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Eye On



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By MITTIE VAUGHAN
Editor And Publisher

Office Manager De-loris Browning is at The Long County Press office each Tuesday morning from 9-12 a.m. to handle news items brought to the office. Because of car troubles, she was unable to be in the office this Tuesday. Anyone with news, advertising or views may e-mail pressexpress@bellsouth.net.

The Georgia Department of Transportation has announced that road work continues on US 84/SR 38 at Doctors Creek Long County from Maple Road NE to Austin Lane SE (MP.0 to 2.00). The project includes Bridge Replacement. On-site Detour began Thursday Aug. 8, and includes a Median Crossover Detour. Signal Lane Traffic in Both Directions on Eastbound Bridge.

The Long County Board of Commissioners' meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The board held its meeting Tuesday.

HB 799 that sets compensation for the Long County Board of Education was signed into law by Governor Brian Kemp last week on his visit to Savannah and the Coastal area of Georgia.

The oldest house in Ludowici was torn down last week. The house, which has been identified as the Allen Johnston House, was razed in the past few days. Debate continues as to the date and early ownership of the house, which local sources cite as circa 1858. While a few hand-hewn beams were visible in the ruins, most of the carpentry appears to be later

The Small Business Administration has partnered with the McIntosh Chamber of Commerce

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Next Generation Martial Arts Wins, Again!

Next Generation Martial Arts, reporting from The All Valley Martial Arts Sparring Tournament recently held in Kingsland Ga on April 26. noted that a number of Long County competitors won awards in the tournament. Among the winners were (1st row) Jacob Mackinnon (2nd place), Jonah Becker (1st place), Ian Michaud (2nd place); (2nd row:)Toby Spell (2nd place), Tyson Spell (2nd place), Marvin Abercrombie (2nd place), Olivia Michaud (1st place); (3rd row) Liam Brown (2nd place), Audrianna Gambill (2nd place), Brooklynn Rollins (1st place), Malachi Smith (1st place), Alijah Kirby (2nd place); and (4th row) Master Chris Rollins, Noah Pruett (2nd place), Charles Nelson (2nd place), Griffin Ross, Angel Santiago (2nd place). Not Pictured: Zaida Nobles (2nd place), Noah Johnson (2nd place), Maurice Washington (1st place), Jacen Hartvigsen (2nd place), William (Connor) Mortimer (1st place), Tony Overten III (2nd place), Rashawed Day (2nd place) and Lucian Brant (2nd place)

SPECIAL PHOTO TO THE PRESS

Former Ft. Stewart Soldier Convicted Of Sexually Abusing One Child, Requesting Photo Of Another

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

Cedrick Demon Robinson, 42, Oxford, MS, was convicted of Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Child and Attempted Production of a Visual Depiction of a Minor Engaging in Sexually Explicit Conduct 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 two-day trial.

"Protecting children from those who would abuse them and seeking justice for sexual predators remains one of our District's

highest priorities," said Acting U.S. Attorney Lyons. "We will continue to seek justice for those who would victimize our most vulnerable citizens."

As described in courtroom testimony, in December of 2013, Robinson sexually abused a minor by fondling the child's genitals when the child was merely nine years old. Later, in 2017, Robinson requested that another child text him a sexually explicit photograph when the child was fifteen years old.

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

"Mr. Robinson's conviction is a testament to the diligent work of our special agents and prosecuto-

rial partners at the United States Attorney's Office," said Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division, Southeast Field Office, Special Agent in Charge Steven Ausfeldt. "Army CID will aggressively pursue anyone who would abuse or exploit our children."

The case was investigated by the Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division's Fort Stewart Office and Cprosecuted for the United States by the Southern District of Georgia Assistant United States Attorneys Michael Z. Spitulnik and Darron J. Hubbard.

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

P&Z Board To Meet May 19

The Planning and Zoning Commission of Long County will meet on Monday, May 19, at 6 p.m. at the Long County Board of Education Meeting Room, 75 W. Academy Street, Ludowici.

Old business on the agenda are workshop date for minimum lot Sizes, Road size Width, Subdivision speed. New business on the agenda includes the following: Variance request V-001-2025, Rezoning request z011-024, Rezoning Request z002-025, Rezoning Request z003-025, Fee Schedule (food trucks and sprinkler inspections) Commercial permit, Demolition permit, Industrial permit (Addition, Renovation) Tower upgrades/renovations permit. Family Conveyance Ordinance, Plat review fee, and County taking over roads process.

The public is invited to attend. Lamont Bell is Planning and Zoning Officer and can be reached at 912-545-3414, ext. 1190, or cell 912-248-4696.

Obituaries Inside

Obituaries are carried in this newspaper and are published free of charge. Obituaries inside today...

* Allijah Desean Hollinger

* Barbara Wallace

* Ronald Medlock

Ferel Swine Workshop Set At Dawson Farms May 14

Feral swine have become increasingly detrimental in Georgia, causing significant damage to agricultural crops and natural resources throughout the state. The economic impact of damage caused by feral swine in Georgia is estimated at \$150 million. A group of agricultural and natural resource organizations are partnering to bring Georgia's top experts on feral swine together in a series of educational workshops for farmers and landowners.

Partnering agencies will host a workshop and trapping demonstration on May 14, at Dawson Farms located at 305 Daw-

son Farms Rd SE, Ludowici, Ga 31316. The workshop will be in the morning from 8:30 a.m. to 1: p.m. with lunch provided and is sponsored by the Coastal Soil and Water Conservation District.

Topics will include disease issues, swine biology, economics, water quality issues, effective control techniques, transport issues, and regulations to be followed by a question-and-answer panel of experts. Each workshop will also include a feral swine trapping demonstration.

Partnering agencies for this effort include the U.S. Department of Agriculture

(USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Wildlife Services, Georgia Association of Conservation Districts, Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Wildlife Resources Division, Georgia Department of Agriculture, and University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources.

There is no cost to attend the workshops, but space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

More details and registration information are available at www.GACD.us/events.

Church Page

Faith Motivation Stir Up Your Thought Life BY BROTHER DAVID (JAKE) JACOBS



When God created Adam, God gave him the ability to choose. God gave him a brain. Scriptures declare that when he was created, he had a mind, intellectually of such character that he was able to name the entire animal creation. Genesis 2:19, “And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.” No man can do this today after a lifetime of study because Adam was made in the image of God. His knowledge was given by God. Adam was walking in pure light.

