

State Fuel Tax Suspension To Help Georgia Drivers

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ATLANTA — Georgia drivers should soon see relief at the pump after the Georgia General Assembly sent a temporary gasoline tax suspension to Gov. Brian Kemp.

The 60-day suspension of the state excise tax would save drivers just over 33 cents a gallon for gasoline and 37 cents a gallon for diesel. It

would cost the state treasury an estimated \$200 million a month. The measure comes after the U.S. attack on Iran triggered a spike in fuel prices. "Hopefully this will be resolved but in the meantime we're going to do what we can to help our citizens of Georgia have the lowest cost possible," said Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, R-Rome, who presented House Bill 1199 on the Senate floor Thursday.

The bill started out as a measure to conform Georgia law with changes in the federal tax code. It passed the House for the first time in mid-February, a week before the air strikes on Iran ordered by President Donald Trump.

The bill bounced back and forth between the House and Senate as each made changes, and then, on Wednesday, the House added the gas tax suspension and sent HB 1199 to

the Senate again.

"We're hopeful that the ongoing international conflict, which is temporarily driving up energy prices, comes to an expeditious and successful conclusion," Hufstetler said.

He talked about affordability, noting that fuel prices ripple through the economy, driving up the price of fertilizer and food. Democrats agreed.

"It's a win for our con-

stituents and hopefully will give them much needed relief while we get through this time," said Sen. Nikki Merritt, D-Grayson, the minority caucus vice chair. The bill then passed the Senate unanimously. Kemp has used his authority to unilaterally order three gas tax suspensions in recent years in response to high prices, inflation and Hurricane Helene.



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Eye On



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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 is revising its Comp Plan and hopes to adopt it in June. Meanwhile the county commission is halting all planning and zoning requests based on the current land use map. The decision is based on "not having an accurate map," according to county officials. County Attorney Luke Moses told Long County commissioners last Tuesday, "The Comp Plan is a guide." Commissioners agreed to put on hold all P&Z requests on a motion by Commissioner Benjy Strickland.

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/



Moratorium Underway

A moratorium on rezonings has been set by the Long County Board of Commissioners while the county updates maps in the county's Comprehensive Plan. County Manager Shane Richardson said that the Comp Plan did not include maps. PHOTO BY MITTIE VAUGHAN

Ludowici Man Among Four Sentenced For Firearms

SAVANNAH, Georgia: Four defendants have been sentenced to federal prison on separate charges involving illegal firearms possession.

Terrance Delan Parker, 26, of Ludowici, Georgia, was sentenced to 36 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release after pleading guilty to Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Liberty County sheriff's deputies found two pis-

tols in Parker's vehicle during a May 2025 traffic stop.

The sentencings before U.S. District Court Chief Judge R. Stan Baker were announced by Margaret E. "Meg" Heap, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. The other three include:

Devin Jenkins, 26, of Savannah, sentenced to 103 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, after pleading guilty to

Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Jenkins was charged in March 2025 after a domestic disturbance at a Savannah apartment complex when he fired multiple shots into his girlfriend's unoccupied, parked vehicle.

Anthony Rasheen Greene, 34, of Savannah, sentenced to 60 months in prison, fined \$1,200, and ordered to serve five years of supervised release upon

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Long County BOE Recognizes SROs And Young Author Winners Before Handling Personnel At March Meeting

SRO Appreciation was conducted by School Supt. Crane during the Long County Board of Education meeting for March. The following School Resource Officers (SROs) were recognized with a certificate and monetary gift:

- o Lieutenant Earl Freeman – Long County Middle School
- o Tim Osburn – Long County Primary School
- o Jessy Thompson – Smiley Elementary School
- o Zach Thorn – McClelland Elementary School
- o Wade Long - Long County High School

Mrs. Wingate recognized the Young GA Authors RESA Level Winners.

The Board of Education also approved January 2026 financials and handled a number of personnel items.

* . Approvef Certified Recommendations: (Employment is temporary/provisional until the receipt of a criminal record check/fingerprints and Georgia Teacher Certification.)

- Caitlyn Lowe – Employ as a Teacher – Effective FY27 School Year – LCPS
- John Wigmore – Employ as a Teacher – Effective FY27 School Year – LCMS
- Sandra Turner – Employ as an Instructional Support Teacher (49% Timesheet Only) – Effective FY27 School Year – LCPS
- Jennifer Posey – Employ as an Instructional Support Teacher (49% Timesheet Only) – Effective FY27 School Year – MES

* Approved Classified Recommendations: (Employment is temporary/provisional until the receipt of a criminal record check/fingerprints and Georgia Professional Standards Commission.)

- Lillian Almodovar – Employ as a Parapro – Effective 08.06.26 – MES
- Barbara Fox – Employ as a Full Time Bus Driver – Effective 02.17.26 – Transportation

• Jacqueline Adkins – Employ as a Parapro – Effective FY27 School Year – LCPS

*. Approved Transfers

• Jacquelynn Adkins – Transfer from a Teacher to a Parapro – Effective FY27 School Year – LCPS

• Tiffany Belvin – Transfer from a Pre-K Parapro to a Pre-K Teacher – Effective FY27 School Year – Pre-K

• Lori Arnold – Transfer from 4 hour enrollment clerk to a 6 hour enrollment clerk – Effective 04.01.26 – BOE

• Celeste Crary – Transfer from a Parapro to a Teacher – Effective FY27 School Year – LCPS

• Alexandra Cocho – Transfer from a Parapro at LCHS to a Teacher – Effective FY27 School Year – LCMS

• Loretta Wright – Transfer from a Full Time Sub Driver to a Sub Driver – Effective 03.09.26 – Transportation

• Zaira Medina Gonzalez – Transfer from a Para working 200 days to a Para working 182 days – Effective FY27 School Year - LCPS

*. Approved Minutes of meetings:

• January 29, 2026 – Called Public Hearing #3

• January 29, 2026 – Called Meeting

• February 10, 2026 – Regular Meeting

*. Approved Competition Trip Requests

• LCMS FFA-FCCLA Horticulture Leadership – 03.20.26 – 03.21.26 – Coving-

ton, GA

• LCHS FCCLA – State Leadership Conference – 03.25.26 – 03.27.26 – Columbus, GA

*. Approve FY27 Certified Staff Recommendations:

- Adams, Teresa
- Adkins, Lamarcus
- Alexander, Cynthia
- Alexander, Lakesha
- Anderson, Amanda
- Anderson, Ashley
- Anderson, Lauren
- Anderson, Vera
- Archibald, Mackenzie
- Austin, Michael
- Ayala-Meerwald, Leigh
- Baggs, Tiffany
- Bailey, Caleb
- Baker, James
- Bange, Parker
- Beasley, Amy
- Bell, Miranda
- Bell, Shalane
- Belvin, Tiffany
- Berry, Joshua
- Besanceney, Stacie
- Black, Chatanna
- Blair, Henry
- Boucher, Kimberly (49% / 3 Months full time)

- Bowen, Kayla
- Boyles, Mandy
- Brace, Cory
- Brannen, Ashley
- Breningstall, Catherine
- Brewer, Jessica
- Brock, April
- Brown, Eryka
- Brown, Matthew

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Church Page

Faith Motivation Going Back To Go Forward BY BROTHER DAVID (JAKE) JACOBS



Do we really have to go back to go forward? I believe we do! What happened during the period of time before Christ was born? When we study history we discover it was a self-help period. We find the struggles of mankind as they invent the wheel and other things to make life easier. Discovery of the past, how people progressed, has scientist amazed.

