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Eye On



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By MITTIE VAUGHAN
Editor And Publisher

Because of the large number of graduation pages in last week's issue, the column of Congressman Buddy Carter was omitted. It is included in this week's issue of the Press along with this week's column.

The Long County Board of Education will have a called board meeting on June 24 at 9 a.m. This is in addition to our regular board meeting on June 10.

The Georgia Department of Transportation has announced that work continues on US 84/SR 38 at Doctors Creek in Long County from Maple Road, NE to Austin Lane, SE (M.P.O. to 2.00). Work includes a Bridge Replacement Project. The detour Begins Thurs., Aug. 8, and includes the Median Cross-over Detour. Signal Lane Traffic in Both Directions on Eastbound Bridge is included in the work zone.

Details of the Long County Board of Commissioners' meeting will be included in next week's issue. The publisher was unable to attend because of a conflict in her schedule.

SGHS Expands With New OB/GYN Practice In Jesup In Wayne County

BRUNSWICK— Southeast Georgia Health System is pleased to announce that the physicians and staff of Women's Health Center in Jesup, Georgia, have joined its network of care. Effective April 7, 2025, the practice became Southeast Georgia Physician Associates—Obstetrics & Gynecology, part of the Health System's growing family of providers.

The Jesup-based team, well known in the community, includes Sandra Mager, MD; Kalli Barber, FNP-C; Kristin Fenn, FNP-C; and Maggie Hayes, FNP-C. Now affiliated with the Health System's Brunswick Campus, the

practice will continue delivering comprehensive women's health services for every stage of life. These include annual exams, family planning, menopause management, obstetric care, gynecologic surgery, ablations, ultrasounds, urinary incontinence treatment, and more. All deliveries will take place at the Southeast Georgia Health System Miriam & Hugh Nunnally Maternity Care Center, 2415 Parkwood Drive, Brunswick where patients have access to expert care and advanced maternity services in a comfortable, family-centered environment.

Patients can expect seamless

continuity of care with no changes to their current treatment or providers. The practice will continue to serve patients at its existing location at 114 West Cherry Street, Jesup, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mager is also seeing patients at 2500 Starling Street, Suite 305, in Brunswick.

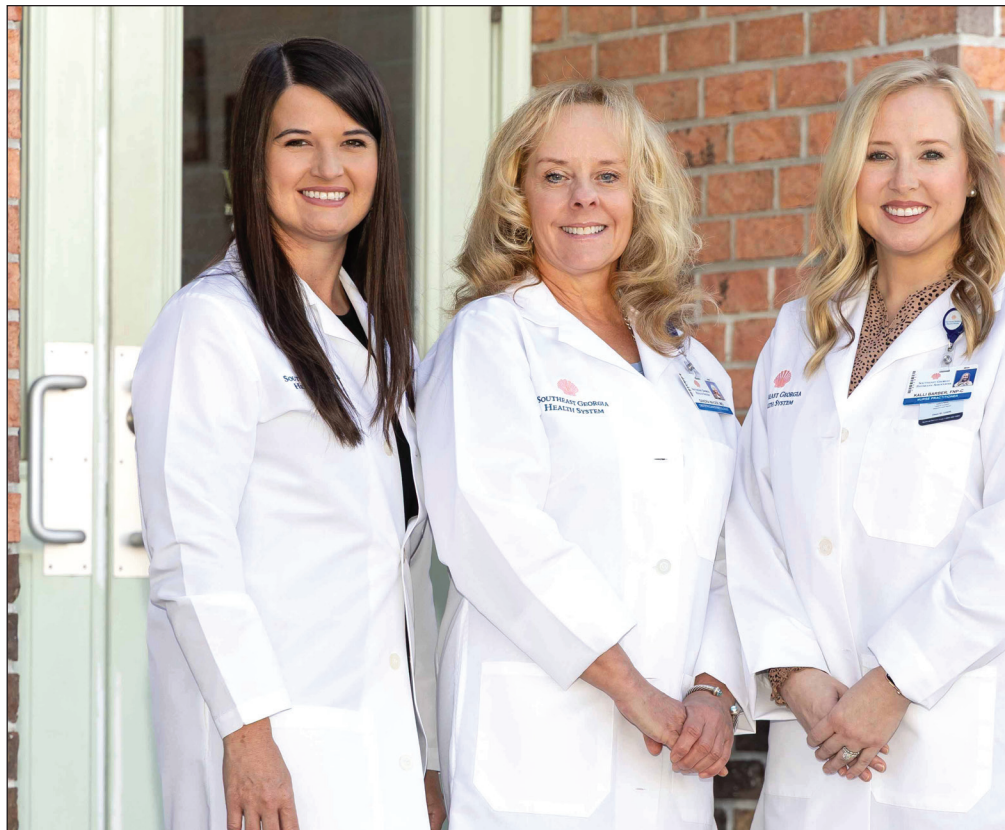
Southeast Georgia Physician Associates—Obstetrics & Gynecology is accepting new patients and most major insurance plans, including Medicare and Medicaid. To schedule an appointment, persons may call 912-588-1020.



Largest LCHS Graduation Class Ever

Hope Elizabeth Long accepts her diploma during Graduation 2025 She is the daughter of Mrs. Lisa McCallister, Assistant Superintendent of the Long County School System. She was among the school's largest graduating class ever.

PHOTO BY KADEE DASHER



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Graduation 2025

The Long County High School commencement exercises were held at the Veterans Stadium on May 24, 2025, at 9 a.m.

On the program were class officers Chasady Hall, president; Megan LaCounte, vice-president; France Smith, secretary; Cassidy Williams, treasurer; and Korey Daniel, parliamentarian.

Mr. David Edwards, superintendent; Mr. Heath Crane, deputy superintendent; and Mrs. Sherry Lester, and Mrs. Lisa McCallister, assistant superintendents, all participated on the program as well.

Long County Board of Education members include Mr. Bruce DeLoach, chairperson; Mr. Bryan Wingate, Vice-Chairperson; Mrs. Melissa Craft, board member; Mrs. Linda DeLoach, board member; and Mr. Tony Duncan, board member.

Also on the program were Mr. Brian Thomas, principal; Dr. Misty Eastlake, and assistant principals; Dr. Tiffanie Nobles, Mr. Michael Taylor, and Mr. Reggie Wilkes.

Counselors include Mrs. Kaylyn Harrison, Ms. Abigail Hettinger, and Mrs. Rachel Walker.

Senior Advisors include Mrs. Celest Stewart, Mrs. Amy Swindell, and Mrs. Mary Ann Yeomans.

