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City of Omega to swear in new mayor	CBS 44 NEWS	01/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 45sec Seg	On Tuesday night, the city of Omega will swear in Dickie Robinson as their mayor. We got a chance to speak with him Monday about his vision for the rural Tift county community. Robinson was elected back in November, and will be serving his first term as mayor starting this year. Robinson
City of Albany extends Operation Safe Place to offer warming center	CBS 44 NEWS	01/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	On Tuesday, January 2, 2024, the City of Albany will extend Operation Safe Place to help provide a warm place over the next few days. According to current weather reports, freezing temperatures are expected overnight on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The Albany Transit Center at 300 W. Oglethorpe Boulevard will continue to be a warming center Tuesday
Arrest made for Phone Hub armed robbery case	CBS 44 NEWS	01/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	On December 30, 2023, officers responded to an Armed Robbery at Phone Hub (1923 Dawson Rd). A black male entered the business and brandished a handgun at the clerk. He demanded iPhones from behind the counter and he ran out of the store after getting several phones. The suspect also went to Phone Hub at N. Westover
Lee Co. Sheriff's Office searching for wanted man	CBS 44 NEWS	01/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	At around 7:07 pm on December 24th, 2023, authorities responded to a disturbance reported in the 1800 block of Philema Road South. The incident involved Christopher Shaw, who was accused of simple battery but had already departed the location by the time deputies arrived. Further investigation revealed that Shaw was also wanted on existing arrest warrants issued
Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House announce plans for volunteer orientation	CBS 44 NEWS	01/02/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House usher in the new year by inspiring individuals to consider ways in which they can contribute to their community this year. Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House are pleased to announce their inaugural volunteer orientation for 2024. This event is scheduled to take place at the administrative building of Ruth's Cottage.
City of Albany Ward 1 Commissioner Jon Howard talks agenda for 2024	CBS 44 NEWS	01/02/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	A new year means new issues to tackle. And that's why we met with a member of Albany's City Commission to talk about what's on the docket for 2024. Ward 1 Commissioner Jon Howard, who will be serving a 30th year on the city commission, says one of the biggest projects the city is trying to make...
2 teens arrested in connection to death of man in Valdosta	CBS 44 NEWS	01/03/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	At approximately 8:23 pm Monday, Valdosta Police officers responded to a shooting incident at the Circle K located at 425 Northside Drive. After a 911 call they discovered 30-year-old Kyle Thomas Walker with a gunshot wound to the head and provided immediate aid before he was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.
Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant to be featured on America's Best Restaurants	CBS 44 NEWS	01/03/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	Get ready to savor the flavor as Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant spice up the Albany dining experience. America's Best Restaurants, a prominent national media and marketing company spotlighting local independently owned culinary gems, will be bringing its roadshow to Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant on January 15.
Izzy's Law now into effect 2 years after drowning death of 4-year-old	CBS 44 NEWS	01/03/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	While summer may be a few months out, a new legislation that went into effect will see training for lifeguards increase across the state to prevent deaths by drowning. In the summer of 2022, four year old, Israel "Izzy" Scott passed away in a swim lesson by drowning. The bill was passed during 2023's legislative session
Coweta Co. deputy struck and killed during high-speed chase in Alabama	CBS 44 NEWS	01/04/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	Alabama – According to reports, a Georgia deputy lost his life in a collision with a Lanett police officer during a high-speed pursuit involving an alleged stolen vehicle. The chase began in Georgia and crossed state lines, entering Alabama near exit 77 on Interstate 85. In the early hours of Thursday morning, Interstate 85 in Chambers County,
Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs (ACE) South Georgia holds ribbon cutting in Tifton	CBS 44 NEWS	01/04/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	A newly established facility is aiming to redefine the landscape for entrepreneurs. Offering support and resources to foster success. Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs (ACE) South Georgia marked a significant milestone with the ribbon cutting ceremony of their new facility in Tifton, signaling a pivotal step in supporting entrepreneurs on their path to business growth.
Albany Fire Dept. provides winter home heating safety tips to prevent heater fires	CBS 44 NEWS	01/04/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	As we experience colder temperatures at night, the Albany Fire Department is issuing a warning if you're planning to break out the space heater. Fire Inspector, Carlton Russell says that while there were certainly fires caused by heaters in 2023... And, that trying to keep your home warm overnight shouldn't be a fire hazard

Georgia Peanut Commission seeks National Peanut Board nominees	CBS 44 NEWS	01/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	The Georgia Peanut Commission seeks eligible peanut producers who are interested in serving on the National Peanut Board. GPC will hold a nominations election to select two nominees each for member and alternate to the National Peanut Board during a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024.
Plans underway for 47th annual Georgia Peanut Farm Show Jan. 18, 2024, in Tifton	CBS 44 NEWS	01/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	Producers can improve the bottom-line of their farming operation with knowledge, connections and information gained at the 47th annual Georgia Peanut Farm Show and Conference, held at the University of Georgia Tifton Campus Conference Center, Jan. 18, 2024. The show hours will be 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Peanut farmers and those involved in the peanut industry will be able
Albany Technical College welcomes Dr. Quianna Lavant in a pivotal role	CBS 44 NEWS	01/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	Albany Technical College is proud to announce the hiring of Dr. Quianna Lavant as the new Director of Enrollment. Dr. Lavant is a respected professional with a rich higher education background and a key member of our academic community. Lavant, an Albany native, brings a wealth of experience and passion to her new role, having contributed significantly
Cordele-Crisp Chamber announces plans for 75th Annual Watermelon Days Festival	CBS 44 NEWS	01/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	The Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce announces that they are making plans to celebrate the 75th Annual Watermelon Days Festival. We are looking for volunteers to help us plan a grand celebration for one of the oldest festivals in the state of Georgia. If you would be interested in helping us make plans, please call (273-1668)
Man arrested after shooting in Dougherty Co.	CBS 44 NEWS	01/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	The Dougherty County Police Department swiftly responded to a shooting at 3011 Calvary Road on Thursday, involving a 23-year-old suspect identified as Jai-Quille Martin. Around 8:40 pm, Martin arrived at the location and discharged multiple rounds both inside and outside the residence. Although three individuals were inside at the time, fortunately, no injuries were reported.
Dougherty Co. traffic stop leads to marijuana drug bust, suspect arrested	CBS 44 NEWS	01/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	The Dougherty County Police encountered a routine traffic stop that swiftly turned into a major drug bust this week. Around 2:15 pm on Wednesday, the Albany-Dougherty County Drug Unit assisted in a traffic stop on Moultrie Road in the 1900 block, conducted by Dougherty County Police. During the traffic stop, vigilant officers discovered a large duffie bag
30-year-old man dead in Cordele Hilltop Apartments shooting	CBS 44 NEWS	01/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	The Cordele Police Department responded to a shooting incident at Hilltop Apartments along West 24th Avenue. They discovered a 30-year-old male victim with gunshot wounds and immediately transported him to Crisp Regional Hospital for urgent medical attention. Despite efforts, the victim didn't survive.
Norfolk Southern Railroad has canceled these Turner Co. closures	CBS 44 NEWS	01/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	UPDATE: Norfolk Southern Railroad has canceled these Turner County closures Norfolk Southern Railroad has notified Georgia Department of Transportation of scheduled crossing maintenance in January at two locations in Turner County. The first closure is scheduled from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 8 on State Route (SR) 7 in Ashburn.
Lee Co. Sheriff's Office locates missing teen	CBS 44 NEWS	01/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	The Lee County Sheriff's Office has confirmed the missing juvenile has been located. The Lee County Sheriff's Office is seeking help in locating 17-year-old Howard Largeman, reported missing from the Callaway Lakes area. He was last seen on Thursday at 9:00 pm, wearing a brown hoodie, dark-colored sweatpants, and dark-colored shoes.
Craft Axe Throwing honors first responders, offers exclusive promotion for Law Enforcement	CBS 44 NEWS	01/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	Craft Axe Throwing honor law enforcement during a special week dedicated to expressing gratitude for their service. During Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, Craft Axe Throwing, a prominent provider of axe throwing experiences, is delighted to unveil an exclusive promotion. All law enforcement officers can enjoy a 20% discount on throwing experiences throughout Law Enforcement Appreciation
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Albany representative speaks on Mental Wellne	CBS 44 NEWS	01/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	January is Mental Wellness Awareness Month, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness has a few things to keep in mind for those looking to get a hold of their mental well-being. A National Alliance on Mental Illness representative in Albany, Angela Patterson tells us that in 2024, it's important for people to prioritize their mental well-being
Dougherty County Tax/Tag Office begins renovations	CBS 44 NEWS	01/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	The renovation process will primarily involve painting and flooring, with a special focus on remodeling the Assessors area. Due to these enhancements, there will be a need to rearrange our staff and relocate some of our services temporarily. The renovation will be conducted in phases, and the timeline for this project is scheduled from January 8
GBI arrests three in Hazlehurst death investigation	CBS 44 NEWS	01/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	The GBI has arrested and charged Kiel Smith, age 25, of Lumber City, and Brad Smith, age 18, of Lumber City, with Aggravated Assault and Felony Murder. Kaniya Maxwell Fletcher, age 24 of Hazlehurst, was also arrested for Conspiracy to Commit a Crime and Felony Murder. These crimes are related to the killing of Lecedrick Mitchell.

