

When Will New Jail Open?

County Commission Authorizes Study For Cost Of Operation

When will the new Long County Jail open?

The Long County Board of Commissioners authorized a \$3,000 staffing analysis during last Tuesday's Long County Board of Commissioners meeting.

The staffing analysis will be conducted by a retiree from the Georgia Sheriff's Association.

County Manager Richardson said that the coun-

ty needs "accurate numbers on what we need to operate" the jail.

Sheriff Craig Nobles stated that the jail administrator he had hired gave figures that he believes are accurate. But he noted, "Now I don't have a jail administrator hired."

Sheriff Nobles did not say how much the former jail administration thought it would cost to open the

jail, but he said the former administrator checked with the medical, food service and other contractors to derive his figures.

The county commission authorized the \$3,000 study, and County Manager Richardson said that the county should have money later in the year after tax revenue is received to look at opening the jail.



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Eye On



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Editor And Publisher

The City of Ludowici hereby gives notice that the Ludowici City Council will hold its regular City Council Meeting on April 1, 2026, immediately following the Public Hearing scheduled for 9 a.m., at Ludowici City Hall, located at 469 N. Macon Street, Ludowici, Georgia. This meeting will serve in place of the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting previously set for April 14, 2026, which will not be held.

The Long County Board of Commissioners last week changed the language of its retirement program to allow those placed on 32-hour weeks to continue with their retirement program. County Manager Richardson as a belt-tightening measure has placed formerly 40-hour a week employees on 32 hours until tax revenue begins to come in.

A towing policy based on a policy for the City of Hinesville was proposed by Commissioner James Craft at the Long County Board of Commissioners meeting. One commissioner asked him, "How are we going to police this?" Sheriff Craig Nobles then said, "I don't know why this is an issue." County Attorney Luke Moses said, "This is the first time this has been brought to my attention" Commissioner Gerald blocker said, "I think we need to leave well enough alone." At that point, Commissioner Craft made a motion to table the proposal.

Candidates Invited To Long County Chamber PTP Event Scheduled For March 26

Since it is an election year, the annual PTP meeting of the Long County Chamber of Commerce will be an opportunity for candidates to briefly introduce themselves and their platform.

An invitation was issued to local and area candidates as well as candidates for statewide office, and a large number of candidates have responded.

They will be featured at the PTP meeting March 26, which is open to the public. The event will be held at the Long County Primary School Cafeteria. The Meet the Candidate event begins at 6 p.m.

Candidates who have responded to the invitation to attend include Commission candidates for District 2 Jerry Young (D) and Jacob Gardner (R).

Candidates for District 3 include Jeffrey Laymon (R) and Shawn Mills (R).

Candidates for Georgia Senate District 19 include Travis Hodges, (R), David Sikes (R), Dwayne Gillis (R), Joshua Wilkerson (D).

Georgia House District 167 candidate Laurie Thompson (D) also has indicated she will attend the Meet and Greet.

A number of candi-

dates for the First Congressional District U.S. House of Representatives seat also have responded to the invitation.

They include Kandiss Taylor (R), Patrick Farrell (R), Joseph Palimeno (D), Amanda Hollowell (D), Brian Montgomery (R), Krista Penn (R), Eugene Yu (R), Michael McCord (D), Randy Zurcher (D) and Sharon Stokes-Williamson (D.)

If additional candidates wish to be included, they have been asked to notify us by Thursday, March 19 so we can finalize the program.



98 Year Old Celebrates

Ninety eight year old Dorothea Deoetha Johnson is celebrated her birthday March 13. She was born March 13, 1928. She was honored by her sons and daughters-in-love: Johnnie & Angie Johnson, and Michael & Arlene Johnson. grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters, and brothers, the St. James Church family, and the Ludowici Community. Someone sent a poem to honor her. "Ninety-eight years, oh what a wonderful span; you have lived a life that is part of God's plan. With a smile that brings us so much cheer, we all love you more with each passing year.L

Upcoming Events Announced

Upcoming Meetings & Sessions

1st Public Hearing for the Future Land Use Update

March 19th @ 6:00 PM – BOC

County Manager Planning Commission (CMPC) – 3rd Quarter Community Planning

March 19th @ 6:00 PM – BOC

Future Land Use Stakeholder Meeting

March 30th @ 6:00 PM – BOC

CMPC – 3rd Quarter Housing, Education, and Roads

March 31st @ 6:00 PM – BOC

CMPC – 3rd Quarter Refuse, Fire, Recreation/Tourism

April 2nd @ 6:00

PM – BOC

CMPC – 3rd Quarter Community Planning

April 6th @ 6:00 PM – BOC

Regular BOC Monthly Meeting

April 7th @ 6:00 PM – BOC

Final Public Hearing for the Future Land Use Update

April 9th @ 6:00 PM – BOC

Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

(Postponed) April 20th @ 6:00 PM – BOC

Quarterly Town Hall

April 23rd @ 6:00 PM – Courthouse

The The County Manager Planning Committee (CMPC)—a quarterly public planning session designed to

gather ideas and collaborate with the community on new initiatives. These sessions will consist of just the County Manager and members of the public. No appointment or qualifications are required other than being a Long County resident.

Each session will be a 90-minute informal drop-in meeting, providing residents an opportunity to share ideas, concerns, and suggestions for improving our community.

"I encourage all Long County residents to attend and participate in shaping the future of our community. Your ideas and input are important," said County Manager Richardson.

Commissioners Set Called Meeting

The Long County Board of Commissioners will hold a Called Meeting on Thursday, March 26, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will

take place at the Long County Board of Commissioners Office, located at 468 S. McDonald Street, Ludowici, Georgia 31316.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the second reading and adoption of the Food Truck Ordinance.



COUNTY MANAGER SHANE RICHARDSON SETS MEET The next County Manager Planning Commission

SROs And Young Authors Recognized By Long BOE

The Long County Board of Education recognized SROs and Young Authors winners during its meeting last Tuesday.

In addition to the system winners, three students also were named RESA winners., including Elena Rogers, Abigail Medino and another student.

Mrs. Wingate recognized the Young Author winners during the board meeting. First District RESA Level Winners

2nd Grade
Third Place: Hannah Elquza

7th Grade
Honorable Mention: Alexia Harland

Church Page

Faith Motivation Never Alone

BY BROTHER DAVID (JAKE) JACOBS



It is lonely road to travel when you feel you're the only one traveling. But that is the way to grow. We are taught to have friends and that's good. We are taught to be a team player and that's good. But...the road we ultimately travel is one with self. Nobody understands you like you do. Try as others do, they will never understand your little joys, hurts, fears, hangups, courage, phobias, strengths and fortitude you possess.

But, God does! He understands why you cry for no reason. He understands why you feel alone in crowds. He understands why you judge yourself by others. The calmer you become the more content you are with yourself. The number one quest in life is peace--peace of soul, peace of spirit; peace of heart. Jesus Christ is called the Prince of Peace in Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

I have noticed in my journey of soul-winning as soon a person or people realize there's a better way to cope with life's trials and temptations, they find peace to

their troubled soul. The whole human race has a guilty conscious given from birth through the heritage of Adam falling in the Garden. This may seem strange but it's real! The spiritual scar of Adam's sin against the Creator God was carried down the lineage of humans. And until this problem is not dealt with by accepting your substitute Jesus Christ, peace will never be able to be obtained! This is the grace of Almighty God given in your place.

