

The Sparta Ishmaelite

Wednesday July 15, 2026

Working Together to Make a Difference

By Della Smith

We can make a difference when we work together. There are still people who are willing to give of themselves to help others, expecting nothing in return but the satisfaction of serving.

Recently, an organization that I manage, Neighbors Caring About Neighbors, identified two local residents in need of assistance—one who needed a safe wheelchair ramp and another whose porch had deteriorated and required rebuilding.

Answering the call were members of River of Life Mission, a ministry of Milledgeville First Methodist Church, who traveled to Sparta and generously donated their time, talents, and labor to assist them.

Their team constructed a new wheelchair ramp for a man in need and rebuilt the porch of a woman with a disability, making both homes safer and more ac-



cessible and allowing these individuals to come outside their homes.

Acts of kindness like these remind us that a caring community is built one

helping hand at a time. When churches, organizations, and neighbors come together to serve others, lives are changed, hope is restored, and our commu-

nity becomes stronger.

Neighbors Caring About Neighbors extends its heartfelt appreciation to the River of Life volunteers for demonstrating God's love through service.

Your generosity and willingness to help those in need have made a lasting impact on the lives of these residents.

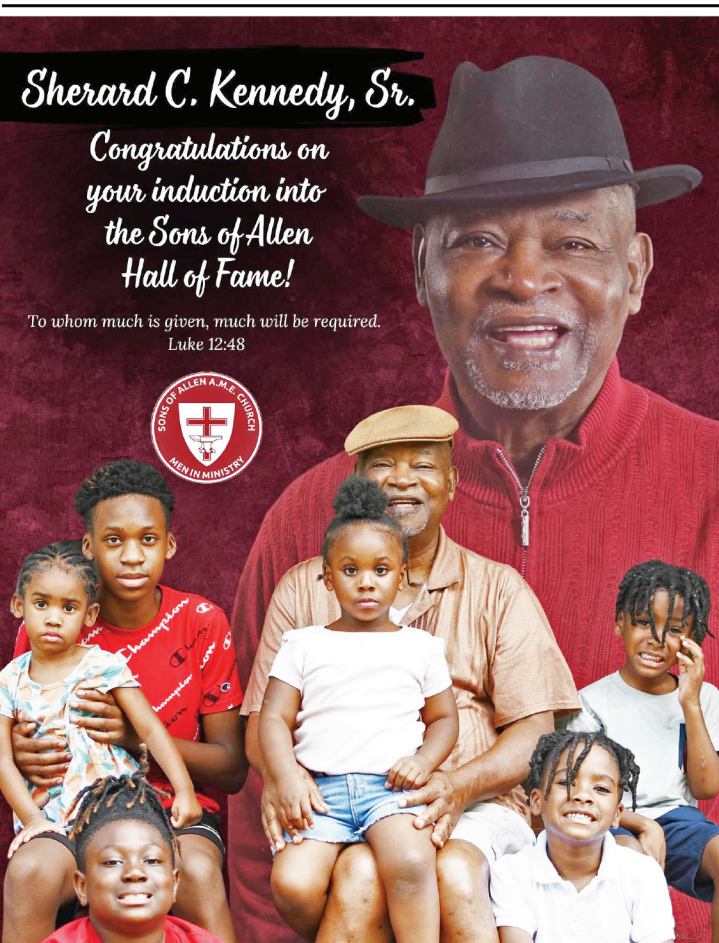
Special thanks to Paul Hitchcock and all those who enriched the lives of individuals in our community. I was really inspired to see so many young people, particularly young girls, assisting the men on these projects.

The men laid out the project and cut the material, and the young folks nailed the boards.



Sherard C. Kennedy, Sr.
Congratulations on your induction into the Sons of Allen Hall of Fame!

To whom much is given, much will be required.
Luke 12:48



HANCOCK CENTRAL HIGH CLASS OF '90 SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a 2026 graduate of Hancock Central High School with big goals and bright potential?