In most some restaurants they have a Zodiac table mat. The Zodiac was created by the Babylonians in the first half of the 1st millennium BC. They divide the sky into 12 sections, each with a name, figure, and meaning. The Fasciculus medicine was printed in 1493-94 and included a Zodiac Man.

The misconception of astronomers to think the stars and solar system have deities is erroneous according to the Word of God. Not to take away from the dedicated effort of some, many centuries ago, to plot out the non-linear movements of the planets. For its time, the ability to plot out these complex planetary movements was a sophisticated effort, but beyond that, the science ends, and astrology goes entirely into the realm of mythology.

According to the Word of God an Astrolo-

ger is one who practices divination. Daniel 2:2, "Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king."

The first tendency of science was to become atheistic and materialistic, giving only a mechanical explanation of the universe. Today, scientists have become more God-conscious, delving more fully into the mysteries and wonders of creation. However, science has not been able to find God or His purpose in creation with Sense Knowledge.

Human beings were alienated from God through Adam's fall in the Garden. The sin was so atrocious it was passed on through Adam's gens to the whole human family.

Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

After Adam and Eve were kicked out of the Garden because their spirit and soul was now darkened, God made a way to talk to His creation on their level. Adam had allowed his flesh to dominate his thinking and from willfully sinning could

not fellowship any longer with his Creator.

The Bible is God's revelation to human beings, and because we have no other channel to know God or contact Him, we hold dear the love letter He gave us to read and absorb!

The Bible is the only book that reveals the mind of God. It is the book that tells us the way to salvation. It is the traveler's map, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

It has stood the test of time and will defend itself!

John 3:16 is the main emphasis! "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

But how did these old generations know the stars and the locations? How did they build the great pyramids or even the small ones?

Some say Job was the mastermind? I don't know, but I do know dark gets darker when you drift away from the light! We need a Revival back to Calvary!!!

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

Bible Lesson Part 6--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.

We will continue with the gospel of Mark, who was related to Simon Peter.

"Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

"They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

"And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."

Other gospel accounts include Matthew's, who was Levi, the tax collector. He wrote his synopsis of the resurrection of Jesus and the events that followed in Matthew 28.

"In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

"And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

"His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

"And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place

where the Lord lay.

"And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

"And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

"And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

"Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

"Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

"And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

"Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

"And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

"So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

"And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

We have to go to Acts to read Luke's account of the events that transpired at the end of Jesus' time on earth.

"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

"Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the

apostles whom he had chosen:

"To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

"And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

"For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

"When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"

"And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

"And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

"Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

"Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

"And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

They were awaiting the promise that Jesus had made to them.

Pastor's Viewpoint

By CHARLES (BUDDY) WHATLEY

Did you know that much of what we know is not true? The Vikings didn't wear helmets with horns on them; the horns were added later by 19th Century artists. Marie Antoinette didn't say, "Let them eat cake;" that was a quote from an unnamed princess when Marie was only nine years old. George Washington didn't have wooden teeth; his teeth were made of ivory and other materials stained brown. Medieval people didn't believe the earth was flat; ancient Greeks long before the Middle Ages knew it was round... but they didn't sail away from land because of the dangers. The Continental Congress didn't declare America's independence on July 4th; John Adams said it happened on July 2nd and refused invitations to July 4th celebrations. None of the Salem witches was burned at the stake; nineteen were

hanged and one died from torture... and later it was discovered that all the evidence was fabricated. (Dictionariescoop.com) And now I wonder if all this is true? History is like a game of "gossip" where something is passed around until it becomes something else.

But I have a science degree and a background in science, so I spent the first part of my life asking and re-asking questions... because that's what science does. The five fundamental questions are who, what, why, when, and where. Those are the "elements of circumstance." In journalism, they are the "five w's," the guidelines for any interview, and the standard for every first paragraph. Sometimes there is a sixth question, "how."

And now we've come to Luke 2:41-52; it's the only story we have about Jesus' from

his birth to the beginning of his ministry. He's twelve years old, his parents have taken him to the temple for the Passover Feast, and the questions begin...

"41 Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; 43 and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it, 44 but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances."

The first question is "who?" This is a story about Jesus asking that first question. Who am I? Do you know the answer? Lots of people don't...

Editorial Page

Feral Hogs Don't Get A Break In GA

By **TY TAGAMI**
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ATLANTA — After passing a budget that puts a bounty on wild pigs, Georgia lawmakers reiterated their lethal intent by enlisting cutting-edge technology to hunt them down.

Feral hogs have been ripping through farmers' fields, inflicting millions of dollars of damage a year. Lawmakers, it seems, would prefer them sitting on a plate as bacon.

So, last week, the state House passed a preliminary 2027 budget with \$400,000 toward a feral hog eradication incentive program and another \$500,000 for a state management program.

It didn't end there.

On Friday, the state Senate sent House Bill 946 to Gov. Brian Kemp for his signature.

"All it simply does is make it where you can take a drone and locate feral hogs that destroys and damages your property," explained Sen. Lee Anderson, R-Grovetown.

Anderson had already left the well of the Senate when Sen. Carden Summers, R-Cordele, said he

had a question.

Lt. Gov. Burt Jones did not make Anderson return, so Summers exploited the rules of the Senate and raised what's known as a "parliamentary inquiry," a technical question for the lieutenant governor.

"What's the difference between a hog and a hawg," Summers asked, adding an extra vowel to his second expression of the word.

Jones had a quick response.

"Depends on if you're below the Gnat Line or not," he said, with a flourish of his hand. It was a reference to the geological "fall" line that spans Middle Georgia and acts like a screen door to keep gnats down there.

Before he had left the well, Anderson had implored his fellow senators to vote for HB 946, which had been sponsored by Rep. Rob Clifton, R-Evans.

"I just ask each and every one of you vote green so we can go kill some hogs this afternoon," Anderson had said.

With those words, he had doomed the pigs. The vote was 46-0 for HB 946.

Pressing Issues: Signs of the Times Unusual Weather

In 2026

By **MITTIE VAUGHAN**
Editor And Publisher



My daffodils, usually a harbinger of spring, were several inches high the week that we got snow flurries in southeast Georgia in early February.

The daffodils bloomed later in February, or at least four of them bloomed. Only the ones farthest from my house bloomed this year. I'm assuming that means the temperatures did not get low enough closer to my house for the daffodils to get the necessary number of cold hours to cause them to bloom. There are some flowers that require more cold weather during the winter months than others. That's the reason we don't usually plant crocus or tulips this far south.

This year during mid-March, we got a cold snap that caused most of us to pull out our winter jackets again.

In New York and elsewhere in the northeastern United States, there was a late snow storm that dumped as much as two feet of snow on the ground last week.

But we also heard on the news that the Midwest had its hottest day ever, breaking records with 110-degree heat in some places.

It's unusual weather by any-

one's standards, especially the heat wave in the midwest.

It leaves those who have calling for addressing "climate change" scratching their heads.

God created this vast universe that we have learned is even bigger than we thought after the Hubble Telescope sent back images from space.

So what is this effort to spend billions of dollars to do climate change?

God has been operating this universe, including the weather, for more years than any of us have been around. He created the world--Earth and all in it as well as the entire universe--and do we now think that God needs some help in managing it?

So how feeble are man's efforts to control the weather?

Do we actually think that God needs some help in controlling the weather and of operating the universe that He made to operate so precisely? Do we think we can improve on its operation--the seasons of the year, the tides, day and night?

How foolish is man to think that he can operate better what God has created!