Road closure announced in Tifton	CBS 44 NEWS	01/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	According to the City of Tifton, on Tuesday, January 9th, Rainwater Road/Moore Highway to South Entomology Drive will be closed due to work being done for a new water line.
Emergency Operation Center to open ahead of potentially severe weather	CBS 44 NEWS	01/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	On Monday, January 8, 2024, the Albany-Dougherty County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) will be activated at 6 p.m. ahead of potentially severe weather.
Jack's Family Restaurant opens its doors in Albany	CBS 44 NEWS	01/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	Jack's Family Restaurant opens its doors in Albany, bringing a welcoming atmosphere along with the delectable array of dishes. Jack's Family Restaurant celebrates its grand opening in Albany, with a crowds forming as early as 5 am, eager to savor the food Jack's had to offer. Adding an extra layer of excitement, the first 50 customers
City of Albany reports power, traffic light outages and trees down	CBS 44 NEWS	01/09/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	The City of Albany is reporting the following power, traffic light outages and trees down: Traffic Lights Completely Out: E. Oglethorpe Blvd/Thornton Dr W. Oglethorpe Blvd/ S. Cleveland St. S Monroe St/ Newton Rd. Holly Dr/Liberty Expy Gillionville Rd/ Slappey Blvd Liberty Expy/Moultrie Rd Palmyra Rd/Slappey Blvd *Lights completely out also indicates it's a power outage in
Albany's elected officials swearing in	CBS 44 NEWS	01/10/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	Earlier this week, the City of Albany held a significant organizational meeting, marking the swearing-in ceremony for recently elected officials. Following the city election held on November 7th of last year, voters selected their representatives for crucial positions, including the mayor of the city and commissioners across various wards. Kermit Bo Dorough Junior, took the oath to
Citywide Job Fair hosted at the Albany Civic Center	CBS 44 NEWS	01/10/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	The City of Albany is bridging the gap between eager job seekers and diverse employment opportunities as the city hosts a community job fair. All residents of the Good Life City were invited to participate in the Citywide Job Fair hosted at the Albany Civic Center. Various departments, including Transit, the Albany Police Department, Albany Fire Department,...
Albany makes plans for racket sports court	CBS 44 NEWS	01/10/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	he city of Albany could be making moves to bring a popular sport to the Good Life City, with Albany State University's West Campus being a potential site. Ward 1 City Commissioner Jon Howard, and Albany Parks and Recreation Director Steven Belk say that after plans over the last 20 years, the city may be about to...
Americus man arrested following a joint drug investigation in Sumter Co.	CBS 44 NEWS	01/11/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	The GBI has arrested and charged Juan Antonious Boone, age 35, of Americus, GA, following a joint, month-long drug investigation by the GBI Southwestern Regional Drug Enforcement Office and the Americus Police Department. On Monday, January 8, 2024, Boone was charged with the following: Probation violation Two counts of theft by receiving stolen property
Tifton law enforcement looking for two missing juveniles	CBS 44 NEWS	01/11/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – Tifton law enforcement is seeking assistance in locating two missing juveniles. On Saturday, January 6th, at approximately 11:30 am, 16-year-old Bryson Coggins and 13-year-old Preston Coggins reportedly left the Tifton Mall and have not been seen since. Bryson was last seen wearing a red and black jacket with matching pants and red shoes, while Preston was last...
Finalist named in Colquitt Co. Superintendent search	CBS 44 NEWS	01/11/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	MOULTRIE, Ga. – The Colquitt County Board of Education, meeting in an official session on January 8, 2024, selected Dan Chappuis as the sole finalist in its search for a Superintendent of Colquitt County School District. The Board will take official action on appointing the Superintendent following a 14-day period. Dan Chappuis' application may be reviewed at the Colquitt County Board...
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce invites community to the 2024 MLK Dinner	CBS 44 NEWS	01/11/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce is delighted to extend an invitation to the community for the 2024 MLK Dinner, a vibrant celebration of unity inspired by the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event, presented by Colony Bank, is co-hosted by the Albany Area Chamber Foundation and Albany State University in collaboration with the...
Albany Recreation and Parks to host Youth Summit on Monday	CBS 44 NEWS	01/11/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Please see the attached flyer regarding the Youth Summit happening on Monday, January 15, 2024. This event is aimed to educate the youth in our area on topics of social media awareness, living a healthy lifestyle, managing stress, conflict resolution, and several other topics that may affect them in this phase of their lives. The Youth Summit...
City of Albany to activate Operation Safe Place to offer warming center ahead of freezing te	CBS 44 NEWS	01/11/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On Saturday, January 13, 2023, the City of Albany will activate Operation Safe Place to give people a place to stay warm overnight. According to the current forecast, freezing temperatures are expected overnight on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. The City will open the Albany Transit Center at 300 W. Oglethorpe Boulevard as a warming center Saturday,...

Tift Co. High School principal placed on leave following Board of Education investigation	CBS 44 NEWS	01/12/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – Tift County High School principal, Dr. Chad Stone, was placed on paid administrative leave for 30 days and that his contract will not be renewed, according to a statement by the Tift County School System following their board meeting Thursday night. The board announced this decision was made based on new information as part of an ongoing...
MLK Dinner celebrates diversity & community leadership	CBS 44 NEWS	01/12/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as it holds its special dinner event. Residents from various parts of the Good Life City came together with the Albany Area Chamber Foundation and Albany State University to recognize the principles of unity influenced by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in...
Albany Humane Society advises on pet safety in cold snap	CBS 44 NEWS	01/12/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – As our area gets set to deal with freezing cold temperatures in the next week, we met with the Albany Humane Society to talk about protecting your four-legged friends. Albany Humane Society Director, Payton Jarrell tells us that, even though freezing weather is a rarity in southwest Georgia, it's important to not brush it off for your...
EF-2 tornado confirmed in Early and Calhoun Co. from Tuesday's severe weather	CBS 44 NEWS	01/13/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ARLINGTON, Ga. – The National Weather Service in Tallahassee, FL has confirmed an EF-2 tornado touched down during Tuesday's severe weather after surveying damage in Early and Calhoun counties. Source: NWS Tallahassee, FL The EF-2 tornado which reached maximum winds of 120 mph first touched the ground at approximately 9:46 am Tuesday one mile west of Rowena in Early county...
Phoebe Celebrates MLK Day	CBS 44 NEWS	01/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Phoebe Putney Health System commemorated the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday with its annual Day of Service, hosting a ceremony celebrating Dr. King's legacy and sponsoring produce giveaways in Albany and Americus Monday. "Our annual Day of Service has become an important part of the Phoebe culture. In the last few years, the Phoebe Diversity Council has...
Healthy Lifestyle and Smart Decisions Youth Summit held at Lockett Crossing Community	CBS 44 NEWS	01/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Promoting a vibrant and informed youth community, the "Healthy Lifestyle and Smart Decisions Youth Summit" unfolded today at the Lockett Station Community Center in Albany. Tailored for participants between the ages of 13 and 18 years, this empowering event featured dynamic sessions delving into critical topics including social media awareness, leadership development, cultivating a healthy lifestyle, stress...
Dougherty County Comprehensive High School hosts trash pickup event	CBS 44 NEWS	01/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – This morning, community spirit shone brightly as Dougherty County Comprehensive High School took the lead in a dedicated trash cleanup effort. Joined by enthusiastic volunteers, including Dougherty County alumni, City Commissioner Jon Howard, Commissioners Clinton Johnson and Victor Edwards, and School Board Member Velvet Poole, the event aimed to beautify the school campus and its surroundings, paying...
NAACP Cordele-Crisp County Chapter hosts annual MLK Day Commemorative Walk and	CBS 44 NEWS	01/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – Early this morning, the NAACP Cordele-Crisp County Chapter orchestrated their annual MLK Day Commemorative Walk and Parade. The vibrant procession of participants, uniting the community, embarked on a meaningful journey from 24th Avenue to South 7th Street. Their destination was the Cordele Lions Club, where the celebrations continued with a program that resonated with the spirit of...
Shiloh Baptist Church hosts 2024 MLK Day Program and Dream March	CBS 44 NEWS	01/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – In a powerful tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the community unites with a march. Shiloh Baptist Church becomes the epicenter of commemoration as it hosts the 2024 MLK Day Program and Dream March, echoing the calls for justice and equality. Many from the community gathered at Shiloh Baptist Church to...
Man arrested, man wanted following Americus shooting	CBS 44 NEWS	01/16/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	AMERICUS, Ga. – Around 5:00 pm Saturday, officers with the Americus Police Department were dispatched to the 400 block of Crawley Street following a reported shooting. Upon arrival, officers found 26-year-old Raymond McCray inside a local business and administered first aid until EMS arrived. McCray was later treated for injuries at Phoebe Sumter Medical Center. Investigation revealed a verbal altercation...

