

County Manager Shane Richardson Speaks At Millage Public Hearing

Speaking at the public hearing on the 2025 millage rate, newly-appointed County Manager Shane Richardson said that a rollback millage would not be possible because “we were short about \$2.4 million in the budget approved in the fall.”

Richardson added, “I can’t help what happened in 2024,”

a reference to the county’s financial woes that surfaced, causing a 3.99 mill increase.

He said that the budget in the fall did not factor in debt. “This mess we inherited,” he told the audience at the public hearing, the second of three public hearings on the budget.

A third is set for Tuesday at 9 a.m., after which the

county commission is expected to adopt the millage rate.

Only one person spoke from the audience at the public hearing Monday.

Roger Houston, one of the county’s largest landowners, told commissioners, “We have an expenditure problem.” He said that the county failed to take action to address the

problem of government ownership of county land. The Townsend Bombing Range, Fort Stewart and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources owns about 60% of Long County’s land.

“Forty percent of our digest is covering 100% of our budget,” said Houston.

Richardson has promised

to cut department budgets and has placed a freeze on hiring since he came on board January 1.

The millage rate is expected to be set at 18.707 mills on ad valorem taxes, which is expected to generate over \$7 million of the county’s \$9,046,098 budget.



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Eye On



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By MITTIE VAUGHAN
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The City of Ludowici Council Tuesday approved the final plat on Phase III of Paxton Hill Subdivision. Once completed, Paxton Hill will have 450 residences, according to Mayor Jim Fuller.

Local developer John Kuhaneck hopes to build 120 apartment units in the city of Ludowici, according to Mayor Jim Fuller.

Jeremy Hall was elected county commission chairman Monday.



Sylvia Davis Recognized

City of Ludowici retiree Sylvia Davis was recognized at the Ludowici City Council meeting Tuesday morning. Mayor Jim Fuller presented a crystal plaque to Mrs. Davis, who said that she began work with the city 28 years ago. She said that she received training from Frank Middleton, James Fuller and Nancy Fuller and enjoyed her work with the City of Ludowici. Mayor Fuller presented her with the award during Tuesday’s meeting. of the Ludowici City Council.

PHOTO BY MITTIE VAUGHAN

City Of Ludowici’s Sewer Plant Has Issues That May Be Addressed With Baffles & Aerators

Tests of the city’s wastewater system recently revealed that wastewater has a high level of ammonia, which Mayor Jim Fuller says is problematic.

“We’ve had an issue with ammonia showing up in our system,” he said. Mayor Fuller said this usually indicates

He said that the high ammonia levels came when water was tested in recent weeks and noted that the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has expressed concerns.

Mayor Fuller said that he is hopeful the issue could be addressed

with aerators and baffles. He has a meeting with a representative of Georgia Rural Water concerning the issue.

He said that sludge and sediment in the bottom of the pond could be causing the issue. Dredging the pond could be a solution. He has met with Hofstadter & Associates, the city’s engineer. The City of Ludowici may have to dredge the pond, Mayor Fuller said. “That should buy you a lot of time,” he said during Tuesday morning’s Ludowici City Council meeting.

A new sewerage system would cost the city \$15 to \$20 million, he said.



Groundbreaking Hosted At Our Lady Of Guadalupe Church

On Sunday January 12, 2026 after the 11 am Spanish Mass of the Feast of “The Baptism of Our Lord”, the groundbreaking ceremony of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 3879 Smith-Berry Rd. in Long County Ga, began. It was a long awaited dream of the parishioners of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for this church to be built. With lots of prayers, fundraisers, and help from other church communities, it has finally come true. So hopefully if all goes as planned the parishioners will hold next Christmas in their new church. Payers for a timely construction within the budget are greatly welcomed and appreciated. In Picture from left to right: Gumarcindo Gomez, Parishioner of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sister Paulynn Instenes from the Order of the Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) out of La Crosse, WI, Father John “Ronnie” Madden (Ret) of Christ the King Parish in Pine Mountain, GA, Father Gabriel “Gabe” Cummings of St Frances Cabrini Parish in Savannah, Fr. Vicente Terrazas, pastor of St. Christopher, Claxton, and its missions, Holy Cross, Pembroke; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sand Hill; and St. Jude, Glennville, Most Reverend Bishop Stephen D. Parkes, the Fifteenth Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah, GA, Fr. Godwin Oje Nwode of St John Basilica in Savannah, Blanca, Parishioner of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sister Laura Nettles, FSPA and Sister Sue Ernster, FSPA.

Church Page

Faith

Motivation Grace For The Journey

BY BROTHER DAVID (JAKE) JACOBS



Grace is the road to salvation, and also the road to spiritual transformation! Grace is defined as undeserved favor or mercy. There are millions of people right now who are lost in their mind and heart. They have lost hope! Grace is a benign attitude and a willingness to grant favors or make concessions. Grace is a mild or merciful disposition in one having the power or duty of punishing. That's exactly what Jesus Christ gave us! God the Father did not want to destroy human beings so He sent His Son to die for us by taking our place.

Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

There is nothing we can do to earn or merit salvation. As we grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, outward sins slip away and we begin to feel good about ourselves to avoid self-righteousness and pride. Titus 2:11-12, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and

godly, in this present world;"

Augustine said, "For grace is given not because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them."

George Whitefield in the 18th century said, "To check therefore all suggestions to spiritual pride, let us consider, that we did not apprehend Christ, but were apprehended of Him. That we have nothing but what we have received."

Max Lucado in 1991 said, "To accept grace is to admit human failure, a step we are hesitant to take. We opt to impress God with how good we are rather than confessing how great He is!" David Hawkins in 2006 said, "God's grace is just that - grace, unmerited favor. Nothing I will do can ever cause Him to love me more or less."

According to 2 Peter 3:18, we can grow in grace. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord...we could have the heaven we don't deserve." The more we walk in the light we have, the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ grows us and His grace becomes more prevalent to us.

The word "grace" is mentioned 170 times

in the Bible. It is God's grace that brought Jesus from Heaven to be our Savior and Guide. Nobody is good enough within themselves. The price of Redemption could only be paid with sinless stain blood.

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! Randy Alcorn in 2003 said, "The cost of redemption cannot be overstated. The wonders of grace cannot be overemphasized. Christ took the hell He didn't deserve so we could have the heaven we don't deserve."

I will never forget my brother took a whipping for me when we were little. He didn't want me to cry anymore. I didn't understand at the time, but he was my big brother! That's Grace!

And God heard the cry of His creation the same way. So today friend, as you walk as a follower of Christ, keep in mind the grace of God He did for you. It is He who is at work in us by His Spirit, and our privilege is to know and follow Him! He will lead us HOME! Enjoy your journey!

I am Bro Jake and together we can make a difference with God's help!

Pastor's Viewpoint

By CHARLES (BUDDY) WHATLEY

Pastor's viewpoint is written by Charles 'Buddy' Whatley, a retired Methodist pastor serving Dawson Street Methodist Church in Thomasville, Georgia

A springbok is an antelope related to the gazelle family but not a true gazelle because of one hidden patch of white hair on its back. That patch of white hair is hidden in a fold of skin on the springbok's back and can only be seen during pronking... an unusual act of jumping stiff-legged with the back bowed. And now we're going to discover how the springbok and pronking are related to Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John...

But first you should know the springbok is both the symbol and nickname of the South African rugby team. In a racially divided country, Nelson Mandela had

spent 27 years in prison for opposing the white apartheid government. Then, in 1995, South Africa was chosen to host the World Cup Rugby Tournament, and their national team was 100% white in a country that was 80% black. It did not look good...

Then Nelson Mandela made a public appearance in a rugby jersey and cap with Springbok logo on both. He said simply, "These are our boys now. They may be all white, but they're our boys, and we must get behind them and support them in this tournament. That was one side of the problem..."

The next day, the Springbok coach took his team to prison and said, "This is the cell where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. He was kept here for 27 years by the racist policies of our government. We

tolerated his imprisonment for all those years, and yet he has backed us publicly. We can't let him down." And they didn't...

They won the World Cup and for the first time whites and blacks danced together in the streets to celebrate their victory! (From "The Human Factor," a movie directed by Clint Eastwood starring Morgan Freeman as Nelson Mandela)

"[67] And his (John the Baptist's) father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying: [68] "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people... [71] Salvation from our enemies, And from the hand of all who hate us." (Luke 1)

Bible Lesson

Jesus Commended Gentile Faith

Luke 4:16-30 records Jesus' preaching at Nazareth, his hometown,

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

"And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

"To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

"And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

"And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

"And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?"

"And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

"And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

"But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

"But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

"And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.

"And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

"And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the

brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

"But he passing through the midst of them went his way,"

We are saved by faith, and Jesus was telling those in his hometown of two examples of faith. Two Gentiles had more faith than the people of Israel in both these cases, the widow of Zeraheth, a Sidonian, and Naaman, the Syrian.

The people of his hometown were so incensed at him that they attempted to throw him off a cliff. Jesus escaped from them.

In Luke 7:1-10, Jesus commended another Gentile for his faith.

"Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

"And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

"And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.

"And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this:

"For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

"Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof:

"Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.

"For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

"When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

"And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick."

Hebrews 11:6 tells us how important faith is.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

We are saved by faith, as Romans 10:9-10 tells us.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Ephesians 2:8 - 10 also speaks of faith.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

"Not of works, lest any man should boast.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

If we have faith to believe, we also will show our faith by our works, as James 2:17-18 tells us.