Invocation was led by France Smith; Pledge of Allegiance was given by Korey Daniel; The National Anthem was led by the United States Army Field Band and Chorus; the welcome was given by Chasady Hall; The Salutatory Address was given by Kody Heredia; and Valedictory Address was given by Allison Krumnow.

The presentation of the Class of 2025 was given by Mr. Brian Thomas; principal, and the Acceptance of the Class of 2025 was made by Mr. David Edwards, school superintendent and Mrs. Lisa McCallister.

Also the presentation

of Diplomas to students was done by Dr. Misty Eastlake, Dr. Tiffanie Nobles, Mr. Michael Taylor, Mr. Brian Thomas, Mrs. Sherry Lester, Mrs. Lisa McCallister, and Mr. David Edwards.

The Alma Mater was sung by Arianna Holston; and Megan LaCounte gave the class farewell; The Benediction was given by Cassidy Williams; and the Recessional was led by the Long County High School Class.

The 2025 class had a large number of Honor Graduates.

Honor graduates, besides Valedictorian Allison Krumnow and Salutatorian Kody Heredia, included Lamarcus Adkins Jr., Sydney Marie Alegria, Jerilianise Almodovar, Shaniyah Almodovar, Shaniyah Camille Anthony, Chase Jamie Bentley, Mason Andrew Burns, Kaiden Reionna Boshers, Lillian Faith Boynton, Anthony Nickolas Branwell, Connor Ryan Brown, Charlotte Audrey Bush, Quintin Tyler Carnegia, Jason Thomas Nathaniel Carryl, Madison Grace Carter, Robert Anthony Cassese, Maddison Jai Chambers, Nevach Rae Chapman, David Martin Collier, Jakiyah Elise Cooper, Aniya JaLise Coward, Ezekiel Blane Crews, Korey Isaiah Daniel, Janis Yared Darey, Rebekah Kate Dasher, Leah Brooke Denmark, Jacob David DeWitt, Sarah Christine Diggs, Darryl Shavon Doss Jr., Josiah Benjamin Dowell, Jakira Desirae Dudley, and Addison Kae Dunham.

Also, Bentley Christian Ray Dye, Samara Ashley Edinger, Emma Elizabeth Edwards, Alaina Rose Elliott, Gage Stephen Evans, Koen Wayne Fisette, Ryshald Jahmyr Fleurisma, Angel Lee Franklin, Austin Johnathan Freeman, Adam Marcus Fuentes, Leilanikai Charlotte Gasper, Julian Gonzales, Shaniya La'Shai Goodwin, Aubrey Renee Green, Troy Lester Green Jr., Chasady

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Church Page

Faith Motivation The Monkey On Your Back BY BROTHER DAVID (JAKE) JACOBS



How many times have you heard , “Don’t get in debt?” You have to learn to live within your means. It is almost impossible to have anything if it weren’t for banks or financial institutions unless you’re born with a silver spoon in your mouth to a rich family. But, with smart planning and hard work you can have the America dream, maybe not as classy. It is almost impossible to borrow your way out of debt unless you get a pay raise or work two or three jobs.

The Scriptures have a lot to say about the weight of debt. Romans 13:8, “Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.” Proverbs 22:7, “The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.” Proverbs 22:16, “He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.”

Deborah Smith Pegues said in 2006, “We are a nation of consumers with credit instantly available to help us gratify our desires and medicate our insecurities.” Susan Alexander Yates said in 2001, “It’s important to learn to live debt-free,

and this includes borrowing from parents, friends, or siblings.” On the other hand, if you wait until you can pay cash for the big items like a house or car you may be too old to enjoy them. The question then can you afford what you want to buy? If you make 2200 a month and all your bills add up to 2500 a month, you are going in the hole 300 a month. How long do you think it will take for them to repossess?

Your cash flow in has got to be more than your cash flow out! That takes self-control. You can’t be a spontaneous buyer and get ahead. The railroad had a slogan: “Get a plan, and work your plan.” That slogan will work for anything. Scripture tell us our goal in life is to get to the place es the fruit of the Spirit will grow in us and we can enjoy life to the fullest. The last of the fruit listed is temperance. This is the hardest! This is self-control! It takes takes the old mouth shut! It is controlling the tongue. That tongue boy, can overload your faith walk and tear up your testimony. James 3:5-6, “Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a lit-

tle fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.”

Stores know exactly the power of ‘on sale’ signs. Businesses have learned our weaknesses. Most of us get home from shopping and wonder why we bought so much. It was on sale! That’s why? Proverbs 22:26, “Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.” Do not be quick to strike hands (make contracts and give promises) or to be surety for the debts of others. If you have nothing to pay why lose the necessities of life by pledging them as security? It is a relief of joy to get the monkey of bills off your mind.

Everybody needs to build their credit score in case of emergency. Get a credit card with a small credit limit is and make monthly payments on time or borrow a small amount from the bank and make payments on time. In 6 months you’re be amazed how high your credit score is. Be smart and if you can’t afford it Don’t buy it!

Bible Lesson John The Baptist, Jesus Tell Of Holy Spirit

John the Baptist spoke of the coming of the Holy Spirit, as recorded in Matthew 3:11.

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:”

Mark 1:8 also records John the Baptist’s words.

“I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.”

Of course, he was speaking of Jesus, whom he identified as “the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.”

John the Baptist identified Jesus as the Son of God in at least one of the gospel accounts.

Jesus himself gave his disciples the promise of the coming Holy Spirit, as recorded in John 14:15-21.”

“If ye love me, keep my commandments.

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

“Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

“Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

“At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.”

Jesus again spoke of the Holy Spirit’s coming in John 14:26-29.

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto

you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

“Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

“And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.”

John records that Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit again in John 15:26.

“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:”

Jesus said that the Comforter, or Holy Spirit, would not come unless he went away, as it is recorded in John 1:7-16.

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

“And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

“Of sin, because they believe not on me;

“Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

“Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

“He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

“All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

“A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.”

None of the other gospel writers mention the coming of the Holy Spirit.

After Jesus’ cruci-

fixion and resurrection, Dr. Luke records for us that Jesus again spoke of the coming of the Holy Ghost, as recorded in Acts 1:4-8.

“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.”

Jesus’ ascension into heaven is recorded in Acts 1:9-11.

“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.”

Only a cleansed people could receive God’s Holy Spirit. Jesus knew that, by his sin offering on the cross, believers would be made acceptable in God’s sight and could be indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

God accepts us because of the blood of Christ and therefore can indwell believers.

The Holy Spirit came during the feast of Pentecost. Sunday is Pentecost Sunday.