By trading this light for darkness, God kicked him and his wife out from His presence. Light cannot fellowship with darkness. For thousands of years his off springs wandered having lost their way and darkness got darker even after God Himself gave them His Ten Commandments. Chaos followed until God sent His Only Begotten Son a way back into the family fold. John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” When you accept the way, you’ll find the truth and you will find and enjoy

life! o

Over the years sin has grown darker and darker and instead of living the high road of honor and integrity, mankind has fallen victim to the low road of barbarism. Knowledge is key to life. Jeremiah 3:15, “And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” Hosea 4:6, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: ...” If you don’t know you just don’t know! It’s not that anything is wrong with you, you just don’t have the know how. There is in our brain our soul to return. We don’t know why but we know.

Somehow over time the human heart became homesick to return but had no clue how they could get back home. The teaching of the Incarnation is not out of harmony with human desire or tradition. Incarnation literally means embodied in flesh or taking on flesh. It is the conception and the embodiment of a deity or spirit in some form of a god. It has been believed in by all tribes of people in some form. There has always been ever since Adam and Eve was kicked out of the garden to find a way back to the home light. We find universal human beings has craved an Incarna-

tion. His spirit hungers for union with Deity, because we all are created in God’s image with the ability to partake of God’s life.

This is proved by people’s drinking the blood of human sacrifices, by the naming of their kings after the titles of their deities. The gods of the Greeks and Romans were supposed to have been divine and human. They all died and was buried not to live anymore! But we know Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead being the real Deity! Are you still confused? Satan thought that crucifixion was the destruction of Jesus’ life, not knowing that it was the means of human beings Redemption. 1 Timothy 3:16, “And without controversy great is mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.”

1 Corinthians 1:30, “But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.” Think about this: the way back into the family fold of God and walk in fellowship of light is Jesus Christ!

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

Bible Lesson 300 Prophecies Fulfilled In Jesus’ Coming

There are Bible scholars who tell us there were over 300 prophecies fulfilled from scripture in the first coming as the suffering servant, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, as John the Baptist said of him.

Jesus appeared to two disciples on the Road to Emmaus after he rose from the dead. Only Cleopas of the two is named, but the other probably was Simon Peter.

The account is carried in Luke 24:13-35.

“And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

“And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

“And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

“But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

“And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

“And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

“And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

“And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

“But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

“Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

“And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

“And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

“Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

“Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

“And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

“But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

“And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

“And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

“And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

“And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, “Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

“And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.”

The fact that Cleopas said, “The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon” is an indication that Cleopas considered Jesus’ visit with the two men on the Road to Emmaus to be a visit with Simon Peter. Simon Peter was one of Jesus’ disciples; Cleopas was another disciple’s father—thus an older man who would not be carrying the gospel to the whole world.

While the two did not recognize Jesus, the two agreed that their hearts burned within them as Jesus opened to them the scriptures.

Maybe Jesus did not mention all 300 of the scriptures fulfilled in his birth, ministry and resurrection as they walked the seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

But Jesus likely would have mentioned Deuteronomy 18:8,

where Moses spoke of him.

He no doubt would have mentioned Psalm 22 that begins with the words, “My God, My God why hast thou forsaken me, “ words that Jesus spoke from the cross.

He probably would have mentioned Isaiah 50, which told of his suffering and Isaiah 52 that said that his face was marred more than any man.

He no doubt would have mentioned Isaiah 53 that refers also to the “suffering servant” who would bear the sin of many.

The Apostle Paul confirmed that Jesus first appeared to Simon Peter, as he wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:5-8.

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

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

“After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

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

When Jesus appeared to all of his disciples, as recorded in Luke 24:44-48, he also mentioned the scriptures fulfilled in his death, burial and resurrection.

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

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

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

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

“And ye are witnesses of these things.”

All of us may study the scripture for ourselves to identify the ones that identify the events in Jesus’ first coming. Bible scholars state that there are even more that foretell his second coming.

Pastor’s Viewpoint

By CHARLES (BUDDY) WHATLEY

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

Job, in the Old Testament, is a classic example of the struggle between suffering and hope... he lost his wealth, his children, and his health. His “friends” blamed it on Job’s sin, but Job responded with faith and integrity. Then God restored everything many times over and confirmed his, and our, hope in God’s ultimate justice.

Paul writes in Romans 8, “[18] I consider that what we suffer at this present time cannot be compared at all with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.” 1/Hope reminds us that suffering is temporary and eternal glory awaits,

Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, who sold him into slavery in Egypt where his faith in a loving God raised him to a place second only to the reigning Pharaoh of his time. Then he used that position to save the brothers

who had betrayed him and the rest of the world from famine.

Then Paul adds, “[28] We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose.” 2/A purpose assures us that God is at work in all things for good; it gives us a direction and a path to follow.

Corrie ten Boom in her book, “The Hiding Place,” tells the story of her family’s attempts to protect Jews from the Nazi holocaust during World War II. They were eventually discovered, arrested, and sent to concentration camps where her sister Betsy died and she endured horrific suffering and witnessed unimaginable suffering as an expression of pure evil. But Corrie survived to tell her story in a book and a speaking tour of the world. It was never a message of suffering but a message of hope and reconciliation.

And finally Paul adds, “[38] For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love: neither death nor life, neither an-

gels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, [39] neither the world above nor the world below—there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.” And finally, 3/ Love confirms our hope, our faith, and our purpose... and God’s eternal love for us.

Another holocaust survivor and psychiatrist, Viktor Frankl wrote the book “Man’s Search for Meaning” as the story of his experience in a concentration camp. As a trained observer, he’d noticed the prisoners who found a sense of purpose were far more likely to survive in the midst of horrific and unimaginable suffering. Those who remembered what it meant to be human were more likely to find hope and meaning even in the most dehumanizing circumstances. And that is the message of Easter; if you can remember “who you are,” “whose you are,” and “why you are” you can not only survive but thrive!

Editorial Page

100 Days, 100 Savings

By: Rep. Buddy Carter
Guest Columnist
It's been a historic and productive first 100 days of the second Trump Administration.

From securing the southern border to reestablishing fair trade deals and unleashing American energy dominance, this presidency can be defined by one word: efficiency.

Perhaps its biggest impact is not what this administration has done, but rather what it has undone.

Through the Department of Government Efficiency, President Trump has prioritized ending the reckless spending of the Biden-Harris era, restoring fiscal sanity and putting taxpayers, not foreign governments, first. The proof is in the receipts, and today, I'm bringing them.