"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

"Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."

Although Jesus did not commend the faith of the Samaritan, who stopped to give aid to a traveler who had been robbed on the highway in the story of what we call the Good Samaritan, he did make an example of the man's compassion toward his neighbor. We are likewise told to love our neighbor as ourself.

So faith shows itself in good works.

How do we get faith to believe? Romans 10:17 tells us plainly.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

How much time do most of us spend in the Word of God? Probably not enough!

The gospel of John begins with the words, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Then John 1:14 tells us, "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Jesus is the Word that we are told to abide in.

Editorial Page

We Commend Rep. Buddy Carter For His Support Of Georgia's Ports

The Georgia Ports are critical infrastructure, giving southeast Georgia a leg up economically and promoting economic growth for the entire state of Georgia.

So it was good news that Congressman Buddy Carter was able to secure funding for the ports in recent days.

Rep. Earl L. "Buddy" Carter (R-GA) said he secured \$67.3 million in the House-passed Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026, to fund the United States Army Corps of Engineers' modification and maintenance of the Port of Brunswick and the Port of Savannah.

This investment is crucial to both the Port of Brunswick and the Port of Savannah in their continued service to local and global trade. They are the #1 gateway in the nation for autos and heavy machinery roll-on/roll-off, as well as the largest single-terminal container facility in North America, respectively. In FY24 alone, Georgia's ports accounted for 11% of Georgia's total sales, amounting to \$174 billion.

"With investments in the Savannah and Brunswick ports, Georgia is poised to continue its streak of 12 consecutive years as the best state to do business," said Rep. Carter. "Our ports aren't just the lifeblood of the Southeast; they power the global economy. These strategic modifications and maintenance projects will strengthen Georgia's economy, create more jobs, boost revenue, and solidify our state's position as an international trade leader."

"Georgia's deep-water ports in Savannah and Brunswick

are two of the nation's most important hubs for commerce – supporting the growing demands of the Southeast and beyond. This funding is critical to the continued efficient flow of cargo to and from American agriculture, retail and manufacturing interests. We applaud the Georgia delegation, Congress and the Administration for their continued leadership on behalf of the Georgia Ports Authority and our customers," said Griff Lynch, President & CEO, Georgia Ports Authority.

Among other provisions, the bill includes:

- \$17.9 million for Brunswick Harbor Operation and Maintenance, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- \$48.9 million for Savannah Harbor Operation and Maintenance, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- \$500,000 for the Savannah Harbor Deepening Study

- Brunswick Harbor Modifications Project final funding via reprogramming.

This is good news for southeast Georgia, but it is even better news for the Southern Alliance, the Southeast Georgia Joint Development Authority, that includes Brantley, Camden, McIntosh, Wayne, Charlton and Glynn Counties. The Alliance has a real spur into the Brunswick Port.

That JDA was the first in the area to have a project that brought in funds to a JDA. Each year the Alliance funds a number of projects and pays dues for the six counties in a number of economic development engines.

We commend Rep. Carter for his recognition of the importance of the Georgia ports, both of which are located in the First District of Georgia.

--MKV

Pressing Issues: Signs of the Times South Georgia Hasn't Grown Appreciably

By MITTIE VAUGHAN
Editor And Publisher



South Georgia hasn't grown much in the past 20 years--except Long County---although the work by southeast Georgia's economic development engines may change all that in coming years.

With a number of joint development authorities active in the area and several local development authorities working to create economic development and growth, it is very possible that southeast Georgia will grow more rapidly in the next 10 years than it has in the past 30.

A lot of that is due to several economic development grant programs that are enabling development authorities to get their infrastructure to GRAD-certified standards, meaning that the site shovel-ready for a new industry.

That includes getting infrastructure, including roads and water and sewer service, permits and environmental and other studies completed. Those are items that could hold up development of a property for months or even years.

Wetlands delineation, archeological studies, endangered spe-

cies surveys and more could hold up a new industry for months, and these are some of the things that the state wants development authorities to have in place. Once all of the studies are done and the infrastructure is in place, the state will award the GRAD-certified designation, which then makes the site more attractive to developers.

The State then will bring industrial prospects to the site, confident that it gives Georgia a step up in its competition with other states in attracting new industries.

Ware, Pierce, Brantley and Camden are all counties working to get their industrial parks GRAD-certified in an effort to bring in new industry.

It's important to have jobs in a community if a community wants its young people to stay in the community or to return to the community after college.

Young people are looking for jobs that pay enough to raise a family, build a home, make a life for themselves. If a community doesn't have any jobs to offer, they will go elsewhere.

Economic development is a major part of lowering taxes for local citizens as well. If a community is only a bedroom community to a larger city, it means that taxes will be fairly high in that community.