Yet our leaders over the years have wasted millions in tax dollars they collected from hard-working citizens to address "climate change" that we couldn't change if our lives depended on it.

The scriptures tell us that, as long as the Earth shall stand, there will be seedtime and harvest, winter and summer, day and night.

When we consider how vast this universe is and how orderly it operates, how can we not praise the God of the *Holy Bible*?

The words of the Apostle Paul come to mind. He wrote in Romans 1:20-21, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

How can we not stand in awe of what has been created? How can we fail to praise the One who made it all?

Moving Forward On Housing Affordability

By **GARY WISENBAKER**

Housing affordability has become the central economic anxiety for millions of Americans. It is no longer confined to the young couple looking for their first starter home.

It affects retirees hoping to downsize, families relocating for work, and builders trying to determine whether the next subdivision can be sold at a price buyers can actually afford. Against that backdrop, a series of housing-related executive orders recently signed by President Donald J. Trump attempt to address the problem from two directions: mortgage financing and the supply of new homes.

Whether these orders succeed remains to be seen. That reducing the cost of borrowing and removing some of the regulatory friction that has slowed residential construction will help with affordability is without question.

According to FHFA Director Bill Pulte, the administration believes the changes could push mortgage rates downward by as much as half a percentage point. In a recent interview with The Wall Street Journal, Mr. Pulte said the president is "laser focused" on restoring what many Americans still consider the cornerstone of the middle-class dream: home ownership.

The first executive order attempts to address that problem by easing regulatory burdens that have discouraged banks, particularly smaller community banks, from participating in mortgage lending.

Over the past two decades local banks have steadily retreated from the mortgage business. After the financial crisis of 2008-2009, regulatory requirements and capital rules made residential lending more complicated and less profitable. Mr. Trump calls for reforms to capital and liquidity requirements, modernization of appraisal regulations, and expanded access to advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank system tied to mortgage assets.

Mr. Trump wants regulators to move away from what the order describes as "overly technical process-oriented" supervision.

The goal is simple: encourage community banks to return to the mortgage market.

Another executive order addresses the other side of the housing equation: supply.

For more than a decade the United States has been building fewer homes than population growth requires. Construction slowed dramatically following the financial crisis and has never fully recovered. Many industry analysts esti-

mate the country now faces a shortage of several million homes.

Builders frequently argue that local regulations, zoning mandates, environmental rules and permit delays add tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of a new house. Mr. Trump seeks to create incentives for state and local governments to streamline permitting, reduce costly mandates and allow more innovative construction techniques.

The idea is that faster approvals and fewer regulatory hurdles could lower development costs and encourage more construction.

More houses mean more supply. More supply, in turn, tends to moderate prices.

While Congress is also considering its own housing legislation aimed at expanding supply and mortgage access, they seem determined to create a camel rather than a horse.

But the financing side of the equation may also see the return of an old tool that once played a controversial role in American housing: the adjustable-rate mortgage.

ARMs were widely blamed for contributing to the 2008 housing collapse, when short "teaser" rates suddenly reset to much higher levels for millions of borrowers.

For years afterward the product largely disappeared from mainstream lending.

Today, however, they are quietly making a comeback.

With the average 30-year fixed mortgage hovering around 6.1 percent, borrowers are increasingly looking at alternatives. A seven-year adjustable-rate mortgage might carry an initial rate closer to 5.5 percent. That half-percentage difference can significantly reduce monthly payments in the early years of a loan.

Borrowers who choose ARMs are essentially making a bet: that interest rates will fall sometime before the fixed portion of their loan expires, allowing them to refinance into a lower long-term rate.

Unlike the risky versions that existed prior to 2008, today's adjustable mortgages typically come with longer fixed periods of five, seven or even ten years before rates begin to adjust. Regulations adopted after the financial crisis also require lenders to evaluate whether borrowers can realistically handle potential payment increases.

Interestingly, ARMs today are often being used not by subprime borrowers but by relatively affluent buyers who see them as a strategic tool rather than a desperate gamble.

Are ARMs good or bad?

The answer, as with many financial tools, depends on how they are used.

For disciplined borrowers who understand the risks, an ARM can provide a temporary bridge into homeownership at a lower cost. For borrowers who stretch too far, they can still present dangers if rates rise dramatically.

The broader question is whether lower borrowing costs combined with fewer regulatory obstacles to construction can actually solve America's housing shortage.

Executive orders can influence the financial environment. They can encourage lending and reduce bureaucratic barriers.

If these policy changes succeed in making it easier for banks to lend and easier for builders to build, then that's the direction to head.

And if they do, they may bring the American dream of homeownership back within reach for more families than it has been in recent years.

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Editorial Page

Honesty Is Not The Best Job-Seeking Policy

By LEN ROBBINS

Have you ever heard the Latin phrase, “carpe diem”?

It means “let the buyer beware” – for this joke.

Although I’m not from Latvia, I know a little Latin, and that phrase came to mind the other day when a friend was telling me about a person who came to his office looking for a job.

When my friend asked this person why they left their previous employment, the job-seeker replied, “my boss told me I was too stupid to work, and had to let me go.”



Some people would applaud such honesty.

I boo it lustily.

Whoever said “honesty is the best policy” apparently was never fired for being too stupid to work – or perhaps they were.

Like politics, and marriage, in the world of job-hunting, being totally forthright may not be the best idea, especially if you’re too stupid to work.

Hopefully, the job market will be better in the future. With that in mind, here are some free, easy-to-remember tips for the stupid, and not-so-stupid, employment seekers among us:

- It’s not a good idea to tell a prospective employer: “Here’s my resume,” and pronounce it as

“re-zoom.”

They’ll automatically think you’re too stupid to work when you pronounce it “re-zoom.” The document you give to potential employers is called a resume (“rez-u-may”). Pronounce it correctly and you’re a step closer to employment. Pronounce it correctly with a zesty French accent and you’ll get a job offer on the spot.

- Never, ever express an opinion during the interview process.

Resist the temptation, no matter how great or how much the interviewer incites you. And if you have to fill out an application that prompts you to list hobbies, don’t put down any hobbies

that reveal anything about you or your personality. Don’t put down QAnon conspiracies, sugar packet collecting, or smoking dope as your hobbies, for instance. If you must, put something very nondescript and boring, like reading, or spending time with family and friends, or walking. You never know what prejudices or biases your interviewer may have.

- Don’t be afraid to make yourself look good.

People want to be impressed. If you can do something especially well, whether it be typing, operating a fork lift, or making funny noises with your armpit, don’t be shy – brag about it. If you don’t mention it, they’ll never know how talented you are.

- One last thing.