The Trump administration saved more than \$100 billion in 100 days in part by cancelling these 100 programs, grants, and contracts:

1. \$101 million: 29 DEI contracts at the Department of Education, including a contract for helping "students understand / interrogate the complex histories involved in oppression, and help students recognize areas of privilege and power on an individual and collective basis"

2. \$2 billion: A nonprofit linked to Stacey Abrams

3. \$9 million: 18 contracts, with some of the contracts being for "Central American gender assessment consultant services, Brazilian forest and gender consultants, and Women in forest carbon initiative mentorships"

4. \$15 million: 3 Department of Education DEI training grants, including a

contract with an institution that hosted a "Decolonizing the Curriculum" workshop

5. \$182 million: HHS contracts meant entirely for administrative expenses, including \$168,000 for an Anthony Fauci exhibit at the NIH Museum

6. \$110 million: 78 contracts across DEI, Non-Performing, Media, and Consulting categories

7. \$1 million: Social Security Administration's contract for the "Gender X Initiative Marker"

8. \$30 million: 12 consulting contracts with the GSA and Department of Education

9. \$3 million: 12 underutilized leases

10. \$165 million: Contracts, one of which was a DHS contract for a survey on climate support services

11. \$26 million: 20 consulting contracts focused on "strategic communication" and "executive coaching"

12. \$44.6 million: 22 contracts for underutilized building leases

13. \$1 billion: 104 DEI-related contracts

14. \$45 million: DEI scholarship in Burma

15. \$784 million: A contract to build a new embassy in South Sudan

16. \$20 million: Iraqi Sesame Street

17. \$2 million: Sex changes and "LGBT activism" in Guatemala

18. \$15 million: Oral contraceptives and condoms in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan

19. \$60 billion: 15,000 foreign funding grants through the State Department

20. \$7.5 billion: Biden-era EV charging program, which had resulted in just eight charging stations...

Pressing Issues: Signs of the Times Behind A Computer Screen

By MITTIE VAUGHAN
Editor And Publisher



I spend most of my daylight hours behind a computer screen. Editing and publishing is a job that requires many hours of reading copy and then inputting it into a program called InDesign.

Not every newspaper uses InDesign, but most do. There are other programs that are used to create publications--Quark Express comes to mind.

I never learned to use Quark

Express, Publisher or any of the other programs that are used to create publications.

But I have had a lot of experience on InDesign, which I began using in 2011. It revolutionized my operation.

Until then, I was doing paste-up every week (literally) for my three publications at the time--*Pierce County Press*, *The Brantley County Express* and *The Long*

County Press.

After I finish building newspapers most of the day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, I cover meetings, pick up newspapers from the printer in Jesup and deliver newsstand papers and papers the post offices.

I usually deliver the newsstand early in the morning because there is less traffic on the road and it goes more quickly. .

A Mother's Day Tribute Of Sorts

/By VAN YANDELL
Guest Columnist

2 Timothy 3:16 states, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness".

May 11, 2025 is Mother's Day. One very precious (and preserved) memory of my mother was her skill in hand-writing. Her skill of "penmanship" (or pen-womanship), was exemplary. To view a sample of her writing was to experience a work of art.

Mom graduated high school about 1930. She lied about her age to the point, I cannot be really sure of her birth date or graduation year. I found her birth date in an old family Bible while visiting a relative, and asked her of its validity. Obviously very sensitive concerning her age, this quiet, reserved little lady uttered words I had no idea she even knew.

Apparently, handwriting was a skill emphasized in her high school years. To present a document of unparalleled beauty was a gift and she definitely had such a talent. Art in today's world has taken on new meanings. Balance, coordination and consistency seem not to be of value.

A topic of debate in recent years concerns the teaching of writing in public schools. Once called "long-hand" and later referred to as "cursive," the skill was considered by some educators as being unnecessary.

With computer keyboards, voice-input word processing and digital technology; some see basic writing skills as primitive and needless.

A great sadness is experienced when we consider a young child cannot read a letter from his/her grandmother. Such an eliminating of a once considered necessary skill takes us to another form of illiteracy. Are we going back to signatures made with an "X"?

Imagining a world without such documents of past times that were handwritten is a thought of having lost something very precious.

Prior to the invention of the printing press, all documents were hand written. The Gutenberg press was first used in 1440 and multiple copies of religious texts were printed first in 1454.

Later developments in printing technologies enabled the world to possess copies of such sacred documents as the Holy Bible. In today's world, several retail book stores maintain inventories of millions of books and other literature.

While we may think the world has progressed in its development as a literary and educational existence, some may choose to disagree. It certainly appears to some of us, the world is in a state of decline in the intellectual level of many people.

Knowledge and intelligence are connected in that knowledge is what a person has gained through experience, discovery and study. Intelligence is the ability to apply that knowledge.

By not reading as we once did and finding excuses not to write, we cheat ourselves from the simple pleasures and learning experiences of life.

While technology, media sources and the introduction into our society of "on-screen" visual learning, has been deemed fantastic by many, I'm not so sure I agree.

Our addiction to those on-screen sources have led to a shallowing of thinking skills. We cannot continue to allow computers to do our thinking unless we want to become a society of non-thinkers with limited levels of knowledge. Limited knowledge strangles ability.

In our study of family history, we have found numerous documents from as early as the 1800's that were hand written. Some in positions of authority (or responsibilities of preserving and cataloging) have transferred many of those documents into digital forms. While this is not all bad, it certainly is not all good.

One such document is a land grant deed written in 1792 and signed by the first lieutenant governor of Kentucky. Hand written, the point of beginning was an oak tree on an island in the middle of Livingston Creek. When reading that deed my imagination runs wild. It would be interesting to go back in time and witness the signing of that document.

The hand-written documents will not last forever but neither will the electronically preserved

copies. Hand written articles are more personable than those produced mechanically. Once again, that may be in the mind of the beholder.

Where would this world be if the electricity stops flowing? A solar generated electromagnetic pulse (EMP) or terrorist attacks can cripple the power grid. A nuclear bomb detonated in the atmosphere could cripple anything electronic for years.

There is a sincere and personal touch to a handwritten note. To receive a mass produced greeting card with a manufactured poem or greeting fails to make one feel appreciated. A personal handwritten note however, shows a sincerity that cannot be equaled by anything less than a visit.

Our precious and irreplaceable U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence and many other documents written and signed by our founding fathers were hand written.

