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CELEBRATING WOMEN YEAR ROUND, THANKS!

FUN AND CHALLENGE: 2022 CHESS AND CHECKERS TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, March 12, 2022, participants from Albany and surrounding counties gathered at Bill Miller Community Center to compete in a game of concentration, determination, and skill! Chess Champions, a tri-level tournament, was hosted by Albany Recreation & Parks. This tournament of champions was made available to beginner, intermediate and pro-level players, 5 years of age and older.

This was the second presentation of chess-based programming for the department. Community Events Superintendent, Velvet Poole, took lead on this event and began learning the basics of this timeless sport. “When learning the game, I realized how much time and dedication it takes to become a professional in this sport. I thank those that came out to compete and applaud them on their dedication and skill,” said Poole.

According to Mr. (Coach) James Hubbard, "The tournament had adults and children as young as 8 competing. All those in attendance had fun and some were excellent chess players. They were from International Studies, Merry Acres, Dougherty High and some kids came from Crisp County and Southland Academy to participate. I thoroughly enjoyed the tournament and look forward to hosting another at Dougherty High and also collaborating with the City of Albany again in the future."

Congratulations to our 2022 Chess Champions! We thank all participants and program sponsors for making this event one to remember. For more information on upcoming programs and events hosted by Albany Recreation & Parks, please contact the administrative office at (229) 430-5222 or send an e-mail to arpd@albanyga.gov.



Velvet Poole



James Hubbard

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ALBANIAN, LT. DONNY JAMES, FIRST LICENSED TO OPERATE AWE'S ABOARD USS GERALD FORD



Lt. Donny James

The first USS FORD and Navy Sailor ever to be qualified and licensed to operate the Advanced Weapons Elevators (AWE) is Lt. Donny James, the weapons engineering officer is from Albany, Georgia. "I am proud of myself for being the first Sailor ever qualified on this cutting-edge technology", said James. "But I was not looking for any acknowledgement. All of my guys have been working diligently to become qualified."

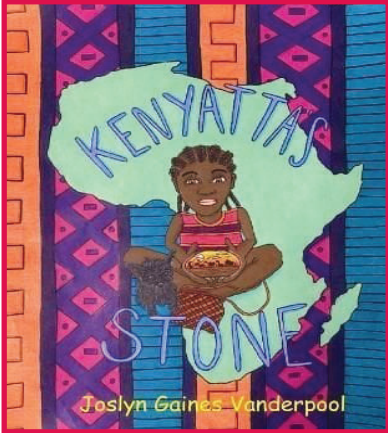
USS FORD sailors have been working to become qualified while running WSWE-1 which was accepted and turned over to the ship's force on December 21, 2018. and USWE-3 which was accepted and turned over on February 14, 2019. "WSWE-3 was turned over on my birthday," said James. This was a sense of accomplishment among us all and a great birthday present for me."

Daily operations of the AWEs allow Sailors to grow confidence in their proficiency with the systems and their operating capabilities. Their trial-and-error expertise not only helps them better anticipate and diagnose any technical issues that may arise, but also grants them the ability to create training methods and pave the way for how future USS FORD-class Sailors learn to operate AWE's.

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WRITER WITH ALBANY TIES, JOSLYN GAINES VANDERPOOL, PINS THIRD BOOK

Although Joslyn Gaines Vanderpool lived only briefly in Albany with her parents, Morris and Ruth Gaines, she is nostalgic about those times as well as her trips from Sacramento, California each year by car to visit her grandparents and other relatives here. She recalls that because of her race, her parents, sister Francene Gaines Weatherspoon and herself couldn't stay in hotels or eat in many southern restaurants. They made do by sleeping in the car on the side of the road and picnicking. Her parents entertained them with games and songs. Her father would tip gas station attendants willing to get them ice cream cones. By dining outdoors, they thought that they were camping. At night, they parked along forested areas. Her mom treated her and her sister like princesses, rolling their hair and putting scented powder on them. They washed in bathroom rest stops when available and changed into pajamas behind moss-covered tree near bayous. Bathroom breaks were in the bushes. Upon arrival in Albany, evenings were spent on her grandma's porch making peach ice cream. Sundays were spent in Beulah Baptist Church where her parents served until their deaths. Her great great parents were ex-slaves, Warren and Elviry Gaines.



Kenyatta's Stone



Joslyn Gaines Vanderpool

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ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY HOSTS ACTIVE MINDS' SEND SILENCE PACKING EXHIBIT



In an effort to bring community awareness to mental health and suicide prevention the Albany State University Office of Counseling and Accessibility Services participated in the Active Minds' Send Silence Packing exhibit on Wednesday, March 16.

“It is important to share mental health awareness and education with our students, especially during the COVID-19 fatigue our community is facing. We hope this exhibit will inspire our students to learn how they can help prevent suicide, and provide hope for the future,” said Nicola Bradley, LMFT, Director of Counseling and Student Accessibility Services.

Members of the campus community attended the exhibit, which is designed to connect individuals to mental health resources and raise awareness about suicide prevention. The exhibit included backpacks, placed in the C.W. Grant Student Union, representing a life that has been touched by suicide. The exhibit also included personal stories from individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide.

The Office of Counseling and Accessibility Services, the We Are One and E-5 Initiatives, the Student Government Association, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Office of Student Engagement offered support and information to attendees throughout the exhibit.

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OMICRON B-2 Is on Its Way, MASK UP!



SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
UTILIS MATRONAE
DEBUTANTE PRESENTATION
AN EVENING OF PEARLS WITH
PURPOSE, SOPHISTICATION
AND SPLENDOR

Please visit Utilis Matronae Club Facebook Page and You Tube to view the Presentation

UTILIS MATRONAE CLUB INCORPORATED
2019-2020 DEBUTANTE CLUB



Front Row – L-R: Debutantes Nyla Dudley, Zion Heard, Alaysia James, Ashleigh Johnson, Gala Marcus, Madison McCoy and Logan McDowell
Second Row – L-R: Debutantes Amaya Morris, Ki’Mora Price, Zykyria Price, Jamia Prince, Kenyari Sawyer, Julia Solomon, Jada Wallace and Daniqua Wooden

CONGENIALITY AWARD



Mrs. Lucy Hazel Dunn, President Utilis Matronae Club and Winner; Debutante Ki’Mora Price

INCENTIVE WINNERS



L-R: Mrs. Lucy Hazel Dunn, President of Utilis Matronae Club, Debutante Gala Marcus, First Place; Debutante Nyla Dudley, Second Place and Debutante Ki’Mora Price, First Place

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



L-R: Mrs. Lucy Hazel Dunn, President of Utilis Matronae Club; Debutante Zion Heard, First Place; Debutante Ashleigh Johnson, Second Place; Debutante Madison McCoy and Debutante Logan McDowell; Third Place Tie

LEADERSHIP AWARDS



L-R: Debutante Ashleigh Johnson, President 2021-2020 Debutante Club; Ms. Natalie Knox, President Debutante Parents Club and Mrs. Lucy Hazel Dunn, President Utilis Matronae Club

DEDICATION AWARD



Mrs. Ann Adams, Presenter and Mrs. Carla B. Johnson, Recipient

2019-2020 UTILIS MATRONAE CLUB
DEBUTANTE CLUB ESCORTS



First Row: L-R: Dalen Frazier, Omari Taylor, Noah James, J’Quavian Reynolds, Dontavious Stubbs, Patrick Williams, and Dayman Polite
Second Row-L-R: Isaiah Blocker, Marcus Price, Jr., Ethan Wilson, Jeremiah Prince, Dominik Henderson, Gregory Williams, III, Jabari Guilford, and Miles Fletcher

After a year layoff due to the Pandemic, Utilis Matronae Club, Incorporated recently held its 68th Annual Debutante Presentation. The theme “An Evening of Pearls with Purpose, Sophistication, and Splendor” defined the presentation of fifteen phenomenal high school seniors who were showcased before a small group of family, friends, and community supporters at Albany State University West Campus Ballroom. Viewers can watch The Presentation on the Utilis Matronae Club Facebook Page and You Tube.

Founded in 1933, the signature project of Utilis Matronae Club, Incorporated, commenced with a dignified induction ceremony in October 2021. Enrichment activities designed to further expose and develop the Debutantes’ personal, social, cultural, and intellectual potential followed. Marking the culmination of in-person and virtual activities, Presentation Night began with the seating of the Mothers of the Debutantes and the introduction of the Debutante Escorts of the evening by Mrs. Flo Hill and Tavaris Wilson. Ms. Natalie Knox, President of the Debutante Parents Club presented the Debutante Year in Retrospect and introduced the other officers of the Parents Club: Mrs. Lovetta Dudley, Vice President; Mrs. Mona McCoy, Secretary; Dr. Shirlette Marcus, Treasurer; Mrs. Stacy McDowell, Chaplain; Mrs. Cortney King, Reporter; Parliamentarian and Projects Chair, Mrs. Gloria Williams; and Communications Chair, Mrs. Danielle Hall.

Debutante Ashleigh Johnson, President of the Debutante Club presented the Debutante Year in Retrospect. The other officers of the Debutante Club included Vice President Dougherty Comprehensive High School, Debutante Madison McCoy; Vice President Monroe Comprehensive High School, Debutante Kenyari Sawyer; Vice President Westover Comprehensive High School, Debutante Jamia Prince ; Secretary, Debutante Gala Marcus; Assistant Secretary, Debutante Julia Solomon; Treasurer, Debutante Ki’Mora Prince; Chaplain, Debutante Zion Heard; Reporter, Debutante Zykeria Price; Parliamentarian, Debutante Amaya Morris and Projects Chairman, Debutante Nyla Dudley. Narrators, Mrs. Flo Hill and Tavaris Wilson, introduced the charming, accomplished young ladies as they walked the red carpet on the arm of their fathers or presenters. One at a time, the Debutantes greeted their mothers, presented them a red rose as a token of love, and then excitedly headed to the adorned stage escorted by their fathers/presenters. Each young lady was simply elegant. Having been introduced to society, each Debutante took her official bow in her white ball gown in front of an elaborately decorated arch surrounded by red and white scenery. Alonzo Maddox provided delightful background music throughout the evening.

The entertaining highlights of the evening were the dances, choreographed by Ms. Toshiba Maxie assisted by Ms. Torey Brown. The Memorable Waltz performed by the Debutantes with their fathers/presenter and the Debutantes dance with Mothers were unforgettable. The Grand Cotillion was gracefully executed by the debutantes and escorts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND AWARDS
Special recognition and awards were presented to debutantes, parents, and a member of Utilis Matronae Club for their exemplary efforts during the debutante sea-

son. Awards were announced by Mrs. Carla Johnson in the areas of scholarship, incentives, congeniality, and leadership. Ms. Ann Adams presented the Dedicatory Tribute to Mrs. Carla Johnson. The Scholarship Awards presented were as follows, Third Place--a tie-- Debutante Madison McCoy and Debutante Logan McDowell; Second Place, Debutante Ashleigh Johnson, and First Place, Debutante Zion Heard. The Incentive Award winners were Third Place -Debutante Ki’Mora Price, Second Place--Debutante Nyla Dudley and First Place – Debutante Gala Marcus. Debutante Ki’Mora Price was elected Miss Congeniality. Presidential Awards were presented to Debutante Ashleigh Johnson, President of the Debutante Club, Ms. Natalie Knox, President of the Debutante Parents Club and Mrs. Lucy Hazel Dunn, President of Utilis Matronae Club, Incorporated.

At the Parents/Daughter Luncheon and Talent Extravaganza held earlier, the following Debutantes received recognition for presentation of Proposals for Community Service: Debutante Zion Heard, Debutante Ashleigh Johnson. Debutante Amaya Morris, Debutante Zykyria Price, Debutante Jamia Prince, and Debutante Kenyari Sawyer.