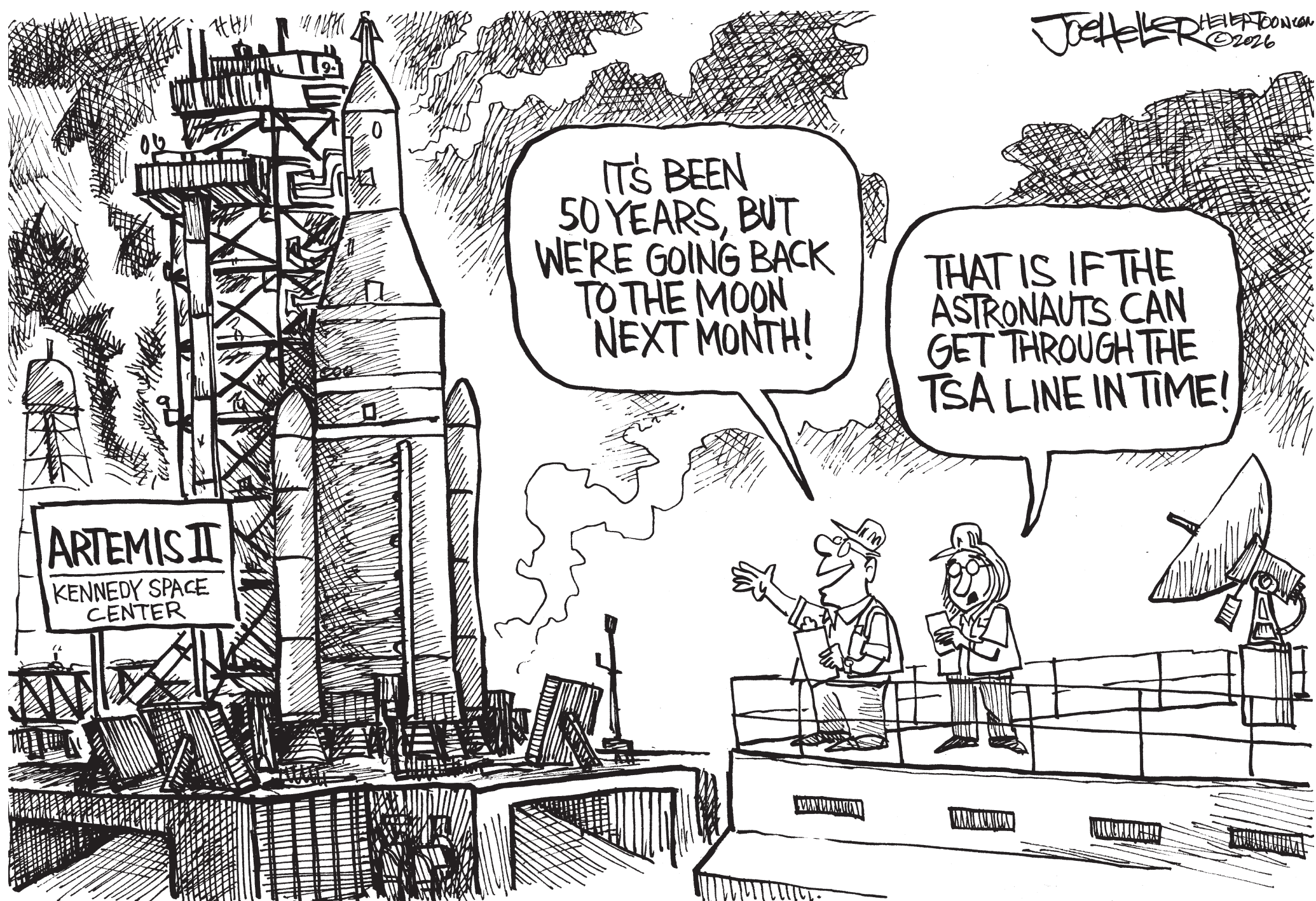
If the interview isn’t going well (signs include the interviewer falling asleep or cursing loudly at you to get out of their office), it’s a good idea to turn the tables and challenge the interviewer to arm wrestle you.

Sound crazy? Yeah, crazy like a weasel.

If you beat them, they’ll be impressed by your moxie and strength. If you lose, they’ll feel great about themselves and want to keep your lily-armed self around. Either way, you’re as good as hired.

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Prism Wonder...

By JAMIE DENTY

We were made to be prisms refracting the light of God’s glory into all of life. Why God should want to give us a share in shining with his glory - shekinah - is a great mystery. Call it grace or mercy or love - it is an unspeakable wonder! Baptist theologian John Piper, *Desiring God*.



Jamie Denty theologian John Piper, *Desiring God*.

Only a few people fail to be fascinated by a piece of glass so cut that it refracts light in differing colors. A young child can be mesmerized by the sight. Older children study the scientific explanations in physics classes. Scientists and inventors use prisms in spectroscopy and in devices like telescopes, binoculars and lasers. We adults are charmed by the colorful beauty

that crystal prisms add to a chandelier or a sun catcher.

People have been fascinated by prisms for a long time. Emily Van Zee and Elizabeth Gire, textbook writers of *Exploring Physical Phenomena* for Oregon State University, tell us that people have watched spectrums of colors displayed through prisms since ancient times. Archeologists have found glass prisms in ancient Roman ruins.

Historian Doris Kearns Goodwin says, “The past is not simply the past, but a prism through which the subject filters his own changing self-image.”

According to the Smithsonian Libraries, English physicist and mathematician Isaac Newton began a series of experiments with sunlight and prisms. He demonstrated that clear white light was composed of seven visible colors, those of the rainbow. “His work led to breakthroughs

in optics, physics, chemistry, perception and the study of color in nature.

Britannica adds, “Each color or wavelength, making up the white light is bent, or refracted, a different amount; the shorter wavelengths (those toward the violet end of the spectrum) are bent the most and the longer wavelengths (those toward the red end of the spectrum) are bent the least.”

Newton says, “...if the Sun’s Light consisted of but one sort of rays, there would be but one Colour in the whole world.”

And since the wonder of prisms were first discovered, poets, lyricists, artists, authors have taken these scientific findings and incurved them into works of art. They use the image of the prism to allow viewers to see how color spirals and circles from a concrete object to an abstract idea. In the hands of an

artist, a prism becomes far more than a triangular shaped piece of glass. The refracted rays may become hopes, dreams, catharsis, fulfillment, the list of emotional imagery is endless. Often artists see themselves as prisms.

American poet and painter, E. E. Cummings, says, “The symbol of all art is the Prism.”

American novelist and psychologist Jonathan Kellerman adds, “Life is like a prism. What you see depends on how you turn the glass.”

But the creative aren’t the only ones who appreciate the perception of the prism. All of us should take the concept to heart.

Nurse Teresa Milsap, writing for *Upper Room* in January, recalls a patient saying to her one day, “You are shining in this place.”

She says that while she had prayed that the light of Jesus would shine through her and

her work, she had never shared this prayer with her patients. But they saw it.

For Christians, Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. From the praise of the crowd to the painful climb to Golgotha, from the deep despair of Black Friday to the joy of a glorious Easter, Christians not only relive the path Jesus followed from death to resurrection.

But we are also called to assume the role of prisms refracting God’s light as revealed in the message Jesus delivered again and again. “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind...And the second is like unto to it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” Matthew 22:37-39 KJV.

As Piper says, it’s an unspeakable wonder.

(Jamie Denty can be reached at jamiedenty@darientel.net.)

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Report From Our Nation's Capitol

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



One Strike, You're Out

We live in the greatest country in the world, with the best times still ahead of us. The beauty of this country stretches far and wide, from ocean to ocean, representing people from all different backgrounds and environments. Generations of strong Americans who came before fought hard and long, through trials and tribulations, to turn the promising potential of a young union into a strong, enduring United States of America.

Unfortunately, beauty attracts those who want to manipulate and exploit the system.

The Minnesota \$9 billion Somali fraud scheme, which stole hard-working American taxpayer dollars, proves that truth. Minnesota Governor Tim Walz should be thrown in jail for allowing this to happen. Politicians are elected by the people, for the people, and to serve those who contribute to society.

There are no excuses; America will not be a refuge for criminals who seek to use and abuse the system. Last week, Republican lawmakers in the House of Representatives took action, passing the Deporting Fraudsters Act, which would do the common-sense thing: denaturalize and deport aliens accused of defrauding the U.S. government.

Time for them to get out. The U.S. is closed for business to those who literally rip benefits away from the most vulnerable in society.