The original copies of the scriptures, and up until 1454 all religious texts and correspondence, were hand written. Each word was written with precision and care.

Can we even begin to imagine the condition of chaos the world would be in today if the words of Jesus, the prophets and the apostles had not been hand written? The Bible as we know it today would not exist because there would have been no reference from which to transcribe it.

We must express a heart-felt gratitude to those and for those that provided us with the words of Jesus and the inspiration of God. The endless hours of transcribing with quill and ink was a lifetime endeavor.

They provided a plan of eternal salvation we would otherwise never have known. We must always teach that eternal salvation is attained by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) in Christ Jesus crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (1 John 1: 9) and resurrected (Matthew 28: 6).

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Editorial Page

A Genius Is A Guy Like Norman Einstein

By **LEN ROBBINS**

I wish Les Miles was still coaching college football.

Miles – formerly the head football coach at LSU and Kansas – is one of my favorite coaches of all time. I never particularly liked LSU, care nothing about Kansas, or ever thought Les Miles was a great coach. The reason he’s one of my favorites is that you never know what’s going to come out of his mouth, be it during a halftime speech, a lunch, or in a preseason interview.

A number of years ago, when asked about his family vacation, the “Mad Hatter” said: “It was miserable. I hated it. But it was great fun.”



That reminded me of some of my favorite sports quotes I’ve encountered over the years. Some are from famous coaches and players, some infamous. Some smart-alecky, some ignorant. Some, well, it’s hard to tell. You be the judge.

- New Orleans Saint running back George Rogers, when asked about the upcoming season: “I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first.”

- Upon hearing Joe Jacoby of the Washington Redskins say “I’d run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl,” Matt Milen (then of the Raiders) said, “To win the Super Bowl, I’d run over Joe’s mom too.”

- Football commentator and former player Joe Theismann, in 1996: “Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Ein-

stein.”

- Former major league baseball player Tito Fuentes: “They shouldn’t throw at me. I’m the father of five or six kids.”

- Bill Peterson, former FSU football coach: “You guys line up alphabetically by height.” He also said, “You guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle.”

- Boxing promoter Dan Duva on Mike Tyson hooking up again with promoter Don King: “Why would anyone expect him to come out (of prison) smarter? He went to prison for three years, not Princeton.”

- Shaquille O’Neal, on whether he had visited the Parthenon during his visit to Greece: “I can’t really remember the names of the clubs we went to.”

- Chuck Nevitt (whom I saw play in high school in Marietta),

when he was at N.C. State, explaining to Coach Jimmy Valvano why he appeared nervous at a practice: “My sister’s expecting a baby, and I don’t know if I’m going to be an uncle or an aunt.”

- Steve Spurrier, telling Gator fans (when he was Florida’s football coach) about a fire at Auburn’s football dorm that destroyed 20 books: “But the real tragedy was that 15 hadn’t been colored yet.”

- NBA broadcaster, and former coach and player, Doug Collins: “Any time Detroit scores more than 100 points, and holds the other team below 100 points, they almost always win.”

- Lincoln Kennedy, former NFL offensive lineman, on his decision not to vote: “I was going to write myself in, but I was afraid I’d get shot.”

- The late, great Frank

Layden, coach of the Utah Jazz, on a former player: “I told him, ‘Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?’ He said, ‘Coach, I don’t know and I don’t care.’”

- Torrin Polk, then a University of Houston receiver, on his coach, John Jenkins: “He treats us like men. He lets us wear earrings.”

- Shelby Metcalf, former basketball coach at Texas A&M, recounting what he told a player who received four F’s and one D: “Son, it looks to me like you’re spending too much time on one subject.”

- Former major league baseball outfielder Oscar Gamble, on something: “They don’t think it be like it is, but it do.”

I agree. Maybe.
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Letters To The Editor Are Welcome

Do you have something on your mind?

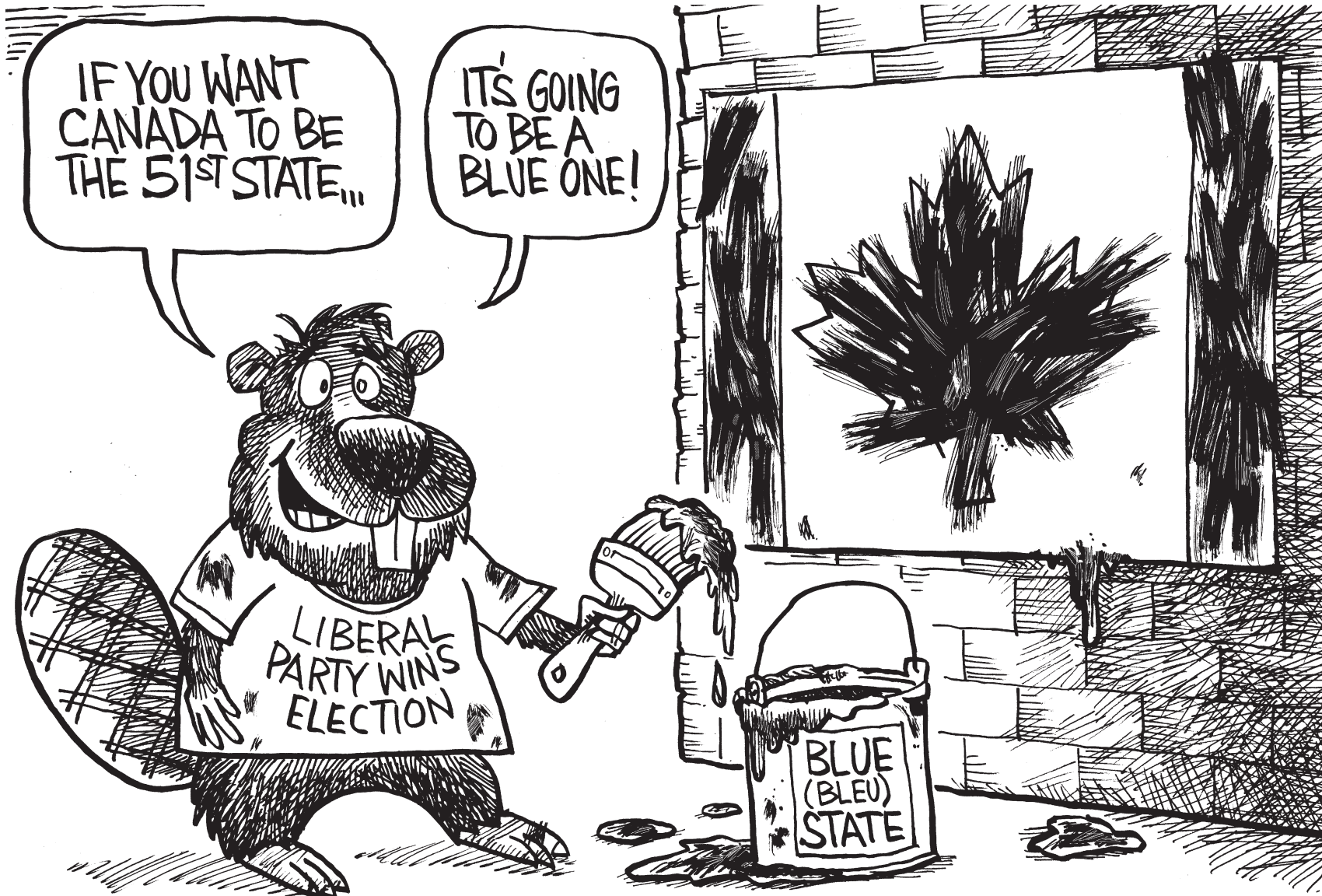
This newspaper welcomes Letters to the Editor.