Next week’s Bible Lesson will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, as recorded in the 2nd Chapter of Acts, written by Dr. Luke.

Pastor’s Viewpoint

By CHARLES (BUDDY) WHATLEY

Four hundred and forty-one years ago, an Italian philosopher named Giordano Bruno suggested that space was filled with “an infinity of worlds of the same kind as our own... and in the summer of 1991, a team at the Jodrell Bank Observatory detected a planet in orbit around a pulsar, the dense remains of an exploded star.

That planet, lying outside our solar system is called an exoplanet.

That team retracted their findings at the American Astronomical Society in Atlanta in January of 1992. The next speaker at that conference was Aleksander Wolszczan who reported finding at least two planets orbiting around another pulsar named B1257+12. It was the first confirmed discovery of an exoplanet...

Later, in 1995, an exoplanet was detected for the first time around “51 Pegasi,” a star much like our sun. There are now 5,000 and still counting exoplanets that we know about and among them are some the size of earth where water neither boils nor freezes but can exist as liquid water, making

them “habitable zones,” meaning they could possibly support life. (Martin Rees, a cosmologist and astrophysicist and the current Astronomer Royal published in the BBC’s “Sky at Night” magazine on May 6, 2025)

Now we’ve been talking about God’s sovereignty and man’s free will, and we’ve come to Romans chapter 11 talking about God’s chosen people the Israelites and those of us who are Gentiles and where we all fit into God’s plan when suddenly, out of the blue, Paul stops and remembers where all this started... with the God who created the heavens and the earth. So, he closes this chapter and our discussion with a proclamation in verses 33-36...

“Have you ever come on anything quite like this extravagant generosity of God, this deep, deep wisdom? It’s way over our heads. We’ll never figure it out. Is there anyone around who can explain God? Anyone smart enough to tell him what to do? Anyone who has done him such a huge favor that God has to ask his advice? Everything comes from

him; Everything happens through him; Everything ends up in him. Always glory! Always praise! Yes. Yes. Yes.”

My own journey started in a small boat filled with scientific equipment and surrounded by thousands of dead fish in the middle of Bayou Texar in Pensacola, Florida. Every hour I would test the pH, temperature, and visibility of the water for a marine microbiology class I was taking at the University of West Florida. During the day I was a medical chemist for the Pensacola Naval Hospital and at night I’d sit in my little boat and take my readings...

Until the night I began to consider the implications of God’s creation and man’s sin asking Paul’s questions, “Is there anyone around who can explain God? Anyone smart enough to tell him what to do?” It was the turning point in my walk of faith!

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

Editorial Page

Emergency Numbers Are Important In The Event Of A Hurricane

Last week, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration released its 2025 Seasonal Hurricane Outlook that includes a 60% chance of an above-normal hurricane season. Now is the time to ensure you, your family, your friends, and neighbors are prepared.

Our office is always here to help, but please ensure you are closely monitoring local news during storms for the latest updates. It is important to start preparing for the potential impacts of the storm now instead of waiting until the storm is already in our area. Here are some things you can do:

Update your disaster kit. Make sure to have a three-day supply of non-perishable food and bottled water, a battery-operated radio, a flashlight, extra batteries, cash, medicines, a first aid kit, pet foods, and important family documents.

Know your evacuation routes and prepare options for overnight lodging. Storm surge can sometimes cut off evacuation routes, so do not delay leaving if an evacuation is ordered for your area. If you encounter floodwaters, remember – turn around, don’t drown.

Develop an emergency communication plan, which includes the telephone number of a family member or friend outside the area as a designated point of contact, in the event of separation when a storm hits.

Download the FEMA mobile app for a customizable checklist of emergency supplies, maps of open shelters and recovery centers, disaster survival tips, and weather alerts from the National Weather Service. The app also enables users to receive push notifications reminding them to take important steps to prepare their homes and families for disasters.

2025 Hurricane Outlook

Important Numbers

For information regarding emergency services in local areas, contact your local emergency management agency:

- Bacon: (912) 632-7979
- Brantley: (912) 462-7874
- Bryan: (912) 858-2799
- Camden: (912) 729-5602
- Charlton: (912) 496-1081
- Chatham: (912) 201-4500
- Clinch: (912) 487-3700
- Echols: (229) 559-8500
- Effingham: (912) 429-3615
- Glynn: (912) 554-7734
- Liberty: (912) 368-2201
- Long: (912) 545-3683
- McIntosh: (912) 437-5170
- Pierce: (912) 449-2040
- Ware: (912) 287-4394
- Wayne: (912) 427-5979

If you need assistance or have questions about State Hurricane Response, call the Georgia Emergency Management at 1-800-TRY-GEMA or (1-800-879-4362).

For medical or health related questions, call the Georgia Department of Public Health at 1-866-PUB-HLTH (1-866-782-4584).

If you are in immediate danger, call 911, but please reserve 911 for emergencies only.

History shows that storm tracks can change quickly and unexpectedly. Residents and visitors in Coastal and South Georgia should continue to monitor local radio and TV stations for updated emergency information and follow the instructions of state and local officials. Visit www.ready.gov or <http://www.ready.ga.gov/> for more severe weather and hurricane preparedness information and resources.

Pressing Issues: Signs of the Times Proud Of Ware Valedictorian Olivia Sanders

By MITTIE VAUGHAN
Editor And Publisher



I had asked Myra Thrift Williams to cover the Ware County High School graduation ceremony. But she told me late last week she would be unable to do so.

I decided to cover it myself, and I am so glad I did.

I didn’t have an invitation to graduation, and I did not know how to get on the field to cover the event. But the police officers made arrangements with the right person for me to be able to go onto the field.

I arrived early--before 7:30 a.m.--because I knew that people probably would arrive early to get a parking space at Memorial Stadium. I didn’t want to be looking for a parking space at the last minute, and I didn’t want to arrive just as the event was beginning.

So I waited about an hour for the 8:30 a.m. commencement exercises to begin. I sat in the teachers’ chairs for a little while; other than that, I stood for the next hour and a half.

I took photos of the graduates lined up on either side of the dais, and I took photos of the band and chorus.

The program began, and I took some more photos of those

on the podium. And then the man in charge of the ceremony announced the salutatorian. After she gave her salutatory address, he again stood and announced Valedictorian Olivia Sanders.

I looked twice as she made her way to the lectern to give her valedictory address.

I’ve watched Olivia Sanders grow up at Blackshear’s First United Methodist Church, where I was a member until last July when the Administrative Board decided that the church did not get to vote on the issue of staying in the United Methodist Church. I had to vote with my feet.