Utilis members assisting with the awards included Mrs. Patricia Dunlap, Ms. Patricia Clay, Mrs. Andrea Revills, Mrs. Ann Adams, Mrs. Dorothy Carver, Dr. Mollie Brown, Mrs. Frieda Snead, and Mrs. Wyndolyn Edwards. Mrs. Leslie Charles, First Vice President, and Presentation Chairman, served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Mrs. Lucy Hazel Dunn serves as President of Utilis Matronae Club, Incorporated.

DEBUTANTES, PARENTS AND ESCORTS
Debutante Nyla Zene’ Dudley, daughter of Steven and Mrs. Lovetta Dudley, escorted by Dalen Frazier, the son of Cortez and Mrs. Alicia Frazier.

Debutante Zion Regina Navaa’ Heard, daughter of Ms. Natalie Knox and Rev. Lorenzo and Mrs. Leslie Heard, escorted by Omari Taylor, the son of Coleman and Mrs. Marekia Taylor.

Debutante Alaysia James, daughter of Ms. Tasha James and Alexander Brown, presented by Corey Brown, escorted by Noah James, the son of Ms. Tasha James and Alexander Brown.

Debutante Ashleigh Michelle Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Danielle and Steven Hall, escorted by J’Quavian Reynolds, son of Ms. Chasity Reynolds.

Debutante Gala Juliette Marcus, daughter of Dr. Shirlette and Julian Marcus, escorted by Dontavious Stubbs, son of Mrs. Senequa Brown.

Debutante Madison Jones McCoy, daughter of Mrs. Mona and Michael McCoy, presented by a family friend, Donnell Williams, escorted by Patrick Williams, son of Ms. Latisha Williams and Patrick Williams.

Debutante Logan McDowell, daughter of Mrs. Stacy and Thaddeus McDowell, escorted by Daymon Polite, son of Ms. Ingrid Driskell.

Debutante Amaya Michelle Morris, daughter of Ms. April Turner and Christopher Morris, escorted by Isaiah Blocker, son of Ms. Geshebria Blocker.

Debutante Ki’Mora Xina Price, daughter of Ms. Erica Haines and Montavious Price, escorted by Ethan Wilson, son of Ms. Kimberly Cheevers and Toby Wilson.

Debutante Zykyria Price, daughter of Marcus Price and the late Mrs. Gloria Price and granddaughter of Mrs. Gloria and Donnell Williams, escorted by Marcus Price, Jr., son of Ms. Chiquita Shorter and Marcus Price.

Debutante Jamia Terriell Prince, daughter of Mrs. Candie and George Prince, escorted by Jeremiah Prince, son of Mrs. Candie and George Prince.

Debutante Kenyari Sawyer, daughter of Ms. Alisa Sawyer and Anthony Monroe, escorted by Dominik Henderson, son of Mrs. Cathy and Willie Williams.

Debutante Julia Janell Solomon, daughter of Mrs. Cortney and Leonard King, escorted by Gregory Williams, III, son of Mrs. Jazmine and Donald Gilbert.

Debutante Jada Wallace, daughter of Ms. Shamonna Jordan and Butler Wallace, escorted by Jabari Guilford, son of Ms. Tara Guilford.

Debutante Daniqua Wooden, daughter of Ms. Kimberly Gilliard and Keantae Gilliard, escorted by Miles Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Fletcher.

The Members of Utilis Matronae Club thank the family, friends, and members of the community for their support of the 2021-2022 Debutantes.

DUKES LEGISLATIVE AND
COMMUNITY REPORT

By Rep. Winfred Dukes

Rep. Winfred Dukes (D-Albany) has introduced House Resolution 1000 Creating the Joint Study Committee for Promotion and Assistance of Small Farmers.

Co-sponsors of the resolution include Rep. Regina Lewis-Ward (D-McDonough), Rep. Mandisha Thomas (D-South Fulton), Rep. El-Mahdi Holly (D-Stockbridge), and Rep. Josh McLaurin (D-Sandy Springs).

The protection and support of small farmers is imperative. We will lead in the diversification of crop production that can make individual farms stronger and strengthen agricultural industries in Georgia. Tapping into profitable niche markets can reduce economic risk by growing more than one type of crop on farmland. The local production of goods strengthens the economy. Research shows that growing a variety of crops can improve the sustainability and resiliency of agricultural systems and producing different crops on small farms greatly benefits farmers.

According to the UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, Agriculture contributes approximately \$73.3 billion annually to Georgia's economy. One in seven Georgians works in agriculture, forestry, or related fields.

In 2012, there were 42,257 farms in Georgia encompassing 9,620,836 acres of land, 88 percent of which are considered to be small businesses in terms of annual sales. The number of small and medium sized farms has and continues to decline in Georgia and across the country, as a result of multiple pressure points which disproportionately affect these farmers, despite their importance to the health of the Georgia economy.

Our goal is to create good paying jobs with benefits and profitable farms throughout the state. Fight for diversifying markets and growing a healthy agribusiness sector, strive for sustainable agriculture, and provide access to healthy, locally grown food.

Source: <https://www.legis.ga.gov>.



Rep. Winfred Dukes

LT. JAMES FROM PAGE 1

"We don't only rely on the PQS system, we get hands-on," said James. All of us work with NNS to do familiarization operations to learn the fundamentals routinely. Our crew has even begun to write Navy Enlisted Classification qualifications standard for the future AWE-C school.

"My crew has given me the utmost confidence in our abilities," said James. "I try to lead by example, but we have all claimed ownership in our elevators. We take our job personally and we continue to improve because we are the first with this knowledge. This is our thing. This is our baby." The GERALD R. FORD is a first-in-class aircraft carrier and the first new aircraft carrier designed in more than 40 years. FORD is currently undergoing its post-shakedown availability at Huntington Ingalls Industries-Newport News Shipbuilding.

This information was first released in 2019.

TOURNAMENT FROM PAGE 1

2022 CHESS CHAMPIONS

Youth Beginners

1st Place: Knox Rhodes

2nd Place: Dennis Ryals

Youth Intermediate

1st Place: Joseph Maxwell

Youth Pro

1st Place: Brooks Shrable

2nd Place: Henry Banks

Adult Intermediate

1st Place: Eugene Thomas

Adult Pro

1st Place: Nelson Thomas



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BLACK HISTORY QUESTION

Was William A. Hinton world-famous for his work in tuberculosis, cancer or venereal disease?