We love to hear from our readers.

Letters may be brought to newspaper office, mailed in or e-mailed to pressexpress@bellsouth.net. Letters will be edited for grammatical correctness and length.

Letters are always welcome, and we hope that our readers will express their opinions from time to time. We would love to hear from you.

--Editor And Publisher Mittie Vaughan



Things I Wish I Had Asked My Mother...

Dear Mother: there is so much I never got to tell you, share with you, say to you. So instead, I have plenty of conversations with you in my head. When in doubt, I always ask myself “What would Dr. Liz do?” Sometimes I follow your advice and sometimes I don’t. Susan Patterson, Susan DiLallo with James Patterson, *Things I Wish I Had Told My Mother.*



Last year, a Texas cousin, in a handwritten letter, asked me questions about our grandmother. Her dad and my mother were siblings.

I couldn’t answer all of her questions. Even though Grandmother lived with us and the two of us shared a bedroom for at least a decade and she was my primary babysitter and I have such fond memories of her, there is so much about her

early life that I do not know.

Responding
I know she was the third born of 12 children. She traveled by train, on the Texas Zephyr, to Houston each year to visit the sisters with whom she was the closest and to see the rest of the family. I know, much to my mother’s chagrin, my great grandmother dragged all of her marble top furniture to the curb to be hauled away by the garbage men. I have the marble top table that my mother bought since she couldn’t inherit one. My grandmother’s father worked for a railroad company. I don’t know his job nor the name of the rail company he worked for.

I know nothing about my grandmother’s husband, my grandfather. He died when I was three. My grandmother used to tell me that he loved me so much. Sadly, I don’t even remember sitting on his lap.

They must have moved

from Houston to Dallas early in their marriage. They raised four children in Dallas. All four reached adulthood, but each died of a different type of cancer.

Telling
James Patterson’s wife, Susan, and her friend Susan DiLallo, wrote their first novel, *Things I Wish I Told My Mother*, last year. The pair of Susans credits Patterson as a third writer; he claims the role of cheerleader.

The authors say that they were inspired to write this novel as a tribute to their own beloved mothers, both of whom lived into their 90s.

But their whole premise centers around the protagonist telling her mother, after she had died, all of the things she wishes she had said while her mom was still alive. And so in what eventually proves to be imaginary conversations, she talks about those issues that irritated

her, the comments that always made her smile, the desire to have spent more time together.

The protagonist concludes, “It’s only now, years later that I’ve begun to realize all you taught me and what a role model you were. Maybe the most important thing I learned from you: people don’t always give you what you want. They give you what they have to give. But if you stop and think about it, that can be enough.”

Reflecting
As I look back, my mother and I, after Bob and I moved to Georgia, chatted by phone once a week every Saturday morning. We talked about the week we had just lived and the one coming up. We talked about her step family and the trips she and my stepdad were planning. My mother often said about her new life, “Busy, busy, busy.”

I talked a lot about what our children were doing. We always ended our conversa-

tions by each of us saying and meaning it, “I love you.” And we wrote letters by hand.

If we had lived in the same town, we would have seen each other often. Maybe, we would have shared more information; maybe not. Who knows. But we both realized those weekly chats important.

As I reflect about my wishes of knowing more about my ancestors, I’ve consciously tried to pass on what information I have gleaned to our children.

And if I have any advice for anyone, it’s ask all those haunting questions of your parents while they are still alive. Ask, instead of tell.

Happy Mother’s Day!

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Report From Our Nation’s Capitol

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

Take It Down!

Congress’ message on vengeful deepfake pornography is clear: Take. It. Down.

When Elliston Berry was 14, a boy in her class used AI to create deepfake images of her, which were shared with classmates. This traumatic experience caused her intense mental distress, as it does to many impacted individuals; victims often report suffering anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

While this story is heartbreaking, it is – tragically – happening nationwide. As AI advances and brings with it several productive, practical applications, it can also be weaponized against even young children in damaging ways.

“I knew I could never go back and undo what he did, but I wanted to do anything to help prevent this from happening to others,” Elliston said in a news release.

And that is exactly what she did.

Alongside other victims and our wonderful First Lady Melania Trump, Elliston began advocating for federal legislation to protect victims of AI deepfake pornography online. I first heard Elliston’s story when she participated in a roundtable event with the First Lady to advocate for legislative action, and hearing her account is part of what inspired me to support the Take It Down Act.

The idea behind this bill is as simple as it is impactful. The Take It Down Act protects victims from deepfake pornography by criminalizing the publication of non-consensual intimate imagery (NCII), protecting good faith efforts to assist victims, and requiring websites to take down NCII upon notice from the victim, while ensuring that lawful speech is protected.

Through this bill, bad actors will be held accountable for creating NCII and victims will have an avenue to justice. This bipartisan, common-sense bill recently passed the Senate, and I am proud to say that this week the House sent the Take it Down Act to President Trump’s desk for his signature.

I want to thank the First Lady for her advocacy and every single brave victim who gave their pain a purpose by speaking up and influencing change on the federal level. This would not have been possible without their courage, and I thank them for making the internet safer for future generations.