Titus 2:11-14, 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; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

It is Christ at work in us, not self-effort, that sets us apart from the world. This is the power of grace! Nothing you do but what Jesus Christ did! A reprieve to all your faults, failure and shortcomings. Jesus said in Matthew 28:20, "... And, lo, I am with you

always..." Jesus Christ understands us better than we understand ourselves. Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

We are never alone when we have faith in an All-knowing God! In my darkest hour I found this song I will share with you that the Spirit of God will help you too. "In the shadows where I wandered, through the valleys of despair, I felt the weight of darkness, felt like no one else was there. But in the stillness of the night, a whisper called my name. A light that pierced the blackness, said I'll never be the same. I've walked through fire and the storm, I've faced the giants of my own, but in my weakness, I am strong, for God was with me all along."

I thank the Lord Jesus Christ every day my parents were everyday Christians. Their faith was a way of life. It was not a Sunday faith; it was their life motivation 24/7. They lived the 'Golden Rule!' It was their banner of faith. You too can overcome your weakness with God's help! 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.

Now this early part of Jesus' story unfolds in two parts; the first part leading up to Matthew 2.19-23 where God leads Joseph and Mary to marry, move to Bethlehem, then to Egypt, and finally back to Nazareth and the second part in Luke 2.39-40 where Jesus grows up in the small town of Nazareth and "continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him."

Sometimes life feels like a detour; a wrong turn, a long wait, a life-changing diagnosis, an unexpected change of plans, a new job and a new home... something as simple as a red light or a road closed sign. Yet God very often does his best work along the de-

tours in our life's story; quietly guiding, protecting, and preparing this particular family for their future... for what is to come.

But for now, today's story begins in Matthew 2, "[19] But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord *appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, [20] "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead." [21] So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

Joseph has another dream with a barricade, a road closed sign and a detour all laid out from Egypt to Nazareth. Think of a GPS recalculating your trip. You miss a turn or get backed up by the traffic or the road is closed and suddenly a voice says, "Recalculating." You didn't plan for the detour and very likely

don't know the new route, but the GPS knows it and you simply obey the directions. Joseph's life must have felt like one long string of recalculations, yet God is never confused. Joseph has no idea where the road will lead, but God has it all planned out in advance... all Joseph and you and I have to do is "trust and obey, for there's no other way!"

Maybe you can remember a time when you narrowly avoided an accident, changed lanes at the right moment, slowed down unexpectedly, or missed a flight that later ran into trouble... you didn't know the danger, but God did! I remember someone saying, "The safest place on earth is in the center of God's will!"

Today, the invitation is simple: "Let God lead you; step by step, day by day, detour by detour, until you find yourself exactly where He always intended you to be."

Bible Lesson Part 5--Jesus After His Resurrection

We don't often consider Jesus' 40 days on earth after his resurrection. As the season of Lent is underway, let us consider what we know about his resurrection.

When Jesus told Peter what would take place in the future, Peter wanted to know what would happen in John's future. We can get the conversation from John 21:18-25.

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not.

"This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me."

"Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?"

"Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?"

"Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

"Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?"

"This is the disciple which testified of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen."

The Apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 15:3-10 of the appearances of Jesus to many.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

"And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

"And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

"After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

"After that, he was seen of James; then of all

the apostles.

"And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time."

Paul's ascertainment that Jesus was seen of over 500 brethren at one time is not contained in either of the gospels, but Paul apparently got that information from Peter or one of the other disciples.

Since Paul specified "brethren," he could have meant even more people than 500. Usually women and children were not counted, so if there were 500 men, it is certain that an even larger crowd witnessed this appearance.

We could conclude with the discipline John, who wrote in John 20:30-31 the following:

"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

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"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

"And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

"And ye are witnesses of these things.

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

"And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

"And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heav-

en.

"And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

"And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen."

Mark was a relative of Peter, and he probably heard Peter tell of the events surrounding Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. In Mark 16, he gives a synopsis of what occurred from the time of Jesus' resurrection until after Jesus' ascension.

"And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

"And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

"And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?"

"And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

"And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

"And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

"But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

"And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

"Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

"And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

"And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

"After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

"And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

(Continued next week)

Editorial Page

Why Are Democrats Fighting SAVE Act, Unless They Know...

Why are Democrats in Congress fighting the SAVE Act, the one that would require showing an ID to vote?

Could it be that they know that elections are being won or lost because those who could not produce a valid ID are voting?

It would seem so!

Georgia for years has required voters to produce a valid ID before they could vote. Some of us have been turned back at the polling place because we didn't have our ID with us. Georgia for years has required producing an ID before we could vote.

Over 80% of the American people from recent polling results agree with requiring voter ID.

So why are the Democrats in Congress fighting a bill that would require proof of voter eligibility?

It's so simple! People have to show ID to cash a check and to transact almost every other type of business. ID is even required to make a payment on one's internet service account.

So why shouldn't people have to produce an ID if they plan to vote?

It's a no-brainer for most of us. It's just good common sense to require an ID to vote. We hope that our two Georgia senators--Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock--will vote like most Georgians would like for them to vote. Georgia requires ID, and everyone else should as well. --MKV

Pressing Issues: Signs of the Times Daddy Died March 5, 1976

By MITTIE VAUGHAN
Editor And Publisher



Daddy died on March 5 fifty years ago. He died on March 5, 1976, at the age of 74.

Because he still had two daughters in high school, it seemed like such an untimely death to us.

Daddy had six children. He had a daughter, Louise Vaughan Lydic, by his first marriage, and he had the five children born to our mother and father--Kathleen Howell Vaughan and Charles N. Vaughan Sr.

I'm the oldest of the five children. Our brother Charles Vaughan Jr. lives at Dublin. Two are deceased, our late brother Richard and our late sister Martha. Only three of us survive, Mittie, Charles and our baby sister, Marianne Wright.

Daddy was born in Memphis, TN, but grew up at Metter, GA, where his father was in the insurance business. Our mother was originally from Pierce County, and she has a huge family connection dating back to the early 1800s.

Our maternal grandmother was Cora Belle Walker, who married Thomas Walter Howell (he's buried at St. Johns Church Cemetery along with his third wife, Lottie Thornton Howell). His first wife died, and he and his second wife, our grandmother, divorced.

Cora Belle Walker (she took her maiden name) lived at Greensboro, NC, and ran a seamstress shop until late in life when she moved to Bakersfield, CA, to be near her son, Buddy, who was

an electrician and owned his own business there. She is buried at Bakerfield, CA.

Daddy is buried at Oakland Cemetery in Waycross, as are our mother, brother Richard and sister Martha Thornton.

It doesn't seem like it possibly could have been 50 years since Daddy died.

Daddy loved his children so much. I think he appreciated his children most because, after his divorce from his first wife, he rarely got to see his daughter. So his children were very precious to him.

I admired my father greatly. He sustained a gunshot wound when I was just a baby. His doctor told him that it would take a good man's salary to pay for the "dope" he would have to have in addition to what the doctor could prescribe for him. He told the doctor that was a lie--that he wouldn't take it. He said his doctor told him, "You'll take it when you get to hurting bad enough."