Democrats defend criminal aliens, catering to an increasingly radical constituency while turning their backs on hardworking American citizens seeking to live the American Dream.

Americans who appreciate the United States of America as the greatest country on Earth are familiar with the words President John F. Kennedy once spoke: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Buddy's briefing

On this week's edition of Buddy's Briefing, we discuss the SAVE America Act and how important federal voter ID laws are to protecting our elections and democracy.

From Our Nation's Capitol

Monday, March 16, 2026: I was honored to be in Greensboro, located between Atlanta and Augusta on I-20, this past Saturday morning at the Greene County candidate forum sponsored by the Greene County GOP. Invited counties included Clark, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam and Taliaferro. This area is home to Lake Oconee with 19,000 acres of water and 374 miles of shoreline that is a man-made reservoir created by the Wallace Dam on the Oconee River and one of the many beautiful areas of our state. Afterwards, I head to Dublin in Laurens County in middle Georgia and during the drive. Once in Dublin, I head to their City Hall downtown where I had a recorded interview with Gray Media to discuss the conflict in Iran and funding of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Earlier in the day, Dublin had a great St. Patrick's Parade downtown and the celebration continued with a festival downtown that lasted throughout the afternoon. I enjoyed visiting the festival with the many vendors, food trucks and entertainment as well as beautiful weather. After a great visit, I head to Sandy Springs in northern Fulton County in the metro Atlanta area where Frontline Policy Council

hosted a candidates' forum for statewide candidates. Launched in 2017 by Cole Muzio as Family Policy Foundation of Georgia and relaunched as Frontline Policy Action in 2021, this great group seeks to meet the immediate need in Georgia to have a state-focused, biblical organization that addresses issues of life, religious freedom, God's design, human dignity, free speech and principled government. On Sunday, I was honored to worship at Freedom Tabernacle in Cumming in Forsyth County near Gainesville in northeast Georgia where founders and lead pastors Robbie and Jill Mathis do a great job of uniting the Body of Christ throughout North Georgia. After an inspirational service with great preaching and great music, I head to Buckhead in Fulton County in metro Atlanta where I have the pleasure of speaking to the Buckhead Bunch Republican meeting. With members from DeKalb, Fulton, and Cobb Counties, this combination of brunch buddies and Republican friends meets most Sundays after Church. After a great meeting with these patriots, I head to the airport and fly home to St. Simons Island and once I land, I head to a birthday bash at Marshside Grill in Brunswick where they are celebrating City Market Seafood owner Frank Owens' 50th birthday. I'm on the road early this morning and headed to Richmond Hill in Bryan County where I have a live interview with Newsmax to discuss the Iran conflict and DHS funding. Afterwards, I head to a meeting with a group of local breakfast clubs before heading to a tour of the Richmond Hill Water Treatment Plant followed by a tour of the Richmond Hill Early Learning Center. Next, I head to Southside Savannah where I attend the Georgia Southern University (GSU) Irish Heritage Reception at the Armstrong State GSU campus before heading to downtown Savannah where I am privileged to speak at the St. Patrick's Jasper Green ceremony honoring Sgt. William Jasper, a revolutionary war hero. Afterwards, I head to the airport for my return flight to Washington and, after numerous delays, finally arrive in DC at 2 a.m. Tuesday.

Tuesday, March 17, 2026: After a couple of hours of sleep, I'm up and at 'em again as I attend our weekly GOP Conference meeting before heading back to our office for a meeting with our legislative team followed by a meeting with the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools. Next, I head off Capitol Hill to film a Public Service Announcement (PSA) with the Weather Channel. Once back on Capitol Hill, I have a recorded interview with WSB TV in Atlanta to discuss DHS funding and the conflict in Iran before meeting with the Recycling Partnership to discuss the CIRCLE Act, a bill that would create a recycling infrastructure investment tax credit. After a meeting with our White House liaison, I meet with representatives from Glenmark Pharmaceuticals before meeting with Ceres to discuss permitting reform. Next, I meet with a great group from the Rome-Floyd Chamber of Commerce before joining in on our all staff conference call. After a recorded interview with 11 Alive TV in Atlanta to discuss Iran and DHS funding, I meet with Blue Force Gear, maker of the backpack and web gear for the Air Force Security Forces and located in Pool-

er in Chatham County. Next, I head to our first vote series of the week and, once back in our office, I have a Newsmax interview to discuss Iran and DHS funding followed by a meeting with our scheduling staff. Later in the evening, I have an interview on Stacy on the Right on XM radio to discuss news of the day.

Wednesday, March 18, 2026: After filming this week's edition of Buddy's Briefing, I meet with our communications staff then head to a hearing of the Energy and Commerce (E&C) Subcommittee on Health on healthcare affordability. Once back in our office, I meet with the Garden Club of America followed by a meeting with the new CEO of the Hyundai LG Battery Manufacturing America facility in Bryan County. Next, I meet with the Georgia Foundation before heading off Capitol Hill for a meeting then return to our office where I meet with the National League of Cities followed by the Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal. After heading to downtown Washington where I am the guest on the Ruthless Podcast that my staff has been so pumped up about, I head to the 2026 DC Blockchain Summit where I am on stage with Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC) and Rep. Troy Downing (R-MT) to discuss digital assets and America's strategic edge. Once back in our office, I meet with the CEO of Sentiq before heading to the House Chamber for votes and afterwards paying tribute to Georgia Governor Brian Kemp on being selected Safari Club International's (SCI) Governor of the Year. Later, I have a special order in the House Chamber where I pay tribute to a number of individuals and organizations then attend a meeting off Capitol Hill with the American Nuclear Society (ANS).

Thursday, March 19, 2026: After a meeting off Capitol Hill with the National Association of Specialty Pharmacy (NASP), I head to our weekly GOP Doctor's Caucus meeting then to our weekly E&C member meeting. Next, I head to the House Chamber for our final vote of the week and afterwards pay tribute to Joel Leone who has been named the new COO at Memorial Health in Savannah. After flying back to Atlanta, I head to Hiawassee in Northeast Georgia where I have the honor of speaking to the Towns County GOP at their monthly meeting and afterwards meet with Hiawassee Mayor Jay Chastain.

Friday, March 20, 2026: After staying in Hiawassee last night, I'm up early this morning and live on Newsmax as I discuss the Iran conflict and DHS funding. Afterwards, I have the honor of speaking to The Mountain Movers & Shakers, a grassroots, non-partisan civic organization serving the North Georgia mountain region. While traveling back to Atlanta, I have a conference call with our Chief of Staff and District Director and once back in Atlanta, I record a video for the Glynn County GOP. Later in the evening, I attend the Cobb EMC Foundation Horizon Gala to benefit the Horizon League whose mission is to help keep registration fees affordable and continue delivering high-quality programs for children and adults with special needs.

(First District Congressman Carter represents most of southeast Georgia in the U.S. House of Representatives.)

BEE Award Presented To Chloe Hunsucker

BRUNSWICK— Southeast Georgia Health System is proud to announce Chloe Hunsucker, RPSGT, as the latest recipient of the BEE Award, recognizing team members who go Beyond Exceptional Expectations (BEE) in their service to patients, families and fellow team members.

Hunsucker, a registered polysomnographer at the Sleep Management Center on the Brunswick Campus, was recognized for her outstanding patient advocacy, compassion and commitment to ensuring seamless care. After learning that a patient had experienced delays and confusion in scheduling the appropriate sleep study, Hunsucker immediately stepped in to help. She worked quickly to secure the correct study, ensured results were delivered without delay and personally assisted in coordinating necessary follow-up care.

