clean for them — all at taxpayer expense. The tale was preposterous and totally without merit. Let me rephrase that. It was a bold-face lie.

Yet a compliant press loved McCain then as much as they despise Trump today. Nothing we could tell them or show them made a difference. This was a favor to the senator who, in turn, would then owe them a favor.

I lost my last trace of naiveté when legendary New York Times columnist William Safire asked me about McCain's charges. Finally, I thought a chance to get the truth told. Safire was a hero of

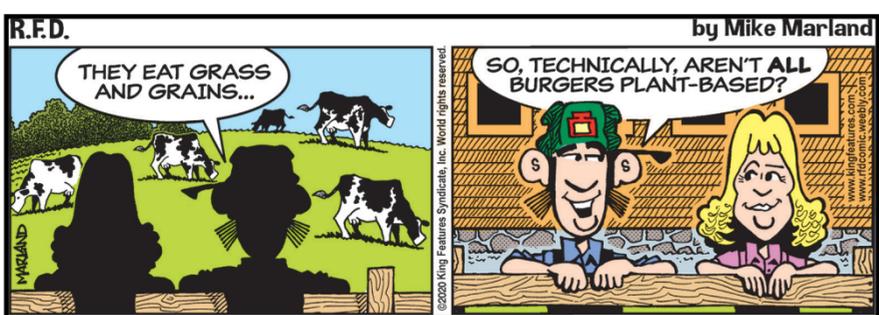
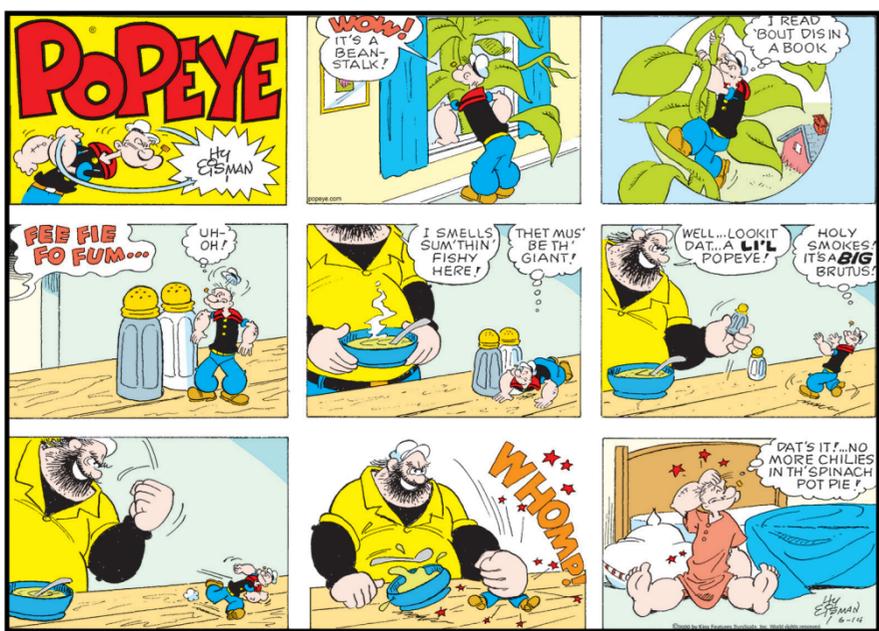
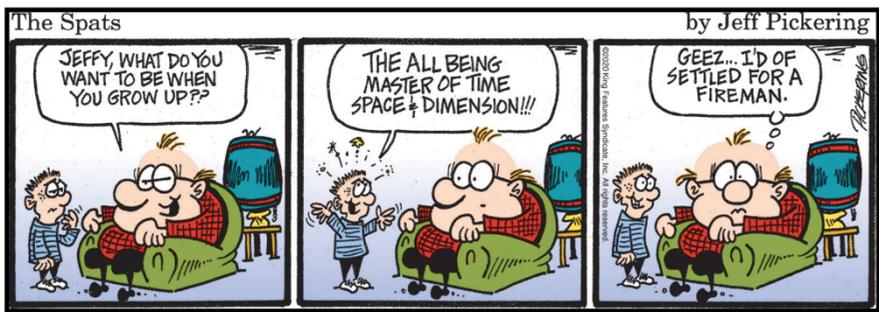
mine and I knew he would see through McCain's falsehoods. I could have better spent my time talking to a fence post. His column was a hatchet job on the Olympics and a paean about McCain. Another suck-up favor for a friend.