GBI investigates officer-involved shooting in Hahira	CBS 44 NEWS	01/16/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	HAHIRA, Ga. – On Sunday, January 14, 2024, at approximately 9:40 p.m., the GBI was requested by the Hahira Police Department to investigate an officer-involved shooting. Preliminary information has revealed the following: Officers with the Hahira Police Department were attempting to arrest two juveniles who were suspected of breaking into multiple vehicles in the area. One juvenile was arrested without...
Arrests made for entering auto incident	CBS 44 NEWS	01/17/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On January 15, 2024, officers responded to the 1000 block of Davidson Dr in reference to a suspicious person, around 5:35 A.M. The resident at the location told officers that he saw two black males walking in the rear of his home from camera surveillance. Officers were able to identify two suspects in the 2100 block of...
Arson in the 400 block of Gaines Ave	CBS 44 NEWS	01/17/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On January 15, 2024, officers responded to the 400 block of Gaines Ave in reference to an arson around 12:35 A.M. Upon arrival, the Albany Fire Department stated there was an active fire, but it was extinguished. Assistant Chief Glass determined that the fire was arson based on the evidence at the scene. This incident remains under...
Tift Co. among 17 alleged double voting cases in GA	CBS 44 NEWS	01/17/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – According to our news partners at Tifton Grapevine Newsletter, the state of Georgia is alleging that someone voted in the 2022 general election in Tift County and also cast an additional ballot in another state. The Tift County allegation is one of 17 cases of double voting – voting in Georgia and in another state in 2022 – that Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger is referring to district attorneys for action. Bryce A. Johnson, district attorney for the Tifton Judicial Circuit, said...
Benjamin Ford to speak during local TEAAMS Session at Albany Technical College	CBS 44 NEWS	01/17/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Albany Technical College is proud to announce the upcoming TEAAMS Monthly Empowerment Session on January 18, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Logistics Education Center. Benjamin Ford, Deputy Director of Field Operations for the Georgia Department of Corrections, will speak at the event. This session is part of the college's Teaching, Empowering African American Males to Succeed (TEAAMS)...
Albany Museum of Art hosts Special Mural Drawing Workshop for elementary students on Saturday	CBS 44 NEWS	01/17/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Elementary school students can have a hand in the design of a downtown Albany mural by participating in the free Mural Drawing Workshop on Saturday, Jan 20 at the Albany Museum of Art. Designs by the young artists at Saturday's workshop, which will be held from 10-11:30 am in the AMA Classroom, will be forwarded to muralist...
GBI: 10 arrested in Albany drug and firearms trafficking investigation	CBS 44 NEWS	01/18/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The GBI, the Albany Dougherty County Drug Unit (ADDU), the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) have made multiple arrests in a joint investigation into a conspiracy to traffic drugs and firearms throughout Albany, Georgia. Below is the list of individuals arrested and their charges: Marcena Jordan, age 30, of Albany....
City of Tifton hosts Financial Literacy Initiative Workshop	CBS 44 NEWS	01/18/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – The City of Tifton hosts a financial literacy class, aiming to equip residents with the essential skills for better financial management and planning. Tifton's January Financial Literacy Initiative Workshop empowers residents to achieve their financial goals through a free class. Participants were granted the opportunity to create personalized budgets, building on the success of last year's session....
Georgia Peanut Commission holds 47th Annual Peanut Farm Show	CBS 44 NEWS	01/18/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – Peanut farmers from across the state came together in Tift county Thursday as the Georgia Peanut Commission held their 47th Annual Farm Show. For peanut farmers across the state, weather over the last year has had some detriment on their peanut crop, some more than others. "We had a pretty bad hurricane this past year. That was..."
Congressman Bishop announces \$90 million USDA loans to expand ag production, create jobs	CBS 44 NEWS	01/18/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	AMERICUS, Ga. – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02), the Democratic leader of the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, the Food & Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, announced today that he has secured \$90 million in USDA loans to expand agricultural production and create jobs in rural Georgia.
Fargo man sentenced to prison for illegally possessing a firearm during police chase that ended in a parking lot	CBS 44 NEWS	01/18/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – A Coffee County, Georgia, resident with a violent criminal past was sentenced to prison for illegally possessing a firearm during a car chase that ended in a police department parking lot. Bryan Everal Pittman, 33, of Fargo, Georgia, was sentenced to serve 110 months in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release by U.S....

Albany Museum of Art set to host Family Opening Day celebration to showcase new exhibit	CBS 44 NEWS	01/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany Museum of Art is gearing up to ring in the spring season at the end of the month with their Family Opening Day celebration. On Saturday, January 27th, the museum will hold their Family Opening Day with a free event. The museum will be opening their new exhibits based on the works of the likes...
Q's Cakes & More celebrates 10 year anniversary of making delectable treats for Albany	CBS 44 NEWS	01/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – In a delightful celebration of a decade full of sweet moments, Q's Cakes and More unveiled the artistry behind every slice of cake. Q's Cakes and More joyously commemorated it's 10 year anniversary of delighting the Albany community with their delectable treats, marking a milestone in their journey. Quinetta Hall, owner and operator of Q's Cakes and...
Remains of Korean War Soldier to be buried in Valdosta	CBS 44 NEWS	01/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	FORT KNOX, Ky. – The remains of U.S. Army Master Sgt. Roy E. Barrow, a Soldier killed during the Korean War, will be interred Jan. 27 at Riverview Memorial Gardens, Valdosta, Georgia. Carson McLane Funeral Home, Valdosta, will perform graveside services preceding the interment. A native of Valdosta, Barrow was a member of King Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment,...
Albany State University invites community to Basketball Homecoming Game	CBS 44 NEWS	01/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany State University (ASU) Golden Rams will take on the Fort Valley State University (FVSU) Wildcats on Saturday, January 27, in their Basketball Homecoming game at the Jones Brothers HPER Complex on East Campus. Tip-off is set for 4 p.m. for the women and 6 p.m. for the men. The University expects the game to sell...
Rep. Carl Gilliard issues statement on passing of Dexter Scott King, son of Rev. Dr. Martin	CBS 44 NEWS	01/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ATLANTA, Ga. – State Representative Carl Gilliard (D-Savannah), chair of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus, today issued the following statement in response to the recent passing of Dexter Scott King, youngest son of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "We the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus offer our condolences on the passing of Dexter Scott King, the youngest son of the..."
Crews close 5th Avenue Intersection on Jefferson Street Project	CBS 44 NEWS	01/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On Monday, January 22, 2024, crews closed the 5th Avenue and Jefferson Street intersection as they continue working on the Combined Sewer Separation project. Jefferson Street will remain closed between 7th Avenue and W. Society Avenue, and all other intersections will be open to cross over Jefferson. Traffic controls and detour signs will be placed in the...
ASU student killed in early Sunday morning wreck	CBS 44 NEWS	01/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Traffic Unit of the Albany Police Department (APD) is currently investigating a motor vehicle accident that took place at approximately 3:26 a.m. Sunday. Responding officers attended to the scene at the 2300 block of Gillionville Road, where a vehicle veered off the road and collided with a pole. Unfortunately, one person, reportedly an Albany State University...
Dexter Scott King's legacy	CBS 44 NEWS	01/22/24	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	MALIBU, Cal. – In other news, the youngest son of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has passed away. Dexter Scott King passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Malibu, California on Monday after battling prostate cancer. He was 62 years of age. His wife, Leah Weber King, described his fight against the disease as one of bravery...
GBI arrests Donalsonville woman in child death investigation	CBS 44 NEWS	01/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	AMERICUS, Ga. – The GBI has arrested and charged Trinity Poague, age 18, of Donalsonville, Georgia, with Aggravated Battery, Felony Murder and Cruelty to Children First Degree. On Sunday January 14, 2024, at about 2:00 pm, the Georgia Southwestern State University Police Department asked the GBI to investigate the death of a child. The investigation indicates an unresponsive 18-month-old boy...
Lee County Animal Shelter hosts special pet adoption event	CBS 44 NEWS	01/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	LEESBURG, Ga. – Creating new bonds between furry friends and their future homes. The Lee County Animal Shelter hosts its special pet adoption event. On one Saturday each month, the Lee County Animal Shelter welcomes potential adopters, offering an opportunity to provide loving forever homes for their adorable fur babies! "Those that, you know, work long day hours and don't..."