Apply now for the Hancock Central High Class of '90 Scholarship Program!

Application Criteria:

- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Enrolled in an accredited College or University
- Community Engagement or Extra Curricular Activities
- 300 Word Essay describing Educational Goals / Future Plans

Application Opens: July 4, 2026

FOR MORE INFO & DETAILS SCAN QR CODE



Application Deadline: Sept. 1, 2026

Scholarship Awarded on Dec. 30, 2026



With all of the recent talk of data centers popping up in rural communities, often without the public getting an opportunity to voice their opinions on the pros and cons - most people are aware of the drain on local electric grids and drinking water supplies.

One side effect that often gets overlooked but is a definitely negative feature is NOISE- not just occasional random noise, but constant ongoing 24/7 ceaseless noise.

The noise level from

Did You Know?

By Karen West, News Reporter



Thank you Prianna Fort for the accompanying photo from the Sandersville building site.



data centers is measured at 55- 80 decibels on average. As a comparison - ear protection is REQUIRED for any 8 hour job with decibels above 80.

When the data centers back up generators are up and running decibels increase to 85- 105 decibels with the sound heard a mile or more away, depending upon the terrain. The constant noise has been proven to cause all kinds of health problems like headaches, higher probability of stroke, hypertension, vas-

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Sparta Hancock County Historical Society History Weekend

By Mauriel Joslyn

We are the OFFICIAL Sparta Hancock County Historic Society Inc of Georgia. We are a 501C3 organization who strive to preserve the historic architecture and true history of our town and county. All others who make any claim to represent the official Hancock County Sparta Historic Society are not a true representation of the history of our town and county.

Please feel free to join us in our efforts to maintain and restore the history of Hancock County. Meetings and events will be posted. Please also feel free to visit our website at <https://www.historicsparta.org>

My Family Heirloom ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION DAY

Always wondered how old is that thing you inherited? What was it used for? Where did it come from?

Then bring it in and let our experts look at it! We will have on hand experts in the following fields:

- Antique Jewelry
- Paintings and Furniture (bring photos only for furniture)
- Militaria
- Indian Artifacts and Archeological Finds
- Documents and Old letters
- Glassware and Dishes

AUGUST 1 AT 10:00 AM TIL 3:00 PM

FOR MORE INFO CALL 706-444-3409, @FACEBOOK PAGE SPARTA HANCOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE OLD LINTON SCHOOLHOUSE
12547 S. LINTON RD, SPARTA, GA

BURGER BARN WILL BE ON PREMISES FOR LUNCH FROM 11:00 AM

TICKETS \$10 per person



Looking for something fun to do indoors? And excited about the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and Revolutionary War? Then we have the events for you! The Sparta Hancock Historical Society is hosting a weekend of history on Aug. 1st and 2nd.

On Saturday August 1st from 10 am - 3 pm, come to the historic Linton Schoolhouse for "My Family Heirloom", and bring something you would like to know more about. We will have experts on hand to identify your Documents, Military items, Indian artifacts and

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CHURCH NEWS



Shivers Grove Church will be having our Annual Homecoming on Sunday July 19, 2026, at 2:00PM. Our Guest Speaker will be Pastor Jimmmy Reeves, Jr. churches of Archer Grove, Mt. Zion, Torrence Chapel Baptist Church.

" DINNER WILL BE SERVED "

REVIVAL SERVICES WILL BE JULY 22-24, 2026, AT 7:00 PM NIGHTLY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22ND - PASTOR CEASER JOHNSON OF BOLD SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH, SANDERSVILLE GA.

THURSDAY, JULY 23RD - PASTOR CARL WILLIAMS OF MIDDLE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARTHEN GA.

FRIDAY, 24TH - PASTOR SHARON BECKOM-BROWN OF 2ND BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH, SPARTA GA

We are looking forward to fellowshiping with you. Come and be REVIVED.