But the apology by the New York Times for running a controversial opinion piece by a respected United States senator is on a far more disturbing level. The Poynter Institute, a non-profit journalism school and research organization located in St. Petersburg, Florida, asks, “Will editorial page editors shy away from any touchy topics in the future for fear that it could lead to them losing their jobs if enough people don't like it?” A good question.

More important for me – and you – in these unprecedented times with political correctness running amok, will I be able to continue to express my honest opinions? I certainly hope so. If not, we will both be the losers, thanks to the unprecedented actions of the New York Times. They owe us all an apology.

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DEPUTY AND TROOPER LOOK OVER THE SCENE

# Driver arrested after Highway 80 West crash

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO  
 Shortly after 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 21, Emanuel County sheriff's deputies and Georgia State Patrol were sent to Highway 80 West and Old McLeod Bridge Road about a crash into a fence.

Units located a Dodge RAM 2500 pick-up truck towing a trailer and a new Husqvarna Z248-R mower off road into a fence. The trailer and zero-turn mower were purchased that same day. The driver failed to make the turn into Old McLeod Bridge Road, went through a deep drainage ditch, and came to rest in brush and a wire fence.

The driver was placed under arrest by the trooper investigating the crash. There were no injuries.

## Question: Do I have to use a Microsoft account to use Windows 10?

You do not need a Microsoft account to use Windows 10. However, when you set up Windows 10, it will appear as if you have to have a Microsoft account. Specifically, the process requests you to enter your Microsoft account or to create a Microsoft account.

At this point in the set-up, you do have to enter a phone number or an email address to be the initial account for Windows 10. The email address can be a non-Microsoft email address. If it is not a Microsoft address, you'll create a password or PIN similar to that used on a debit/ATM card.

Once you've completed setting up the account and Windows 10, you can go back and change your account to not be a Microsoft one. To do that, you will

## Dwight Watt



go into Settings (the sprocket-shaped icon in the Start menu), then to Account, then to your information. Clicking this will let you make a local account just for the PC. There will also be a place to enter a password and confirm it.

However, the process does not tell you that entering a password is optional. You can leave the password blank. Doing so will mean users of that PC will not be required to enter a password before logging on. I urge you to be cautious doing this. If this is a machine you'll be traveling with, I encourage you to set up a password so that if the device falls into the wrong hands or gets left in a motel room, a password will stop or slow unauthorized users from getting into your data.

On the other hand, if this is a machine kept only in your house and everyone who has access to it is allowed to use it, a password could be optional. Remember, you can change your password at any time, even if you left it blank, by pressing ALT+CTRL+DEL, then choosing Change Password.

Send me your questions about computers to me at the paper or to my e-mail [dwight@dwightwatt.com](mailto:dwight@dwightwatt.com) and tell me you read this in this paper. I will pick a question to answer each week.

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Dear Editor May 19, 2020

We would like to address Mr. Vincent Dennison and your readers regarding a recent ad placed in The Forest Blade by Mr. Dennison.

Mr. Dennison,

We apologize that our services did not satisfy your expectations. We set a high standard for ourselves and are truly sorry to hear that standard was not met in your interaction with our business. Customer satisfaction is our number one priority.

Until you placed your ad in the Forest Blade on 6-18-20 we had no idea you were dissatisfied with H&H Timber Company, LLC's services harvesting the timber on your property in Candler County, Georgia.