But he never did! That bottle of pills sat on his beside table like a trophy until I was a teenager when he threw it out for fear that some child would get into it. I think it was a trophy to him.

When I was a little girl, I would sometimes sit beside him on the bed (he was bedridden for six years), and it would cause the cover to touch his bad foot. He would scream in pain, but he didn't take those pills. He finally graduated from crutches to a walking cane. And then one day

he quit using his walking stick, as he called it.

He went back to work when I was in first or second grade. And he worked right up until the day he died. I recall that, when I called the Roy F. Morgan Insurance Agency in Savannah, (he was an agent with Mutual of Omaha and worked from that agency) to tell them that he had died, the secretary almost became hysterical. "Mr. Vaughan couldn't be dead," she exclaimed. "I got an insurance policy in today's mail."

One of the things I recall vividly from my childhood is that Daddy would cook a pot of grits for breakfast and then ask how we wanted our eggs cooked. Grits and eggs were standard for breakfast. Then he would load all of us five kids in the car and take us to school every morning. That is until he bought our brother Charles a car, and he began to take us to school in the mornings.

Daddy was a man of honesty and integrity. I recall once a friend of his asked him to support him in his bid to become sheriff. Daddy told him "Erin, you're not tough enough to be sheriff." Erin Johnson was a longtime city manager at Waycross, but Daddy couldn't help in his bid to become sheriff.

Daddy worked hard. Almost every Saturday, he became a part-time farmer on our dairy farm. Mom had wanted a farm, and he operated a farm for years.

It's hard to believe that Daddy died 50 years ago.

Kelly's War

White House Correspondents' Dinner. After Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, Kelly decamped for the Middle East as a freelance writer, hoping his independence might allow him to circumvent the Pentagon's strict media restrictions.

It was a gamble that paid off. *Martyrs' Day: Chronicle of a Small War* (1993) is Kelly's award-winning account of the Gulf War. Combining the Irish gift for storytelling and the ace reporter's nose for news, Kelly brings the war to the reader from multiple perspectives on both sides of the military/civilian divide. In Baghdad on the eve of the month-long Coalition bombing campaign, Kelly begins with reports on the delusional expectations the Iraqi government has cruelly instilled in the minds of its people. From there, he takes the reader through Amman's atmosphere of antisemitism to Tel Aviv where a London-during-the-Blitz-like resolve awaits the next Scud missile from Iraq.

With the ground offensive to liberate Kuwait imminent, Kelly arrives in Dhahran, Sau-

di Arabia and discovers an oil industry company town whose American employees are living a ghettoized, but idyllic 1950s suburban existence. Renting a Nissan Safari, Kelly enters Kuwait hours after the start of the invasion. By the next day, the Coalition's advance is being slowed more by the hundreds of thousands of Iraqi soldiers attempting to surrender than by any kind of armed resistance. Ten Iraqi soldiers attempt to surrender to Kelly in his Nissan.

Martyrs' Day then becomes much darker. Liberated Kuwait City divulges horror stories of the seven-month Iraqi occupation. Tales of torture, rape, and murder make Kelly's vivid descriptions difficult to read. But the most memorable portion of the book is Kelly's tour through human and vehicular carcasses along the Highway of Death.

On February 26, 1991, the Iraqi army evacuated Kuwait City, taking with them anything they could. Two roads ran through the desert from Kuwait City to the Iraqi border and beyond to the city of Basra, the six-lane Highway

80 and a two-lane route along the gulf coast. The columns of retreating vehicles were easy targets for Coalition aircraft. More than 1,000 vehicles were bombed and strafed. The human casualties were comparatively light (estimated to be in the low hundreds), as most of the Iraqis quickly abandoned their vehicles and fled into the desert. But Kelly's grisly descriptions of those killed by cluster bombs on the roads to Basra leave an indelible impression on the reader.

The one-sided carnage on the Highway of Death embarrassed the Coalition into entering a ceasefire with Iraq on February 28th. Kelly spent the interwar years as an admired syndicated columnist and magazine editor known for his sharp and humorous contempt for Bill Clinton. Like most of the Fourth Estate, Kelly supported another war with Iraq. When it came, he was on the ground with the Third Infantry Division.

In war and in movies, sequels are rarely superior to the first installment. In *Martyrs' Day*, Kelly tells of a photog-

rapher who takes pictures of journalists in case photos of those journalists are needed to run alongside their obituaries. That vignette became an unfortunate example of unintentional foreshadowing when Kelly became the first American journalist killed during the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. The author of *Martyrs' Day* had become a martyr himself.

Coincidentally, the 35th anniversary of the end of the Gulf War came with the start of a new conflict in the Persian Gulf. While further comparisons are premature, it should be noted that the Gulf War is not the last war that ended in an unambiguous American victory. That would be the eradication of the ISIS caliphate during President Trump's first term. But the Gulf War is a victory worth remembering if only because such victories have become so few.

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Editorial Page

Hot Wheels Instead Of Hot Dogs

By LEN ROBBINS

I was on the couch, chewing on a straw, watching TV many moons ago, when my youngest son approached my throne.



“Arggh arghzhin rumblph,” he said.

He obviously had something in his mouth that was prompting even more garbled gibberish than usual.

“Son, what’s in your mouth?”

He opened his mouth, where I witnessed a huge, mangled eraser atop his tongue.

“Son, don’t ever put erasers, or anything else that isn’t

food, in your mouth,” I commanded, straw betwixt my incisors. He spit out the offensive item in the trash and merrily went his way.

This, unfortunately, wasn’t an isolated incident. It’s been going on for years. During our years of child-rearing, we’ve found all forms of non-edible items in our children’s mouths – gem clips rather than gem squash; cutlery instead of cucumber; Hot Wheels instead of hot dogs.

I tend to blame any of our children’s shortcomings on my wife, but I can’t lie (which is a lie). Truth is, this one is on me.

I have a long and detailed history of eating, chewing and sometimes choking on inedible

objects.

At 3, I ate dirt with my grandparents’ dachshund. From what I remember, it wasn’t that bad.

At 5, I swallowed a quarter. My parents took me to the doctor, where an X-ray was taken. I still have that X-ray – my wee skeleton with a shiny quarter dead in the middle of my rib cage, so clear you can almost read “In God We Trust.”

At one point during my youth, I had swallowed a quarter and a dime in the same week – the only time I was actually worth 35 cents in my life.

In fourth grade, I grew tired of coin-swallowing and decided to chew on a giant button for some reason. I swallowed the

button and an alert substitute teacher — Mrs. Stevens, God bless her — saw me gasping for air on the playground. She utilized the Heimlich maneuver and the giant button came flying out. I haven’t chewed on a giant button since, no matter how tempting.

I also used to eat and chew on paper, which, I reasoned, was high in fiber and low on calories.

This habit of chewing on unchewable items isn’t limited to the males of the Robbins clan.

A number of years ago, over 20 in fact, we were at a high school basketball game and my wife noticed our daughter, then 3 or 4, was chewing something.

“What are you chewing?” Our daughter oened her

mouth to reveal a wad of gum – in all of the colors of the rainbow.

“Gum,” she gleefully exclaimed.

