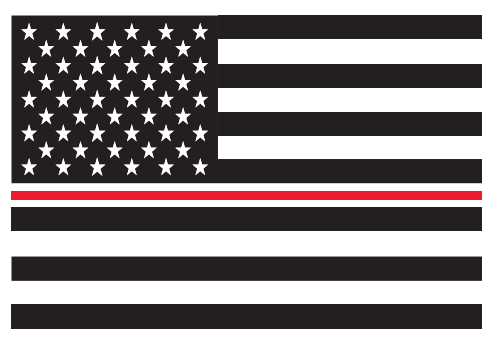




THE MANY Faces of HEALTH CARE



THE NEWS IS PROUD TO PUT A SPOTLIGHT ON **THE MANY FACES OF HEALTH CARE** WHO ARE LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19, BROUGHT TO YOU BY SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM. **11A**

SPRING TRADITION



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Frederica Academy fourth-grade girls circle barefoot around the May Pole as they wrap the pole with colorful ribbons. At least 900 turned out Friday to watch Frederica Academy's combined Grandparents Day and traditional May Day ceremony along with the upper school honors day. Like other institutions, the school had to avoid large crowds during successive large outbreaks of COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021. It was a day when many students wore spring dresses and blazers and khaki pants in the traditional annual celebration.



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Above, other members of the May Day court look on as Frederica Academy May Day queen Sophia Holloway gets a crown of flowers as her escort Evan Moitoso stands with her. Below, the largest Frederica Academy May Day crowd since 2019 watches as Thomas Veal escorts court member Megan Trowbridge.



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The Frederica Academy May Day court stands in front of the crowd on Grandparents Day as the May pole stands in the background with its ribbons still anchored.

County fire chief looking for assistant

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Glynn County Fire Rescue Chief R.K. Jordan does not see his job as one that can be accomplished behind a desk.

And yet, that's where he often finds himself, unable to even get out of the department's headquarters off the Ga. 25 Spur most days. He has a solution, and that's to hire an assistant fire chief to handle the day-to-day management of the fire department's four divisions — operations, emergency medical services, professional standards and special services.

"A fire chief is the leader of the department so it would free me up to do the long-range planning, do succession planning, work toward fire department accreditation," Jordan told The News.

He offered this solution to the

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Elections board mails cards to voters

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The Glynn County Board of Elections is mailing precinct cards to thousands of registered voters on the islands and the mainland.

Unless the recipient has a change of address, no action is required. A change of address form is on the back of the card.

"Not all registered voters are receiving one," said Chris Channell, county director of elections and registration. "They will only receive one if something has changed in their district or precinct."

"They tell a voter that they are registered, their precinct, their

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Friends, family of late musician gather to mourn, remember his life

By TAYLOR COOPER
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Travis Payne's family and friends gathered in Jekyll Square in downtown Brunswick Thursday to mourn and remember the impact he had on everyone he met.

Music filled the square adjacent to Topsy McSway's — a bar and restaurant at which Payne worked and spent much of his time — as

mourners laughed, cried, caught up with old friends and discussed the late musician and bartender.

A 41-year-old Glynn County native, Payne died earlier this month as a result of injuries suffered during an altercation with Edward Aaron Hunter III, 17, of Waynesville, at a private party at I-95 Toyota of Brunswick, according to Glynn County police.

Hunter was arrested a little less

than a week later on charges of felony involuntary manslaughter and fighting. He remained in the Glynn County Detention Center on Friday.

Father Tim McKeown, pastor at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, delivered some words of comfort and prayer. He recited the first few verses of Chapter 14

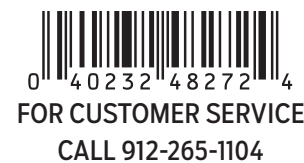
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Taylor Cooper/The Brunswick News

Mourners gather in Jekyll Square Thursday to remember the life of Travis Payne, a local musician who was killed in an altercation at a private party at I-95 Toyota of Brunswick earlier this month. Well over 150 people came together in the square adjacent to Topsy McSway, where Payne worked for a time and frequented.

DAYBREAK



WEATHER
High 82, Low 65.
Partly cloudy. 9A

COVID-19 stats as of 3 p.m. Friday from the DPH

GEORGIA
CASES 1.95M | DEATHS 31K

GLYNN COUNTY
CASES 23,178 | DEATHS 360

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