Businesses and industries typically take some of the burden off local taxpayers, and that is another major reason that communities are spending a good bit of money in trying to recruit new industry.

Gov. Brian Kemp has begun the Rural Initiative Grant Program that is helping some of the development authorities to get their industrial parks GRAD-certified. GRAD-certification is worth its weight in gold because it means that state developers will bring prospective industries to the site to look at it. That's a first step in getting a new industry.

Area counties also work hard to help its existing industries to expand. A good bit of the growth in jobs in southeast Georgia is a result of expansion of existing industries, including Stewart Candy in Pierce County and GATX in Ware County.

An Old Geezer Looking For New Tricks

By Dr. James L. Snyder

Although the year is new, I'm still an old geezer. I think I know what geezer means, but I'm not sure what the definition of "old" is. One person's old is another person's youth. Believe me, I don't know the difference.

I do know that I am a geezer because occasionally, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will look at me and say, "Are you acting like an old geezer?"

I stare at her for a moment and respond, "Oh, no my dear. I'm not acting."

With the New Year underway, I'm reflecting on my responsibilities as an old geezer. This year, I'm looking for some new tricks. None of my tricks up to this point has worked as planned. I need something new this year that's going to help me perfect my old geezerhood.

I reflected on some of the tricks I used this past year. Tricks like, "I just don't remember that." Or, "I was doing something else at the time."

I need to learn some new tricks to address the situation at hand. I need an excuse for not doing what she wants me to do. Up

to this point, she is not falling for "I can't remember."

One trick might work. "I was thinking about that, my dear, but I wanted to wait and get your advice on it."

I need to come up with another trick. I thought of one. When she looks at me and asks me what I'm thinking, I could say, "I was just thinking about how lucky I am to have you in my life. What a blessing you are."

The purpose of these "new tricks" is to divert attention away from me and put it back on her. I'm going to spend a lot of time this year finding out as many new tricks as I possibly can.

There is another trick I need to focus on, and that is when she asks me what I want for supper. She usually asks me right after lunchtime when I'm really not hungry. I'm trying to think of what to say to take the pressure off me.

Maybe I could say, "Oh, my dear, anything you make would be pleasing to me. You're the best chef I know."

Not only is she good in the kitchen, but she is also good with clothing.

Sometimes, not often, she will come from the bedroom, stand before me, and ask, "I just bought this dress, what do you think of it?"

I look back at her and give it some thought. The only thing that comes to mind is, "Oh, my dear, anything you wear looks amazing." And, I will smile my best smile. I don't know how many times I can get away with it, but I'll take it as far as I can go.

I couldn't help but think of a verse from the Bible that is relevant to this subject.

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

Sometimes we need to agree to disagree. We have differences of opinion and taste. But the secret of a good relationship is to find that area where we agree. That becomes the foundation of our relationship and can bring blessings in.

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Signed Letters To The Editor Are Always Welcome In This Newspaper.

Report From Our Nation's Capitol

By **BUDDY CARTER**
U.S. Representative



Enjoy Your Free Trial

After our one-week free trial of 2026, I'm ready to subscribe to a full year of Trump's America First policies.

We're only 11 days into the New Year, and already President Trump is delivering on his promise to make America safer, more prosperous, and healthier in major ways.

This administration took a bold step to increase national security by taking out Venezuela's illegitimate leader, Nicolás Maduro. This man is a narco-terrorist who sent drugs and criminals into our country to kill and harm American citizens, including children. Let's not forget, Laken Riley's killer was from Venezuela, and Maduro shares the blame for her tragic murder. He's also responsible for fueling this nation's drug overdose and poisoning epidemic, which kills the tens of thousands of our friends and neighbors every single year, including right here in Georgia. Maduro is an evil individual who already ran Venezuela into the ground and was continuing to dig even further. The criminal charges he now faces in New York are just the beginning of justice being served for his crimes against humanity.

Meanwhile, our Senator Jon Ossoff has remained silent on this issue, begging the question: Does he stand with a narco-terrorist or the Georgia families who want to see Venezuelan drugs and criminals off our streets? We deserve an answer, Senator.

I'd be remiss if I didn't take time to acknowledge the outstanding work of our military and law enforcement agencies in pulling off this tremendously successful and dangerous operation, without any loss of American life. We have the best and strongest fighting force in the world; no other country could have pulled this off, and I applaud those who braved this mission for their courage and patriotism.

Speaking of bravery, despite being villainized and having violence incited against them by the radical left, our Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents are standing up to illegal aliens and domestic terrorists by enforcing the law and protecting our communities against criminal activity. I thank them for their continued dedicated service to our nation, even when their lives are on the line.

Those radical leftists who believe they can disrupt lawful ICE activity, harm agents, and attempt to run them over with their vehicles learned an important lesson this week – there will be a price to pay for your violent, lawless actions.