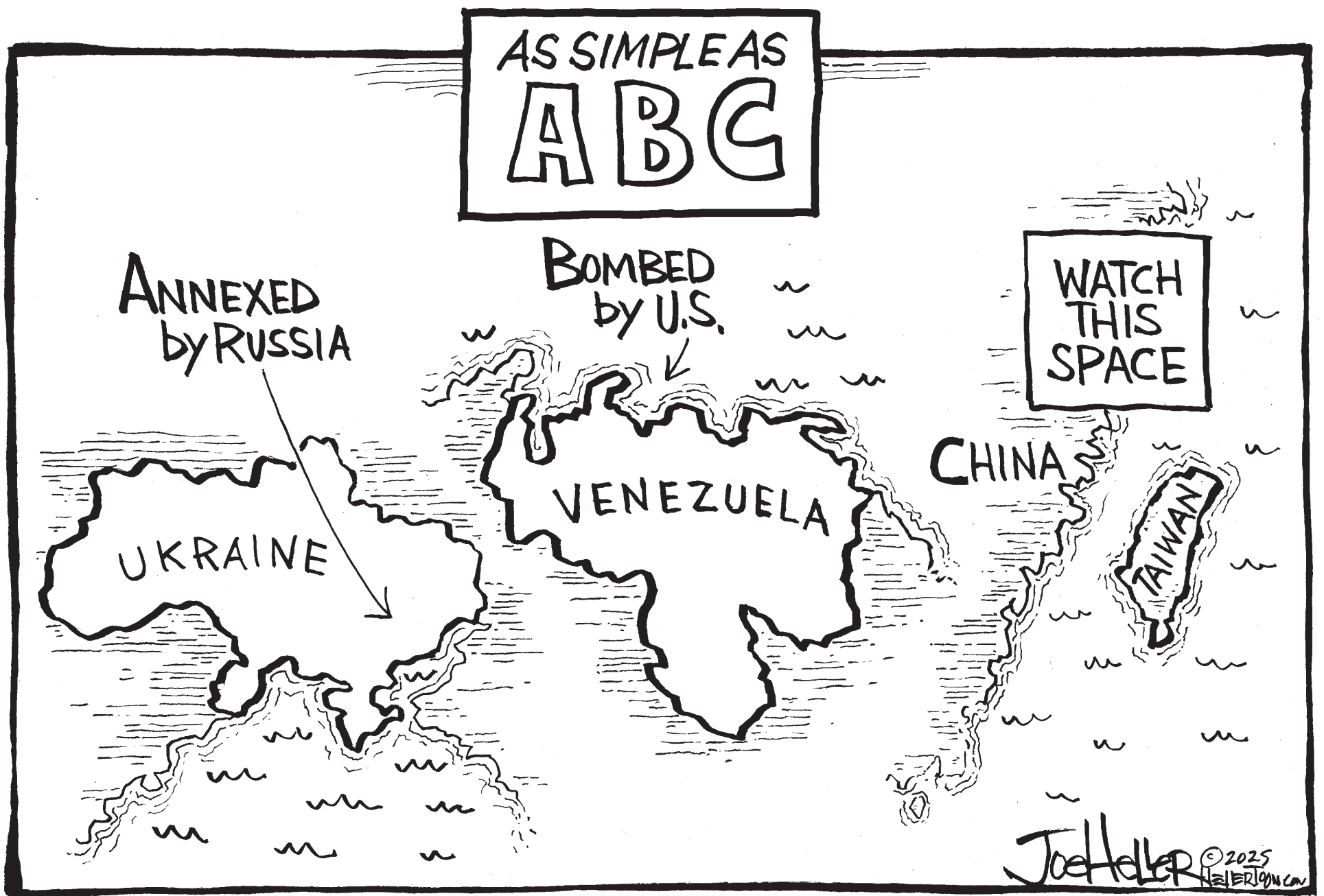
“Where’d you get that gum?”

Our daughter pointed under the bleacher seat in front of her.

“I got it from under there,” she said, my wife’s jaw dropping in horror. “There’s more if you want some.”

They immediately went to the bathroom, probably to wash her mouth out with soap. I immediately went into convulsions of hilarity.

Heredity and what-not.
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What A Wild Ride...

By JAMIE DENTY

Although *Mailman: My Wild Ride Delivering the Mail in Appalachia and Finally Finding Home* is one of the best memoirs I’ve read, I debated writing this review. Author Stephen Starring Grant has much good to say about the postal services, the first service the fledgling American government provided its citizens. The first postmaster Benjamin Franklin established Route 1, now U. S. Highway 1, along the Eastern coastline to facilitate delivery of mail.



I have appreciated the postal service ever since I was a toddler and the postman would hand me the letters addressed to the box at our door if I, with my mother standing behind me, were there to greet him. The late Woodrow Brett, a mailman who kept me supplied for

years with possible feature stories that he would see along his route in Jesup, made me even more appreciative.

Yet, the coarse language peppering the opening of *Mailman* made me question whether I wanted to read this book. However since *AARP Magazine* had recommended it and I usually can ignore such language if the story rings true, I read on. I’m glad I did. I love to read about someone’s epiphany and the one this author experiences rings so true.

According to the book blurb, Grant, a management and marketing consultant for over 25 years, was laid off in March of 2020, during the COVID 19 shut down. For years, he had worked remotely for several companies from his home in Blacksburg, VA, nestled in Appalachia. He was 50 years old, diagnosed with cancer and he needed health insurance for himself, his wife and their two

daughters. Although the pay did not cover their monthly expenses, the job did offer good health insurance benefits. And with cost cutting efforts, they eked by on their savings.

But the year-long job affords him far more than insurance and salary. It changes his life.

The blurb explains, “And yet, slowly, surrounded by a ragtag, but devoted band of letter carriers, Grant found himself becoming a different kind of person. He became a lifeline for lonely people, providing fleeting moments of human contact and the assurance that our government still cares.”

His description of one of his trainers offers good advice for teachers everywhere. “Hank was a great trainer because he was funny. And because he was funny and a great storyteller, you remembered what he taught you. Hank was the letter carrier I wanted to be when I

grew up.”

Although Blacksburg is a college town, it sits in the midst of mountain folk, skeptical of government. As they change Grant’s perspective about life, he, in going beyond duty to reach them, change some of their opinions.

He learns the meaning of labor. “Work does not define us as humans. What I had missed in my decades of corporate life, the fundamental confusion I had labored under was that work was reality. All those years I was working, the world went on. The sun on the clouds in the morning. The goodness of a decent lunch. The privacy of your own thoughts. The love of your children, the great gift of being a father in a loving family. I had been prodigal with the abundance of life. Being a mailman gave all of that back to me. I cannot think of a more precious gift.”

And that gift gives him an-

other. “Saying ‘thank you’ is in your enlightened self interest. But it’s more that that because while getting thanked feels good, saying it is vital. Transacting makes you a consumer. Saying, ‘thank you, makes you human.”

And while a non-practicing Catholic early on, he, during his lifetime, has encountered several “mountaintop experiences,” moments that make him stop and wonder. During one of his last days on the job, he ascends that metaphorical high point once again. He says, “It wasn’t just that my mind felt unburdened, but my body too. To be whole and alive, the goodness of it. And I thought for the first time in my life, Thank you, God.”