MUST HAVE A
VALID IDENTIFICATION ON
FILE TO VOTE

Voter suppression will not evolve into thin air. It will continue to thrive in the hearts and minds of those wishing to block Black, or other ethnic groups of color from voting in every election.



James Williams

Approximately 155,000 Georgia registered voters are not identified on file with the State of Georgia, as reported by Fair Count Vote Riders. It will be a catastrophe for our voting rights if they are not allowed to vote; because under the State's new voting law, the voters will face more obstacles when trying to cast their ballots. This is another form of voter suppression

Georgia's Legislators cannot fathom the need for people of color to vote. They are still harboring the Slave mentality and wishing to continue with voter suppression; making it more difficult, hoping it will discourage our people from voting. Therefore, each Georgia voter is to check your voting status and identification to ensure there will be no problems when going to the polls to vote. Go to <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov> My Voting Page on the internet to check your status. If you are unable to check your status on the internet, please contact the Voter Registration Office at 229-431-3247. Also, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE PROPER IDENTIFICATION, YOU CAN GO TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE AND GET A STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD FREE.

For those of you who have not registered to vote, the last day for registration is April 25, 2022. Please contact James Williams for further information on when and where to get registered. Please use the link or phone number listed below to contact him.

Comments and questions are welcomed at changing-mindsinalbany@yahoo.com or phone number 229-809-0120.



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The Dougherty County School System Logistical Services Dept, 601 Flint Ave., ALBANY, GA 31701, will receive sealed Bids/Proposals for 033-PUR-2022, SUPER CAB PICK-UP TRUCK. MARCH 31, 2022 @ 2:30 PM.

Bid documents may be obtained from our website at www.docoschools.org. Minority business enterprises are encouraged to submit bids.

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Founded on August 8, 1938, by the late Virgil Hodges and A.C. Searles, the Albany Southwest Georgian has been in regular publication since. After the passing of Hodges and Searles, the paper was taken over by the late Art Searles and then by Giselle Searles. After 80 years of dedicated service to the community, the Searles family retired in May 2019.

The Albany Southwest Georgian is an independent newspaper, nonsectarian and nonpartisan, printing news as accurately as possible and printing the news-at-large that it believes to be the best interest of the readers. The focus is to provide community news, critical news and information that impacts the Southwest Georgia community. The op-ed opinions published in this paper are the views of the writers and do not reflect the policies of The Albany Southwest Georgian.

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***Please Note: As of July 1, 2019, we have a NEW address AND telephone number, as listed above

ST. PAUL MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
DEDICATION AND MORTGAGE
BURNING CELEBRATION



Pastor Calvin Rollins - Burning the Mortgage
Pastor Rollins, Albany Officials and Minister
Photo provided by Deacon Alva James



Photos Credit-Deacon Alva James

The Dedication and Mortgage Burning Celebration (18.01 acres of land/Debt Free) was held on February 27, 2022, at the on-site location, 2714 Sylvester Road. Sister Carolyn Walker presided at this joyous outdoor event and gave a brief overview of “Where we were, Where are, and Where we are going.” The property had been previously purchased by the church, under the leadership of our past pastor, the late Rev. Verlon Robinson. Our newly installed pastor Rev. Calvin Rollins conducted the on-site mortgage burning ceremony. His 5-year vision includes building a new sanctuary on the property for God’s people to grow stronger in fulfilling God’s Mission for his church.

We were very pleased to have, in attendance, members of our church family and friends, as well as distinguished community guests, including a host of clergy from neighboring churches; dignitaries from the city and county offices, including Mayor, Bo Dorough; City Commissioner, Jon Howard; County Commissioner, Anthony Jones; Board of Education Chairman, Dr. Dean Phinazee; and Dougherty County Law Enforcement. Kind words of encouragement were extended by our guests. Deacon Alva James gave words of thanks to members and friends for their loyal support. He also gave encouraging words to Dr. Ola Brown, a major contributor of the land; to Dr. Princess Milledge for assisting with the transactions of the property and the coordination of this program; to the Mother of the Church, Sister Mattie Stephens; Chairman of the Deacon Ministry, Deacon Walter Jinks; and to his wife, Sister Penola James for their endless concerns and support throughout the entire process.

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 190th year Anniversary on the third Sunday, May 15, 2022, 10.00 a.m. St. Paul, established in 1832, is a church with a rich past, an exciting present and a glorious future (Psalm 48:12-14).

Please join us!

VANDERPOOL FROM PAGE 1

Gaines Vanderpool's recently released book is a children's book, "Kenyatta's Stone". The book is a catalyst to begin conversation with youth grades K-5 about people of African descent, including their stories, histories, contributions to the world and the harrowing legacy of being enslaved for centuries in America. Although fictional, Kenya is very much rooted in history. Her emotions and feelings are raw and real, and her quest for freedom is fierce. Kenya's perspective, voice, vision, and her dreams to return to her beautiful homeland never falter and are realized, due to creative license.

Gaines Vanderpool's two previous books which she co-authored with Anita McGee Royston were "Our Black Fathers, Brave, Bold and Beautiful" and "Our Black Mothers, Brave, Bold and Beautiful." All are available on Amazon.

PACKING EXHIBIT FROM PAGE 1

The Liberty House of Albany, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Albany Area Primary Health Care, and Aspire Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Services also attended to provide support and information.

Active Minds is a nonprofit organization supporting mental health awareness and education for young adults. with a presence at more than 800 locations nationwide, dedicated to ending the silence and changing the conversation about mental health.

The “Send Silence Packing” exhibit debuted in 2008 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The display can also be viewed virtually at www.active-minds.org/backpacks.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.”
~ Maya Angelou



Dedication Service



Pastor Calvin Rollins’s Family

A graphic featuring silhouettes of four people of different ethnicities and ages, facing right. The background is a gradient of yellow, orange, and red.