Colquitt County Board of Education names Chappuis Superintendent	CBS 44 NEWS	01/23/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	MOULTRIE, Ga. – The Colquitt County Board of Education voted unanimously on January 22, 2024, to approve the appointment of Dan Chappuis as the Colquitt County School Superintendent. Chappuis is replacing retiring Superintendent Ben Wiggins. Chappuis is expected to assume his duties on May 1. Colquitt County Board of Education Selection Committee Chairman Mary Beth Watson commented, "Mr. Chappuis has been...
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce celebrates successful conclusion of the 2023-2024 Political Leadership Institute (PLI), a nonpartisan program dedicated to preparing participants for leadership roles on local boards and in elected office. The program, now in its second year, welcomed a diverse group of participants who completed a rigorous...	CBS 44 NEWS	01/23/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. -- The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the successful conclusion of the 2023-2024 Albany Area Political Leadership Institute (PLI), a nonpartisan program dedicated to preparing participants for leadership roles on local boards and in elected office. The program, now in its second year, welcomed a diverse group of participants who completed a rigorous...
Southwell welcomes three new providers to TRMC	CBS 44 NEWS	01/23/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – Southwell announced that three new providers have joined the medical staff of Tift Regional Medical Center (TRMC). This includes a bariatric surgeon, a sleep medicine nurse practitioner, and an optometrist. Pictured (L-R): bariatric surgeon Paul Cartwright, MD, sleep medicine nurse practitioner Kimberley Rodgers, NP, and optometrist Trevor Shealy, OD. Specializing in bariatric weight-loss surgery, Paul Cartwright, MD is...
Lee Co. Sheriff's Office searching for man wanted on stalking charges	CBS 44 NEWS	01/23/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	LEESBURG, Ga. – In 2023, the Lee County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit investigated a complaint of stalking involving Bryan Keith Sadler. State arrest warrants were sworn out for Sadler for Stalking and Harassing Communications. The Lee County Sheriff's Office would like to encourage Sadler to take care of the above arrest warrants and turn himself in to authorities. Copyright...
Albany Museum of Art To Host Valentine's Evening Party for Kids on February 14	CBS 44 NEWS	01/24/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Parents who want to have a Valentine's Day dinner and perhaps catch a movie can let their kids enjoy art, games, activities, pizza, and a top-your-own-waffle bar at the Albany Museum of Art on Feb 14. Source: Albany Museum of Art (AMA) The AMA Teen Art Board is hosting the Valentine's Parents Night Out art adventure for...
Albany Technical College Approved as a DOD SkillBridge Provider, offering key training for	CBS 44 NEWS	01/24/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Albany Technical College has recently been approved as a provider for the Department of Defense SkillBridge program. The DOD SkillBridge program is an opportunity for service members to gain valuable civilian work experience through specific industry training, apprenticeships, or internships during the last 180 days of service. Albany Technical College's programs fall into the Skillbridge category of Employment Skills Training...
Dr. Jerry Baker becomes Interim Principal of Tift County High School, Tift BOE announces	CBS 44 NEWS	01/24/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – According to a post on the Tift County Schools Facebook Page, Dr. Jerry Baker will assume the role of Interim Principal of Tift County High School on Thursday, January 25, 2024. The school board indicated that "Dr. Baker will remain in this position throughout the remainder of the school year or until such time that a permanent...
Turner Co. Sheriff Andy Hester receives Ashburn-Turner County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award. The award was sponsored by Hat Creek Restoration. Sheriff Hester later	CBS 44 NEWS	01/24/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ASHBURN, Ga. – On Tuesday night at its 67th Annual Chamber Banquet, the Ashburn-Turner County Chamber of Commerce presented Turner County Sheriff Andy Hester with the Ashburn-Turner County Chamber's Citizen of the Year award. The award was sponsored by Hat Creek Restoration. Sheriff Hester later
GBI requested by Quitman Police to assist in Home Invasion-Murder Investigation	CBS 44 NEWS	01/24/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	QUITMAN, Ga. – On Tuesday, January 23, 2024, about 1:34 a.m., Quitman Police Chief Roy Hart requested the assistance of the GBI with a murder that took place in the 900 Block of South Lee Street in Quitman, Georgia. The victim has been identified as Willie Giddens, Jr., 29 years old, was shot and killed inside his residence. Giddens body...
Turner Co. Sheriff's Office apprehend suspicious person who fled on foot during traffic stop	CBS 44 NEWS	01/25/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ASHBURN, Ga. – On January 24, 2024, at approximately 3:45 P.M., a Crisp County Sheriff's Deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a Dodge van. However, the driver failed to stop. The incident occurred in the Hawpond area and ended with the driver fleeing on foot in Turner County. Turner County Sheriff's Office apprehended the subject this morning. "We...
Thomas University student launches nonprofit feline welfare program	CBS 44 NEWS	01/25/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	THOMASVILLE, Ga. – A Thomas University student launches a nonprofit dedicated to feline welfare. Motivated by the prevalent issue of stray cats in Thomasville, Kristen Manza, a senior at Thomas University, has taken action. Seeing numerous felines roaming around apartments, houses, businesses, and dumpsters, Manza feels a heightened sense of responsibility. In an effort to make a positive impact, Manza...

Dougherty Co. Superior Court Chief Judge Willie Lockette retiring from the bench at end of	CBS 44 NEWS	01/25/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – A longstanding figurehead of Dougherty County’s Judicial System will be calling it a career in 2024, as he will be retiring from the bench at the end of the year. For Chief Judge, Willie Lockette, he’ll be retiring after more than 30 years on the bench in Dougherty county. When we asked him about why now was...
Winner announced in 2024 Colquitt Co. District Spelling Bee	CBS 44 NEWS	01/26/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	MOULTRIE, Ga. – Colquitt county students showcase their linguistic prowess at the 2024 Colquitt County District Spelling Bee. The Colquitt County Spelling Bee witnessed fierce competition, as students from across the district competed for the title of spelling champion. The conference room at Southern Regional Technical College was filled with anticipation as participants showcased their skills and determination while tackling...
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce holds 2nd annual "FLEXpo" showcasing young entrepreneurs	CBS 44 NEWS	01/26/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – A few Albany students are getting a chance to show off their small businesses thanks to the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce hosting their 2nd annual "FLEXpo." For a few of these students, they’re following a passion they’ve had for a majority of their lives... "I’ve been playing for eight years. I play the saxophone as a..."
Two killed in West Lincoln Avenue motorcycle crash Friday night	CBS 44 NEWS	01/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On January 26, 2024, officers responded to the 1400 block of W Lincoln Ave around 11:49 P.M. in reference to an auto accident involving injuries. Upon arrival, officers discovered two deceased males in the roadway. Witnesses told officers, the males were unaware of the curve in the road, which resulted to the collision. The males were identified...
Man shot, killed in early Saturday morning homicide in Albany	CBS 44 NEWS	01/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On January 27, 2024, officers responded to the 300 block of Lockett Station Rd around 3:48 A.M. in reference to a shooting. The victim, Anthony Mitchell (40) suffered gunshot wounds and later succumbed to his injuries at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. The suspect was identified as Milton Gowdy IV (23). Gowdy was charged with Involuntary Manslaughter and...
Ten units' occupants displaced after large apartment fire in Camilla, no injuries reported	CBS 44 NEWS	01/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	CAMILLA, Ga. – According to a post on the Camilla Fire Department Facebook page, Camilla Fire Dept. battled a large apartment fire early Friday morning with crews from Autry State FD and Mitchell County Fire Rescue. Source: Camilla Fire Department No one was injured, but ten units' occupants were displaced. The American Red Cross and local property management are working to...
APD phone lines back in service after experiencing technical difficulties	CBS 44 NEWS	01/28/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany Police Department is reporting their phone lines are back in service and are operating properly. APD had reported that they experienced technical difficulties with their phone lines, and there might be issues for citizens trying to reach them. APD said, until the issue is resolved, to call their dispatch direct line for police assistance at...
City of Albany to activate Operation Safe Place to offer warming center	CBS 44 NEWS	01/29/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On Monday, January 29, 2024, the City of Albany will activate Operation Safe Place to give people a place to stay warm overnight. According to the current forecast, freezing temperatures are expected overnight on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The City will open the Albany Transit Center at 300 W. Oglethorpe Boulevard as a warming center Monday...

15-year-old teenager arrested after attempting to elude in a Florida stolen vehicle following	CBS 44 NEWS	01/29/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – On January 28, 2024, at approximately 7:30 A.M., a Crisp County Sheriff's Deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a white Hyundai Sante Fe that was reported stolen out of Florida on GA 401/I75 near MM 103 N. The driver failed to stop and continuously operated the vehicle recklessly at high rates of speed. The vehicle...
Sen. Ossoff Statement on Three Fallen Georgia Heroes	CBS 44 NEWS	01/29/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ATLANTA, Ga. – U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff, a member of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee, released the following statement: "Georgians are united in our grief and our loving support for the families and friends of Sgt. William Jerome Rivers, Spc. Kennedy Ladon Sanders, and Spc. Breonna Alexsondria Moffett, three Georgians who lost their lives in a cowardly and unprovoked attack..."
Georgia State Patrol trooper killed in crash on I-85 in Gwinnett Co. now identified	CBS 44 NEWS	01/29/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ATLANTA, Ga. – We begin tonight on a somber note from Gwinnett County, where a Georgia State Patrol officer has tragically lost his life in the line of duty. The fallen trooper has been identified as Jimmy Cenescar. The tragic incident occurred Sunday, near the Lawrenceville-Suwanee exit. "As a young public safety officer, he was at the beginning of a..."
New online survey gives Albany community a platform to express views on local transportation	CBS 44 NEWS	01/29/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – A new online survey is giving the Albany community a platform to express their views on local transportation. Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study (DARTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is gearing up for a major transportation upgrade. They're updating their Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to improve investment needs for all modes of transportation, including roads, biking, walking, and...
Albany Police Chief Persley holds press conference, urges vigilance, driver safety after recent accidents	CBS 44 NEWS	01/29/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Following two major traffic accidents in the last week, Albany Police Chief, Michael Persley met with us Monday morning to talk about what can be done to prevent accidents on the streets of Albany. According to Chief Persley, the latest of these accidents took place at this West Albany intersection late Friday evening... An accident that left...
Phoebe Welcomes New President of Phoebe Physicians	CBS 44 NEWS	01/30/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Estrellita Redmon, MD, officially took over as president of Phoebe Physicians on Monday, assuming leadership of Phoebe's group of providers made up of more than 900 employees, including 180 physicians and 170 advanced practice providers. Source: Phoebe "Part of what attracted me to Phoebe is its mission, vision and values. I really connected with the vision, 'to..."
Clay County School-Based Health Center Celebrates Grand Opening	CBS 44 NEWS	01/30/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	FORT GAINES, Ga. – Albany Area Primary Health Care (AAPHC) will host a Grand Opening Celebration for their new Clay County School-Based Health Center in Fort Gaines, Georgia on Thursday, February 1. The event will take place from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 200 Hobbs Lane, Fort Gaines and all are welcome to attend the Grand Opening festivities. During...
13 Counties in the Southwest Health District Awarded Car Seat Mini Grant	CBS 44 NEWS	01/30/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Several counties in the Southwest Health District, including Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Thomas, and Worth, were awarded the 2024 Car Seat Mini-Grant by the Georgia Department of Public Health, Injury Prevention Program. Through the Mini-Grant, the health district and collaborative partners work together to provide car seats and education to...
Albany Museum of Art to host 9th Annual High School and College Essay Contest	CBS 44 NEWS	01/30/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The 9th annual A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words essay competition gets underway on Thursday, Feb 1. The top three essayists in each of the two divisions—high school and college—will earn cash awards for their work at a reception in March at the AMA. Westover High School student Jaria Ware reads her essay, which won first...