We purchased your timber on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and completed the harvesting work on December 26, 2019 and at no time during the harvesting did you ever express dissatisfaction or exercise the special stipulation clause listed as #12 in the contract which states "Seller has the right to inspect the harvesting operations and to halt such operations if not in accordance with sellers expectations". Imagine our shock seeing your negative ad of our company 6 months after harvesting was completed in the local newspaper.

Again, we are sorry that your experience with H & H Timber Company, LLC didn't match your expectations and we would like to know why so that we can deliver a better experience to our future customers. You may reach out to us anytime at [handhtimber@gmail.com](mailto:handhtimber@gmail.com), by phone at 912.685.5055 or in person at our office in Metter.

Respectfully

Ben Spears  
 President and Procurement Operations Manager

## City Of Stillmore Ga 2019 CCR

**Spanish (Español)**  
 Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua beber. Traduscalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

**Is my water safe?**  
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**Where does my water come from?**  
 The city of Stillmore gets its water from a deep ground water well located in the middle of stillmore

**Source water assessment and its availability**  
 Contact Stillmore City Hall at 912-562-3529

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**Water Conservation Tips**  
 Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath. Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month. Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month. Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month. Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!  
 Visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense) for more information.

**Source Water Protection Tips**  
 Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly: take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community, or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

**Significant Deficiencies**  
 nitrate samples for 2018 was not received by epd lab. sample was resent on 2019 to bring system back into compliance .

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Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source	
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.026	2019	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	9.4	2019	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	

Unit Descriptions	
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Important Drinking Water Definitions	
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TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfection level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

**For more information please contact:**  
 Contact Name: Regan Slater Address: 307 s 2nd st Stillmore, Ga 30464 Phone: 9125623529

# Water Safety Tips

- Learn to swim. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim. Always swim with a buddy; never swim alone. The American Red Cross has swimming courses for people of any age and swimming ability. To enroll in a swim course, contact your local Red Cross chapter.
- Swim in areas supervised by a lifeguard.
- Read and obey all rules and posted signs.
- Children or inexperienced swimmers should take precautions, such as wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) when around the water.
- Watch out for the dangerous "too's" – too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much strenuous activity.
- Set water safety rules for the whole family based on swimming abilities (for example, inexperienced swimmers should stay in water less than chest deep).
- Be knowledgeable of the water environment you are in and its potential hazards, such as deep and shallow areas, currents, depth changes, obstructions and where the entry and exit points are located. The more informed you are, the more aware you will be of hazards and safe practices.
- Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts. Stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather.
- Use a feet-first entry when entering the water.
- Enter headfirst only when the area is clearly marked for diving and has no obstructions.
- Do not mix alcohol with swimming, diving or boating. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance, and coordination, affects your swimming and diving skills, and reduces your body's ability to stay warm.
- Know how to prevent, recognize, and respond to emergencies



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## News from under the Gold Dome: COVID testing

by REP. BUTCH PARRISH, District 158

The Georgia General Assembly reconvened Monday, June 15 for the 30th legislative day. Before we all assembled at the Capitol, we were tasked to be tested for COVID-19 for the safety of all involved. The professional folks at East Georgia Healthcare Center made it a quick and easy process. I've included photos in this newsletter.

During the last few

days of the General Assembly we will be finalizing the FY2021 budget. According to Georgia's constitution, the state budget must begin as a House bill, and prior to the suspension of the session, the House passed its version of the budget and sent it to the Senate. But now the state's projected revenue is at least 11% lower than the revenue estimate the House based our budget on, the budget process must start

over in the Senate. For the last three weeks, the Senate Appropriations Committee has been hearing testimony from State Department heads, who were ordered by the Governor to cut budgets by 14%. Georgia's constitution mandates the legislature must pass a balanced budget. The Governor, in consultation with the State Economist, will set a revenue estimate, and the legislature must budget (Continued on page 4D)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### Oak Park Water System Has Levels of Gross Alpha Drinking Water Standards.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We have been notified by the State that our water system exceeded the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for Gross Alpha and Combined Radium during the following calendar quarters:

04/01/2019 - 06/30/2019, 07/01/2019 - 09/30/2019, 10/01/2019 - 12/13/2019, 01/01/2020 - 03/31/2020, 4/1/2020 - 06/30/2020

Associated Violation IDs#: 2020-21734, 2020-21736, 2020-21737

#### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. **You do not need to** boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. However, certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years have an increase risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increase risk of getting cancer.