Under this president, we don't just have a secure border and safer cities; we also have an economy that is on the rise. The December jobs report, released this week, shows that unemployment rates fell, more jobs were created, and wages are surging, proving that President Trump's America

First policies are working. As Trump's policies take full effect and we continue down the path of healing from the Biden-Harris tax and spend regime, I am confident that 2026 will bring economic prosperity and more money in Georgians' wallets. In fact, I can almost guarantee it, because the Working Families Tax Cuts kicked in for the 2025 tax cycle, putting up to \$5,000 back in the average Georgia family's wallet. That's not just extra money; that's food on the table, a roof over your head, dollars in your kid's college fund, and financial peace of mind.

Promises Made, Promises Kept.

The Make America Healthy Again movement scored a big win this week as well, with the Administration rolling out a new food pyramid that's based on modern nutrition science. The message is as simple as it is effective: Eat real food! Protein, dairy, healthy fats, fruits, vegetables, and whole grains are all part of a well-rounded diet. As a health care professional, I fully endorse this move and thank Secretaries Kennedy and Rollins, along with President Trump, for their commonsense leadership.

Folks, we are on a roll for 2026, and it's quite literally just the beginning. I can't wait to see what America First wins are in store for the remainder of the year.

Buddy's Briefing

On this week's edition of Buddy's Briefing, we discuss the egregious \$9 billion fraud scheme coming out of Minnesota under the leadership of Democratic Governor Tim Walz.

From Our Nation's Capitol CDXCXLVII

Monday, January 5, 2026: As I begin my 12th year representing the great people of the First Congressional District of Georgia, I am reminded of the honor and privilege it is to be your voice in Washington, DC. For me, the shine has not worn off as I am still excited every time I come to Washington. To serve in Washington is certainly an honor, particularly when you represent the area where you have lived all your life and intend to live the rest of your life. Yesterday, I took the train from Union Station in DC to Penn Station in New York City and met with a group of New York pharmacists to bring them up to date on pharmacy issues being discussed in DC. This morning, I am up early and on set at Fox Studios as I have an interview on Fox and Friends First to discuss to discuss the situation in Venezuela and politics. Later, I am a guest on the Brian Kilmeade radio show on Fox as we discuss a number of issues with Venezuela being the main focus of the interview. Afterwards, I head to the studios of Newsmax nearby as I am live with Shaun Kraisman as we discuss - you guessed it - Venezuela. After a meeting, I head back to our hotel and have a virtual interview with Atlanta First

News regarding Venezuela before having a virtual interview with WSB-TV to discuss Venezuela.

Tuesday, January 6, 2026: I'm back at the Fox Studios this morning as I join Maria Bartiromo on the set of Fox Business's Mornings with Maria to discuss Venezuela and news of the day. After a meeting, I join in on our all staff conference call before joining in on a call with our district team call and then head to Penn Station for my return train trip back to Washington. Once back in our office on Capitol Hill, I meet with representatives from ChatGPT to discuss their new health programs they will be rolling out this week before meeting with our scheduling staff followed by our legislative staff and finally our communications staff. Next, I head to the House Chamber for our first vote series of the week and afterwards head off Capitol Hill and join the Main Street Caucus for a meeting with Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA). Today has been a very difficult day for many of us in the House as we have learned of the sudden and unexpected death of our colleague, Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) in the early morning hours, and that another colleague, Rep. Jim Baird (R-IN) and his wife have been involved in a serious car crash and are in ICU in an Indiana hospital.

Wednesday, January 7, 2025: I'm live on the radio with my good friends in Jesup on the world famous Butch and Bob show as we discuss Venezuela and news of the day. Next, I head to a Meet the Cabinet series that has been set up by Republican leadership where our guest this week is my good friend VA Secretary Doug Collins. Doug and I served together in the Georgia State House of Representatives and also in Congress for many years. We are very proud of Doug and the work he is doing with our Veterans. Afterwards, I head to our weekly GOP Conference meeting before heading back to our office, where I meet with representatives of Chemo Mouthpiece, a medical device used to treat mouth sores of patients undergoing Cancer treatments. Next, I meet with Medicus, a company that manufactures an innovative skin cancer treatment for non-melanoma skin cancers, before heading to the Congressional Visitors Center (CVC) for a classified members only briefing on the Venezuela operation, referred to as "Operation Absolute Resolve." During the briefing, we are given a review of the exercise and hear of the legal charges against Nicholas Maduro by a number of cabinet members, including Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, and Attorney General Pam Bondi. After the briefing, I head to a meeting of the conservative Republican Study Committee (RSC), where we hear from my good friend, political commentator Scott Jennings, and then head to an Energy and Commerce (E&C) Energy

Online Linen Sale Benefits SGHS

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: January 9, 2026 – Southeast Georgia Health System Volunteer Services has teamed up with Southern Comfort Bedding to present a convenient online Linen Sale, offering an extensive selection of ultra-soft sheets, pillows, blankets, comforters and more.