Her proactive approach and dedication helped ease the patient's frustration and ensured timely treatment. Col-

leagues praised her initiative, attention to detail and unwavering focus on the patient experience.

Hunsucker was presented with a BEE Award plaque and certificate in front of her peers and Health System leadership. She also received a BEE pin, balloons and honey danishes to share with her team.

Those eligible for the BEE Award include all Health System team members and volunteers except nurses (RNs and LPNs may receive the DAISY Award). These team members provide extraordinary experiences for Health System patients, their families and visitors by exemplifying quality service and care.

Nominations for the BEE Award may be submitted online at sghs.org/bee-award or placed in BEE boxes located throughout the Health System's Brunswick and Camden campuses. A committee of team members reviews all submissions and selects each honoree.



BEE Winner

Registered Nurse Chloe Hunsucker received the BEE Award.

SGHS Sets Blood Drive

BRUNSWICK, — Southeast Georgia Health System is inviting the community to make a lifesaving impact by donating blood at its upcoming blood drive on the Brunswick Campus. The drive will take place on Thursday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the LifeSouth mobile located on the corner of Kemble Avenue and Parkwood Drive.

Each blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives, making every donor a vital part of patient care. Blood sup-

plies are always in demand, and donations help ensure that hospitals are prepared to treat patients facing emergencies, surgeries and chronic illnesses.

Both first-time and returning donors are encouraged to participate. Giving blood is a simple yet powerful way to support neighbors, friends and loved ones in need.

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ABAC Announces Listings

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College has announced the students who earned top academic honors for the Fall 2025 semester. Students are recognized for outstanding classroom performance across three achievement lists: the President's Honor List, the Dean's Honor List and the Distinguished Achievement List.

The President's Honor List, ABAC's highest academic recognition, includes students who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average. To qualify, each student must have earned an A in every course while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and also completed a minimum of 12 hours of academic coursework.

The Distinguished Achievement List recognizes part-time students who completed between six and 11 credit hours and earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher. This honor highlights exceptional scholastic performance among students carrying a reduced course load.

ABAC Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jason Goodner expressed gratitude and pride when asked about what made these achievements possible. "Our students continue to achieve at high levels," Goodner said. "Their achievements speak to their hard work and to the strength of ABAC's student success initiatives. Because of these efforts, students representing 126 of Georgia's 159 counties were honored across all three lists, highlighting the statewide impact of our programs."

The list of students by hometown and achievement is as follows:

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Ludowici students on the Dean's List includes Kyra Staudt.

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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,

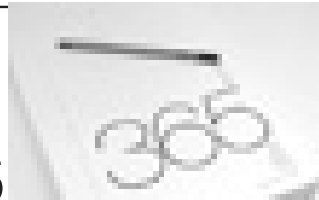
Family Connections Meeting Set 3rd Wednesday

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 Tuesday of each month.

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to all meetings of the authority.

Brad Day is executive director of the Long County Development Authority.

Long P&Z Board Meeting Third Monday

The Long County Planning & Zoning Board meets the 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

Law For The Kings

Moses commanded the Israelites when they got a king to have a copy of the law to consult.

His command to them is carried in Deuteronomy 17:14-20.

“When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me;

“Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

“But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

“Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

“And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:

“And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

“That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.”

If the kings had done this, their country would not have fallen into sin and been defeated by their enemies.

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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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WHEREAS, William Kenneth Nichols, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Equity Prime Mortgage LLC, Lender which was dated 7/11/2024, and recorded on 7/16/2024, as Instrument No. D2024002043, in Book 552, Page 937, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$342,000.00 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:

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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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.

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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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--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.

Eight Members Of House Of Prayer Christian Church Indicted For Fraud Schemes In Operation "False Profit"

AUGUSTA, GA: A federal grand jury, presiding in the Southern District of Georgia, indicted eight individuals connected to the House of Prayer Christian Churches of America (HOPCC) for various fraud schemes and tax charges.

On September 10, 2025, a federal court unsealed a 26-count indictment. The indictment charges:

FNU LNU (First Name Unknown, Last Name Unknown) aka RONY DENIS, age unknown, of Hinesville, Georgia, West Palm Beach Florida, and Martinez, Georgia, with Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud, Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, and Aiding and Assisting in Filing a False Tax Return.

ANTHONY OLOANS, 54, of Hinesville, Georgia, with Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud and Bank Fraud.

JOSEPH FRYAR, 51, of Hinesville, Georgia and Martinez, Georgia, with Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud and Bank Fraud.

DENNIS NOSTRANT, 55, of Hinesville, Georgia, with Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud and Bank Fraud.

GERARD ROBERTSON, 57, of Hinesville, Georgia, with Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud and Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud.

DAVID REIP, 52, of Hinesville, Georgia, with Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud and Bank Fraud.

MARCUS LABAT, 42, of Hinesville, Georgia, with Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and Wire Fraud.

OMAR GARCIA, 40, of Palm Bay, Florida, with Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and Wire Fraud.

The maximum penalties for Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud and Bank Fraud are up to 30 years of imprisonment, up to a \$1,000,000 fine, and not more than 5 years of supervised release.

The maximum penalties for Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and Wire Fraud are up to 20 years of imprisonment, up to a \$250,000 fine, and not more than 3 years of supervised release.

The maximum penalties for Aiding and Assisting in the Filing of a False Tax Return are up to 3 years of imprisonment, up to a \$250,000 fine, and not more than 1 year of supervised release.

According to the indictment, the group's leader posed as "Rony Denis," an identity he allegedly stole in 1983. Using that identity, he became a U.S. citizen in 2002 and went on to establish HOPCC and its affiliate House of Prayer Bible Seminary (HOPBS).

The indictment alleges that Denis and his close associates — Anthony Oloans, Joseph Fryar, Dennis Nostrant, Gerard Robertson, David Reip, Marcus Labat, and Omar Garcia — used their leadership positions to exert extreme control over congregants. The indictment alleges that members were manipulated into turning over personal information, pressured into marriages and divorces arranged by church leaders, and forced to live in properties tied to the defendants that generated rental income.

The defendants are also accused of exploiting military personnel by recruiting them into the church, directing them to enroll in HOPBS, and then using their Veterans Administration benefits to funnel money into church-controlled accounts. Leaders allegedly disguised payouts to themselves as "expense reimbursements," "love offerings," and similar terms, while also using fraudulently gained funds to pay credit card bills for the defendants.

The indictment further describes how leaders maintained a list of "ex-HOPCC traitors," humiliated members for perceived rule violations, and restricted contact with family members who left the church.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is looking for additional victims (see more below).

Bank Fraud Scheme

According to the indictment, in 2004 until the present, defendants Rony Denis, Anthony Oloans, Joseph Fryar, Dennis Nostrant, Gerard Robertson, and David Reip, along with others, engaged in a long-running conspiracy to defraud financial institutions.

The defendants allegedly recruited members of their organization to serve as "straw buyers" in real estate transactions, concealing the true buyers' identities. They falsified loan applications and closing documents, used forged

powers of attorney, and created limited liability corporations to acquire and transfer properties. After seizing control of these properties, they converted them into rental homes, collecting more than \$5.2 million in rental income between 2018 and 2020.

Funds from the scheme were allegedly used to pay mortgages on the properties, cover personal expenses, and benefit members of the conspiracy, while leaving some of the straw buyers with damaged credit and foreclosures.