I announced my resignation as the teacher of the Bridge Sunday School Class and assistant song leader after I had taught my Sunday School Class that morning and led the singing at the morning worship service.

So I had lost touch with Olivia, who was one of my favorite youths at the church.

I recall the first time I met Olivia. She was participating in a run in downtown Blackshear and fell as she was running down Central Avenue toward the end of the race. I was glad I was there to

help her up, and I guess we’ve been “friends” ever since.

When our class voted to “adopt” a youth, I volunteered to take Olivia’s name, and I have sent her cards on special occasions for a couple of years. I know I sent one even after I was no longer a member of the church she still attends.

I was as proud of her as anyone in the audience except her parents.

It was such a blessing to be able to attend the Ware County High School graduation, the first one I have attended since my own and my brother Charles’. Charles graduated bac in 1970.

Olivia credited the Lord Jesus with seeing the graduating class of 2025 through their days as students at Ware County High School.

I know that she will do well in college and in her future endeavors, if she keeps her eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congratulations, Olivia and all of the members of the various Classes of 2025 that graduated in recent days.

Your communities are proud of you!

To Crack More Cases, We Need Genetic Genealogy

By Sheriff C. Philip Byers
Guest Columnist

Every year, thousands of murders in the United States remain unsolved. Today, there are over 300,000 cold cases on the books. But a revolutionary technology -- forensic genetic genealogy -- could change this grim reality.

Many people first heard of this technique in 2018, when investigators used it to find Joseph DeAngelo, better known as the Golden State Killer. He eventually confessed to killing 13 people and raping about 50 women in California in the 1970s and 1980s.

Since then, the use of genetic genealogy in criminal investigations has steadily grown. This past year, it led police to arrest the man accused of raping and murdering Rachel Morin, a 37-year-old mother of five who was found murdered near a running trail in Maryland in 2023.

The initial inquiry into Morin’s death revealed that the killer’s DNA matched an unsolved home invasion and assault in Los Angeles -- but even with this match, investigators couldn’t identify the suspect.

For decades, law enforcement relied on the Combined DNA Index System, known as CODIS. Launched by the FBI in the 1990s, CODIS compares DNA samples collected from crime scenes to a database of profiles already in law enforcement’s possession.

DNA contains unique data points known as markers, which

act like a genetic fingerprint. CODIS examines just 20 of these markers, and if no match is found in the database, the case often stalls.

As a result, violent crimes involving unknown suspects go unsolved.

The solution: forensic genetic genealogy.

Forensic genetic genealogy also relies on detective work and DNA samples, but it looks for matches using hundreds of thousands of markers instead of just 20.

This process yields matches to individuals who share some DNA with the suspect. With enough matches, police can find the source of the DNA found at the crime scene.

But police departments often don’t have the capacity to conduct forensic genetic genealogy on their own. In Morin’s case, investigators turned the DNA evidence over to Othram, a company focused on solving contemporary and cold cases. Scientists there used genetic genealogy to develop new leads, culminating in the arrest of Victor Antonio Martinez-Hernandez, who was just convicted on charges of murder and rape.

Genetic genealogy has now been used to solve thousands of cold cases.

The fact that we have this technology now is reason for hope. We can bring closure to families by solving past crimes,

and also stop new ones by identifying serial rapists and killers earlier in their trajectories.

But making greater use of forensic genetic genealogy infrastructure wouldn’t just bring more criminals to justice. Every case solved quickly means less time and money spent on dead-end leads or long-term investigations.

Currently, however, inadequate funding is preventing many investigators from making full use of genetic genealogy tools.

The solution has to be more federal support. The Department of Justice already makes grants to help reduce DNA backlogs. But more help is required. The next federal budget needs to have a specific focus on the game-changing application of genetic genealogy. At the same time, lawmakers need to re-evaluate how existing resources are being spent. In many cases, cutting-edge technologies can achieve the same or greater results for drastically less money.

We have the technology to solve crimes and protect the innocent. But we can’t do so without the political will to prioritize justice.

Sheriff C. Philip Byers is the former Sheriff of Rutherford County, North Carolina. He worked in law enforcement for two decades. This piece originally ran in the DC Journal.

Report From Our Nation’s Capitol

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



Five Yard Penalty

If this week were a football game, the delay tactics House Democrats displayed would earn them a five-yard penalty.

The radical left tried to prevent the most transformative bill of our generation from advancing to the Senate. Yet, in the face of Democrats’ fear mongering, outright lies, and attempts to block the will of the people, House Republicans put our heads together, negotiated with one another, and passed a big, beautiful bill this week that I am extremely proud of.

To get there, it took a lot of hard work from members of our party. Thanks to the fantastic leadership of President Trump, Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA), Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA), and so many more, we were able to pull together as a conference and get the One Big, Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) across the finish line.

OBBA delivers on many of the promises that President Trump and House Republicans made to Americans, such as:

- Securing, strengthening, and preserving Medicaid for the most vulnerable Americans;
- Extending the Trump Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to avoid the largest tax hike in the history of the country;
- Sending money to our southern border to help strengthen and secure it by finishing the construction of the Wall;
- Unleashing American energy dominance;
- Kicking illegals off taxpayer-funded programs;
- Eliminating tax on overtime and tips; and,
- Ending waste, fraud, and abuse in the federal government.

In November, 77 million Americans made their voice heard loud and clear when they rejected the Radical Left policies of the Biden-Harris administration and sent President Trump back to Washington with a Republican majority in both chambers.

I am calling on the Senate to act quickly to ensure that the will of the people is heard and that this bill is signed into law. This is a legacy defining piece of legislation for President Trump, and he is waiting with pen in hand to get it done on behalf of Americans.

House Republicans keep putting points on the board on behalf of the American people, and we aren’t tired of winning yet.