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Report From Our Nation's Capitol

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



Southeast Georgia Health System Launches Enhanced Patient Billing

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: March 11, 2026 – Southeast Georgia Health System is excited to announce the launch of a new, enhanced patient billing system designed to make managing health care expenses easier, faster and more convenient for patients across the region.

Beginning in late March, the Health System will transition its patient statement services to RevSpring, introducing expanded digital billing options that allow patients to receive statements by text message and email in addition to traditional mailed paper statements. This modernization impacts both hospitals and Southeast Georgia Physician Associates physician practices and reflects the Health System's ongoing commitment to improving the overall patient experience, including how patients access and manage their financial information.

"These enhancements are all about convenience and accessibility," says Deatrin Sutton, MPA, manager, Financial Clearance, Southeast Georgia Health System. "We understand that patients

want simple, flexible options for managing their health care expenses. This new system allows us to meet patients where they are—digitally and securely."

With the new system, patients will receive billing statements via email, text message or mail; choose and manage their preferred delivery method; view statements quickly; and pay bills faster and more securely online. Additionally, digital notifications will provide timely reminders and streamlined access to billing information, helping patients stay informed and avoid delays.

Patients will begin receiving statements through the new system in late March. Those who wish to receive statements electronically can select their preferred communication method. Traditional mailed statements will remain available for patients who prefer paper billing.

For more information about Southeast Georgia Health System and Southeast Georgia Physician Associates billing statements, visit sghs.org/billing.

SGHS Volunteers Plan Sale

BRUNSWICK – Southeast Georgia Health System Brunswick and Camden Campus Volunteer Services are partnering with Read's Uniforms to host a Uniform & Shoe Sale, March 25-27. Read's Uniforms offers a wide selection of durable medical apparel, stylish scrubs, lab and scrub coats, shoes and medical accessories to support health care professionals.

The Brunswick Campus two-day sale will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursday, March 26, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Linda S. Pinson Conference Center, 2415 Parkwood

Drive. The Camden Campus sale will take place on Friday, March 27, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Conference Center, 2000 Dan Proctor Drive, St. Marys.

Can't make it to the sale in-person? No problem! Shop online at ShopReadsUniforms.com from March 22-29.

The sales are open to the public; cash, debit and most major credit cards are accepted. A portion of the proceeds from the sale are donated to the Health System. For more information, contact Volunteer Services, at 912-466-3157 or volunteers@sghs.org.

Congressman Carter (Continued)

and I am glad to be able to share some of my experiences with them. Once back at our Savannah office, I meet with one of our great veterans in the District before heading downtown to present a tribute to Visit Savannah in celebrating their 50th anniversary. Next, I stay downtown and greet a group of constituents before stopping by a St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Knights of Columbus, honoring Parade Grand Marshall Marty Hogan.

Friday, March 13, 2026: I make the short trip over to Sea Island this morning as I attend the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) confer-

ence and sit on a panel discussing the Regulatory Environment for business. AEI is a prominent, center-right Washington, D.C. based nonpartisan think tank and their breakout sessions during their retreat are great. After a call with our Chief of Staff and District Director, I have a call with our legislative staff and a constituent regarding the housing bill that has passed the Senate and is now in the House. Next, I head to the Brunswick office, where I film a reel and this week's edition of Buddy's Briefing before heading to the Brunswick airport to fly to Atlanta.

Democrats Are Playing Politics With DHS Funding

As the United States faces increasing threats both abroad and domestically, leaving the Department of Homeland Security shuttered poses a direct risk to American safety. Currently, the U.S. is engaged in escalating conflicts with Iran, and the federal agencies tasked with protecting the homeland should be fully operational.

Yet as of Friday, over 100,000 Department of Homeland Security employees missed their first full paycheck. This includes thousands of Transportation Security Administration officers who work without pay to keep airline passengers safe, even as staffing shortages grow during one of the year's busiest travel seasons.

The U.S. Coast Guard is going unpaid, even for those deployed in Bahrain, as they face danger from retribution by the terrorist Iranian regime.

The safety of the homeland is the top priority, but attacks have become more frequent. In Virginia, a gunman with ties to ISIS opened fire inside a classroom at Old Dominion University, murdering Lt. Col. Brandon A. Shah, an alumnus of the University of Georgia who was formerly stationed at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah. Federal authorities are investigating the attack as terrorism. That same day, an attacker rammed a vehicle into Temple Israel synagogue in Michigan while armed with a firearm and explosive materials, targeting the Jewish community. Fortunately, there were no casualties.

In New York City, law enforcement arrested two individuals for throwing a homemade improvised explosive device at protesters. This was an ISIS-inspired attack meant to cause maximum harm. Fortunately, our brave law enforcement officers acted quickly, and there were no casualties. As domestic threats continue to grow, it is essential that the Department of Homeland Security receives full funding to effectively target and address them.

Democrats like Jon Ossoff are playing politics with the safety of American citizens by shutting down the Department of Homeland Security. The domestic threat level is rising, leaving our frontline security agencies in an unacceptable position. Iran is the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, and its proxies and sympathizers have repeatedly targeted American interests. We need to fully fund the Department of Homeland Security now.

buddy's briefing

On this week's edition of Buddy's Briefing, we discuss Sammy's Law, a children's online safety bill that I led out of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

From Our Nation's Capitol CDXCXLXVII

Monday, March 9, 2026: On Saturday of this past weekend, I was honored to speak at the Cobb County GOP in Marietta in Northwest Metro Atlanta. As the fourth largest of the principal cities by population of the Atlanta Metro area, Marietta is believed to have been named for Mary Cobb, the wife of the U.S. Senator and Superior Court judge Thomas Willis Cobb. The County is named for Cobb. Interestingly, it is reported that General William Tecumseh Sherman invaded Marietta during the Atlanta campaign in the summer of 1864 and that in November 1864, General Hugh Kilpatrick set the town ablaze, the first strike in Sherman's March to the Sea. Also, on Saturday, I attended and spoke at the Root and Branch Conference in Atlanta. The conference is to bring Jews and Christians together and is brought forth by the partnership between the Genesis 123 Foundation and NewPersia.org. Saturday night was a very special night for the Carter team as I attended and celebrated the wedding of Mary Craig Lindgren and Hart Thompson, who met while working in our Washington office. Yesterday began with a training session with our communications consultant before I was honored to attend the worship services at Mountain View Baptist Church in Thomaston, Upson County, located in west-central Georgia between Atlanta, Macon, and Columbus. The great service included outstanding music by the Choir and musicians and dynamic preaching by lead pastor Dr. Ryan Christopher. Afterwards, I had a live interview on Fox News as we discussed Operation Epic Fury in Iran. After a breakfast meeting this morning on St. Simons Island with a constituent, I head to Ocilla in Irwin County, where I am honored to speak to the Ocilla Rotary Club at their weekly meeting. Ocilla is thought to have gotten its name from Chief Osceola, who had a prominent role in the Second Seminole War. Interestingly, Irwinville in Irwin County was the site of the capture of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Afterwards, I head to Fitzgerald in Ben Hill County in south-central Georgia, where I meet with local officials to learn more about the area. Included in my visit is a tour of MANA Nutrition's production facility that manufactures Ready-to-use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) to combat severe acute malnutrition globally. MANA has recently opened another production facility in Pooler in Chatham County. After our weekly training with our communications consultant, I head to Dublin in Laurens County in middle Georgia, where I meet with local officials, including Mayor Joshua Knight.