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Congressman Carter

Subcommittee hearing on nuclear energy. Once back in our office, I meet with our White House liaison Joe Ballard, before heading to the House Chamber for our first and only vote series of the day. Afterwards, I head off Capitol Hill for a meeting of the Southern members of Congress.

Thursday, January 8, 2025: Our guest this morning at our weekly GOP Doctors' Caucus meeting is the U.S. Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA), Georgia's own Kelly Loeffler, who brings us up to date on what the SBA is doing to help small businesses in healthcare. Once back in our office, I have an on-camera interview with my good friend John Fredericks as we discuss news of the day. Afterwards, I head to an E&C Health Subcommittee hearing where we discuss pending legislation before heading back to my office. Later, I speak at a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) reform hill briefing, where about 50 pharmacists from around the country have been brought in by different associations to discuss PBM reform. Afterwards, I head to the House Chamber for our first vote series of the day and afterwards head to the Cannon Caucus room, where the Republican Conference has arranged a media row of various outlets for members to speak about the 2026 Republican agenda. Next, I head back to the House Chamber for our second vote series and afterwards pay trib-

ute to Sonny Morris, a Winder, GA, city councilmember who is retiring after serving for 40 years on the city council. Staying in the House Chamber, I participate in a special order in honor of Rep. Doug LaMalfa, who was a good friend of mine and who I will miss tremendously.

Friday, January 9, 2025: I'm back in the House Chamber first thing this morning as I speak on HR 5184, the Affordable HOMES Act that will remove duplicative manufactured housing regulations to help restore the American Dream of homeownership for millions of families. After heading to an E&C member meeting to discuss next week's committee schedule, I head back to the House Chamber for our final vote of the week before heading back to our office to film this week's edition of Buddy's Briefing. Next, I have a live virtual interview on Fox Business with Stuart Varney to discuss the situation in Minneapolis and legislation that I have introduced, the Fraud Accountability Act. After a virtual meeting with our office consultant, I head to the airport for my flight to Atlanta and during the drive have a conference call with our District Director and Chief of Staff, and also face-time our Air Force Academy principal nominee, James Kennedy of Glynn County, to let him know he has been chosen for the nomination and congratulate him.

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Obituaries

Crystal Jamie Sands

Crystal Jamie Sands, 40, passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in Savannah. Born in Ft. Sill, OK, she lived in Long County for 35 years. She received her degree from Valdosta State University and was a Kindergarten teacher for the Long County School System. Before teaching, she was an assistant store manager, and she attended Grace Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her father, Earl (Jackie) Whigham.

Survivors are her husband, Lee Sands of Ludowici; daughters, Shelby Horner and Jamie Sands of Ludowici; sons, Blake Horner and Alec Horner of Screven, Tanner Horner of Hinesville, and Tyler Sands of Ludowici; mother, Saun-

dra Whigham of Jesup; sister, Candi Pitts (Jacob) of Jesup; brothers, Joel Whigham of Garfield and Carl Whigham (Amanda) of Pleasant Mount, PA; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 11, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Ludowici with Jacob Pitts officiating. A private burial followed in the Sands Family Cemetery. Visitation was held on Saturday, January 10, beginning at 5 p.m. at Howard Funeral Home. Active pallbearers were family and friends. Family and friends may sign the online register at www.howardfuneralga.com.

Arrangements were under the direction of Howard Funeral Home of Ludowici.

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Local News

Commissioners Meet First Tuesday

The Long County Board Of Commissioners meet each first Tuesday of the month for the regular meeting of the commission.

The county commission meeting is held at 6 p.m. .

The public is invited to attend and may call the commission office to get on the agenda of the meeting, according to The meeting will be held at 6 p.m., beginning with the October meeting.

Ludowici Council Meets 2nd Tuesday

The regularly scheduled council meeting is held the second Tuesday of each month at the Ludowici City Hall.

The Ludowici Council usually meets at 9 a.m. in the meeting room-courtroom at Ludowici City Hall.

The public is invited, according to Mayor Jim Fuller,

Family Connections Meeting Set 3rd Wednesday

The Ludowici-Long County Family Connection meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.

Family Connections may be reached at Ludowici-Long County Family Connection, 50 Martin Luther King Jr., SW Ludowici, GA 31316 or by calling (912) 977-2721.



Calendar Of Events



LCDA Meets Fourth Tuesday Of Month

The Long County Development Authority meets the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Brad Day is executive director of the Long County Development Authority.

The public is invited to all meetings of the authority.

Long P&Z Board Meeting Third Monday

The Long County Planning & Zoning Board meets the third Monday of each month.