#### What is being done?

We are working with a Georgia State agency to evaluate the water supply and are researching options to correct the problem. These options may include treating the water to remove the Gross Alpha and Combined Radium contaminant. We anticipate resolving the problem as quickly as possible.

For more information, please contact Mayor Mickey Lindsey at 912-578-4115 or at City Hall, 3857 Harrington St., Lyons, GA 30436

\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartment, nursing homes, school and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or disturbing copies by hand or mail\*

This notice is being sent to you by Oak Park Water System State Water System ID#: GA1070002

Date Distributed 6-01-2020  
Nancy Edge, City Clerk

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### Where does my water come from?

The city water is pumped from the Upper Floridan Aquifer from two wells located within the city limits. We add chlorine for disinfection purposes and fluoride for strong teeth and bones.

### Source water assessment and its availability

The city at this time is not required to perform this assessment due to our smaller population size.

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### How can I get involved?

The regular scheduled council meeting are held on the first Tuesday of each month at city hall which is located on 112 South Railroad Avenue. If you wish to be on the agenda, please notify the city clerk at 478-763-2695.

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Chromium (ppb)	100	100	.31	NA	.31	2018	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.7	.6	1	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>								
Total Coliform (TCR) (positive samples/month)	0	1	0	NA	NA	2019	No	Naturally present in the environment
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MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
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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-established.com/organization/1760/](http://www.pet-established.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.

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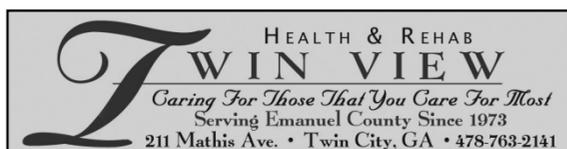
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**Locations**  
This position will work in the Metter and Swainsboro offices. Training will occur in both locations.

**How to apply**  
An application can be found on the Pineland website – [www.pineland.net](http://www.pineland.net). The completed application, resume, cover letter, and three work related references should be sent via mail, email, or dropped off in a sealed envelope to the following:

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dlee@pinelandtelco.com

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Applications may be picked up at Bartow City Hall, 7849 Church St, Bartow, GA 30413.  
Resumes and completed application can be mailed to the above address or emailed to [townbartow@outlook.com](mailto:townbartow@outlook.com).

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The City of Twin City is now accepting applications for the Chief of Police, serving as one of four full time police officers, focuses on the administrative, professional, and managerial work responsible for planning and directing the operations of the Police department. These operations include but are not limited to Patrol, Criminal Investigations, and Communications. The work involves general responsibility for the planning, development, and direction of all personnel, programs and policies. Administrative duties include budget development and administration, policy development, and personnel administration. The incumbent represents the department in working with other legal authorities, governmental agencies, and the media. Duties are estimated to be 65% patrol/police work, 35% administrative/community outreach. Work is performed under the general supervision of the City Commission and specific City Commissioner department head.

**Education and Experience**

- Minimum 5 years POST Certified Police Officer experience.
- Minimum 3 years Police Experience with an agency serving 5,000 or fewer people preferred.
- Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Business or Public Administration, Psychology, or related field from an accredited college or university is preferred but not required
- Demonstrated progressive advancement in police leadership and management.
- 5 years or more additional experience maybe substituted for bachelor's degree.

All interested applicants should complete an employment application at Twin City City Hall. For more information, the interested applicants may contact Mayor Matt Donaldson at [mdonaldson@twincityga.com](mailto:mdonaldson@twincityga.com). A full job description and job application can be found on the City's website under Job Opportunities.