As a father and grandfather, I want to ensure that my family is protected from criminal and harmful online activity. There is still a lot of progress to be made, but parents can have the peace of mind of knowing that if their child is ever subjected to NCII, they will have a legal pathway to take it down.

From our nation’s Capitol CDXCXIV

Monday, April 28, 2025: After being away from Washington for our traditional two-week Spring Work Period, I am back in our Nation’s Capitol this morning prepared for what may be the most intense few weeks that I have experienced in my Congressional career. With budget reconciliation and extending President Trump’s tax cuts the main focus of our work now, and with the Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee- specifically

the Health Subcommittee of E&C which I chair- responsible for most of the savings and policy changes we need to identify, my role is becoming more important. In fact, my first meeting this week is a Republican member meeting of the E&C Committee to continue our discussion of the various savings and policies that can be achieved through our committee’s broad jurisdiction and how receptive our members will be to these proposals. The meeting lasts the entire afternoon until we break for our first vote series of the week. After votes, I remain in the House Chamber where I pay tribute to Charles Rinkevich, a former director of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco who recently passed. Afterwards, I head back to our E&C Republican member meeting that lasts late into the evening.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025: I’m at the White House this morning as I am assisting constituents to gain access for a tour and afterwards head downtown where I am honored to be the keynote speaker for the American College of Physicians (ACP) fly in event. ACP members include internal medicine physicians and it is the largest medical specialty organization in the U.S. Next, I head back to Capitol Hill and head to our weekly GOP Conference meeting before heading to the House Chamber where I pay tribute to Gus Bassani, Jim Smith and Dave Sparks, who are all with Professional Compounding Centers of America (PCCA), a leading supplier of pharmacy chemicals, equipment and compounding education. Afterwards, I head to an E&C full committee markup on health bills and, since I’m Chair of the Health Subcommittee, find myself very busy responding to the other side’s concerns. Although the markup lasts most of the day, I am able to meet with a few groups including the Biotech Consortium for Advancing Innovation (BCAI) to discuss changes at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), GATX, a leading railcar leasing company with facilities in Waycross in our district, the National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) to discuss biomass, former Team Carter member Josh Campbell, who is now with the Department of Energy (DOE), MANA Nutrition, a provider of ready-to-use therapeutic foods (RUTF), and Owen Mumford, a global leader in medical device design and manufacture. We also pause the mark-up for our first vote series and finish the mark-up right before our second vote series later in the afternoon.

Wednesday, April 30, 2025: I’m back downtown this morning as I speak to the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) at their annual fly in and bring them up to date on pharmacy issues in Washington. During the drive back to the Capitol, I call in to the Chris Salcedo radio show where we discuss President Trumps first 100 days in office and tariffs. Once back in our office, I have a virtual call with our district staff before heading to an E&C Communications and Technology (C&T) Subcommittee hearing on global networks. Once back in our office, I film a video for the Chatham Emergency

Management Association (CEMA) before having a virtual interview with WTOC-TV to discuss President Trumps first 100 days in office. Next, I head to the House Chamber where I pay tribute to the City of Thomasville for being named one of the best small towns in the South, former Effingham County Commission Chairman Wesely Corbitt for his 8 years of service, Sue Else who is retiring as CEO of the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, and Dr. Thomas Burton Merritt who recently passed. Once back in our office, I meet with Gainwell, the fiscal agent for the Georgia Department of Community Health followed by members of the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) before heading off Capitol Hill for a meeting. Once back in our office, I meet with RazorMetrics, a healthcare technology company, and then with members of NCPA who are on Capitol Hill this afternoon. Later in the afternoon, I head to the White House where I am honored to join other members of the House and Senate at the press conference hosted by President Trump celebrating the trillions of dollars of investment made in America during his first 100 days in office. Once back on Capitol Hill, I head to the House Chamber where we have our first and only vote series of the day. Afterwards, I remain in the Chamber and pay tribute to Lt. Commander Robert Cutler, former Captain of the Savannah Port who recently passed.

Thursday, May 1, 2025: After heading off Capitol Hill to have breakfast with our two interns for this semester who are finishing up this week, I head to the Capitol Plaza where we have a class photo of the Republican members of the 119th Congress. Next, I head back to our office before heading to our weekly E&C meeting where we hear from newly-confirmed Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz who shares with us messaging suggestions for proposed reforms. Afterwards, I head to the House Chamber for our final vote series of the week and remain in the Chamber where I pay tribute to City of Savannah leisure services employee Joan Quarterman who is retiring after 50 years of service. . Next, I head to the Capitol Plaza to take pictures with our interns before heading to our office to meet with representatives from BASF, one of the largest chemical companies in the world that has a site in our district, followed by the American Golf Industry Coalition (AGIC). After filming this week’s edition of Buddy’s Briefings, I have a virtual meeting with our office consultant, Mark Sobol, followed by meetings with the Milken Institute and the Independent Insurance Agents of Georgia (IIAG). After a conference call with a couple of constituents to discuss an issue with the Corps of Engineers, I have an in office interview with the Amres project to discuss the energy boom in Georgia before meeting with House General Counsel to discuss a proposal I have to make Naloxone available at the Capitol.

Friday, May 2, 2025: After a couple of virtual staff meetings this morning, I am honored to be the guest on the Grant Cardone podcast



SGHS Celebrates Dr. Day

In honor of National Doctors’ Day, Southeast Georgia Health System gave its more than 300 physicians the star treatment, rolling out the red carpet at its multiple facilities across southeast Georgia.

Every day, our doctors deliver award-worthy performances—spreading hope, saving lives and making a lasting impact. To roll out the red carpet for these real-life heroes, the Health System Medical Staff Services team hosted a star-studded week of appreciation, treating our physicians like A-list celebrities. The festivities included VIP coffee service from Wake Up Coffee, luxury car washes courtesy of Russell’s Exclusive Detailing Service, and indulgent sweet treats from Medical Staff Services. To top it off, a blockbuster-worthy breakfast and luncheon were added to the celebration.

As a tribute to our doctors’ dedication to their patients and the community, charitable donations were made in their honor. In recognition of the Brunswick Campus medical staff, the Health System contributed \$2,500 to Communities in Schools of Glynn County, a leading organization in the nation’s fight against school dropouts. With dedicated Site Coordinators working behind the

scenes, they ensure students receive the support they need to shine bright and succeed.