Reverend Marion Hargrove, Pastor , Sister Mary Leslie, Secretary

Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Inc

4933 Hickory Grove Church Road/Post Office Box 402 Sparta, Georgia 31087

www.hickorygrovembc.org Reverend Michael Curry, Pastor

Frank T. Edwards Publicity Chair (706)-444-3286 Twin922@yahoo.com

Homecoming and Revival

Nazareth Baptist Church located at 4186 Hwy 15 Sparta, GA will be celebrating its

Homecoming and Revival beginning on Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

The homecoming message will be delivered by their own pastor,

Rev. Danny R. Walker.

Everyone is invited and dinner will be served immediately following the service.

Revival services will begin on the following night, Monday July 20 and end on

Wednesday night July 22, 2026 . These services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

with a different speaker each night.

Monday night: Rev. Derek Hill and Springfield Missionary Baptist along with

Union Missionary Baptist Church of Sparta, GA.

Tuesday night: Rev. Willie Marion and New Hope Baptist Church of Warthen, GA

Wednesday night: Rev. Tracy Wheeler and Greater Springfield Baptist Church and Buckeye Baptist Churches

Explaining The Memory Verse

“Jesus Asks Peter to Take Care of His Sheep”

Background Scripture: John 21:15-25

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

Peter had denied Jesus three times. Now Jesus gave Peter three chances to tell that he loved Him. Peter was given another chance (restored). He was also given an important job. Jesus told Peter to take care of His sheep.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE

“Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs”

(John 21:15).

Peter promised that he would never leave Jesus. But he denied three times that he knew Jesus. Now the risen Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him. Peter answered “Yes,” and Jesus told him to feed His lambs. This was the first of three questions from Jesus to restore Peter.

PRAYER Dear God, thank You for forgiving us of our sins. Help us to love and serve You by helping others too, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

References: Min. Minnie Harmon-Boone

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ZEBULON COMMUNITY CHURCH

7266 BROWN CHAPEL RD. 31087

PASTOR BRO. BILLY CARROLL PHONE 706-829-4403

SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 11:00-----SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR SALVATION

By Edward Williams Zebulon Community Church --Deacon

The bible teaches us that salvation comes through genuine faith in Jesus Christ-trusting Him as Lord and Savior-not through having perfect understanding or perfect emotions. Many people come to faith with questions, doubts, or limited understanding. Even the disciples sometimes struggled to fully grasp who Jesus was and what He was doing.

Salvation is not based on how much a person understand intellectually, it is based on God’s grace and a heart that turns to Christ in faith., Scripture says; -” For by grace you have been saved through.”—(Ephesians 2;8)---and---““Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”—(John 3;16.)---A person can still believe in Jesus and still wrestle reality of it all. Faith often grows over time. Sometimes someone says, Lord I believe, help my unbelief”” (Mark9;24). God honors honest faith, even when it is weak and immature. The important question is not, : Do I understand everything perfectly?” but rather, am I placing my trust in Jesus?” Salvation is not earned by complete knowledge, emotional certainty, or flawless theology. If it were no one could be saved. At the same time, true faith usually grows deeper. As a person reads scripture, prays, worships, and walks with God, the reality of Christ becomes more personal and real to them. Spiritual growth is a journey. If someone acknowledge Jesus casually-without truly trusting Him in their live—that is different from sincere faith. But a person honestly turns to Christ, even with confusion, or fear, can absolutely find salvation.

God knows the heart completely. He is patient, merciful and faithful to those who seek Him.

Zebulon Community Church wants you to understand your salvation. Please call or visit and we can help with your understanding. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you

Just Keep Swinging

Do you know where you were around this time 52 years ago? Well, if you were like most folks, you were following the Atlanta Braves tallying up Hank Aaron's home runs. It was such an exciting summer, yet one filled with some controversy. "Hammerin' Hank" had already passed Babe Ruth's long standing



*Karen West,
News Reporter*



home run record of 714 back in April, but he just kept belting them out and most people were excited by the mounting tally.