2 soldiers killed in Jordan attack served in Tifton	CBS 44 NEWS	01/31/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – According to our news partners with the Tifton Grapevine Newsletter, two of the three soldiers killed Sunday during a drone attack on a U. S. base in Jordan near the Syrian border had previously served at the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Tifton. Breonna Alexsondria Moffett, 23, of Savannah, and Kennedy Ladon Sanders, 24, of Waycross, both enlisted in the Army Reserve in 2019 and...
Suspect charged, victim identified in Tifton car wash fatal shooting	CBS 44 NEWS	01/31/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – A man was shot and killed at the Clean Sport car wash in Tifton on Monday evening, according to Tifton police. A suspect has now been charged. The GBI has charged Xavier Sean Ross, age 34, of Tifton, GA, with felony murder, aggravated assault, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and possession of a firearm...
Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce holds 74th annual dinner celebrating community and	CBS 44 NEWS	01/31/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – Celebrating community and business collaboration, the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce holds its annual dinner. In a joyous commemoration of their 74th annual dinner, the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce orchestrated a vibrant gathering that brought together the
Phoebe's new President of Physicians, Dr. Redmon speaks about future plans	CBS 44 NEWS	01/31/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Phoebe Health System is welcoming a new president of their physician group. We got a chance to speak with her about her long term plans for the health system. This is Dr. Estrellita Redmon, MD. She's served as a longtime physician across Florida and Alabama... And, has now joined the ranks of the Phoebe Health System...
Phoebe's Mobile Wellness Clinics are "On the Road to Better Health"	CBS 44 NEWS	02/01/24	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – As part of its commitment to enhance access to quality healthcare throughout rural communities, Phoebe is launching a new outreach effort through its mobile wellness clinics. Phoebe's "On the Road to Better Health" campaign will begin a four-city rotation in February, bringing essential health services directly to communities that need them. "I'm new to Phoebe, but this...
City officials discuss illegal dumping problem in Albany	CBS 44 NEWS	02/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Illegal dumping is once again rearing its ugly head across the city with a site like this one in east Albany being the third one reported since Monday. Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful, director Juwana Washington says that the problem is persistent in Albany, beyond just the east side. "...It's city-wide. As a matter of fact, I just left...
Albany Museum of Art's 9th annual "A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words" essay contest	CBS 44 NEWS	02/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany Museum of Art provide a platform for young minds to express their literary talents and engage in a spirited exchange of ideas. The 9th annual edition of the "A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words" essay competition has commenced, spotlighting gifted young writers who skillfully blend visual and literary arts. Participants have the creative freedom...
Savor the Flavor to host For the Love of Revel Music Fest fundraiser for girl with leukemia	CBS 44 NEWS	02/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – Tifton's Savor the Flavor owner will reunite the community once again but this time even bigger and better, for the love and for the benefit of one girl and her fight with leukemia. Meet Revel, the little girl whose life changed completely in August of last year. Her grandfather's response to the news can only be summed...
2 people shot at McEachern High School in Cobb County, officials say	CBS 44 NEWS	02/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	POWDER SPRINGS, Ga. – At approximately 2 p.m. Thursday, Cobb County law enforcement swiftly responded to an emergency at McEachern High School in Powder Springs. The shooting incident prompted the school to initiate a "code red" and go into lockdown. The shooting occurred in the parking lot of the facility. The two victims, who sustained non-life-threatening injuries, are reported to...

Albany-Dougherty Day 2024: Celebrating Community Leadership, Unity, and Legislative Er	CBS 44 NEWS	02/02/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ATLANTA, Ga. – Albany-Dougherty Day 2024, hosted in Atlanta Monday and Tuesday by the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, culminated as a resounding success, showcasing the collective strength and unity of the Albany community. This signature state legislative event drew a local delegation of nearly 50 private, public and elected partners for a two-day event program that includes a legislative reception...
Jacksonville, FL sexual battery and kidnapping suspect arrested in Douglas	CBS 44 NEWS	02/02/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	DOUGLAS, Ga. – On Thursday, January 22, 2024, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office received information that an adult male had sexually battered a 13-year-old female. As detectives followed up and investigated this incident, they also discovered the adult male suspect was potentially involved sexually with another juvenile. The suspect, 37-year-old Ronnie Lee Graham was a musician and known to travel to
Colquitt Regional receives Statewide Patient Safety and Quality Award	CBS 44 NEWS	02/02/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	MOULTRIE, Ga. – Colquitt Regional Medical Center sets the standard for excellence in healthcare as it receives a Statewide Patient Safety and Quality Award. Colquitt Regional unveils its latest accolade as the recipient of the esteemed Patient Safety and Quality Award from the Georgia Hospital Association. The recognition, presented during the GHA Annual Awards Ceremony, underscores Colquitt Regional's commendable efforts...
Albany Police warns citizens of increased scam calls	CBS 44 NEWS	02/02/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Across Dougherty County, people are receiving calls from scammers claiming to be with the Albany Police Department. An issue internal affairs says is problematic not just for those being scammed, but Albany officers as well. Internal Affairs Lieutenant Pritesh Patel says scammers have been posing as named members of the Albany Police... And, that they've been finding...
Unidentified suspect caught on camera trying to break into Quick Buys Convenience Store	CBS 44 NEWS	02/02/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 45sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – In other recent developments, the Quick Buys Convenience Store, situated at 3522 Sylvester Road, found itself at the center of a daring burglary attempt on Monday, January 29th. An unidentified man was spotted shooting at the store's front door, attempting to break the glass to gain entry. The incident unfolded around 3:46 a.m. When the store was...
Firetruck overturns in Albany, 4 firefighters checked for injuries	CBS 44 NEWS	02/02/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Albany Fire Department and law enforcement officials have responded to the scene of an overturned firetruck on South Harding Street late Friday afternoon. The four fireman in the overturned firetruck were checked out on the scene for non life-threatening injuries, and were later transported to Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. The 900 block of West Oglethorpe Boulevard is...
Phone scam targeting Douglas Utility customers	CBS 44 NEWS	02/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	DOUGLAS, Ga. — City of Douglas officials would like to alert residents that a phone scam is targeting Douglas Utility customers. If a customer receives a phone call from someone impersonating a City of Douglas employee write the phone number down and report the incident to local law enforcement authorities. Although the City of Douglas does have an automatic calling system...
GDOT: US 82 closing in Cuthbert for water line repair	CBS 44 NEWS	02/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	CUTHBERT, Ga. — According to GDOT, US 82/State Route (SR) 50 in Cuthbert is scheduled to close Tuesday, Feb. 6, to allow the city utility department to access a leaking water line. The water line is in the area of the Cuthbert water tower near Webster Street. The line is owned by the city, but it is underneath US 82 and a...
Tifton's Espresso 41 hosts creative Maker's Market	CBS 44 NEWS	02/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. — On a beautiful Saturday morning, Espresso 41 in Tifton hosted its first Maker's Market of the year. The event showcased a delightful mix of local small businesses and entrepreneurs, featuring a blend of arts, crafts, delicious treats, and more! With the addition of live music enhancing the lively atmosphere and a pet-friendly policy in place, it became...
Lightning suspected cause of fire at Fitzgerald Church of God, Pastor says	CBS 44 NEWS	02/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	FITZGERALD, Ga. — A fire occurred Sunday night at the Fitzgerald Church of God, Fitzgerald fire officials say. Fire officials responded around 9 p.m. Sunday night. A Facebook post from the church says, "We will be complete assessing damage this morning, the fire seemed to be contained to the foyer and broadcasting room. While we do not have an official..."
Fire destroys St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Ambrose, cause unknown	CBS 44 NEWS	02/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	AMBROSE, Ga. — According to our news partners with Douglas Now, St. James Missionary Baptist Church was destroyed by fire Sunday night. Witnesses first spotted the blaze from the eerie red glow that could be seen for miles. When firefighters arrived, the 128-year-old church was engulfed in flames. The block exterior remained but the roof and interior of the church...