Tuesday, March 10, 2026: This morning, I'm honored to join the Dublin Chamber of Commerce (COC) at the 42nd annual Irish breakfast, a long-running community event and part of

Dublin's extensive St. Patrick's Festival. The guest speaker this year was Dublin native Carla Metts, voice of NASCAR pre-race show via the O'Reilly Auto Parts series. Afterwards, I head to Thomasville in Thomas County in Southwest Georgia and, during the drive, I join in on our all-staff conference call. Once in Thomasville, I visit Archbold Memorial Hospital, part of the Archbold Medical Center, one of the leading healthcare systems in this part of the State that includes four hospitals, four nursing homes, and numerous clinics. After a great visit with administrative staff and a tour of the Hospital, I have a conference call with our legislative staff to discuss Community Project funding requests to the Appropriations committee. Next, I meet with community leaders to learn more about this great area.

Wednesday, March 11, 2026: I'm back in Atlanta this morning and downtown at the AmericasMart Building, where I am honored to speak at the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA) Atlanta Chapter National Security Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Conference. As a member of the Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee in Congress, critical infrastructure and communications is part of our focus and I bring them up to date on the work of the committee in this area. Afterwards, I head to the airport and once back home, I have a podcast interview on the Joe Mullins radio show, a weekly radio show airing throughout the Southeast, primarily in Florida and Georgia. Next, I have a live interview on NewsNation just before President Trump takes the stage in Kentucky to discuss Operation Epic Fury in Iran. Later, I meet with a group of constituents to bring them up to date on issues in Washington.

Thursday, March 12, 2026: My day starts with a meeting with a constituent in Glynn County as we discuss cybersecurity issues facing our country. Afterwards, I head to Savannah in Chatham County to Riverview Nursing Home, where I am honored to participate in their St. Patrick's Day Parade. This annual event is for the benefit of the patients and has grown significantly over the years. This year includes a Shriners unit from the Alee Temple, a local High School Cheer dance squad, the 116th U.S. Army Band from Marietta, and many others. Next, I head to Skidaway Island, where I attend the monthly meeting of Ladies on the Right (LOTR), a great group of patriots whose vision is to secure our U.S. Constitutional Republic for future generations by eliminating the spread of Socialism and Communism. After heading to Memorial Day School in Savannah, I get to participate in my favorite activity—speaking to students. The students in Mr. Jonathan Barnes' Social Studies class have been studying the Constitution, Congress, and Checks and Balances,

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Obituaries

Royce Andrew Maulden
Royce Andrew Maulden, 72, "Humpy" Maulden, 72, passed away on Monday, November 24, 2025, in Tennessee. He lived most of his life in Long County, was a retired electrician from Local 508 in Savannah, and worked for the Long County Road Department after retirement. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his grandbabies. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Long County and was preceded in death by his parents, Frazier Maulden and Shirley Gasper, and a brother, Cliff Maulden.

Survivors are his sons, Wes Maulden (Katy) of Etowah, TN, and Steven Maulden of Savannah; sister, Theresa Tyson of Sardis; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 1 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Robert Long officiating. Family and friends may sign the online register at www.howardfuneralga.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Howard Funeral Home of Ludowici.

Dr. Frances Virginia Roberson

Dr. Frances Virginia Rozier Roberson passed away on Friday, March 13, 2026, at her home in Hinesville, Georgia, after a long illness. She was born April 11, 1947, at home in Shellman Bluff in McIntosh County to Harold and Virginia Rozier. Frances graduated from Bradwell Institute in 1965. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from the University of Georgia on June 7, 1969. She began her teaching career at Wayne County Junior High in 1969, transferring to Liberty County High School in 1970. She taught Home Economics at Bradwell Institute for many years, eventually serving six years as Vice Principal and Vocational Supervisor for Bradwell Institute and Hinesville Middle School until 1986. While serving in the Liberty County Educational System and raising her family, Frances went on to earn her Master of Education on December 6, 1976, her Specialist in Education on August 25, 1980, and her Doctor of Education on June 14, 1986, all from her beloved University of Georgia. In addition to her

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Commissioners Meet First Tuesday

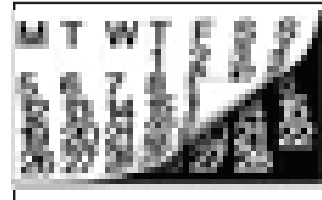
The Long County Board Of Commissioners meet each first Tuesday of the month for the regular meeting of the commission. The county commission meeting is held at 6 p.m. . The public is invited to attend and may call the commission office to get on the agenda of the meeting, according to The meeting will 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 public is invited to attend the meetings, which begin at 6 p.m. 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.

A Nugget from the Word of God

Do Not Diminish or Add To

There is more than one scripture that tells us not to diminish from or add to the Word of God.

Moses warned about that in Deuteronomy 4:2.

“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”

Then again in Deuteronomy 12:32, he warned again.

“What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.”

Rev. 22:18-20 warns against adding to the prophecy which is contained in the book of Revelation.

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

“And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

II Timothy 3:16 tells us that the Word of God is inspired.

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NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 5/5/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash Before the Courthouse door of the Long County Courthouse, 75 E Academy St, Ludowici, Georgia 31316 of Long, the following described property situated in Long County, Georgia, to wit:

TRACT ONE: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE 24TH G. M. LAND DISTRICT OF LONG COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING EIGHT AND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSANDTHS (8.474) ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING BOUND ON THE NORTH BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF JAMES D. HALL AND ELIVIRA B. HALL; EAST BY RIGHT OF WAY OF WHITE ROAD; SOUTH BY LANDS, NOW OR FORMERLY OF PAUL B. KREBS, JR.; AND ON THE WEST AND NORTHWEST BY CHANNEL OF DOCTORS CREEK. SAID PARCEL OF LAND HAS SUCH METES, BOUNDS, AND LOCATION AS SHOWN ON A PLAT THEREOF PREPARED BY A.G. WELTS JR, G.R.L.S.# 1656, DATED DECEMBER 14, 1988, END RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, FOLIO 223, LONG COUNTY DEED OF RECORDS. SAID PROPERTY IS ALSO IDENTIFIED AS BEING A PART OF WHAT IS LOCALLY KNOWN AS THE OW JESSE BREWER HOUSE PLACE, FOR A FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY, REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE TO THE AFORESAID PLAT AND RECORD THEREOF. THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FRONT MARCUS STEVEN FARMER TO JAMES 10. HALL AND ELVIRA HALL BY WARRANTY DEED WITH JOINT RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2000 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, LONG COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN DEED BOOK 191, PAGE 79.