Back on June 14, 1974, the old Atlanta Fulton County Stadium was filled with about 15,000 fans all hoping to witness a bit of baseball history - and I was one of them. Tickets had been a late birthday gift from my high school boyfriend - and one I will never forget.

The St. Louis pitcher was Bob Gibson, an old veteran near the end of his career, fighting severe knee problems but he was still a very fierce competitor, who did not back down from a challenge. With the bases empty, at the bottom of the second inning, "Hammerin' Hank" crushed a solo homer over the outfield wall to put the Braves ahead and they stayed in the lead for the rest of the game, winning 6 - 1. Hank went 1 for 3 that day with the home run, a walk, and 2 runs scored.

Bob Gibson was notorious for attacking batters on the inside following a homerun, but that day he bowed to Hank's expertise and pitched him an intentional pass. Both players got a standing ovation for

that show of respect and sportsmanship.

A couple of more interesting facts about that game, the winning Braves pitcher, Roric Harrison, perhaps inspired by Hank, also launched a home run off of one of Gibson's pitches. And playing first base that day for the St. Louis Cardinals was a name that became beloved to Braves fans- Joe Torre, who later served as Braves manager for 3 seasons.

But the really remarkable thing about that entire season is that Hank Aaron played it at all. As he edged closer and closer to Babe Ruth's long standing home run record, the death threats started pouring in- and at first Hank Aaron just ignored them, but as they began to rise in volume and intensity, the FBI stepped in. Hundreds of thousands of death threats were documented by the FBI that combed through his more than 3000 average pieces of mail a day. He and his family were provided with protection, because despite advice from authorities, Hammerin' Hank bravely refused to take time off and played as he always had - with professionalism, dignity, and proficiency.

"As long as there's a

chance that maybe I can hammer out a little justice now and then or a little opportunity here and there, I intend to do as I always have - keep swinging". - Hank Aaron

It should be noted that in this time before social media and e-mail, when every piece of mail had to be written, placed in an envelope, addressed, stamped, and mailed, all by hand - that Hank Aaron received over 29 TONS or almost ONE MILLION pieces of individual pieces of mail IN SUPPORT of his home run record breaking season in 1974 alone.

Although his 755 home run record has been broken and he now holds second place, he still is at the top of so many other statistics, and truly in a league of his own.