2 injured, EF-2 tornado confirmed in Lowndes Co., Sunday storms leave behind damage	CBS 44 NEWS	02/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	VALDOSTA, Ga. — A series of possible tornadoes struck south Georgia on Sunday afternoon, causing significant damage across various counties. In Lowndes County, numerous structures were damaged, and reports indicate downed power lines, leaving over 2,000 residents without electricity. The National Weather Service has confirmed that a tornado touched down 2 miles north east of Dasher, lifting 3 miles east-north...
Motorcycle accident turns fatal, APD works to limit dangerous driving	CBS 44 NEWS	02/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. — After yet another motorcycle accident that turned fatal, the Albany Police Department is continuing to look at how to cut down on dangerous driving. The accident in question took place late Saturday night, involving one motorcycle with a driver and passenger. According to police, the driver was a 55-year-old man who was pronounced dead on the scene....
Part 1: a conversation with fitness instructor Aisha Hardeman	CBS 44 NEWS	02/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. — You being a fitness coach and a fitness instructor, can you tell me a little bit how you got in to the fitness industry or how you were introduced to fitness and what really caught your attention to make you keep along on this journey? "I've always been into fitness since I was a little girl. My...
Law enforcement searching for fleeing occupant near Cecil, he is considered armed and da	CBS 44 NEWS	02/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ADEL, Ga. — On Monday, February 5th at approximately 2:40 PM a State Officer from the Department of Public Safety attempted to stop a Penske truck southbound on Interstate 75 around the 34 mile marker southbound. As soon as the truck came to a stop an unknown individual ran from the truck and crossed the fence in to a wooded...
MCLB Albany to conduct tornado drill	CBS 44 NEWS	02/06/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE ALBANY, Ga. — Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany is taking part in Severe Weather Preparedness Week (Thunderstorm Preparedness), Feb. 6, 2024. The state of Georgia conducts a semi-annual tornado drill, February and October, in coordination with the National Weather Service prior to the start of tornado season so personnel know what actions to take at work...
Coffee Co. man arrested for the Sexual Exploitation of Children	CBS 44 NEWS	02/06/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	DOUGLAS, Ga. — On Monday, February 5, 2024, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes (CEACC) Unit arrested and charged Lonnie Smith, age 32, of Coffee County, Georgia, with one count of Sexual Exploitation of Children. The GBI CEACC Unit began an investigation into Smith's online activity after receiving a Cyber Tipline Report from the National Center...
Search ends for fleeing suspect in Cecil, suspect in custody	CBS 44 NEWS	02/06/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ADEL, Ga. — Earlier today, the search for a dangerous suspect in Adel came to an end with a successful arrest, thanks to a vigilant citizen. The suspect, identified as 23-year-old Kendrick McClendon, had been on the run since Monday afternoon when a state officer attempted to stop a Penske truck on Interstate 75 near mile marker 34 southbound. Upon...
Dougherty Co. Commission approves purchase of new ambulances for Dougherty Co. EMS	CBS 44 NEWS	02/06/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. — At Monday morning's meeting, the Dougherty County Commission approved the purchase of new ambulances for Dougherty County EMS. Something that Director Sam Allen has been in the works for nearly three years. Allen says that prior to supply chain issues caused by COVID-19, Dougherty County EMS would regularly purchase new ambulances year after year. But, the last...
Part 2: a conversation with fitness instructor Aisha Hardeman	CBS 44 NEWS	02/06/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. — You own your own fitness gym or fitness center and tell us a little bit about that. Like, when did you open and what has your journey been like starting to open your own gym and then getting to where it has evolved to today? "Well, so I always had it in my mind first that I...
Kinetic Fiber rural broadband groundbreaking in Lee Co.	CBS 44 NEWS	02/07/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	LEESBURG, Ga. — State and county officials broke ground on rural broadband in Lee county. We caught up with them about how much of a step forward this is. Work on Kinetic Fiber began in Atlanta in the spring of 2021, and following three years of planning, rural Lee county residents are not far off from high quality broadband. As...
Part 3: a conversation with fitness instructor Aisha Hardeman	CBS 44 NEWS	02/07/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. — It being Black History Month, are there any black figures in your life, men or women, that have inspired you and have motivated you to get to the point where you are today? "Well, of course, I'm always grateful for our past people that paved the way like Martin Luther King Jr. But, I have my own...
Tables For Heroes charitable initiative supports veterans and first responders, handcrafted	CBS 44 NEWS	02/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. — With a passion for woodwork and a heart for helping others, Sheron Kendrick's creations are bringing comfort and joy to the community. Kendrick and his team show kindness by delivering handcrafted wooden tables to the Albany Boys and Girls Club. The initiative, called Rebuild, Restore, Rebirth: Tables For Heroes, honors veterans and first responders through charitable contribution...

Albany's Byne Baptist Church to host 2nd annual 'Night to Shine' event Friday night	CBS 44 NEWS	02/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On Friday night, Byne Baptist Church in north Albany will be holding a major event geared towards giving people of all ages with mental disabilities a night they and their families won't forget. And, it's called 'Night to Shine.' Assistant Pastor, Hal Pinson took us around Byne's property to show us all the work they and the...
GDOT: Colquitt Co. State Route (SR) 33 closing to non-local traffic	CBS 44 NEWS	02/09/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	MOULTRIE, Ga. – State Route (SR) 33 in Colquitt County is scheduled to close to non-local traffic for an extended period of time starting Feb. 16. The SR 33 detour for non-local traffic is expected to remain in place until April 25. Southbound SR 33 traffic will be detoured onto SR 270 West, to SR 133 South and then back to...
APD reports a rise in Kia thefts in Albany	CBS 44 NEWS	02/09/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – If you are an owner of one of the affected vehicles visit Hutchinson Kia of Albany at 2875 Ledo Rd or call (229) 446-4777. You can also check out https://ksupport.kiausa.com/ConsumerAffairs/SWLD for more detailed information. Copyright 2024 CBS 44 South Georgia. All rights reserved.
Tifton Police make arrests in 22 month old infant injuries	CBS 44 NEWS	02/09/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – Tifton Police Department Detectives arrested and charged Fabian Deshan Croom, 23 of Tifton, with two (2) Counts of Aggravated Assault and one (1) Count of Cruelty to Children First Degree and Jerry Bernard Monfort, 25 of Tifton, was charged with (2) Counts of Party to Crime of Aggravated Assault and one (1) count of Party to Crime...
Tifton candle making class celebrates small town businesses	CBS 44 NEWS	02/09/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – The Main Street Manager for downtown Tifton is determined to kick off the year with a resounding impact by organizing a series of captivating events that will not only engage the local community, but also ignite a sense of enthusiasm and support for small businesses in smaller towns. As a part of this strategic initiative, the manager...
Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce welcomes 'Git In My Belly' Restaurant	CBS 44 NEWS	02/09/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – And for those of you looking for something more savory... The Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce warmly welcomes its newest member, 'Git In My Belly' Restaurant, with a ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating its grand opening. Under the diligent leadership of Shalandra Walker and her dedicated team, Cordele community residents and leaders indulged in a diverse array of culinary...
Crumbl Cookies grand opening treats attendees	CBS 44 NEWS	02/09/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Crumbl offers a preview of what's to come at the grand opening of their newest location in Albany. Crumbl invited community members and local cookie lovers to their exclusive sneak peek preview event. Attendees got the chance to taste Crumbl's delicious cookies and to chat with staff, immersing themselves in the vibrant atmosphere of Crumbl before the...
35th annual Georgia Quail Hunt attracts global entrepreneurs	CBS 44 NEWS	02/09/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Once again, a Georgia tradition returns to the Good Life City, bringing state leaders and entrepreneurs to southwest Georgia. Thursday night marked the kickoff for the 35th annual Georgia Quail Hunt. The goal of the annual hunt is for the Governor's Office and State Economic Development Authority to meet with entrepreneurs from around the world. While CBS...
Changing of the Guard, MCLB Albany appoints new Sergeant Major	CBS 44 NEWS	02/09/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Another change in command has taken place at the Marine Corps Logistics Base, as a new Sergeant Major has been appointed in southwest Georgia. In one of his final assignments in service, Sergeant Major Chad M. Coston handed the ceremonial sword over to his successor, Frank Kammer. We caught up with the outgoing sergeant major to talk...
Suspects in custody after Shell gas station fight results in shooting, 1 dead, 1 injured	CBS 44 NEWS	02/10/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On February 9, 2024, officers responded to 2824 Old Dawson Rd (Shell Gas Station) around 4:28 P.M. in reference to a shooting. The shooting occurred after an altercation between three males that were inside of the store. One of males went back to his vehicle before the other two males came outside of the store which led...
APD's Traffic Unit investigates dirt bike fatality	CBS 44 NEWS	02/10/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On February 9, 2024, the Albany Police Department's Traffic Unit responded to an accident in the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr Dr and Faith Ave, involving a dirt bike and vehicle, around 5:02 P.M. The rider of the dirt bike succumbed to his injuries at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital on February 10, 2024. Currently this incident...
Flooding reports across Southwest Georgia, officials searching for Albany city employee af	CBS 44 NEWS	02/12/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The following is a list of flooding reports from across southwest Georgia. There are reports of road closures and roads covered with water. Remember, turn around, don't drown when you encounter flooded roads. There is also reports of an Albany city employee reported missing after falling into the Flint River. CBS 44's Brian Roche is working to...