National,
Women's
Month

I can promise you that women working together –
linked, informed and educated – can bring
peace and prosperity to this forsaken planet.
- Isabelle Allende

From the classroom to the board room, women in the Dougherty County School System work ceaselessly to inspire, motivate and educate the next generation. We thank you. We appreciate you. We are grateful for your contributions to our lives and our world.

PEACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



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We invite you to join our services each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. on conference call. The conference call number is 609- 663-0738 (The number is toll free).

Prayer Meeting with PEACE each Sunday on conference call at 6:00 p.m. (for only 30 minutes).

We will resume our normal services hours in our building when God and the science experts direct us.

Worship Services Each Sunday
Early Morning services at 7:00 a.m.
(Free Breakfast at 8:00a.m.)
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Regular Sunday Worship at 11:15 a.m.
Bible Study on each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

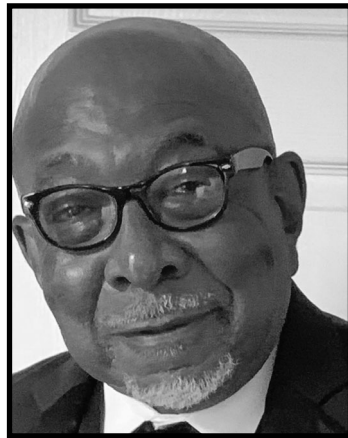
If you need prayer please call (229) 434-9138.

“A Praying Church That Is Growing Our Faith and Love through Generosity”



FRANKLY SPEAKING

By W. Frank Wilson



W. Frank Wilson

There really is no reason for Judge Jackson to be denied a seat on the Supreme Court except for the fact that some Republicans are hell bent to make it difficult only because they want to score points and engage in political theater.

Clearly more qualified than Kavanaugh and Bryant, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is being subjected to levels of scrutiny that only shows the levels of ignorance in our US Senate.

Lest we forget that there are those among us who have defined where both women and black folk belong.

There doesn't have to be a contentious hearing because she's a Biden nominee or a woman or a Black woman! Trickeration and distortion is a pattern used when there's nothing of substance to be said.

This very qualified nominee is methodically unarming these Republicans who are determined to bring a gun to a fist fight.

Frankly Speaking, Delaying for the sake of political theatrics is just folly and much ado about nothing.

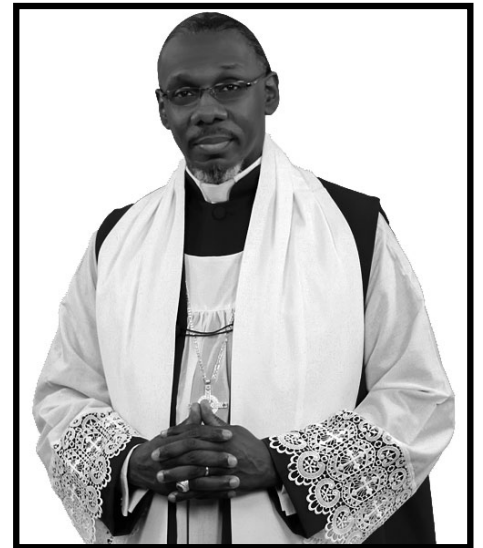
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MONROE HIGH CLASS OF 1977 MEETING

The class of 1977 will hold it's monthly meeting Friday, March 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM, at Flossie's Soul Food Restaurant 2004 E. Oglethorpe Blvd., Albany, GA 31705. For more information, please contact Gregory Drummer at (229) 288-7594.

PRAISE POWER AND DELIVERANCE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES INC., OFFICIAL LAUNCHING



Apostle D.G. Taylor Sr.

Greetings Albany-Dougherty County Community and surrounding areas,

We would like to invite you to the official launching of Praise Power and Deliverance Fellowship Ministries Inc. The ministry's first ordination will also take place during this service with the ordination ceremony for several Elders and Pastors. The kingdom work is on the move!!! The service date is March 27, 2022, at 12:00 o'clock noon at The Temple of Refuge Church located at 2711 Phillips Drive - Albany, Georgia 31721. The speaker for this occasion is Apostle/Prophet D. G. Taylor, Sr.

We would also like to assure you that safety precautions are being taken to help keep those in attendance safe during the service. Attendees are asked to take a rapid COVID test three days prior the service which will be on Thursday, March 24, 2022, and follow these steps; (1) Write your name and date on the test. (2) Take a picture of your test results using your cell phone. (3) Upon your arrival, present the picture of your test results to the attendant at the door. Lastly, we have installed a commercial grade air purifier system in the building. We apologize for any inconvenience and pray that the precautionary measures and safeguards does not deter you from attending the service. Please know that everyone's safety is of the uttermost importance. We ask that you please be considerate and understand that this request is for the health, safety, and well-being of everyone that will be attending the service. For contact purposes email, ppdfm2022@gmail.com.

Thank You and God Bless,
Apostle D.G. Taylor Sr.

You Can Pick Up Your Southwest Georgian At These and Other Locations:

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| Bitten/Junebug's 1905 Madison Street | Slappey Foods 405. S. Slappey Blvd. |
| Radium Springs Mart 2523 Radium Springs Road | H & K Food Mart 900-B Westover Blvd. |
| A&S 1342 Mobile Avenue | Thrift/Petro 2401 Brierwood |
| Petro/Quick Way 700 Radium Springs Road | Dixie Store Broad |
| Stop 'N Shop 2609 Sylvester Road | MLK Store |
| Marathon 326 S. Mock Road | Express Lane 5736 Lily Pond/Newton Rd |
| Petro Gas Station 2401 Brierwood | Grab-N-Go 5400 Newton Rd |
| S&B QuickStop 1800 E. Broad Avenue | Citgo 1404 W. Oarkridge |
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BLACK HISTORY ANSWER

Venereal disease
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VOTING LEGISLATION
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House Bill 1464 passed the House by a vote of 98-73. It combines text and policy from a number of different election bills, along with adjustments to procedures established in SB 202, to create an omnibus election bill for 2022.