- First in RBI's (Runs Batted In) at 2297

- First in Total Bases. at 6856

- First in Extra Base Hits at 1577

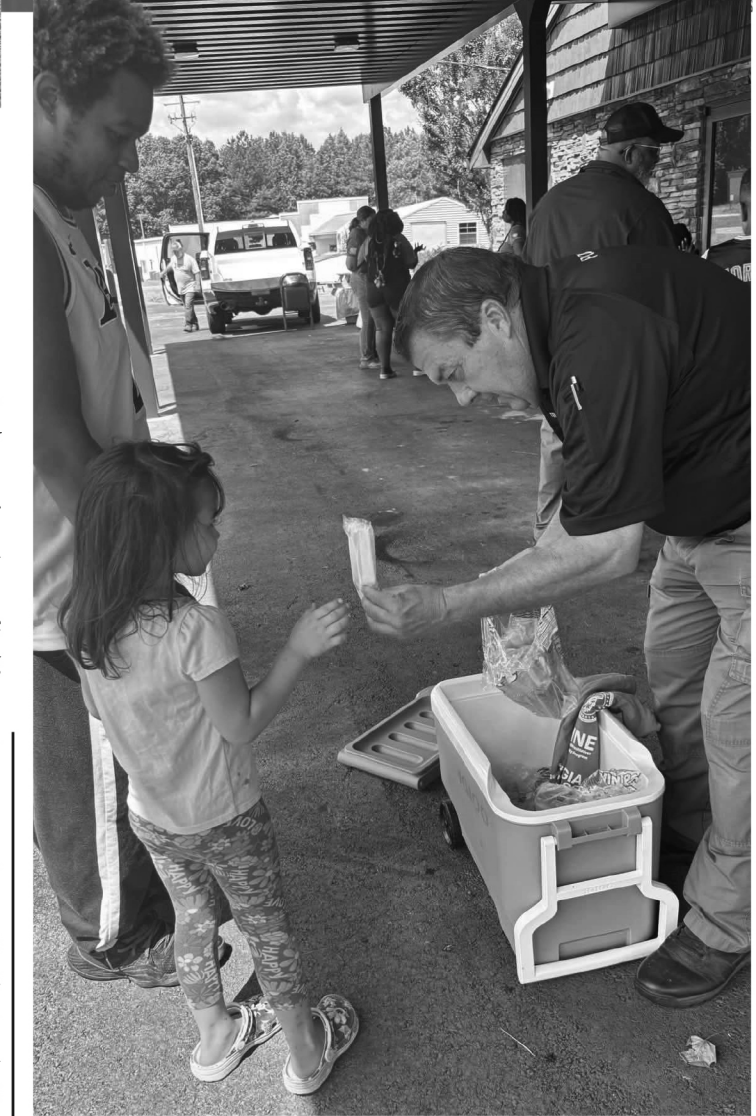
And an impressive couple third place spots for Hits (3771) and Games Played (3298).

He was named an All Star 21 out of 23 seasons.

It should also be noted that he struck out (1383) almost twice as many times as he hit home runs, but he NEVER struck out 100 times in his 23 year career. He also walked 1402 times, but only 293 of those were intentional passes (ranked 4th)like the one I witnessed back in June of 1974. There is a balance to that, a consistency in looking forward with resolve, and patience.

Hank Aaron is still an icon, a man of true courage, dedication, diligence, dignity, resilience, and unmatched consistency, both on and off the field. He didn't "trash talk", he just went out and did his job to the best of his ability, which was on the very highest level. But he reminds us also that it isn't all just about the success of the home runs. He teaches us a real lesson in his strikeouts as well as his homeruns - to be the best you have to be prepared to fail once in a while, but what is most important, is that you don't let that foreshadow your next at bat, you learn from it. Keep focusing on the next big hit and how best to make it happen and let the failures fall behind. A

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Getting Cool for School

By Karen West, News Reporter

The Hancock County Health Department was the place to be to Saturday for cool treats and back to school giveaways. The event was a group effort by the City of Sparta, Hancock County Health Department, S.H.I.N.E., Family Connection, Georgia Access, the Sparta Police Department, and others.

"We are overwhelmed by the amazing support from our community! We welcomed nearly 300 attendees and over \$10,000 worth of school supplies was almost compleely gone in less than 30 minutes. The turnout was incredible and we're so thankful to everyone who came out to help make the day a success!" - from City of Sparta's Facebook page.

There were free school supplies, giveaways, refreshments, and free health and wellness checks. Members of the Sparta Police Department were on hand to give out frozen pops to keep everyone cool and refreshed while getting ready for another great school year.

Nothing Runs Like a Deere

By Karen West,
News Reporter -



How often have you heard the iconic slogan "Nothing runs like a Deere" about that American classic green and yellow farm tractor? Recently that just became alot easier for modern farmers.

John Deere, the largest U.S. manufacturer of agricultural equipment, used proprietary software locks to prevent owners, primarily farmers, from bypassing the tractor's computer system, often to make needed repairs. So, to keep your John Deere farming equipment "running like a Deere" farmers had to take their equipment to authorized dealerships for costly and timely repairs - the only place that had access to the proprietary diagnostic software and repair tools.