WATCH: Super Sunday Super Stars	CBS 44 NEWS	02/12/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Super Bowl LVIII may be over with a Kansas City Chiefs victory (25) over the San Francisco 49ers (22) but in case you missed it, here is Part 1, Part 2, Part 3, and Part 4 of our Super Sunday Super Stars special that aired after the big game and the premiere of Tracker only on CBS...
Cordele's Historical Awards Committee hosts third annual Black History Month Kickback Festival	CBS 44 NEWS	02/12/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – The Cordele community celebrates cultural pride and unity, honoring Black History Month with a lively festival. Cordele's Historical Awards Committee hosted its third annual Black Excellence Kickback Festival, a celebration of culture, community, and achievement. The festival welcomed guests free of charge, offering a rich array of food, vendors, and door prizes. "Greg Rivers and the Historical...
Search suspended for missing city employee after reportedly falling into Flint River	CBS 44 NEWS	02/12/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The search was suspended earlier this evening for the missing city employee who went missing after reportedly falling into the Flint River earlier today. The Flint Riverkeeper says the river level is high and the currents are fast, leading officials to suspend the search for the evening. It was reported that the city employee was conducting sewage samples...
Turner Co. rail crossing closures announced for February	CBS 44 NEWS	02/13/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ASHBURN, Ga. – Norfolk Southern Railroad has notified Georgia Department of Transportation of scheduled crossing maintenance in February at two locations in Turner County. The closures were originally scheduled to occur in January, but were postponed by the railroad. The first closure is scheduled from 8 a.m. Feb. 26 to 6 p.m. Feb. 27 on State Route (SR) 7 in Ashburn....
APD responds to recent rise in entering autos	CBS 44 NEWS	02/13/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany Police Department addressed the rise and concern of car thefts and break-ins in the community. Providing insights into the recent instances of entering autos, Albany Police Chief Persley detailed the occurrences and outlined the department's response. "Detectives in our Criminal Investigative Bureau, we're investigating several entering autos that occurred at apartment complexes in other locations..."
Filmmaker to hold open discussion at Albany Civil Rights Institute	CBS 44 NEWS	02/13/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – As part of Black History Month, Filmmaker, Clennon King will be holding a lecture here at the Albany Civil Rights Institute to talk about slave labor in Dougherty county in the 19th century, and start a discussion. We met with King to talk about the significance of this discussion outside of the Dougherty County Judicial Building... A...
Search continues; City of Albany responds to social media rumors regarding missing employee	CBS 44 NEWS	02/14/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – In response to circulating rumors on social media regarding the discovery of the missing City of Albany employee, Darrious Stephens, the City of Albany issues the following statement. Despite two days of extensive searching, no evidence has been found pertaining to the missing employee, and we have no credible evidence reported from the public. Collaborating efforts between...
Pair charged with assaulting Tifton toddler, child in critical condition	CBS 44 NEWS	02/14/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – While two Tifton men sit in the Tift County Jail both charged with felony assault and cruelty to children, a Tifton toddler lies in a Jacksonville, Fla., hospital in critical condition. Tifton Police have arrested and charged Fabian Deshan Croom, 23, with two counts of aggravated assault and one count of cruelty to children in the first...
22-month-old toddler dies in separate, unrelated Tift county case	CBS 44 NEWS	02/14/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – In an unrelated case, an autopsy is scheduled Wednesday, Feb. 14, on a different 22-month toddler who died Sunday night, says Tift County Deputy Coroner Melissa Scott Carroll. Tifton Police were dispatched to the hospital at about midnight Monday morning regarding the death of a toddler. Carroll declined to give the name of the female toddler in deference to the family's privacy. By: Frank Sayles JR.,...
Roswell man dies, wife injured in I-75 wreck in Tift county	CBS 44 NEWS	02/14/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – An Atlanta-area man died and his wife was seriously injured in an accident during a rainstorm Monday on Interstate 75 in Tift County, authorities say. Frederick S. "Rick" Winn, 61, was pronounced dead at the scene, and his wife, Sandy, 61, is in intensive care at Tift Regional Medical Center, officials said. The Roswell couple were heading...
APD Chief Persley provides update on Shell gas station fatal shooting. 'Keyvon loved his father'	CBS 44 NEWS	02/14/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On February 9, officers responded to the Shell gas station located at 2824 Old Dawson Road around 4:28 p.m. following reports of a shooting. According to police reports, the shooting unfolded following a dispute involving three males within the confines of the Shell convenient store. Allegedly, one of the males retreated to his vehicle, only to return...

City of Albany 2024 Arbor Day Tree Giveaway and Planting	CBS 44 NEWS	02/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The City of Albany will hold its 2024 Arbor Day Tree Giveaway and Planting on Saturday, February 17th from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at 1900 block of Lakeridge Drive or Lake Cornelia. The event is free and open to the community. Copyright 2024 CBS 44 South Georgia. All rights reserved.
18th Annual Combos® Marathon and Half Marathon seeking volunteers	CBS 44 NEWS	02/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Volunteers are needed for the 18th Annual Albany Marathon and Half Marathon on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Volunteers can sign up the Albany Welcome Center or by emailing Katie Jenkins at kjenkins@visitalbanyga.com. Descriptions of what is entailed for each position are provided on the volunteer forms. Responsibilities are available until spots are filled. Road Marshals are especially...
Cordele native missing, last seen in Clayton Co.	CBS 44 NEWS	02/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – Dr. Bambie Hayes-Brown, Cordele, Georgia native, is seeking the public's assistance for information in relation to finding her missing son, Calondrius Hayes, Jr. (also a Cordele native) who is missing and may be in the Cordele, Georgia area. His Aunt is Cordele City Commissioner, Vesta Beal-Shephard and his cousin is Crisp County Commissioner, Larry Felton: Please help...
Quality Employment Service 3rd Annual Job Fair in Tifton and Moultrie	CBS 44 NEWS	02/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – Quality Employment Service will host its 3rd Annual Job Fair in Tifton and Moultrie. The first job fair will be held in Tifton, March 21, 2024 from 3 pm-6 pm at Tift Co. Recreation Department Gym at 401 Victory Drive North in Tifton, GA 31794. The second job fair will be held in Moultrie, April 18, 2024...
Crisp Co. Sheriff's Office I-75 traffic stop leads to drug trafficking arrest of Michigan man	CBS 44 NEWS	02/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – On February 14, 2024, at approximately 8:30 P.M., a Crisp County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black BMW on GA 401/175 near mile marker 92. The car fit the description provided in a reckless driver BOLO issued by Crisp County E-911. The Sheriff's Deputy observed the car failing to maintain lane and conducted a...
1 dead, 1 injured, suspect in custody in Americus homicide	CBS 44 NEWS	02/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	AMERICUS, Ga. – On February 14th at approximately 7:00 PM officers of the Americus Police Department were dispatched to the 700 block of Davenport Street in Americus to a reported shooting. On arrival, officers rendered emergency aid to two gunshot victims until emergency medical personnel arrived. One victim, Jacoby Jamale Pride, age 23 of Americus was pronounced dead at the...
Albany Area Chamber's 66th Annual Star Student Luncheon	CBS 44 NEWS	02/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a celebratory lunch event highlighting the achievements of high school seniors. The Flint Community Bank and SRJ Architects, Inc. are proud sponsors of the Albany Area Chamber's 66th Annual Star Student Luncheon, an event honoring the exemplary accomplishments of Dougherty county's top high school seniors. "This is so important, because..."
Turner Job Corps looking for volunteers	CBS 44 NEWS	02/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Turner Job Corps is looking for some extra hands when it comes to helping their students in the classroom after class is over. Turner Job Corps Academic Supervisor, Deborah Goodson says that while they have a full staff of teachers, some students do need extra help, and with scheduling conflicts, that sometimes isn't possible. "...We are..."
2 Albany men arrested on drug charges during Crisp Co. traffic stop	CBS 44 NEWS	02/16/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – On February 15, 2024, at approximately 12:20 A.M., a Crisp County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a silver Dodge Charger on GA HWY 300 near the intersection at Weldon Road. The Sheriff's Deputy observed the car failing to maintain lane and conducted a traffic stop. While the Sheriff's Deputy requested license and registration information, he...
Conger LP Gas grand opening at new location in Sylvester	CBS 44 NEWS	02/16/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	SYLVESTER, Ga. – Conger LP Gas ignite excitement with its grand opening, offering exclusive deals to customers who are ready to explore cutting-edge propane solutions. Since its establishment in 1989, Conger LP Gas has been a cornerstone in providing energy solutions to Worth county. The company is proud announce its relocation to a new, enhanced facility in Sylvester. This expansive...