From Our Nation’s Capitol CDXCXVII

Monday, May 19, 2025: Saturday, I was in Atlanta and live on XM radio with Brietbart news and Matt Boyle as we discussed news of the day before joining in on a GOP member call to discuss the budget reconciliation process. After heading to the Fox News Bureau in Atlanta where I was live on Fox News for an interview on news of the day, I head back home to the coast. Yesterday, I spoke at the Tybee Community Gathering on Tybee Island as I brought them up to date on news from Washington including the budget reconciliation vote that will be taking place this week. Later, I headed to the Savannah-Hilton Head International airport for my return trip to Washington. Once back at the

Capitol last night, I head to a rare Sunday night committee meeting as we had a Budget Committee meeting where we voted out the budget reconciliation bill, known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) that failed in our committee last Friday. This morning, I join in on a GOP Conference member call where we discuss the OBBBA and our schedule for this week. Later, I head to the House Chamber where I pay tribute to Visit Savannah and Visit Tybee Island for receiving national recognition for their exceptional tourism marketing, the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Fire and Emergency Services, Camden County Deputy Sheriff John Arthur Hazelton who was recently enshrined on the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall, and Savannahians Camille O’Neil, Otis Johnson and John White, Sr. who were recently recognized by Senior Citizen, Inc. Once back in our office, I join in on a district staff call before heading to the White House Rose Garden where I am honored to take part in the signing of the Take It Down Act by President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania Trump. Once back in our office I have a series of staff meetings, including with communications staff, scheduling staff and legislative staff before heading to our weekly Whip Team meeting. Next, I head to the House Chamber for our first vote series of the week and remain afterwards to pay tribute to Emmitt Nolan on our staff who, after ten years of outstanding service to the constituents of the First District, is changing careers. Afterwards, I head off Capitol Hill where I join the American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia (ACEC Georgia) for a meeting.

Tuesday, May 20, 2025: I’m up early and on Newsmax live this morning as we discuss the OBBBA and news of the day. Next, I head to our weekly GOP Conference that begins early this week as we have a very special guest this morning, President Donald J. Trump. The President offers his endorsement and support for the OBBBA and addresses some of the few remaining points of contention among our conference. After the 2 & ½ hour meeting, I head to a meeting with Rheem Manufacturing to learn more of their water heating and air conditioning operations before heading to an Energy and Commerce (E&C) Environment Subcommittee hearing where we hear from my former congressional colleague and good friend, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin. Once back in our office, I meet with the Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI), before heading to the Capitol Visitors Center (CVC) where I speak to the Food is Medicine Institute from Tufts University. Next, I head off Capitol Hill to meet with the Outsourcing Facilities Association before heading to the House Chamber for our first vote series of the day. Afterwards, I head to the White House for a meeting with the President’s staff to discuss upcoming issues before heading back to our office to meet with NORPAC, a group committed to supporting

the U.S.-Israel relationship. After our second series of votes, I head off Capitol Hill for more meetings.

Wednesday, May 21, 2025: I’m live on the radio this morning with my good friend, John Fredericks, as we discuss the OBBBA and news of the day and afterwards meet with my prayer partner Joe Fowler with Common Thread ministries. Next, I head off Capitol Hill for a meeting and during the drive back to the Capitol, I join in on our all staff conference call. Once back in our office, I have a meeting with Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Chairman Mark Meador before meeting with the CEO of SK Pharmteco, Joerg Ahlgrimm. Next, I meet with leadership from GSK, another pharmaceutical company, to discuss pharmacy issues before heading off Capitol Hill. After meeting with team members from the Hyundai metaplant in Bryan County to discuss U.S. auto manufacturing, I have a virtual call with my good friend Lance Toland and House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO) to discuss air space in and around Glynn County. Next, I meet with Speaker Mike Johnson’s Director of House Operations, Derek Harley, to discuss making Naloxone available throughout the buildings on Capitol Hill before meeting with Cynthia Fisher with Patient Rights Advocate to discuss healthcare price transparency. After a virtual call with NORM 2025 to update them on healthcare issues, I have a call with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner, Dr. Mark Makary before meeting with Civitas Networks for Health. Next, I have a virtual meeting with Westwins to discuss our country’s critical mineral supply before meeting with my good friend and former congressional colleague, Tom Price. Earlier this morning- at 1 a.m.- the rules committee started debating the OBBBA and now they finish their work around 10:30 p.m. and we head to the House Chamber for what turns out to be a full night of debate and votes.

Thursday, May 22, 2025: After remaining in the House Chamber for the entire night, we finally end up voting on the OBBBA at 6:30 this morning and passing it by one vote. After grabbing a quick shower, I head off Capitol Hill where I am honored to speak to the 2025 Class of Republican Leadership for Georgia. Afterwards, I head to the Health and Human Services (HHS) headquarters for the launch of the Portable Biocontainment Unit (PBCU) before heading back to Capitol Hill for an E&C member meeting with Elon Musk to discuss the future of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Once back in our office, I have a number of virtual TV interviews to discuss the passage of OBBBA, before heading back off Capitol Hill to the National Broadcasting Association (NBA) to record a couple of Public Service Announcements (PSAs). Once back in our office, I record this week’s edition of Buddy’s Briefing before meeting with Dr. Adam Bruggerman with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) and later with officials from Blue-Bird, a great Georgia company lo-

Student Athlete Training Camp Offered To High School Students Interested In Sports Medicine Career

BRUNSWICK, — High school students with a passion for sports and medicine who are interested in exploring career paths that combine both are invited to attend the 12th annual Student Athletic Trainer Camp, hosted by Southeast Georgia Health System. This hands-on, three-day camp is designed for students entering grades 9-12 who want to learn more about the exciting world of sports medicine.

Untitled design- Throughout the camp, certified athletic trainers from the Health System Sports Medicine team will guide students through a comprehensive introduction to athletic training. Participants will explore various career opportunities within sports medicine, gaining practical knowledge and skills that could shape their future path—whether in high school sports, college programs, or professional careers in the field.

“The camp offers students a valuable opportunity to learn essential sports medicine fundamentals,” says Rebecca Joyner, MS, ATC, PES, ITAT, a certified athletic trainer with the Southeast Georgia Health System Sports Medicine Program. “Through hands-on training in splinting, taping, and injury prevention, students gain practical skills that can help them contribute as student athletic trainer aides alongside certified professionals at their schools.” Camp participants receive valuable hands-on training for basic skills and techniques

used in sports medicine, including:

- Injury treatment
- Athletic taping and bracing
- Hands-only CPR and automated defibrillator (AED)
- First aid

“High school students leave the camp with a strong understanding of various careers in sports medicine, helping them explore potential career paths for the future,” says Joyner. “We will cover a range of sports medicine professions, including orthopedic surgeon, physical therapist, nutritionist, and physician assistant, highlighting the benefits of each.”

Student Athletic Trainer Camp takes place June 24-26, 2025, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Glynn County Stadium, 5 Community Action Drive. Space is limited; registration and payment is due by Sunday, June 8, 2025. The cost for the three-day camp is \$120 and includes camp materials, lab supplies, T-shirt, lunch and snacks.

For more information, or to obtain a registration form, contact Joyner, at 912-466-5745 or rjoyner@sghs.org or visit sghs.org/satc. To register online, visit <https://bit.ly/2025-trainercamp>.