Traditionally, farmers have performed their own equipment repairs themselves,

but with modern technology, specifically ECU's (Electronic Control Units), repairs require specialized software tools. Unfortunately the version of that tool available to farmers and nondealers was "stripped down and inadequate".

Without proper diagnostic tools, John Deere equipment owners were forced to rely on these authorized dealerships for maintenance and repairs that were both costly and time consuming, often during critcal planting and harvesting seasons. Although no one individual has actually gone to jail for repairing or modifying their own John Deere tractor, the high fines for doing

so - \$500,000 and up to 5 years in prison acted as a strong deterrent, to taking a wrench to your green and yellow John Deere.

With the settlement this week of the "Right to Repair " antitrust settlement, farmers are now able to keep an essential part of their modern farms in good working order by making needed repairs themselves.

The Federal Trade Commission, in conjunction with 5 states (Illinois, Arizona, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) have settled with Deere and Company that forces the company to provide independent repair providers the same resources previously limited to authorized dealerships including proprietary diagnostic software and repair kits.

While Georgia was not one of the five specific co-plantiff states that officially joined the Federal Trade Commission in the lawsuit, the legal mandate applies nationwide and was widely celebrated by local farmers, state officials, and agricultural organizations alike.

"Today's settlement is a win for farm families across our state and confirms what we have always known - when you buy a piece of farm equipment, it is yours and you have the right to repair your own equipment however you see fit," said Georgia Agricultural Commissioner Tyler Harper, praising the 10 year settlement.

Now, Georgia farmers have the option of keeping their own traditional green and yellow farm equipment " running like a Deere" on their own terms.

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Kids can choose their own audio journey to:

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Three Modes

Designed for Independent Exploration

Explore | Spark Curiosity

Themed stories, podcasts, music, and fun facts nurture learning, imagination, and essential skills.

Recess | Move & Play

Upbeat activities, jokes, and playful prompts help kids stay active and burn energy in positive ways.

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Sparta-Hancock County Library

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Check one out today! <https://tinyurl.com/whazoodle>

ONE STOP

ENROLLMENT

DAYS

Thurs. July 9 @ 8AM - 7PM
Sat. July 25 @ 10AM-1PM
Thurs. Sept. 17 @ 8AM - 7PM
All Campuses - Dublin, Sandersville & Jefferson

OFTC.EDU/ONESTOP

Emily G. Raley

Director of Marketing & PR

With Fall Semester classes beginning August 17, 2026, Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) is hosting One Stop Enrollment Days to make getting started simple and convenient. Students can meet one-on-one with college representatives to complete the entire enrollment process in a single visit.

Event Dates & Locations

Saturday, July 25 – All Campuses, 10AM – 1PM

Thursday, September 17 – 8AM – 7PM

(for Fall Minimester Classes beginning Oct. 12)

At these events, students can finish their admissions steps, learn about financial aid options, and get ready for spring classes. “We are offering these events to better serve our students and community,” shared Dr. Saketha Adams, OFTC’s Vice President of Student Affairs. “We want to give those who are working and with families at home an opportunity to take care of the enrollment process during times that may be more convenient for their schedules.”

Students should plan to attend in person and bring essential documents:

High school transcript

Government-issued photo ID (such as a valid driver’s license or military ID)

2025 tax return

For more information on OFTC’s 100+ programs of study, visit OFTC.edu. Students can register for fall semester classes July 6 – August 11. Eight-week minimester classes begin October 12, and students can register for these classes beginning August 19.

OFTC

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TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Did You Know?

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cular dementia, and sleep disturbances as well as loss of enjoyment in outside spaces. Clinical studies demonstrate that the higher the decibel (and noise) the more chronic the "flight or fright" response from the human nervous system. The continuous noise structurally and chemically alters our brain which views the omnipresent unrelenting noise as a physi-

cal threat and maintains a high level of panic as a result. Unfortunately, this is what our neighbors in Sandersville have to look forward to with the data center there just breaking ground. Noise pollution is a definite source of concern for communities near data centers - and NOW YOU KNOW.