The Fraudulent Veterans Affairs Education Benefits Scheme

The indictment alleges that beginning no later than 2011 and continuing through 2022, Rony Denis, Omar Garcia, Marcus Labat, and Gerard Robertson conspired to defraud the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and U.S. military veterans of millions in education benefits.

According to the indictment, the defendants fraudulently obtained a religious exemption from state regulators in Georgia to operate two of the five locations of HOPBS. This exemption required that Georgia seminaries not receive federal funds. Nevertheless, the Georgia HOPS applied for and accepted VA education benefits, making it ineligible to maintain the exemption. HOPBS received more than \$3 million in education benefits for its Georgia locations and more than \$23.5 million for all five locations.

From 2013 through 2021, HOPBS officers fraudulently submitted false certifications to Georgia regulators that claimed the seminary did not receive federal funds, despite receiving millions in VA payments each year. The scheme funneled funding from VA education benefits to its seminary and related church accounts, enriching the defendants while exhausting some veterans' benefits, often without students completing their programs.

Filing False Tax Returns

The indictment also charges Rony Denis with aiding in the preparation and filing of false income tax returns for calendar years 2018, 2019, and 2020. According to the indictment, Rony Denis falsely reported a total income of \$165,601 in 2018, \$155,408 in 2019, and \$247,433 in

2020, despite knowing those figures were false.

The FBI and the United States Attorney's Office are seeking additional victims whose personally identifiable information (PII) may have been misused by HOPCC. If you, your family member, or anyone you know has had contact with HOPCC and would like to report a crime, please complete this on-line questionnaire: fbi.gov/HOPCCVictims.

"This indictment alleges a scheme in which individuals betrayed the trust of church members for self-enrichment at the members' expense," said U.S. Attorney Heap. "We commend the work of our law enforcement partners in unraveling this fraudulent operation."

"The defendants are accused of exploiting trust, faith, and even the service of our nation's military members to enrich themselves," said Paul Brown, Special Agent in Charge of FBI Atlanta. "This indictment makes clear that using coercion, manipulation, and fraud under the guise of religion will not shield wrongdoers from accountability."

"Safeguarding Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefit funds reserved for deserving veterans remains a priority and our investigators are working diligently in the field to ensure these programs are not exploited for financial gain and greed," said Special Agent in Charge David Spilker with the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General's Southeast Field Office. "These indictments are a clear warning that the VA OIG, alongside our partners, will continue to aggressively pursue those who seek to defraud these vital VA benefits."

"The defendants are accused of fraudulently receiving VA education benefits intended for those who honorably served in our country's armed forces, along with committing other financial crimes," said Special Agent in Charge Demetrius Hardeman, IRS Criminal Investigation, Atlanta Field Office. "IRS Criminal Investigation special agents are diligently investigating those who commit financial fraud on the U.S. government and law-abiding taxpayers."

"Those who abuse the housing finance system for fraud will be held accountable," said Edwin S. Bonano, Special Agent in Charge at the Federal Housing Finance Agency Office of Inspector General (FHFA-OIG). "FHFA-OIG is proud to stand with our law enforcement partners to protect victims and safeguard the integrity of the housing finance system."

"Today's coordinated arrests of individuals connected to the House of Prayer Christian Churches of America and House of Prayer Bible Seminary effectively disrupts a calculated scheme to defraud our military service members and veterans of their hard-earned VA benefits," said Special Agent in Charge Ryan O'Connor of the Department of Army Criminal Investigative Division's Southern Field Office. "This investigation underscores CID's unwavering commitment to protecting those who have served, and we will continue to aggressively pursue those who seek to exploit their trust and sacrifice."

"USCIS will hold those that perpetrate immigration fraud accountable, and we will support any DOJ efforts to denaturalize this criminal, who used a stolen identity to fraudulently obtain U.S. citizenship," said Sarah Posvar, Associate Portfolio Director, with USCIS' Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate."

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General, Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Housing Finance Authority, the Department of the Army, CID, and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, with valuable assistance from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Assistant United States Attorneys Patricia G. Rhodes and George J.C. Jacobs, III are prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an allegation. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

For questions, persons should contact the U.S. Attorney's Office at (912) 652-4422.

Upcoming Events Announced

Upcoming Meetings & Sessions

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.

Hinesville Man Sentenced

SAVANNAH, GA: Baker also fined Beatles A Hinesville man who threatened to kill employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs has been sentenced to federal prison.

Alexis Beatles, 44, of Hinesville, was sentenced to 70 months in prison for his conviction on two counts of Interstate Communications with Threats to Injure Another, said Margaret E. "Meg" Heap, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. U.S. District Court Chief Judge R. Stan

Baker also fined Beatles \$1,500 and ordered him to serve three years of supervised release upon completion of his prison term. There is no parole in the federal system.

"Alexis Beatles directed threats of death and violence to VA employees, U.S. citizens and even the families of police officers," said U.S. Attorney Heap. "We commend our law enforcement and investigative partners for making our community safer by holding Beatles accountable."

Ludowici Man, Three Others Sentenced In U.S. District Court For Possession Of Firearms By Convicted Felons

Continued From Page 1 completion of his prison term after pleading guilty to Carrying a Firearm During, or In Relation To, a Drug Trafficking Crime. Savannah police officers found a pistol in Greene's possession during a May 2024 traffic stop.

Rommel Eduardo Garcia-Correa, 33, a citizen of Honduras illegally present in the United States, was sentenced to 11 months in prison after pleading guilty to Possession of a Firearm by an Illegal Alien. Police in Garden City found a pistol in Garcia-Correa's

possession in June 2025. Garcia-Correa will be released into the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement immediately upon completion of his prison sentence and processed for removal from the United States.

"Removing guns from the hands of criminals is a vital part of protecting our community from violent crime," said U.S. Attorney Heap. "With our law enforcement partners, we will relentlessly pursue and prosecute individuals whose criminal histories or immigration status

makes it clear that they are prohibited from possessing firearms."

Agencies investigating the cases include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Savannah Police Department, the Garden City Police Department, and the Liberty County Sheriff's Office. The cases were prosecuted for the United States of America by Southern District of Georgia Assistant U.S. Attorneys Makeia R. Jonese, Timothy P. Dean, and Kelsey L. Scanlon.

Coastal Soil And Water Conservation District Holds Poster Contest

The Coastal Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), a local agency dedicated to the conservation and stewardship of the area's natural resources, is now accepting entries for their Poster Contest for students located within the District's service area.

The service area includes Bryan, Chatham, Liberty, Long and McIntosh Counties. Education is a critical element of the conservation effort at the local, state and national levels. Educating

young people about the benefits of conservation helps to ensure the next generation will be wise stewards of America's natural resources.

The annual Poster Contest provides public, private and home-schooled students in 2nd-3rd grades the chance to have their art selected to advance on to the state contest. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners. Each year, the poster topic reflects National Association of Conservation District's annual

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Stewardship theme and highlights the work of Conservation Districts to protect and enhance natural resources. This year's theme is "Soil. Where it all begins" highlights the essential role of both natural and managed habitats in our conservation efforts. The deadline to enter the contest is March 27th, 2025.