Southeast Georgia Health System is a not-for-profit health system comprised of two acute care hospitals, two Cancer Care Centers and multiple specialty care centers, including orthopaedic and spine care, replacement, and more

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cated in Fort Valley. After a virtual interview with 11Alive in Atlanta to discuss the OBBBA, I head to the airport for my return trip home.

Friday, May 23, 2025: I had written a few weeks ago that I thought the past few weeks would be the most intense time that I have ever spent in Washington and it proved to be true. That’s why being at the Band of Brothers in Garden City and hearing an inspirational message from our leader, Pastor Kenny Grant, is so special this morning. Next, I head to downtown Savannah where I meet with Cambridge Isotope Labs, the world’s leading producer of stable isotopes before heading to our Savannah district office to meet with Joe Ebberwein with Constrata for a telehealth demonstration. Afterwards,

I head to the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Museum in Pooler, where I am honored to speak at the opening ceremony of their Memorial Day celebration. Next, I head to midtown Savannah where I meet with representatives from HCA Physician Services to discuss healthcare delivery in the area and afterwards head to HCA Children’s Hospital for a tour of their beautiful and much needed facility. Afterwards, I head back to downtown Savannah for a meeting with the UGA Small Business Development Center before meeting with Pastor Christopher Pittman of the First Bryan Baptist Church.

(Congressman Buddy Carter serves the First District of Georgia that extends across most of south Georgia.)

Report From Our Nation’s Capitol

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

Supporting Georgia’s Institutions

Georgia is home to some of the brightest minds, and those strengths are cultivated through the wonderful education that we receive at our world-class institutions of higher learning.

It’s no secret that I’m a proud Bulldog and a graduate of Young Harris College, two of the best colleges and universities our state has to offer. But today, I want to focus on a wonderful campus that I had the privilege of spending some time on this week and have been a proud supporter of for several years: Augusta University, specifically the Medical College of Georgia (MCG).

The Medical College of Georgia was founded on December 10, 1828, in the City of Augusta. In 2013, MCG merged with Augusta State University to become one institution, which we today know as Augusta University (AU). Now, AU is a public research university and medical center dedicated to training the next generation of innovators, leaders, and health care providers.

As a health care provider myself, it is encouraging to know that our state is paving the way toward ensuring that we have a highly skilled medical workforce to keep Americans healthy. One of the emphases of its work is supporting telehealth through MCG’s Center for Digital Health.

I often say that we knew how important telehealth was before the pandemic, but we didn’t fully realize it until after. Telehealth is a vital resource for seniors, people with mobility impairments, and those living in rural areas far away from a medical provider. Especially with the number of independent health care providers that are closing due to rampant consolidation and vertical integration, which I am fighting against through bills targeting middlemen known as pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), telehealth may be the only connection some patients have to a licensed health care professional.

The work MCG is doing to connect more Georgians to their doctors and pharmacists is important, which is why I was proud to secure \$1 million in fiscal year 2023 to support the Center’s work.

This is exactly the kinds of project the government should support, because it gives every single one of us the resources to live healthier lives, and it spurs innovation.

That’s not the only way this university is protecting public health, either. For Fiscal Year 2026, I submitted a request to fund AU’s development of improved detection methods for the deadly illicit drug fentanyl. Through the College of Science and Math, AU is working to develop a rapid test that will keep our law enforcement officers safe by providing a quick and accurate analysis of samples. Even just being in contact with fentanyl can be life-threatening. Our law enforcement officers and those working to detect fentanyl deserve added protections, so they don’t risk their own lives while protecting ours.

Fentanyl is the number one cause of death for adults ages 18-45. We must do something to address this crisis, and I am proud that our universities are working on this critical issue and supporting the

health and safety of our men and women in blue.

AU is not the only Georgia institution worth bragging about. I was on Fox News earlier this week where I got to talk about Georgia Tech’s initiative to accept every valedictorian in the state to their university, which you can watch here.

I am so grateful to represent a state with such remarkable, hard-working, and forward-thinking people. Thank you for making Georgia the best state in which to live, work, play, and learn.

From Our Nation’s Capitol
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Monday, May 26, 2025: Today is Memorial Day, a time we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. It’s also a time we remember and pray for the family members and friends of those who gave that ultimate sacrifice.

On Saturday, I was in Waycross in Ware County where I attended the GOP First District candidate forum where we had statewide candidates invited and speaking to us. Among those in attendance was my former Georgia State Senate colleague and current GOP State Party Chairman Josh McKoon, who has done a great job as our state party chair over the past four years.

Yesterday, I attended the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony that was held at the American Legion on Bull Street in downtown Savannah. The event is usually held at the Vietnam Memorial on Bay Street but was moved indoors due to inclement weather.

I’m live on Fox News Live this morning as I discuss news of the day including President Trump’s promise to withhold federal funds from Harvard University unless they accept more American students. Currently, 31% of the enrollment at Harvard is foreign students.

Next, I head to Bloomingdale in West Chatham County where I participate in their annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Freedom Park. The emcee for the event is my good friend, former Pooler City Manager and current Bloomingdale Mayor, Dennis Baxter. Afterwards, I head to the National Museum of the Mighty Eight Air Force in Pooler, where I am honored to speak at their Memorial Day Ceremony including a wreath laying ceremony and a C-130 fly-over, courtesy of the 165th Airlift Wing from Travis Field. Along with three surviving WWII heroes, I am honored to place the last of the 26,000 American flags that have been set out in the memorial gardens to remember the members of the Mighty Eighth who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

After a most inspiring ceremony, I head to the Memorial Day lunch at Post 184 in Thunderbolt before heading to St. Simons Island where I attend Taps at Twilight, an annual Memorial Day concert and tribute held at Neptune Park near the Pier. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island, the event includes music by the Golden Isles Community Concert band and the guest speaker is Lt. General William “Glenn” Webster.

Tuesday, May 27, 2025: I’m in Brunswick in Glynn County this morning, and I take a ride along

with What a Blessing transportation company at the invitation of Modivcare, a company that connects people with non-emergency medical transportation. This morning, we pick up a patient at their home in Brunswick and transport them to a local dialysis center for their regular treatment.

Afterwards, I head to our Brunswick district office where I meet with the CEO and leadership of Alora Pharmaceuticals, a U.S. based specialty pharmaceutical company focused on acquiring, developing and commercializing branded and generic prescription products.