Sparta Hancock County Historical Society History Weekend

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archaeological finds, jewelry and other antique items. Plus the Burger Barn for lunch! (Cost separate) Tickets are \$10 per person, limit 3 items to get identified. The next day on Sunday August 2nd at 3 pm at the same location will be author Dr. Greg Brook- ing. Did you know that many colonists still wanted to stay with Great Britain in 1776? Dr. Brookling will talk about his book on Sir James Wright, the last Royal Governor of Georgia. Most people do not know how divided the colony of Georgia was be-

tween Patriots and those who supported the British. This program is sponsored by the Georgia Humanities, and is free and open to the public. Please support our programs with your attendance. We are always looking for new members who want to know more about Hancock County history. For more information on these events, see our Facebook page at Sparta Hancock Historical Society or call 706-444-3409. The Linton Schoolhouse is located at 12500 Linton Road in Sparta.

Just Keep Swinging

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lesson we should all remember - nothing comes without hard work, continuing to do your best, learn from your mistakes, and getting back up after failing. "Failure is a part of success. There is no such thing as a bed of roses all your life. But failure will never stand in the way of success if you learn from it. Just keep swinging." - Hank Aaron

STAY INFORMED!

*** All legal notices are required to be e-mailed each week prior to run date by 12 PM on Friday's.**

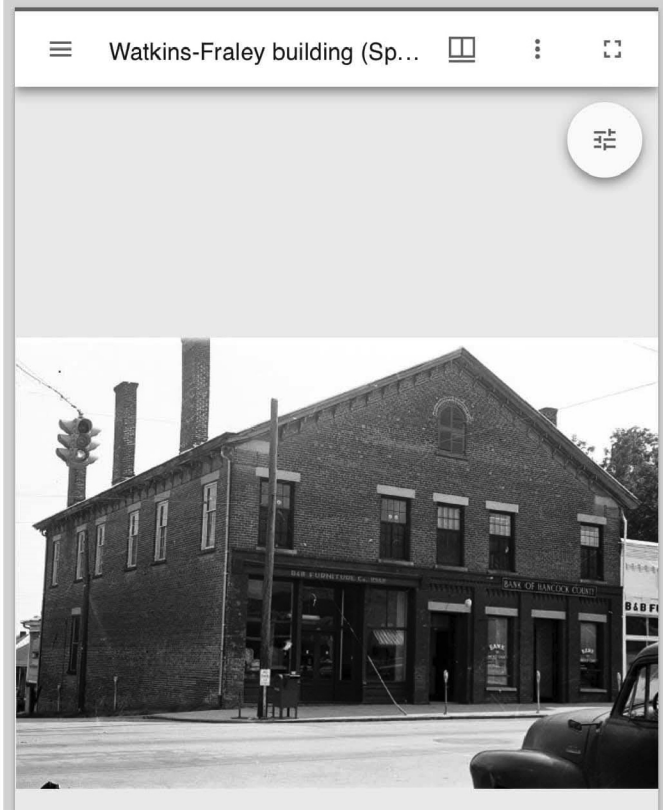
Email to brittany@courierheraldtoday.com



William Fraley - He Found His Place Here

By Karen West, News Reporter

Born in Philadelphia in 1795 into a family of craftsmen and entrepreneurs, William Fraley found his way South to Sparta, Georgia in the boom time of the 1830's. After attending Princeton, William Fraley apprenticed in his family's very successful coach and carriage making business, and it was these lessons that he brought with him. In 1825, he married fellow Philadelphian, Demaris Ingram, and soon was looking to strike out on his own. His sights settled on the rapidly growing Southern community of Sparta. At that time, barely larger than a village, Sparta was rapidly becoming a leader in innovative agricultural practices and was looking around for industry to supply its citizens with the "niceities" that come with wealth and economic expansion. Sparta had developed a growing demand for fine carriages along with working wagons to support a quickly growing agricultural economy and William Fraley was just the man to bring that expertise along with "Northern innovations" to the community. The 1830's were a time of great migration for