TRACT TWO: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BY LYING AND BEING IN THE 24TH G.M LAND DISTRICT OF LONG COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING EIGHT AND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR THOUSANDTHS. (8.894) ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING BOUND ON THE NORTH LANDS, NOW OR FORMERLY OF JIMMY HOME; EAST BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY

OF PAUL B. KREBS JR.; AND ON THE WEST AND NORTHWEST BY THE CHANNEL OF DOCTORS CREEK. SAID PARCEL OF LAND HAS SUCH METES, BOUNDS, AND CHANNEL AS SHOWN ON A PLAT THEREOF PREPARED BY AG WELLS JR., G.R.L.S.# 1656, DATED DECEMBER 14, 1988, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, FOLIO 224, LONG COUNTY DEED OF RECORDS. SAID PROPERTY IS ALSO IDENTIFIED AS BEING: A PART OF WHAT IS LOCALLY KNOWN AS THE OLD. JESSE BREWER HOUSE PLACE. FOR FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY, REFERENCE IS HERBY MADE TO THE AFORESAID PLAT AND THE RECORDS THEREOF. Tax Parcel ID: 065-009-015 Being real property commonly known as **523 WHITE RD SE LUDOWICI, GA 31316**

The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is". The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted.

Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suite 1300 Orange, CA 92868, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Equity Prime Mortgage LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. Equity

Prime Mortgage LLC as Attorney in Fact for William Kenneth Nichols Attorney Contact: Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 TS # 25-37212

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

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2/26/2026, 3/05/2026,
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3/26/2026, 4/02/2026,
4/9/2026, 4/16/2026,
4/23/2026, 4/30/2026
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

STATE OF GEORGIA
LONG COUNTY

WHEREAS, Joseph C. Morales, a married person, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guaranteed Rate, Inc., a corporation, Lender which was dated 1/27/2023, and recorded on 1/30/2023, as Instrument No. D2023000261, in Book 529, Page 408, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$326,340.00 in Long County, Georgia Register of Deeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 5/5/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash Before the Courthouse door of the Long County Courthouse, 75 E Academy St, Ludowici, Georgia 31316 of Long, the following described property situated in Long County, Georgia, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE 1756TH G.M. DISTRICT OF LONG COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO.

87, MURRAY CROSSING SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3, AS SHOWN AND REPRESENTED ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY MADE AND PREPARED BY JOE P. DAVIS, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1436, BEARING A SURVEY DATE OF JULY 3, 2015, AND A PLAT DATE OF AUGUST 4, 2015, AND BEING RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET A31, SLIDE 3D, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF LONG COUNTY, GEORGIA, SAID PLAT BY SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS MADE A PART HEREOF FOR DESCRIPTIVE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES. SAID LOT OF LAND BEING BOUNDED, NOW OR FORMERLY, AS FOLLOWS: NORTHERLY BY THE RIGHT OF WAY OF OWENS STREET; EASTERLY BY LOT NO. 88; SOUTHERLY BY JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS/STATE WATERS; AND WESTERLY BY LOT NO. 86, ALL AS SHOWN ON THE ABOVE REFERRED TO PLAT OF SURVEY. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO THAT CERTAIN DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR MURRAY CROSSING SUBDIVISION, DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2011, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 357, PAGES 1-59, AND THAT CERTAIN FIRST AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR MURRAY CROSSING SUBDIVISION, DATED APRIL 30, 2012 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 385, FOLIO 340-343, AND THAT CERTAIN SECOND AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR MURRAY CROSSING SUBDIVISION, DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2014, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 446; FOLIO 1433-1436, AND THAT CERTAIN THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR MURRAY CROSSING SUBDIVISION,

DATED JULY 24, 2017, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 461, PAGES 1926-1932, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF LONG COUNTY, GEORGIA. THIS CONVEYANCE IS ALSO MADE SUBJECT TO THAT CERTAIN 50' WETLAND BUFFER, AS SHOWN AND REPRESENTED ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY MADE AND PREPARED BY JOE P. DAVIS, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1436, BEARING A SURVEY DATE OF JULY 3, 2015, AND A PLAT DATE OF AUGUST 4, 2015, AND BEING RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET A31, SLIDE 3D, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF LONG COUNTY, GEORGIA. Tax Parcel ID: 072- -027 087 Being real property commonly known as **126 OWENS ST NE LUDOWICI, GA 31316** The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Se-

curity Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is". The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suites 1030, 1300 & 1400 Orange, CA 92868, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Joseph C. Morales.

Attorney Contact: Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 TS # 26-39102 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are encouraged. Letter-writers should submit signed letters to the editor to pressexpress@bellsouth.net or bring them by the office. Letters may be edited for length and grammatical correctness by the editor. All letters must be signed, but names can be withheld at the editor's discretion.

--The Editor

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Ludowici hereby gives notice that the Ludowici City Council will hold its regular City Council Meeting on April 1, 2026, immediately following the Public Hearing scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at Ludowici City Hall, located at 469 N. Macon Street, Ludowici, Georgia.

This meeting will serve in place of the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting previously set for April 14, 2026, which will not be held.

Obituaries

Dwight A. Frasier

Dwight A. Frasier, 50, of Ludowici, Georgia, left us far too soon on March 4, 2026. Born on December 30, 1975, Dwight lived a life marked by hard work, dedication, and a love for the outdoors. A high school graduate, he spent part of his career working as a government contractor overseas in Kuwait and Dubai, where he was known for his strong work ethic and willingness to take on challenges. Outside of work, Dwight was an avid fisherman who found peace and joy on the water. Fishing was more than a hobby for him—it was a passion that allowed him to spend time in nature and with those he cared about. Dwight was preceded in death by a brother, Adrian Frasier, his grandparents, Hilton and Maggie Frasier and Charles Henry, Sr.

Dwight is survived by his mother, Sarah Frasier (Paul) Lynch of Augusta, Georgia; his father, Gilbert Henry of Savannah, Georgia; and his son, Isaiah Frasier of El Paso, Texas. He is also survived by his sisters, De’Nisha (Rashawn) Vernon of Grovetown, Georgia, Uvette Frasier of West Haven, Connecticut, Cassandra Henry and Toni Henry, both of At-

lanta, Georgia; a special niece, Londyn and nephew, Greyson Vernon. He leaves behind his aunts, Linda Frasier of West Haven, Connecticut, Patricia Simmons of Ludowici, Georgia, Brenda (Edward) Smith of Savannah, Georgia and LaVerne Burns and Leatrice (Stanley) Middleton, both of Atlanta, Georgia and Sharon Lynch of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Dwight is also survived by his uncles, Glenn Frasier of Ludowici, Georgia, Donnie (Paula) Frasier of Augusta, Georgia, Robert Frasier of Newnan, Georgia, Charles (Angielea) Henry Jr. of Glennville, Georgia and Anthony Hicks of Ludowici, Georgia; along with close friends who were like brothers, Felton Baker, Raymond Porter and Terry Timmons; as well as many friends and loved ones who will cherish his memory.

Dwight’s presence will be deeply missed, but the memories he created will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 12 Noon at the Family’s Farm located at 320 Rip Porter Loop NE, Glennville, Georgia 30427.

Frances Virginia Roberson

Cotnued From Page teaching career, Frances owned Victoria’s Jewelry store and the Hinesville Antique Mall, as well as several other businesses in the area. In 1994, with her family by her side, she ran for District 3 State Senate. She loved her community and wanted to make a difference in the lives of those around her, especially in education. Following her distinguished teaching career in Liberty County, Frances and her husband James worked to bring Brewton Parker College to Hinesville, where Frances served as Dean for many years.