# Legals

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY**

All creditors of the estate of Clairena B. Greenway, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 26th day of May, 2020. Maxie A. Keidel, Executrix of the Estate of Clairena B. Greenway, decedent Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68

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

**IN RE: ESTATE OF GLENNIS L. ALLSTON, ESTATE NO. 17E0058 DECEASED**

**PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE**

TO: LOUIS NEAL LEE and to whom it may concern: ANTONETTE LEE has petitioned to be appointed Successor Administrator of the estate of GLENNIS L. ALLSTON 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. JUNE 29, 2020. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate 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 DUSTIN CHASE WILSON, ESTATE NO. 19E0077 DECEASED**

**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

TO: SHAY HARRELL and whom it may concern: LAKELAN ERNEST WILSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of DUSTIN CHASE WILSON 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. June 29, 2020. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate 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.

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

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

**IN RE: ESTATE OF DORSEY LEE LOVETT SR., ESTATE NO. 20E0034 DECEASED**

**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

TO: FELICIA DENISE LOVETT and to whom it may concern: SHARON LOVETT BOWERS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of DORSEY LEE LOVETT

SR. deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before June 10, 2020. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

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

Sealed proposals will be received by City of Twin City, Georgia at City Hall, 112 South Railroad Avenue, Twin City, Georgia 30471 until 3:00 p.m. local time, Friday, July 24, 2020 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. No submitted bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days. All Bidders must have a State of Georgia Utility Contractor License and must employ a state "Utility Manager" certificate holder who will have oversight of all the work. The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment and labor for the construction of: Water System Improvements including 9,208 L.F. of 8-inch PVC water line, 2,742 L.F. of 6-inch PVC water line, 1,640 L.F. of 2-inch PVC water line, 738 L.F. DI water line and 42 gate valves of varying size, 15 fire hydrants, reconnect 61 existing house services with 24 road bores, 100 L.F. 16" Steel Casing (0.312" W.T.) by jack and bore, including all appurtenances and grassing of all disturbed areas.

Time allotted for construction is 150 consecutive calendar days for substantial completion and 180 days for final completion. Proposals for the complete work in one general contract shall be made on the proposal form provided and shall contain prices in words and figures for the work bid on. This is a Section 3 Covered Project under the HUD Act of 1968 and Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns are encouraged to apply. The City of Twin City is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education, and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age. All proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond drawn in favor of the City of Twin City, Georgia, in the amount of at least 10% of the lump sum bid for the complete work; such Bid Bond representing that the Bidder, if awarded the contract, will promptly enter into a contract and furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond as provided by law and approved by the Attorney for the City of Twin City, Georgia. Each bond shall be equal to 100% of the contract amount. The Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the City of Twin City, Georgia as liquidated damages if the Bidder fails to execute the contract and provide Performance and Payment Bonds within 10 days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract. Drawings and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the City of Twin City, Georgia and at the offices of Turnipseed Engineers in Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia. Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Turnipseed Engineers, 4210 Columbia Road, Building 3, Augusta, Georgia 30907, upon receipt of \$250. Additional reduced drawings are available for \$125. Digital copies of the documents are not available. Upon receipt of all documents in undamaged condition within 30 days after the date of opening of bids, half of the deposit will be refunded. The difference between the

deposit and the amount refunded represents the cost of reproduction. No refund will be made for documents received after 30 days or in damaged condition. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. **CITY OF TWIN CITY, GEORGIA** By: Matt Donaldson, Mayor

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

**IN RE: ESTATE OF CARLALAN BRYANT, ESTATE NO. 20E0059 DECEASED**

**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: TESSIE ANN BRYANT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of CARL ALAN BRYANT deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10:00 A.M. JULY 20, 2020. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections,

unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing. 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 SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

BIANCA S. MOOREMAN WARD CIVIL ACTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PLAINTIFF,

VS. BRANDON MICHAEL WARD DEFENDANT

**NOTICE TO NONRESIDENT DEFENDANT**

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

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

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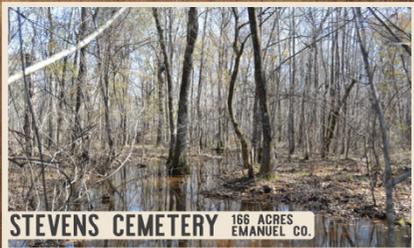
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## News from under...