The Camden Campus medical staff also received a star-worthy tribute with a \$2,500 donation to the Camden Miracle Field. This shining community initiative creates inclusive recreational opportunities for individuals with special needs. Featuring a rubberized surface, wheelchair-accessible dugouts, and adaptive features, the Camden Miracle Field ensures that every aspiring all-star can experience the joy of baseball, no matter their abilities.

Initiated in Wind-er, Georgia in 1993 by Eudora Brown Almond, wife of physician Charles B. Almond, MD, Doctors’ Day honors physicians, their work, and their contributions to society and the communities they serve. Eudora encouraged the community to mail greeting cards and place red carnations, the symbolic flower for Doctors’ Day, on the graves of deceased doctors. She chose March 30 because it was the date of the first administration of ether anesthesia for surgery in 1842 by Crawford W. Long, MD. President George Bush officially designated March 30 as National Doctors’ Day in 1990.

SGHS Hosts Blood Drive

BRUNSWICK, – Donating blood is a selfless act by one person to help save the lives of others. Blood cannot be manufactured, and local hospitals rely on Life-South blood donors to make sure blood is on the shelf to help patients in their moment of need. Approximately 37 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate, yet less than 10 percent donate annually.

Lifesouth Community Blood Centers is holding blood drives at both the Southeast Georgia Health System Brunswick and Camden

campuses. Donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card, T-shirt, free cholesterol screening, and the satisfaction of saving lives in their community. Half of the units collected will be donated directly to Southeast Georgia Health System.

Brunswick Campus: In the Linda S. Pinson Conference Center, located at 2415 Parkwood Drive, Tuesday, May 27, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

To register for the blood drive, visit <https://bit.ly/DNT-BLD>. Registration opens 14 days prior to event.

SGHS Jewelry Sale Begins

BRUNSWICK, – Southeast Georgia Health System is hosting an International Jewelry Sale fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to get an early start on Mother’s Day shopping, pick up end-of-school-year gifts for teachers, or simply treat yourself while supporting a great cause. The sale is hosted in partnership with the Health System’s Brunswick and Camden Campus Volunteer Services.

The Brunswick Campus two-day event will take place May, 13-

14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Gift Shop, 2415 Parkwood Drive, Brunswick.

The Camden Campus sale will take place on Thursday, May 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., in the Conference Center, 2000 Dan Proctor Drive, St. Marys.

Cash and most major credit cards are accepted. As with all Volunteer Services fundraising events, a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Health System for patient care services.

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Press Briefs

Pastor Anniversary Slated

St. James Mission-ary 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-

sion will continue on June 8 at St. James with worship services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Jermaine Evans will be the guest speaker at the morning service and Pastor Arthee Davis will be the guest speaker at the afternoon service.

For more information about the anniversary events, persons may contact Walter Moore at 912-271-2101.

Obituaries

Alijah Jesean Hollinger

Alijah Jesean Hollinger, 19, passed away Monday, April 28, 2025, in Long County.

Celebration of Life services were held on Saturday, May 3, at 10 a.m. in the Howard Funeral Home Chapel.

Family and friends may sign the online register at www.howardfuneralga.com.

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

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Local News

Local Students On Dean’s List

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

Founded in 1851 in Columbia, Missouri, Columbia College has been helping students advance their lives through higher education for more than 170 years. As a private, nonprofit institution, the college takes pride in its small classes, experienced faculty and quality educational programs. With locations across the country, about half of which are on military installations, students may enroll in Day, Evening or Online classes. Columbia College is accredited by the

Higher Learning Commission and maintains a network of more than 98,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, visit ccis.edu.

Ludowici students on the Deans’s List include Paola Hiraldo Andino, Fort Stewart - GA; Raymond Linck, Fort Stewart - GA; Beatrice McPhaul, Fort Stewart - GA; Floyd Thompson, Fort Stewart - GA; and Victoria Wright, Fort Stewart - GA.

Supt. Edwards Will Be Supt. Advisor

The Long County Board Of Education during its April meeting voted to add to the agenda an item of making Supt. David Edwards advisor to the new school superintendent who will take office in time for the next school year.

Board Chairman Bruce DeLoach said that the agenda needed to be amended to add Mr. Edwards as superintendent advisor.

“We did not vote on that at the last meeting,” he told fellow board members.

The item was added and later approved by the board.

Chairman DeLoach announced that Heath Crane was selected as the superintendent finalist for the 2025-26

school year and offered his congratulations to Crane at the meeting.

The hiring of the new superintendent was 17 days after the announcement of Crane as the finalist, Chairman DeLoach said during the meeting.

Mr. Edwards’ contract expires in 2026.

SGHS To Host Sports Medicine Symposium

BRUNSWICK, – Southeast Georgia Health System will host a Sports Medicine Symposium, Saturday, May 17, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in the Linda S. Pinson Conference Center, located on the Brunswick Campus, 2415 Parkwood Drive.

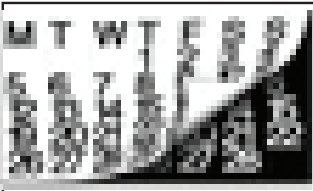
Intended for athletic trainers, the Sports Medicine Symposium offers attendees the opportunity to explore topics emerging in the practice of athletic training, such as managing emergency situations, field injuries to internal organs and the immediate assessment and treatment of heat stress events. Attendees will also learn critical training for managing severe bleeding, dental emergencies and opioid overdose, and featured presenters will discuss the key steps in creating and executing an Emergency action plan as well as the

assessment of weather conditions to make the best decision regarding safe play.

Athletic trainers attending the event have the ability to earn 7.5 CEU’s. The symposium fee of \$35 includes lunch and is due at registration. For more information regarding the event, speakers and agenda, or to register, persons may visit sghs.org/sports-med-symposium.

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, joint replacement, breast care, maternity, outpatient rehabilitation, sleep management and wound care. The Brunswick Campus Cancer Care Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission

on Cancer and is one of the few centers in Georgia to offer CyberKnife® M6 with MLC. Additionally, the Brunswick Campus is accredited by The Joint Commission as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center and the Camden Campus is accredited as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital. The Southeast Georgia Physician Associates medical group includes more than 160 providers working in 20 different medical specialties at more than 40 locations. The Health System is part of Coastal Community Health, a regional affiliation between Baptist Health and Southeast Georgia Health System, a highly integrated hospital network focused on significant initiatives designed to enhance the quality and value of care provided to our contiguous communities. For more information, visit sghs.org.