The meeting previously was held on the second Tuesday of each month but has been changed, according to staff at the Long County Commission office.

The public is invited to attend the meetings, which begin at 6 p.m.

A Nugget from the Word of God

God's Heart Was Grieved

When God made man, he was created in the image of God, as Genesis 1:26 tells us. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

But, by the time of Noah, God was grieved that he had made man, the earth and all in it, as Genesis 6:5-7 states.

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

"And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

"And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them."

Genesis 6:11-13 tells us the following:

"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

"And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

"And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

But Genesis 6:8 tells us that Noah found grace in God's sight. Noah and his family were spared, as Genesis 6:17-18 tells us.

"And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

"But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee."

Do we grieve God?

The Apostle Peter speaks of that judgment long ago and the next judgment that will be by fire, as he wrote in II Peter 3:6-7.

"Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

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First Hispanic Baptist Church
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First Methodist Church
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Long Board of Education Is 2nd Tuesday

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a change in meeting date. The meeting begins at 4:30 p.m., at the Long

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2006, and a plat date of October 1, 2006, and recorded in Plat Book 20, page 216, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Long County, Georgia, said plat being incorporated herein by reference thereto for descriptive and all other purposes. Said lot of land being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: Northerly by the right of way of Mancey Garrason Loop NE; Easterly by Lot 76; Southerly by lands of Altamaha Equipment, Inc.; and Westerly by Lot 33, all as shown on the above referred to plat of survey.] Subject to that certain 10' Utility Easement as shown on that certain plat of survey made and prepared by Everett Tomberlin, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2922, with a survey date of September 6, 2006, and a plat date of October 1, 2006, and recorded in Plat Book 20, page 216, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Long County, Georgia.

Said property may more commonly be known as **412 Mancey Garrason Loop, Ludowici, GA 31316.** The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beat-tie Place, Greenville, SC 29601, 1-800-365-7107. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any

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Long County Students Make Mercer University's Honor Lists

MACON - Mercer University recently announced the President's List and Dean's List for the fall 2025 semester. Inclusion on these lists requires students to meet rigorous GPA standards specific to the college or school within the University.

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate and professional edu-

cation. The University enrolls more than 9,000 students enrolled in 12 schools and colleges - liberal arts and sciences, law, pharmacy, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing, health professions and professional advancement - on major campuses in Macon and Atlanta; medical school sites in Macon, Savannah and Columbus; and at regional academic centers in Henry

and Douglas counties. The following area students earned a place on the lists:

Ludowici, Georgia, students on the list include the following:

Amiyah Courtney-Harmon, senior, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, President's List

Delaila Marquez, senior, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Dean's List

Flu Shots Given At Long Health Dept.

Flu activity is currently very high in Georgia - on a scale of 1-13, Georgia is at a 13 according to the latest report released from the Georgia Department of Public Health. If you haven't already received a flu shot, it's not too late to get vaccinated and get some protection.

The Long County Health Department is now offering FREE flu shots for uninsured children and adults as long as supplies last. The health department is waiving the vaccine administration fee for individuals without health insurance coverage for the remainder of this flu season. Patients with health insurance may also receive no-cost flu shots, as most insurance plans cover flu vaccine

at no charge to the patient.

Appointments are required for vaccination. Call 912-545-2107 to schedule an appointment at the clinic at 584 North Macon Street in Ludowici.

Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season. Flu vaccine reduces your risk of getting an influenza infection. If you do catch the flu, the vaccine can lessen the length and severity of your illness.

Vaccination is especially important for individuals at high risk of complications from flu, such as:

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Re-evaluation of Property Resulted In Higher Tax Bills

The reevaluation of Long County property was part of a move statewide to adjust property values to correspond to the uptick in sale prices of property statewide,

according to newly-appointed County Manager Shane Richardson, who spoke at a public hearing on the millage rate Monday. Statewide, he said,

there were increases in sales prices after 202, necessitating reevaluations in Long and other counties. Long County's was done by GMASS.

United Way Of Coastal Empire Seeks Volunteers To Read January 30

United Way of the Coastal Empire will host Read United Day on Jan. 30, bringing volunteers and community leaders together to read to students and provide books to every prekindergarten through second grade student in Long County Public Schools.

"Read United Day is our largest volunteer event of the year and supports an initiative that impacts everyone: literacy," said Carissa Hendricks, regional county director for Liberty and Long counties. "In just one 30-minute volunteer session, you are planting a seed that

reinforces the importance of reading and that literacy can be fun."

Read United is a year-round initiative focused on strengthening early language and literacy for children across the region. Read United Day is the most visible component of the initiative, made possible by sponsors and donors who help United Way place a new book in the homes of prekindergarten through second-grade students across United Way's service area. Volunteers can sign up to read at unitedway-volunteers.org.