Frances’ greatest joy in life was her family. After her mother’s passing, Frances continued the family traditions that were so dear to her. She was the spirit that kept us together. Frances had a kind heart and poured her love into her family and her community. She taught us, by her example, to live by the Golden Rule, and she did. She never missed an opportunity to reach out to anyone she met in need, with a kind word, a comforting hug, or a little card reassuring them they were loved. She spent her life doing for others and treating others with the spirit of God. Frances is preceded in death by her

husband, James Roberson; her parents, Harold and Virginia Rozier; and her brother, Larry Rozier.

She is survived by her daughters Virginia “Ginny” Correll and Miranda Roberson; her sons Jordan Roberson and Mark Roberson; her two grandchildren, Brooke Williams and Wyatt Williams; two sisters Loretta Rozier and Debra Crowley (Mike); and four brothers Harold Rozier, Jr (Mary), Wayne Rozier (Debbie), Arthur Rozier (Sheryl), and Norman Rozier, and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jim Rozier, Jacob Rozier, Travis Crowley, Stephen Crowley, Len Dryden, and Luke Dryden. Visitation was on Wednesday, March 18, beginning at 5 p.m. at Howard Funeral Home. Funeral services were on Thursday, March 19, at 2 p.m. at Walthourville Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Wayfair Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in McIntosh County. Family and friends may sign the online register at www.howardfuneralga.com.

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

More “Eye On Long”

Huddle House started over 30 years ago in Hinesville. Randy and Debbie Wilson recently sold the Ludowici, Hinesville and Jessup Huddle House restaurants to Brownie Point Hospitality operate by Timothy Griffis, who also owns Huddle House Restaurants in Blackshear and Waycross. Their advertisement is included in this week’s issue of the Press.

The SROs for each of the schools was presented a certificate and a check by Supt. Heath Crane during the Long County Board of Education meeting last Tuesday. “We are very appreciative of our SROs,” said Supt. Crane, who recognized them by name. • SRO Appreciation recipients included local SRO’s as follows:

- o Lieutenant Earl Freeman – LCMS
- o Tim Osburn – LCPS
- o Jessie Thompson – SES
- o Zach Thorn – MES
- o Wade Long - LCHS

Personnel will be published in next week’s issue of the Press.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Long County Probate and Magistrate Court will be seeking to fill a full-time Court Clerk position. Resumes will be accepted beginning April 15, 2026, through April 30, 2026. Interested parties should submit a resume in person to the Long County Probate and Magistrate Office located at 75 W. Academy Street, Ludowici, Georgia or you can mail a resume to Post Office Box 426, Ludowici, Georgia 31316.

Qualifications: Candidates must:

- Pass a criminal background check
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Have knowledge of computers, copy machines, postage meters and telephone systems
- Type a minimum of 50 wpm
- Possess the ability to file, scan and record documents
- Must have customer service experience and strong organizational skills with attention to detail
- Work well under pressure and deadlines
- Prior legal experience helpful but not required

Duties include but are not limited to, answering telephones, greeting and serving the public, filing and recording documents into the court records, maintaining court records with accuracy and organization, providing copies, keeping deadlines calendared accurately, assist during hearings, and other duties as assigned.

Must be able to work 40 hours per week (Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Salary based upon experience.

CITY OF LUDOWICI PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF LUDOWICI – PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Rezoning Application

The City of Ludowici, Georgia, hereby gives notice that Ludowici Investments, LLC has submitted an application to rezone certain real property located within the city limits.

Properties Affected:

1. Off W. Cypress Street, Ludowici, GA 31316
 - o Acreage: 64.113 acres
 - o Tax Parcels: 048-007 and 048-007N
2. Off Highway 57, Ludowici, GA 31316
 - o Acreage: 268.61 acres
 - o Tax Parcels: 057-005 and 057-005N

Current Zoning: Agriculture (A)

Requested Zoning: C-2 (General Commercial)

Public Hearing:

The Ludowici City Council and Mayor will consider this rezoning request at a scheduled public hearing, which will be held at the following time and location:

- Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Ludowici City Hall, located at 469 N. Macon Street, Ludowici, Georgia 31316.


All interested persons are invited to attend and provide comments regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the City Clerk’s Office, Ludowici City Hall, prior to the hearings.

Additional Information:

Copies of the rezoning application and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the City Clerk’s Office, Ludowici City Hall.

This notice is issued in accordance with the requirements of the Georgia Zoning Procedures Act, O.C.G.A. §36-66-1, et seq.

DATED this 10 day of March, 2026.

By: 
City Clerk / Authorized Official
City of Ludowici, Georgia



Long County FFA Project

Service is a cornerstone of FFA. This year, the chapter is giving back by collecting donations for Cake-in-a-Box kits. These kits will be distributed to individuals in need, local churches, and first responders to help brighten their day. Teachers, FFA Members, and Parents donated cake mixes and icings for the project. Pictured is Mrs. Carter donating from her sorority, Gamma Lambda Epsilon.

Internet Acceptable Use Policy Adopted By Long County BOE

The Long County Board of Education last week approved a revised Internet Acceptable Use Policy that has been handed down by the state.

The revised policy agrees with new guidelines on internet use in schools as adopted by the Georgia General Assembly.

The board also recognized SROs and

Young Author winners during last Tuesday's board meeting.

The board discussed the June 8 Georgia School Board Association Conference and appointed one delegate, Tony Duncan, and an alternate, Melissa Craft.

The Board of Education also appointed Mysti Day to fill the vacancy created by the death of Kathy Simmons on the

Long County Library Board of Trustees. Mrs. Day will fill the remainder of Mrs. Simmons' unexpired term on the Long County Library Board.

The board also handled personnel and other items on the consent agenda. More information will be carried in next week's issue of the Press.

~Congratulations~
2025-2026
Young Georgia Author System Level Winners

GRADE	SCHOOL & STUDENT NAME	TITLE OF WORK
K	Long County Primary School, Rayna Wood	No Title
1	Long County Primary School, Alice Murillo	The Water Park
2	Smiley Elementary School, Hannah Elquza	Pete the Owl
3	Smiley Elementary School, Eleanor Lewis	Gracie's Choice
4	McClelland Elementary School, Lili Ann Norman	A Big Adventure
5	McClelland Elementary School, Valerie Heyner	Monkey All Mixed Up
6	Long County Middle School, Grace Borders	Pack
7	Long County Middle School, Alexia Harland	Just a Second
8	Long County Middle School, Tamioko Barbee	The Skies Between Us
9	Long County High School, Melanie Abellera	Sick
10	Long County High School, Elena Rogers	Only 17 Years Old
11	Long County High School, Abygail Medina	What's Given Can Also Be Taken

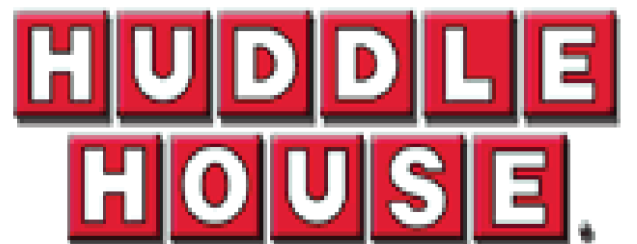
UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

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Saturday, March 21, 2026
from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm
at #33 Lee Street SE
in Ludowici, GA
close to the traffic light

For more info call or text to 912-532-0214