A few of the bill’s provisions bolster accessibility. One allows voters to take two hours off of work during the period of advanced voting to cast their ballot, in addition to election day. Another provision eliminates the requirement that counties publish the number of ballots cast on election day by 10pm that night. But overall, opponents say the bad outweighs the good in this legislation and takes Georgia steps back instead of forward in voting rights.

The bill creates original jurisdiction in the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) to investigate any alleged violation of the election code.

HB 1464 creates further limits on the ability of outside groups to donate to county election administration efforts. Rather than leaving open the opportunity to donate to county commissions, the bill requires any donation, from a local in-kind donation to a large monetary grant, to go through an application process with the State Election Board (SEB).

The bill allows the SEB to appoint members of county election boards as members of a performance review board. Another such provision allows counties to allocate voting machines per 250 voters remaining who have not yet voted, as opposed to requiring one machine per active voter.

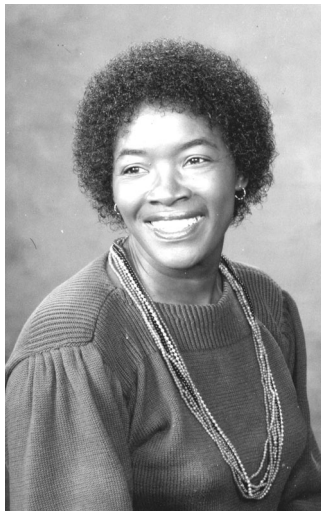
A third measure clarifies mailing absentee ballot applications and the disclosure required on them and confirms that parties may make absentee ballot applications available upon request. A provision eliminates the requirements that counties send out emergency write-in ballots to voters who qualify under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA).

The bill incorporates most of the requirements of HB 1359, creating enormous administrative burdens as well as unfunded costs on counties due to “chain of custody” requirements for blank security paper and absentee ballots. The provisions of HB 933 were also added to this bill. These provisions would eliminate the requirement that all election records that are transferred to their local clerk of superior court be sealed, effectively making these documents open records that are subject to public inspection once they are transferred. Voted ballots are only transferred to the custody of the superior court once the election has been certified.
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Mr. Demetrius B. Dawson, of Marietta, Georgia departed this life Thursday, March 17, 2022, at Wellstar Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, Georgia. Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 12:00 Noon at Piney Grove #3 Baptist Church, Piney Grove Road, Leesburg, Georgia. Meadows Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mother Pearlle Randle

Mother Pearlle Randle, 91, of Albany, Georgia departed this life Friday, March 11, 2022, at her residence. Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 12:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary of Second Kiokee Baptist Church, 5644 Nicklesville Rd, Arlington, GA. 39813 Meadows Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Edriss Nairobi Williams

Mr. Edriss Nairobi Williams, 50, of Albany, Georgia departed this life on Friday, March 18, 2022, at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Georgia. Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 11:00 A.M. in the Floral Memory Gardens, 120 Old Pr etoria Road, Albany, Georgia 31701. Meadows Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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Today In Black History

MARCH 23, 1916 – MARCUS GARVEY COMES TO AMERICA

On this day in civil rights history, controversial Renaissance man Marcus Garvey first visited America, as part of a lecture tour encouraged by Booker T. Washington.

Born in 1887 in Jamaica, Garvey was raised to love books; one of his favorites was Booker T. Washington’s Up from Slavery. In 1910, Garvey traveled across the Caribbean and Central America. In each country he visited, he was struck by the harsh conditions for blacks and the widespread discrimination.

He returned to Jamaica in 1914, convinced that salvation for black people lay in an international organization, and formed the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League (UNIA). In just a few years it would become the largest organization up to that point.

By 1920, Garvey had moved his UNIA base of operations to Harlem and had 20,000 members. Garvey and the UNIA opened black grocery stores, restaurants, and other businesses. He took to wearing elaborate uniforms and developed a messiah complex. He grew to despise W.E.B. Du Bois , who reciprocated the feeling.

In 1919, UNIA launched the Black Star Line, which was intended to use steamships to transport African Americans to Liberia, where Garvey planned to purchase land and start a new country. The Black Star Line bought a ship and dubbed it the Frederick Douglass. But the shipping operation was beset with internal problems, including corruption, inefficiency, and government infiltration (led by a young J. Edgar Hoover). Within three years, the quixotic “back to Africa” movement was over and the Black Star Line had closed.

Garvey was charged by the U.S. government with mail fraud and convicted. In 1925, he was incarcerated in an Atlanta federal prison. Two years later he was paroled and deported to Jamaica, where huge crowds welcomed him. Persecution by the United States had made him an international hero.

Garvey turned toward a philosophy of racial purity in the mid-1920, leading to collusion with the KKK to organize a black separatist state.

In 1928, Garvey released a “Petition of the Negro Race” to the League of Nations; it was ignored. In 1935, Garvey left Jamaica for London, never to return. He died June 10, 1940.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The **American Legion Post 512 Executive Board** meets every 3rd Monday at 8:00 P.M.; General Body meets every 4th Monday at 8:00 P.M.. The meeting is held at the post.

The **American Legion Post 512 Women’s Auxiliary** meets every Monday after the first Sunday at 8:00 P.M. The meeting is held at the post.

Sons of the **American Legion (SAL) Post 512** meet every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. The meeting is held at the post.

The **American Legion Post 512 Past Commanders** meet every 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM.

Albany Beauty Culture League meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 A.M. at the home of Olivia Wilson located on 2307 St. George Dr.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS: (Rent, Utilities, Food, Clothing, Etc). Albany Outreach Center, 314 N. Jefferson Street, 432-2405; Dougherty County Neighborhood Service Center, 1003 W. Gordon Avenue, 883-1365; The Salvation Army, 304 W. 2nd Avenue, 435-1428.