After our all staff conference call, I head to Darien in McIntosh County where I meet with my good friend Art Lucas, owner of Oaks on the River Boutique resort, a project that has transformed a former industrial site into a high-end destination on the Darien River. Next, I head back to Brunswick for a meeting with my good friend Donna Gowen Poe, before heading back to the Brunswick office for a series of meetings including with a representative from the Georgia Geospatial Association, a meeting with a constituent to discuss SNAP, a meeting with my good friend Fred Barber to discuss a state zoning issue, and a meeting with a constituent to discuss tariffs.

After a virtual meeting with Bright Night Solar to discuss a local solar farm, I have a congratulatory call with Liberty County High School student Ty’Reek Watts on his acceptance to the Air Force Academy.

Wednesday, May 28, 2025: I wake up in Augusta this morning as I traveled here last night, and before leaving my hotel room, I have a radio interview with guest host Marci McCarthy on the John Fredericks show to discuss news of the day.

Next, I head to Fort Eisenhower for a briefing with Major General Ryan Janovic and his staff on the exciting work being done at this great facility. After a lunch with area businesspeople, I am live on the Austin Rhodes radio show as we discuss news of the day and later travel to Augusta University’s Medical College of Georgia (M

Thursday, May 29, 2025: I’m back in Savannah this morning, and I head to the Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) Association of Georgia conference on Hutchinson Island where I have the opportunity to speak to them and bring them up to date on issues in Washington.

Afterwards, I head to Pooler for the groundbreaking of the improvements for Quacco Road. As I often said during my time as Mayor of Pooler, “here we grow again!” Next, I meet with a constituent at a local coffee shop before heading to Lummus Corporation’s headquarters to discuss challenging issues in the cotton ginning industry.

After heading to Crosswinds Golf Club in Savannah where I am the guest speaker at the Traffic Club to discuss transportation and logistics issues throughout the district, I hit the road headed to Atlanta. Once in Atlanta, I head to a meeting with Republican leadership, Governor Brian Kemp, and our state delegation.

Friday, May 30, 2025: I’m on the radio early this morning with my good friend, Scott Ryfun, on



Cardiologist Joins SGHS Operation

BRUNSWICK, — Southeast Georgia Health System is pleased to welcome board-certified interventional cardiologist, Amir Abdoly, DO, to Southeast Georgia Physician Associates–Cardiology, and to the Brunswick Campus medical staff. Abdoly completed undergraduate work and a master’s degree at Boston University and earned his doctor of osteopathy degree at Nova Southeastern University. His internal medicine residency and cardiology fellowship took place at Broward General Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He also completed an interventional cardiology fellowship at Oklahoma State University in Tulsa.

Prior to joining the Health System, Abdoly worked as an interventional cardiologist at First Coast Heart and Vascular, a busy cardiology practice with multiple locations across Jacksonville and Northeast Florida.

As an interventional cardiologist, Abdoly diagnoses and treats heart conditions, frequently using minimally invasive, catheter-based procedures. “I can often treat issues such as coronary artery disease and peripheral vascular disease, as well as perform angioplasties and stent placements without requiring open heart surgery,” he says.

Abdoly pursued the cardiology field because he wanted to improve quality of life for people with heart conditions, many of which can be life-threatening. He enjoys the balance of clinical and procedural work that cardiology provides. “Working in the hospital setting has been an incredibly rewarding journey. There is profound satisfaction in making a positive impact on people’s lives. Having a direct connection to patients allows me to witness how resilient they are, especially while facing health challenges.

Contributing to their recovery is a powerful motivator for being in medicine,” Abdoly says.

When interacting with patients, Abdoly



DR. ABDOLY considers their individual needs and preferences, and encourages their participation in making decisions. “Clear communication between patients and health care providers allows patients to make informed decisions. I like to emphasize a collaborative approach between the patient and all of their providers. This allows them to be informed, empowered, active participants in their care.” Abdoly also strives to provide easy access to comprehensive care without delays.

Abdoly says his primary focus is on his patients. “I believe in providing emotional support to the patient, as well as involving the patient’s friends and family in supporting their well-being.”

Abdoly chose to work at Southeast Georgia Health System because “The culture prioritizes patient safety, quality care and community involvement. When a patient receives care here, they get comprehensive services, advanced technology and positive experiences.”

In his spare time, Abdoly enjoys spending time with his family, traveling and playing tennis.

He joins seven other providers at Southeast Georgia Physician Associates–Cardiology in Brunswick. To make an appointment, please call 912-466-7660.

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StraightTalk as we discuss news of the day. Next, I head to a meeting in downtown Atlanta with a group of land investors to discuss a project they have under way in North Glynn County. Afterwards, I head to Canton north of Atlanta where I join the Georgia Faith and Freedom Foundation for a roundtable with Israel’s Ambassador to the U.S., Yechiel Leiter.

Next, I head to South Atlanta where I join the fine folks at Chick-fil-A for a tour of their corporate headquarters. This Georgia company is a strong corporate citizen

and one of the most well-respected companies in America. I still tell the story of when I was Mayor of the City of Pooler and we had the ribbon cutting for a new Chick-fil-A and their Chairman, Dan Cathy, played the national anthem on his trumpet. Afterwards, we hit the road back to Jekyll Island in Glynn County where I attend the Augusta University MCG Conference and am honored to receive their Healthcare Champion Award in recognition of our dedication and support of medical education.

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Pastor Anniversary Slated

St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Ludowici will celebrate the 25th Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Dr. James Evans and Rev. Dr Joan Evans.

There will be a Anniversary Celebration Banquet on June 7 at 6 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Church Fellowship Hall in Hinesville. Pastor Eddie Campbell will be the guest speaker. Tickets for the banquet are \$25 each.

The historic occa-

Juneteenth Observance Set

Ludowici will host a vibrant Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Community Park, located at 116 Main Street Extension, S.W., Ludowici, GA 31316. The event promises a day of reflection, unity, and community fun.

Festivities begin bright and early with a 5K Run at 8 a.m., followed by the official program at 10 a.m., a festive Car Parade at 11 a.m., and a Youth Talent Show at 1 p.m. Guests can also enjoy live music, delicious food, and local vendors throughout the day.

Organizers are currently seeking volunteers and performers to help make the day a success. Interested individuals can email WalkerH-SAlumni@gmail.com, while potential vendors can reach out at tclake-ly@gmail.com.

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8 ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE	9	10 Ludowici City Council, 9 a.m. City Hall Long County Board Of Education 4:30	11	12	13	14

Local News

Former Army Soldier Convicted Of Sexually Abusing 2 Children

SAVANNAH, GA: A jury convicted a local man previously stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia, at trial for victimizing two children.

Austin Michael Burak, 32, Oak Harbor, WA, was convicted of Abusive Sexual Contact of a Child, or Attempt and Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Child, or Attempt following jury trial in the Southern District of Georgia, said Tara M. Lyons, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. U.S. District Court Chief Judge R. Stan Baker presided over the four-day trial.