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 Development Authority meets the fourth 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 Is 4th Tuesday

The Long County Planning & Zoning Board meets the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

The meeting previously was held on the second Tuesday of each month but has been changed to the four Tuesday, according to County Manager Russell Simmons.

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..

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.

Cloverleaf Pantry Open Through May 31

The Cloverleaf Pantry project is now underway from April 1 through May 31. To participate, citizens can drop off non-perishable food items to the 4-H office anytime in April or May for donation to the Manna House of Long County. 4-Her’s who participate will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 credit to use towards Summer Camp, any of the Summer Programming Activities, or a Long County 4-H sweat-shirt. There will also be a bonus for every 4-Her that brings in at least one item on the most needed list will receive a one

time \$5 credit. The most needed foods include canned meat, spaghetti sauce and noodles, spaghetti O’s/Chef Boyardee or similar, and canned/powdered milk.

For more information, interested persons should call 912-9549.

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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 Tyler Phillips and Samantha Phillips to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC, dated July 27, 2022 and

recorded on July 27, 2022 in Deed Book 522, Page 1262, 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 Ninety-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five and 00/100 dollars (\$298,625.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC, D.B.A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL, recorded in Deed Book 532, Page 821, 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 June, 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 16TH G. M. DISTRICT OF LONG COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 23, SUMMERHILL SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, AS SHOWN AND REPRESENTED ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY

MADE AND PREPARED BY KEITH P. PIRKLE, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2792, BEARING A SURVEY DATE OF JULY 7, 2022 AND A PLAT DATE OF JULY 7, 2022, AND BEING RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2022, PAGE 190, 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:

NORTHEASTERLY AND EASTERLY BY LANDS OF DEBORAH LONG; SOUTHEASTERLY BY LOT NO. 24; SOUTHWESTERLY BY WHIPPOORWILL WAY 50' R/W; AND WESTERLY BY LOT NO. 22, ALL AS SHOWN ON THE ABOVE REFERRED TO PLAT OF SURVEY.

APN: 044 019 023
Said property may more commonly be known as 265 Whippoorwill Way NE, 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 MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC, D.B.A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL, 7450 Campus Drive suite 200,

Colorado Springs, CO 80920, 1-719-447-0325.

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 Tyler Phillips and Samantha Phillips 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.

MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC, D.B.A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL as Attorney-in-Fact for Tyler Phillips and Samantha Phillips Contact:

Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520
Ad Run Dates: 05/09/2025 ,05/16/2025 ,05/23/2025 ,05/30/2025; 23-003767-4 705

FINANCIAL, 7450 Campus Drive suite 200,

Obituaries

Barbara Lavern (Campbell) Wallace

CANNON BLUFF – Barbara Lavern (Campbell) Wallace, 92, passed away Sunday, May 4, 2025, in Jesup. She was born in Screven (Wayne County) and grew up there and in Vidalia, and was a homemaker and Avon Representative. She enjoyed embroidery and working in her rose bushes and amaryllis. She worshipped the Lord at Morgans Chapel (that she called Granny Essie's church) and South Newport As-

sembly of God, and was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Wallace, sister, Theresa Harris, brothers, Jack, Russell, and Bill Campbell, and son-in-law, Donald Westberry.

Survivors are her daughters, Marjorie Westberry and Gloria Jean Wallace of Cannon Bluff; grandson, Don Hal "Bubba" Westberry of Jesup; great-grandson, Emory; brother, Alfred Campbell of Moore, SC; cousin, Joyce Lowery of

Ashland City, TN, several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, May 9, at 11 AM at Morgans Chapel Church, with Rev. Larry Stricklin officiating. The burial will be in Morgans Chapel Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the online register at www.howardfuneralga.com.

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

A celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, May 3, at 2:00 PM at the Sapelo Saltwater Fishing Club at Shellman Bluff, off of Old Shellman Bluff Road.

The family sends special thanks to the girls at Davita Dialysis. Family and friends may sign the online register at www.howardfuneralga.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Howard Funeral Home of Ludowici.

United Way Of Coastal Empire Announces VP Rana Edgar

SAVANNAH, GA – United Way of the Coastal Empire is proud to announce Rana Edgar has joined the organization's leadership team as Vice President of Resource Development. In this role, Edgar will lead the organization's year-round fundraising efforts with the support of key volunteers to ensure United Way has the financial resources to accomplish its mission to improve lives throughout Bryan, Chatham, Effingham, Liberty, and Long counties.

Edgar has over a decade of experience in non-profit fundraising, leadership, and programming. Most recently, she served as the Director of Institutional Advancement at Telfair Museums, where she led all fundraising and development initiatives, built strong community relationships, and was a member of the executive leadership team. During her tenure, she significantly grew memberships, donations,

and grant support. She also played a key role in the addition of the Children's Art Museum in the Jepson Center.

"We are thrilled to have Rana join our dedicated United Way team," said Kimberly



Waller, President and CEO of United Way of the Coastal Em-

pire. "Rana brings an impressive background in nonprofit leadership, fundraising, expertise, and knowledge of the Coastal Empire that will help advance this organization's impact throughout our five-county region."

Prior to her role at Telfair, Edgar spent over five years as the Director of Education and Programs at the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, where she oversaw a broad range of public and educational programming and contributed to a successful \$142 million capital campaign. Her earlier roles include positions at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Macomb Community College, and the SCAD Museum of Art.

Edgar holds an M.A. in Art History from Savannah College of Art and Design and a B.F.A. in Photography from the College for Creative Studies. In addition to her professional experience, Rana is an active community

member, having served on advisory boards, curated art registries, and presented nationally at museum conferences. She is a member of the Savannah Rotary, Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Coastal Georgia, and was a member of the Junior League of Savannah in 2021. She also serves as a volunteer professor in the Medical School at Mercer University.

"For generations, United Way has been a cornerstone of positive change in our community, and I am honored to be a part of this incredible and meaningful mission," said Edgar. "I am looking forward to working alongside the talented United Way team and dedicated volunteers to expand our impact in this special place."

Edgar officially assumed her new position on April 28, 2025.

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to host an "Economic Injury" webinar that will provide business owners of all sizes with important information on disaster resources. Resources included technical and financial. As last years damages are still being accounted for, and as we are approaching hurricane season, I believe this information could be valuable to your audience. The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. May 15.

Details of the Long County Board of Commissioners' meeting will be carried in next week's issue. Kadee Dasher represented The Long County Press and has sent photos for next issue.