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Commissioner James Craft, who has served as commission chairman since Robert Parker stepped down in 2024, made the nomination of Jeremy Hall as commission chairman Monday. Hall was elected by a unanimous vote.

Teresa Johnson gave the invocation at the Long County Board of Commissioners' meeting Monday.

Roger Houston, who spoke at the public hearing on the millage rate, said that the pulpwood market in southeast Georgia has collapsed as well as the paper market, which he said is gone. Several pulp mills in southeast Georgia recently closed.

The town hall Thursday night was not advertised in The Long County Press. It will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m., according to an announcement at Monday's Long County Board of Commission meeting.

Long County is in violation of Georgia's Sunshine, Open Meetings Law. Former Commission Chairman James Craft was notified at the first of last year that the open meetings law requires notice to be given to a "newspaper of general circulation" in the county of all meetings, public hearings, called meetings, etc. of local governments. The Press has not been notified of local government meetings, public hearings or other events held by the county.

Local Students On Honor List

COLUMBIA, Mo. - Columbia College recently announced its dean's list for the Fall 2025 Semester (August-December 2025). To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed 12 undergraduate credit hours in a 16-week period and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0-point scale.

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Students from the area who received this honor include: Ludowici students Floyd Thompson, Fort Stewart - GA and John Zuniga, Online

Girl Scouts Of Historic Georgia Kicks Off National Cookie Season In February

ALBANY, GA— This week, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia kicks off the 2026 Girl Scout Cookie™ season as Girl Scouts explore more possibilities through the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world.

"The Girl Scout Cookie Program invites girls to explore new possibilities while building real world skills," said Krystal Crawford, CEO of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia. "We're thrilled to launch Exploremores™, a new cookie this year, as girls take the lead in running their very own cookie businesses. Through goal setting, problem-solving, and teamwork, they gain confidence and valuable experience that will serve them long after cookie season ends."

Exploremores™, a rocky road ice cream-inspired sandwich cookie, will join the legendary lineup for the 2026 Girl Scout Cookie season. Filled with delicious flavors of chocolate, marshmallow and toasted almond-flavored crème, Exploremores reflect the spirit of exploration at the heart of every Girl Scout. In addition to the exciting new cookie, the 2026 cookie lineup will include fan favorites such as Thin Mints®,

Samoas®, Tagalongs®, and more.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program® provides invaluable entrepreneurial skills for Girl Scouts across the country and funds experiences such as service projects, troop travel, and summer camp.

From a curious kindergartener, amazed by jellyfish at the local aquarium, to a middle schooler finding the courage to go on her first overnight trip with her troop, Girl Scouts know the road to discovery starts with exploration. Each cookie season, Girl Scouts develop important life skills like goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics through the Girl Scout Cookie Program. All proceeds from cookie sales stay with local councils and troops to power Girl Scouts' amazing experiences year-round.

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Scout, reach out to her.

• If you don't know a Girl Scout, check with your local council or use the Girl Scout Cookie-inder by entering your zip code. There you can find a troop selling at a nearby booth, or you can purchase cookies to be shipped directly to you from troops nationwide. This link can also be used to find a local booth, purchase cookies, and/or to donate cookies for local community causes.

• You can also text COOKIES to 59618 to stay informed about Girl Scout Cookie news. Learn more about the Terms and Conditions and the Privacy Policy.

Obituaries

Susan Elizabeth Thompson

Susan Elizabeth Thompson, 56, passed away Monday, January 5, 2026, at her home under the care of her family and Hospice of the Golden Isles. Born in Brunswick, she lived in Darien most of her life. She worked in hotel housekeeping for many years and was a homemaker. A loving wife,

mother, grandmother, and friend to all, she was mostly called "Anma", a title she cherished. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter-day Saints, and was preceded in death by an infant son, Thomas Howard Thompson, and her parents, John and Pearl Goodbread.

Blessing Grounds With Holy Water

Bishop Stephen D. Parkes is blessing the grounds of the future Our Lady of Guadalupe church with Fr. Vicente Terrazas, (pastor of St. Christopher, Claxton, and its missions, Holy Cross, Pembroke & Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sand Hill; and St. Jude, Glennville) holding the Holy Water.



Dr. Lindsey Rowley

M.D. INTERNAL MEDICINE

Dr. Rowley is a compassionate physician specializing in internal medicine. She is skilled in the diagnosis and treatment of adult chronic conditions, including diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, lung conditions, arthritis, and other persistent concerns. She is experienced in treating common illnesses and infections. Her focus is patient-centered, with a special interest in primary care and preventive medicine.

Dr. Rowley received her medical degree from Mercer University and completed her residency at the University of Florida Health Shands Hospital. She attained a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia. Dr. Rowley is a native of Wayne County and looks forward to caring for the community.



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