“We are committed to protecting our most vulnerable citizens,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Lyons. “In collaboration with our law enforcement partners, we will strive to keep our children and our communities safe.”

As described in courtroom testimony, in August of 2017, Burak sexually abused a minor by fondling the child’s genitals when the child was merely nine years old. On the same night in 2017, Burak anally raped another child who was only thirteen years old. The trial was held on May 12-15, 2025.

Burak awaits sentencing upon the U.S. Probation Services completing a presentence investigation.

“This sends a clear message: Army CID and our law enforcement partners will not tolerate these heinous acts,” said Special Agent in Charge Michele Starostka of the Department of Army Criminal Investigation Division’s Western Field Office. “We are committed to aggressively investigating all crimes, establishing the facts, and supporting the legal

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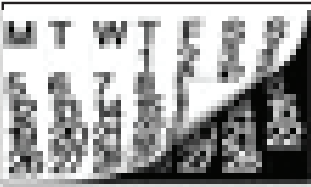
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process against those responsible.”

“No child should have to experience this heinous abuse. The FBI is committed to tracking down and holding accountable people like Burak who prey on children,” said FBI Atlanta Special Agent in Charge Paul Brown. “We will ensure that criminals engaged in this depraved conduct are held accountable in a court of law.”

The case was investigated by the Army Criminal Investigation Division at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, and Federal Bureau of Investigations and prosecuted for the United States by the Southern District of Georgia Assistant United States Attorneys Sherri A. Stephan and Michael Z. Spitulnik.



Calendar Of Events



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,

LCDA Meets Fourth Tuesday Of Month

The Long County Meetings begin at 6 p.m.

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

The public is invited to all meetings of the authority.

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

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.

The contact person for the Family Connection Collaborative.

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

Kathy Simmons is

Long Board of Education Is 2nd Tuesday

The Long County Board of Education meets on the second Tuesday of each month,

a change in meeting date.

The meeting begins at 4:30 p.m., at the Long County Board of Education Office, located on Academy Street in Ludowici..

2nd Annual Broadlevel Summer Fest Set

The 2nd Broadlevel Summer Festival on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 1215 Macedonia Road, Ludowici, GA 31316.

for kids ages 6 to 18. Community members are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and hats or umbrellas—this celebration is happening rain or shine.

This family-friendly event will feature live music, delicious food, games, bounce houses, and a Youth Talent Show

Vendor opportunities are still available: Food truck spots are \$40, vendor booths are \$30, and talent show entry is just \$5.

For more information, persons may visit www.broadlevelcommunity.com or call 912-388-0434.

“Come out and celebrate summer with the Broadlevel community!” said a spokesperson.

Upcoming Events

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LONG

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Katie L. Dahm and Jordan Gendreau to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC DBA Veterans United Home Loans, dated March 9, 2021 and recorded on March 18, 2021 in Deed Book 495, Page 319, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Long County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Six and 00/100 dollars (\$216,876.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded in Deed Book 543, Page 30, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Long County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

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. 34, Horse Creek Farms, Phase 1, 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 April 20, 2011, and a plat date of May 17, 2011, and being recorded in Plat Book 22, page 126, 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 Lot No. 33; Easterly by lands of B. Collingsworth; Southerly by Lot No. 35; and Westerly by the right of way of Clydesdale Court, all as shown on the above referred to plat of survey.

Said property may more commonly be known as **62 Clydesdale Court Northeast, \ Ludowici, GA 31316.**

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, 3043 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 818-224-7442.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the

title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Katie L. Dahm and Jordan Gendreau and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the

U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Katie L. Dahm and Jordan Gendreau

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Cailey Dallas Smith Walker receives a handshake from Supt. David Edwards during graduation 2025.
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Invocation was led by France Smith
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Chasady Hall, president; speaks at Commencement Exercises. PHOTO BY DASHER

ABAC Recognizes Academic Honors Of Long Students

TIFTON – Students who achieved academic excellence in their coursework during the Spring semester were recently recognized at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. ABAC cites its top academic students each semester on the President's Honor List, the Dean's Honor List, and the Distinguished Achievement List.

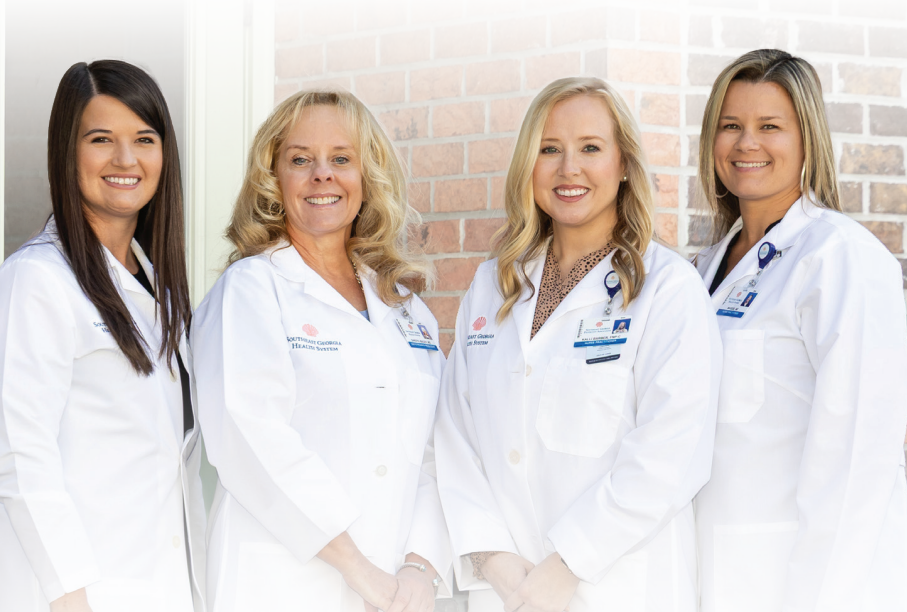
The President's Honor List is the highest academic honor possible for ABAC students. Each student on the list attained an "A" in every subject, resulting in a perfect 4.0 grade point average. The students had to carry a minimum of 12 hours of academic

work. Students who qualified for the Dean's Honor List attained a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and carried at least 12 hours of academic work. The Distinguished Achievement List is composed of students who complete between six and 11 hours of academic work with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The purpose of this list is to recognize excellence and scholastic achievement among part-time students.

Ludowici students on the Dean's List include Amaya Bragg, Trenten Rutherford and Bobby Staudt.

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