Find more details at Coastal Georgia Conservation District — Georgia Association of Conservation Districts

Personnel Approved By Long County Board Of Education

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- Burke-Groves, Angela
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- Caslen, Lauren
- Cason, Kim (49%)
- Chambless, Tyler
- Chancey, Melinda
- Chapman, Harriet
- (49%)
- Chatman, Stanley
- Childers-Werdlow, Cynthia
- Clark, Alexis
- Coleman, Diana
- Collier, Cody
- Cook, Kaylee
- Cotten, Elizabeth
- Crawford, Celina
- Creekmore, Dianne
- Crews, Amanda
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- Deal, Ashley
- DeLoach, Calysta
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- Devia, Estrella
- Dukes, Erica
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- Earl, Tiffany
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- Eastlake, Patrick
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- Felton, Angela
- Ferrie, Katherine
- Fleeger, Jessica
- Fleming, Hester
- Fletcher, Michael
- Forman, Ashley
- Fuentes, Susan
- Fulton, Jennifer
- Futch, Jennifer
- Gaines, Crystal
- Garrason, Jessica
- Garrido, Heather
- Gates, Latisha
- Gill, David
- Gill, Holland
- Gill, Kara
- Granger, George
- Green, Victoria

- Haggerty, Joanna
- Hall, Adrienne
- Harland, Thomas
- Harper, Carmen
- Harper, Kaye
- Harriman, Ashley
- Harris, Jordan
- Harrison, Contessa
- Harrison, Kaylyn
- Harrison, Stevie
- Heller, Pamala
- Hettinger, Abigail
- Hernandez, Crystal
- Hewitt, Brittany
- Hobbs, James
- Hobby, Bonny
- Holloway, Victoria
- Horne, Amber
- Horne, Heidi
- Howard, Carly
- Huffman, Nicole
- Hunt, Kiley
- Jackson, Jessica
- Jackson, Lacey
- Jackson, Tashun
- Jimenez, Dianna
- Johnson, Jansen
- Johnson, Joezarriah
- Johnson, Kaley
- Johnson, Kelsey
- Johnson, Shanda
- Johnston, Ashley
- Jones, Melissa
- Joyner, Taylor
- Kagee, Mackenzie
- Kasperian, Tammy
- Kelly, Linda
- Kelly, Miriam
- Kennedy, Caitlin
- Kennedy, Clint
- Kennedy, Harley
- Kent, Matthew
- Kessel, Jessica
- Kicklighter, Kirsten
- King, Kari
- Kittles, Tia
- Kosmopolis, Rachel
- Kunda, Preston
- Kunda, Stephanie
- Kuzlik, Cheyanne
- Lacy, Kylee
- Lairamore, Mary
- Lalonde, Stacey
- Lamy, Lindsay
- Leming, Stephanie
- Lewis, Keri
- Lloyd, Constance
- Long, Holly
- Long, Stacie
- Lopez, Megan
- Lynn, Christy
- Maddox, TyLeeah
- Malcolm, Christina
- Manning, Caitlyn

- Manning, Jessica
- Manning, Kipp (49% / 3 Months full time)
- Marks, Abigail
- Martin, Teri
- McAfee, Alexis
- McAfee, Andrew
- McCullough, Kaleigh
- McKinney, Otis
- McNeal, Lynn
- Mike, Latisha
- Miles, Cynthia
- Milton, Britney
- Milton, Melita
- Molina, Tani
- Moore, Jennifer
- Moser, Varina (49% / 3 Months full time)
- Moseley, Morgan
- Musgrave, Jamie
- Null, Lillian
- Nunn, Courtney
- Oldham, Heather
- Oldham, Sarah
- Ortiz-Feliciano, Yekaterina
- Ortiz-Perez, Alejandra
- Osborne, Shanetra
- Osnoe, Danielle
- Parker, Candy
- Parker, Loren
- Pattison, Brittnie
- Paxton, Dasha
- Payne, Carolyn (49%)
- Peacock, Colton
- Persinger, Kelsey
- Peterson, Victoria
- Pfiester, Alaina
- Pfiester, Michael
- Phillips, Cynthia
- Pickens, Kenneth
- Pickens, Meagan
- Pittman, Elizabeth
- Pirkle, Blair
- Plumey-Mays, Malia
- Podunavac, Tarsa
- Powell-Sellers, Inesha
- Pratt, Rosa
- Ramirez, Denise
- Ray, Jincy
- Ray-Stokes, Kasey
- Reid, Matthew
- Richerzhagen, Courtney
- Rivera, Eboni
- Rivera Sr., Ricardo
- Robinette, Misty
- Robinson-Bragg, Latoya
- Robles, Milagros (49%)
- Rollins, Jennifer
- Ross, Micheal
- Salazar, Damien

- Sapp, Chelsea
- Sapp, Joshua
- Scott, Brendon
- Scott, Janelle
- Scott, Nehyana
- Scott, Wade
- Shuckhart, Billie
- Sirmans, James
- Sirmans, Tabitha
- Sizemore, Charity
- Smiley, Brandy
- Smiley, Kaley
- Smith, April
- Smith, Deborah
- Smith, Jessica
- Smith, Patricia
- Sollosi, Brandi
- Sotomayor, Mirelis
- Sotomayor, Moises
- Stewart, Celest
- Stokes, Mark
- Stone, Marra
- Strickland, Rachel
- Swindell, Amy
- Swindell, Suzanne
- Thomas, Emily
- Thomas, Evan
- Thompson, Marissa
- Thornton, Laurie
- Teston, Sabrina
- Todd, Laura
- Tompkins, Melody
- Tootle, Stephanie
- Transue, Katie
- Vazquez-Hendrix, Liz
- Verporter, Michelle
- Versprille, Bryant
- Versprille, Kristina
- Versprille, Stephen
- Wagner, Keishawn
- Walden, Andrew
- Walden, Sydney
- Walters, Kristin
- Washington, Crystal
- Washington, Gillespie
- Wells, Morgan
- Wells, Sarah
- Wells, Taylor
- West, Alyssa
- Westberry, Kristal
- White, David
- White, Amanda
- Whites, Michelle
- Whitley, Brenda
- Whitman, Kristen
- Williams, Brittany
- Williams, Donalyn
- Williams, Frankie
- Williams, Tamelia
- Williams, Tawanna
- Wilkins, Jessica
- Wilkes, Rachel
- Wilson, Simone

- Windham, Cassandra
 - Woodard, Abby
 - Woodard, Ren
 - Wrighton, Elexxus
 - Yancey, Dominick
 - Yeomans, Kali
 - Yeomans, Mary Ann
 - Young, Alexandra
 - Zachry, Abner
 - Zachry, Lisa
 - * Accepted Resignations/Retirements:
 - Regina Davis – Retirement – Effective End of FY26 School Year – LCHS
 - Donny Cotten – Resignation - Effective End of FY26 School Year – LCPS
 - Dayni Padilla – Resignation – Effective End of FY26 School Year – LCPS
 - Gabrielle James – Resignation – Effective End of FY26 School Year – LCMS
 - Johnnie Carter – Resignation – Effective End of FY26 School Year – LCMS
 - Sophia Swann – Resignation – Effective End of FY26 School Year – LCHS
 - Patricia Webb – Resignation – Effective End of FY26 School Year – LCPS
 - Lorie Arnold – Retirement from Bus Driver – Effective 04.01.26 – Transportation
 - Jenny Adams – Resignation – Effective End of FY26 School Year – MES
 - Becky Edwards – Resignation – Effective End of FY26 School Year – LCPS
 - Shadora Garner – Resignation – Effective 04.03.26 - LCHS
 - * Approved FY27 Certified Staff Recommendation:
 - Duncan, Zachary
 - * Approve FY27 Certified Staff Recommendations:
 - Hein, Sarah
 - Page, Emilee
 - * Approve FY27 Certified Staff Recommendations:
 - Howard, Maighdlin
 - * Approved FY27 Certified Staff Recommendation:
 - Ray, Shawna
- The Long County Board of Education meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.