The Artesian Toastmasters, Noon, every Thursday, 814 Radford Blvd. Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany. Contact: Eunice Parks, 229.639.8324

The Albany Community Toastmasters, 7 p.m., 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month, The Community Policing Center, 1721 E. Oglethorpe Avenue. Contact: Jewell Howard at 229.787.0014

The Cutliff Grove Family Resources, Inc. meets every second Saturday at 10:00 a.m., Cutliff Grove Baptist Church, 835 W. Broad Ave., Albany, Georgia. For more information call 229-435-2308.

The Fibromyalgia Support Group meets the first Tuesday of each month 5-6 p.m. in the Phoebe Northwest Conference Room. The Fibromyalgai Support information hotline is (229) 312-8716.

Albany AGLOW Fellowship, a non-denominational Christian Women’s Fellowship, meets every third Thursday of the month at the Women’s Federated Clubhouse, 1012 North Van Buren Street. Refreshments at 7 PM, following by praise and worship. Hear *powerful* testimony from a different speaker every month! **Free and open to the public! Contact: 229-436-6722.**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS: Liberty House, 439-7065; Open Arms, 431-1121.

RAM ROOTERS meet every 1st Thursday at the American Legion Post 512.

SOUP KITCHENS: Albany Rescue Mission, 604 N. Monroe Street, Lunch 12:00 Noon, Monday thru Friday; Arcadia Baptist Church, 1214 N. Jackson Street, Lunch 12:00 Noon, Tuesday only; Friendship Outreach Mission, 421 W. Broad Avenue, Tuesday and Friday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM; Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1905 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Thursdays from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM; St. Clare’s Soup Kitchen 2005 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Lunch 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. (closed during summer months); St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 212 N. Jefferson Street, Lunch 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. (closed during summer months); The Salvation Army, 304 W. 2nd Avenue, Evening Meal, 5:00-5:30 p.m. seven days a week.

THE ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY TOASTMASTERS CLUB #5091 meets every first and third Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the ACAD Building, Room 172. The club is open to ASU faculty, staff, alumni and supporters. Contact Blenda Mattox, President, at (229) 395-1250, or email blendamattox@att.net.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES ALBANY CAREER CENTER, hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; The Center is located at 2015 N. Slappey Boulevard, (229) 317-0970.

Albany Area Clergy Women, Inc. meets every 2nd Saturday each month. Time 10:00 A. M. At New Beginning Christian Church, Inc. 711 South Monroe Street. We are now meeting Via Conference Call (609) 663 5370 # No Access Code needed. The meetings start at 10:15 A. M. You may call into the Conference Line at least 10 minutes before the meeting starts. All clergy women, known or unknown, are invited to join us or attend with us when CDC Guidelines permit. Contact person: President Harriett S Gainer, 229 432 9640. Effective March 2022.

Albany Civil Rights Institute, 326 Whitney Avenue, Albany, GA: Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Admission fee for non-members; ACRI Freedom Singers perform every second Saturday at 1 p.m. Monthly Community Night Program at 6:30 p.m. every 4th Thursday of the month beginning in February. Frank Wilson, Executive Director, P. O. Box 6036, Albany, GA 31706, (229) 432-1698.

Teens Speaking Out Forum every Sunday at 7 p.m. on www.blogtalkradio.com/teens-speaking-out ordial-in to listen: (646) 716-6058. Teens and young Adults, who have issues and are looking for ways to overcome their dilemma without discrimination are invited to join. Youth are allowed to speak out concerning how they feel about there situation. Solutions thru a thought management program, mentoring to teens, counseling and support are offered through this program.

Albany Area Chapter of IAAP (International Association of Administrative Professionals) monthly chapter meeting is held every 4th Monday at 6 p.m. at Phoebe Northwest, 2336 Dawson Road, Albany, Georgia.

Security Plus Helping our Veterans - is holding a meeting to help our Veterans. We need volunteers to assist in helping our veterans that serve to protect our country. Remember our veterans. For more information please contact: (229) 878-6243.

The Albany Kiwanis Club, meets every Wednesday at noon Austin’s Firegrill, 2817 Old Dawson Rd, contact Chuck Owens at (229) 344-1752.

The Fort Valley State University Albany Area Alumni Chapter meets the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Golden Corral Restaurant, 2524 Archwood Dr., Albany. All alumni residing in Dougherty, Lee, Worth, Mitchell, Crisp, Terrell, and other Southwest Georgia counties are invited to attend. For more information please contact: Tony Jones at (229) 669-4711.

Ward 3 District Neighborhood Watch Community Policing Center, 201 W. Oglethorpe Blvd, Albany, GA 31701. First Monday in each month from 6-7PM. This is your community, your children, your lives and your future. Please get involved! All citizens are invited and asked to bring someone along to share thoughts and ideas on this important issue. Information Call Mr. Rambeau (229) 883-1293.

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Albany Community Builder Inc. meets every Tuesday morning at Carter’s Grill in the meeting room at 10am. The public is invited. For more information call (229) 395-1040.

Madison/Monroe High School Reunion All graduates of Madison High and Monroe High School are asked to meet on the 1st Sunday of each month at 5:00 pm at the 623 Whitney Avenue Plans are being made for “Reunion 2019.” For more information contact: Ben McMiller (229)432-0604; Rutha Harris (229)436-1997.

WOW (Women of Worth) meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00pm at Beacon of Light Church 1512 Cromartie Beach Drive 31705 Apostle Helen Mackey, Pastor

Pastors and Assistant Pastor Prayer every 3rd Monday at 5:00 pm at Beacon of Light Church 1512 Cromartie Beach Drive 31705 Apostle Helen Mackey, Pastor

NAMI Albany, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, offers support, education and advocacy. Meeting are held Albany ARC, 3005 Old Dawson Road. 2ND Tuesday of each month: 6:00 – NAMI Night Education Program, open to the public. 7:00 – Support in 2 Groups: Connection Support Group for adults in recovery; Family Support Group for family and close friends. 4th Tuesday of each


month: 6:00 - Support in 2 groups: Family & Connection. Contact NAMI Albany for more information: (229) 329 1444 or albanydami@gmail.com.

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) meets every 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 AM. at the American Legion, 2916 Gillionville Road, Albany, Georgia. Lunch will be available. We have a speaker of interest. All eligible persons are welcome. Contact: Barbara England (229) 302-2580.