Northern artisans and industrialists seeking to further their opportunities by supplying them to a product hungry South. At the time, Sparta served as a hub for the area, rapidly growing in trade, industry, and agrarian practices to further its growing economy - Sparta was booming. At the age of 36, in 1831, William Fraley established the Sparta Carriage Company, specializing in custom coaches and carriages with attention to fine detail and craftsmanship. He focused on superior products and custom work, employed only the finest craftsmen in the area - and when those individ-

uals were enslaved, as 5 of his employees were, he paid them wages just like his other craftsmen; a practice unusual for the time. He also was on the board of the prestigious Female Model Academy where his daughter Rebecca attended school. He and his family lived in the nearby Federal style Abercrombie House on Maiden Lane built by Sparta founder, Revolutionary War officer, Major Charles Abercrombie. The house has been wonderfully preserved and maintained. (* An interesting sidenote, Rebecca grew up to marry Captain Henry Culver of Culverton who is credited for saving the City of Sparta from the torch of Sherman's Raiders during the Civil War. He gathered what townspeople he could together and had them shout orders to one another, moving around, shooting off rifles, like a scene from the movie "The Patriot". He gave the Union soldiers the impression that a large Confederate troop was guarding their homes and the known supply of valuable cotton stored there. The soldiers bypassed the city, leaving its vast array of architectural and historical treasures, like the Abercrombie House, intact.) Fraley also served as a commissioner, tasked with setting boundaries and areas for community usage to ensure Sparta's future growth. His decisions in urban planning helped bolster commerce and brought even more prosperity to his adopted home town. Around 1840 he and his partner George W. Watkins began building the Watkins-Fraley Building which is still standing on the corner of Broad and

Spring Streets. Watkins was another industrial leader in the community starting the Hancock Steamboat Company and building the "City within a City" massive Montour Mill Village (now mostly demolished). The Watkins-Fraley Building was constructed in two phases - which can distinctly be seen by the variation of bricks used and their difference in color, as they came from two different brickyards. The building has served the community in a variety of functions, and has one of the four documented George Mesker pressed metal storefronts in town. The Watkins - Fraley Building has served as a furniture business, several banks, the Post Office, public library, early 1900's telephone exchange and switchboard, dentist's office, funeral home, Odd Fellows and Masonic lodge, and most recently as a health center and consignment clothing shop. Often used as an event center, the building still houses its two big safes from its banking days. Long time resident Sistie Hudson recalls an infamous day in the building's history - "I remember the day I went to the bank (then the Bank of Hancock) with Mama after it was robbed. Everybody's lock boxes had been pried open, valuables stolen, and the rest dumped in the middle of the bank floor". William Fraley died in 1877 and is buried in an unmarked grave in the Little Lot of the Sparta Cemetery (Section A Lot 97 Grave 2). Although his grave bears no headstone, the lot is fenced and his name is prominent on the gate. Although William Fraley was not born in Sparta, he gave his all in helping it grow prosperous and beautiful, full of meaningful commerce and architectural beauty during his lifetime here. He found his place here. *What historical local leader and/or building would you like to see featured in the Sparta Ishmaelite? Please send your thoughts and suggestions to westkaren286@gmail.com. Sparta / Hancock County history belongs to all of us and the more we know, the more we can appreciate those that came before us.

HANCOCK COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE H26-024

Abandoned Motor Vehicle

Kia Sorrento base model
Maroon color
VIN # 5XYKT3A6X-CCG190280
Location at BP SOUTH
7950 GA HWY 15 SOUTH
SPARTA GA 31087
Ph # 706-444-7444
The vehicle at the property for more than 3 years.
If anybody wants to claim the vehicle, need to pay the owner \$13499.00.
July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2026