(From page 1D)

within that estimate. There will be many hard decisions made in the next few days. I will keep you posted as we move through the process.

I am honored to serve the 158th House district and to continue to represent you as the Chairman of the House Health Sub-Committee on Appropriations. I also serve as a member of the Economic Development, Banks and Banking, and

Rules Committees.

Please feel free to contact me throughout the session with your thoughts or concerns on pending issues, or whenever I can be of service. My legislative office is located in Room 245 of the State Capitol, and you can reach me by phone at 404-463-2247 or email me at [butch.parrish@house.ga.gov](mailto:butch.parrish@house.ga.gov).

Follow me on Facebook for updates throughout the year.



DR. McCARTNEY, MINCEY, AND REDESSIE LEWIS, MA, GREET REP. PARRISH AT THE DRIVE-THRU TESTING SITE AT EAST GEORGIA HEALTHCARE CENTER IN SWAINSBORO

## INVITATION TO QUOTE

Emanuel County Board of Education is accepting quotes for the 2020 ~ 2021 school year for:

1. Ultra-Low Sulphur Diesel/Unleaded Gas (Form provided)

Quotes will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. June 30, 2020, at the Board of Education Central Office,  
Mail: 201 N. Main Street, Swainsboro, Ga 30401  
Fax: (478) 419-1102  
Email: [jware@emanuel.k12.ga.us](mailto:jware@emanuel.k12.ga.us)

For further information and specifications, contact; (478) 237-6674  
Jansen W. Ware, Director of Operations

Services are for FY 20-21 school term with one-year rollover contingent upon acceptable service evaluation by Transportation Department.

The Emanuel County of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all quotes.

The Emanuel County Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, and religion, national origin, sex, age or handicap/disability in its educational programs, activities or employment practices.

## No injuries reported in three-vehicle crash on I-16

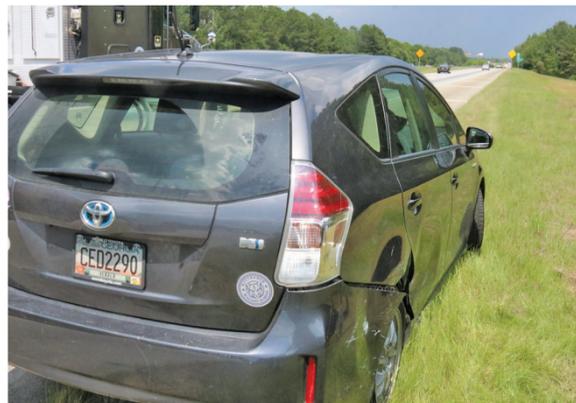
by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO

On Saturday afternoon, June 20, a tire blowout caused a three-vehicle crash.

Emanuel County EMS, firefighters from Oak Park, sheriff's deputies, and Georgia State Patrol were dispatched to I-16 Eastbound at mile marker 87.5.

When the rear tire on the 2017 Hyundai Accent failed, the female driver lost control and spun out, striking two vehicles. A Toyota Prius containing a family of four and a GMC four-door Yukon XL received damage. Thankfully, there were no injuries reported as EMS evaluated the occupants.

Traffic on the Interstate was heavy during the incident, it was obvious that many drivers did not follow the move-over law, putting responders at risk until the scene was cleared up. A sheriff's deputy transported the family to Swainsboro to make arrangements to get back home. The crash was investigated by Georgia State Patrol.



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