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The Senate voted 31-21 to back legislation that would impose harsher penalties for crimes committed during a protest. This includes blocking a highway, assaulting someone or damaging property if it involves groups of two or more people. It also calls for punishing local governments that instruct public safety officers to “stand down” during protests.

The Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 609, that would set a May 31 deadline for the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission to issue licenses.

The Senate Finance Committee supported suspending Georgia’s 29.1-cents-per-gallon gas tax through May 31, which would save drivers about \$400 million in taxes. The effort to remove the gas tax comes as pump prices rapidly rising.

Senate Resolution 623 would ask voters in November (constitutional amendment) if state senators should serve four-year terms starting in 2024. They currently serve two-year terms as do members of the state House of Representatives. The measure passed 49-3. The legislation was fast-tracked after first being introduced March 4.

The House voted 136-33 for House Resolution 842, which would put a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot in November to take the issue of legislator pay out of the General Assembly’s hands. If approved, legislators would be paid 60% of the median household income of Georgians, starting in 2025. That would almost double lawmakers’ current pay of \$17,342. Lawmakers last received a cost-of-living raise in 2008. The House also voted 151-17 to increase the pensions of part-time lawmakers up to 38% and quadruple what House Speaker David Ralston could receive. Both measures now head to the Senate for its consideration.

House Bill 1184 seeks to make college more accessible to more students by allowing schools to administer college entrance exams like the SAT and ACT. Currently these exams are typically off campus. Having the exams where students already are will increase access.

HB 1283 provides that each elementary school shall schedule recess for all students in kindergarten and grades one through five (with certain practical exceptions). Schools are also not allowed to prohibit students in kindergarten and grades one through five as a disciplinary repercussion.

HB 1515 allows institutions previously accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools that are now accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools to be considered an approved school for the Tuition Equalization grant. This bill only impacts Morris Brown College and Paine Colleges (both HBCUs); this would allow students at these schools to receive HOPE funding.

HB 918 would create a Rare Disease Advisory Council under the auspices of the Georgia Department of Public Health to advise the General Assembly and other state agencies and departments concerning the needs of individuals with rare diseases living in Georgia. The council, whose members are appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Lieutenant Governor, will meet at least quarterly. The council will develop policy recommendations to improve patients' access to quality specialists and affordable, quality healthcare coverage and treatment, and will publish resources for

health care providers. The council members will also make recommendations to the Newborn Screening and Genetics Advisory Committee for rare diseases. The advisory council can solicit and accept donations, gifts, grants, property, or matching funds from both public and private sources. The council will publish annual reports to the governor and the general assembly that will include both progress and funding reports, with the first such report due no later than June 20, 2023.

HB 937 requires insurers providing individual accident and sickness insurance coverage for mammograms and Pap smears to provide insured females ages 40 and older with written notice of coverage for annual mammograms, as medically advised. Early detection is crucial to fighting breast cancer.

HB 1390 creates a legal cause of action for retaliation against a county, municipal, or consolidated government if that government takes any adverse action against the individual's professional work relationship based on that individuals’ rejection of any sexual harassment, report of it, institution of any investigation, or testimony related to sexual harassment.

HB 1425 attempts to provide faster relief to families awaiting access to low-THC cannabis. Legislation in 2020 created a process whereby companies could be licensed to produce low-THC cannabis in Georgia, but the process to licensure to date has been inefficient and isn’t providing the relief Georgia families need. This legislation would allow the State to begin providing product to families while restarting the licensing procedure through a process conducted by the Department of Administrative Services under normal state purchasing laws and allow the retention of a qualified independent third party to help develop the solicitation materials and review applications.

HB 1421 revises the Georgia code relating to hazardous waste to allow for certain hazardous waste fees to be dedicated to the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund, until that fund reaches a total of \$25 million. The Hazardous Waste Trust Fund is supported by monies collected from hazardous waste generators, solid waste tipping fees, and various fines for violations. The Fund, which is administered by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, is used to remediate contaminated sites throughout the state. If the collection of fees were to sunset, the ability of local governments to fund the clean-up of leaking landfills, as well as abandoned and

contaminated properties, would be seriously hindered. HB 1041 raises the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed for contributions to rural hospital organizations from \$60 million to \$75 million per taxable year.

Sources: <https://www.legis.ga.gov>, <https://www.ajc.com>.

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WEEK 8

MARCH 7 - MARCH 11, 2022



Rep. Winfred Dukes and Rep. Al Williams



Rep. Winfred Dukes and Rep. Carl Gilliard



Rep. Calvin Smyre, Dean of the Georgia House



Reps. Shelly Hutchinson, Park Cannon, Erica Thomas, Minority Vice Chair, and Derek Mallow



Reps. Becky Evans, Doreen Carter, William Boddie, and Donna McLeod




Reps. Dexter Sharper, Winfred Dukes, Erica Thomas and David Dreyer



Rep. Billy Mitchell, Minority Caucus Chairman and Rep. Pedro "Pete" Marin



Reps. Kim Schofield, Sandra Scott, and Viola Davis



National Women's History Month 2022

"With a defeat, when you lose, you get up, you make it better, you try again. That's what I do in life, when I get down, when I get sick, I don't want to just stop. I keep going and I try to do more. Everyone always says never give up but you really have to take that to heart and really do never definitely give up. Keep trying."

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The Albany Southwest Georgian celebrates the lives and legacies of those who are no longer with us. We join with families, friends and the greater community in mourning.

During this time of crisis and confusion, we cannot come together to grieve as usual. We miss the closeness and warmth of a hug from those most cherished in our lives. We miss our community of corporate worship which is a devastating loss. In isolation, we struggle to maintain our health in body, mind and spirit.

The blood of our ancestors strengthened us for times like these. During this time of "social distancing" take moments to recall what we know. Recall what we have been through and what God has brought us through. Our faith tells us we have a destiny and we shall overcome. We always come through.

Please believe there are brighter days of joy and peace to come. You have our condolences, love and prayers.

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