Day 5 of searching for missing city employee Darrious Stephens ends, Flint River waters ri	CBS 44 NEWS	02/16/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – After days of searching the Flint River for 36-year-old Darrious Stephens, the Albany Fire Department could potentially be facing trouble as the search continues with the water levels of the Flint River continuing to rise. We met with Stephens' friend of more than 10 years, Al Watts who even worked with Stephens in Albany Public Works for...
Missing person with ties to Cordele found safe, victim of hit-and-run in Clayton Co.	CBS 44 NEWS	02/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – Dr. Bambie Hayes-Brown has reported that her missing son, Calondrius Hayes, Jr. has been found after being involved in a hit-and-run in Clayton county. She reported that Calondrius was hurt, tired, and hungry, but he's safe. Unfortunately, he didn't have a description of the vehicle because he was in and out of it and disoriented. He was...
Body recovered in Ulmers Pond boating accident, drowning	CBS 44 NEWS	02/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	VALDOSTA, Ga. – Valdosta Fire Department and Valdosta Police Department responded to the report of a potential drowning on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at approximately 07:35 pm. Valdosta Police and Valdosta Fire arrived on the scene to discover that one of the two men fishing was still missing after their boat capsized. Additional resources had already been requested, including SGMC...
Tifton Food Lion empowerment of hearing impaired employee	CBS 44 NEWS	02/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic grocer Food Lion is championing inclusivity, by empowering and embracing employees with disabilities. In Tifton, Georgia, a Food Lion employee named Z'Novia exemplifies the positive impact of the company's sense of belonging on in-store associates. Z'Novia, as an individual navigating a hearing impairment, encountered obstacles in promptly addressing customer inquiries and concerns. "But, I...
Savor The Flavor holds For The Love Of Revel Festival fundraiser for Tifton girl with leuker	CBS 44 NEWS	02/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – One little girl has taken the south Georgia community by storm with her daring display of perseverance in her battle against leukemia. So much so, a Tifton business owner brought the community together to raise money for her dire circumstance... "Our goal is \$10,000 in 10 hours," said Connie Stover, Savor The Flavor, owner. And, with a...
Commissioner Jon Howard "shocked" & "petrified" by "the biggest one" illegal dumping site	CBS 44 NEWS	02/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Another illegal dumping site is catching the eyes of Albany officials. With this one being one of the largest Commissioner Jon Howard has ever seen. Commissioner Howard told us Monday afternoon that the last time he saw this much garbage dumped off on backroads was nearly 30 years ago... In the aftermath of the Flood of 1994....
Albany Symphony to bring back St. Patrick's Day Crawfish Festival Saturday, March 16 at	CBS 44 NEWS	02/20/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – As part of the celebration of its 60th season, the Albany Symphony Orchestra (ASO) is bringing back a community event that was a popular annual fundraiser for the ASO more than two decades ago and is inviting people throughout southwest Georgia to join the fun. "For the past eight years, we've hosted a St. Patrick's Day event...
Crisp County Job Fair at Crisp County High School on Thursday, March 28th	CBS 44 NEWS	02/20/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – Crisp County Schools, Cordele-Crisp County Industrial Development Council and the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce will hold a job fair at Crisp County High School on Thursday, March 28th. Setup will be from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. with students attending the job fair from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for...
'This young man was a great basketball player': Devastated family asks for lending hand at	CBS 44 NEWS	02/20/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	VALDOSTA, Ga. – The family of Corvourries Johnson (CJ) is asking for a lending hand by launching a GoFundMe fundraiser following the fishing accident that resulted in his passing. This is the incident that occurred at Ulmer Pond. Johnson's body was recovered after an extensive search by Valdosta Police, Valdosta Fire, and other law enforcement officials. Copyright 2024 CBS 44...
Free Tours of the Albany Civil Rights Movement Museum	CBS 44 NEWS	02/20/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The City of Albany is having free tours of the Civil Rights Movement Museum as part of Black History Month. Come out and immerse yourself in life in Albany, Georgia, before and during the Civil Rights Movement. Experience the oral history of ordinary people doing the extraordinary things which created the Albany Civil Rights Movement. The tours...
Trooper First Class Chase Redner dies after being struck by car while investigating fatal pe	CBS 44 NEWS	02/20/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	CLAYTON Co., Ga. – The Georgia Department of Public Safety and Georgia law enforcement mourns the loss of Trooper First Class Chase Redner #290, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty. This morning, Redner was investigating a vehicle crash on Interstate 75 North, near Mount Zion Boulevard in Clayton county when he was struck by a vehicle....

Atkinson Co. Schools Principal, Navy Commander dies after 26 years in education	CBS 44 NEWS	02/20/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	PEARSON, Ga. – The Atkinson County School System is reporting that Dr. Bonita Bell-Bryant, Willacochee Elementary School Interim Principal and Atkinson County Middle School Assistant Principal and current Navy Commander has passed away after 26 years in the Atkinson County School System. The school system released the following statement: "The Atkinson County School System is profoundly saddened by the untimely..."
Elementary student drawings needed for Albany Museum of Art Teen Art Board Mural Project	CBS 44 NEWS	02/21/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Elementary school students can see the artwork they create preserved for generations to come by submitting drawings for a downtown Albany mural that will be painted this spring. The project is being led by the Albany Museum of Art Teen Art Board, a program that helps teens develop strong leadership skills. "This is a fantastic opportunity for..."
State Representative Penny Houston not seeking re-election after 26 years	CBS 44 NEWS	02/21/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	NASHVILLE, Ga. – State Rep. Penny Houston, R-Nashville, the dean of Tifton's state legislative delegation and a longtime respected member of the General Assembly, announced Tuesday that she is not seeking re-election this year. Houston, who represents House District 170, which encompasses Berrien County and parts of Tift and Cook counties, has served in the state Legislature for 26 years. "Today, I'm sharing the bittersweet news that I've decided not to run for re-election this year," Houston said Tuesday. "I feel like it's the right time to retire,..."
USDA hosts Groundbreaking Ceremony on new USDA-ARS Tifton Research Facility on the	CBS 44 NEWS	02/21/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – Today the USDA hosted the Groundbreaking Ceremony that highlighted the new USDA-ARS Tifton Research Facility that is being built on the UGA Tifton Campus. The ceremony featured remarks from Dr. Corley Holbrook, Archie Tucker, Dr. Michael Toews, Congressman Austin Scott, Congressman Sanford Bishop, Dr. Simon Liu, and Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young. This new facility will house USDA scientist...
Former Tift Co. high school principal arrested and charged on 6 felony counts	CBS 44 NEWS	02/21/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – The former principal of Tift County High School Dr. Chad Stone was arrested and charged on 6 felony counts this morning and transported to the Tift County Jail. Stone is charged with 1 count of theft by taking – felony and 5 felony counts of unauthorized use of financial transaction card. The charges result from a GBI...
Albany makes plans for Walk to End Alzheimer's event in September	CBS 44 NEWS	02/21/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Tuesday night, a committee meeting convened in Albany to make plans for this year's forthcoming Walk to End Alzheimer's event. The Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's is held annually in over 600 communities nationwide, representing the largest fundraiser globally for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. This motivational event invites individuals of all ages and abilities to...
Day 10 of search for missing city employee Darrious Stephens ends; Flint River waters rec	CBS 44 NEWS	02/21/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – As the quest for a missing Albany Public Works employee reaches its tenth day, first responders persist in their efforts to locate the individual. The search for Darrious Stephens was paused over the weekend due to the rising water levels of the Flint River, making it unsafe for first responders and divers to continue their efforts. However,...
Arbor Day Foundation Names Tifton a 2023 Tree City USA Community	CBS 44 NEWS	02/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – Tifton was named a 2023 Tree City USA Community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor the city's commitment to effective urban forest management. The Friendly City achieved the Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: maintaining a tree board or department, having a tree care ordinance, dedicating an annual community forestry budget of...
14 men from Georgia, Florida and Alabama charged in April 2022 major dogfighting event i	CBS 44 NEWS	02/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	DONALSONVILLE, Ga. – Fourteen men – residents of Georgia, Florida and Alabama – were charged for participating in a major dog fighting event that occurred in April 2022 in Donalsonville, Georgia. The U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia unsealed the indictment in conjunction with arrests that occurred this week. The defendants are: Tamichael Elijah, 47, of Donalsonville,...
Former Miss Donalsonville posts bond from jail, facing murder charges in Sumter Co. todd	CBS 44 NEWS	02/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	AMERICUS, Ga. – 18-year-old former Miss Donalsonville pageant winner Trinity Poague who was stripped of her title and faces murder charges in the death of her former boyfriend's child posted her \$75,000 bond and was released from the Sumter County Jail Wednesday night. Under her bail conditions, she is allowed to leave the county but she has to wear an...

Woman found dead on UGA campus identified as Augusta University nursing student, offic	CBS 44 NEWS	02/23/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ATHENS, Ga. – Athens-Clarke County Police and University of Georgia campus police are investigating a woman's death on campus after a female student did not return from a morning run. UGA Police said they received a call just after Noon from a person who was concerned for their friend, who had not returned from a run at the Intramural Fields....
Police confirm identity of Albany fisherman's body found after search ends in pond behind	CBS 44 NEWS	02/23/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany Police Department has been searching for a male that fell into a pond behind Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Two males were fishing when their boat capsized around noon on Thursday. The surviving male was able to call for help. As of 6 p.m. this evening, Albany Police Chief Michael Persley said that dive teams had...
Three convicted of murder, gang charges in Oct. 2018 shooting death of Dougherty Co. ma	CBS 44 NEWS	02/23/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ATLANTA, Ga. – Attorney General Chris Carr today announced that Demondarrius Jaquan Hicks, Jotorious Devante Cox and Mckael Raynard Lamar, Jr., have been convicted of the murder of 30-year-old Kartavious Jones in Dougherty County. The defendants, who are members of the Inglewood Family Gangster Bloods, shot and killed Jones on Oct. 9, 2018, in Albany, Georgia. The Attorney General's Gang...
Two stolen handguns, firearms, marijuana recovered in search warrant at Medowlark Com	CBS 44 NEWS	02/23/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany-Dougherty S.I.U. (Special Investigative Unit) executed a search warrant at 2368 Meadowlark Commons Ct Apt 101 on 02/22/2024 in reference to drug sales. Two handguns that were recovered from the location were reported stolen, one was reported stolen from Phoenix City, Alabama and the other from Albany, Ga. The handgun stolen from Phoenix City, Alabama had...
Albany Fire Department respond to possible gas leak determined to be shorted-out electric	CBS 44 NEWS	02/23/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Earlier Friday afternoon, the Albany Fire Department swiftly responded to the intersection of Gillionville Road and North Magnolia Street. Members from the AFD encircled the Big Cat Gas Station, adjacent to American Tax. Firefighters were observed entering the gas station premises. Bystanders suspected that the presence of smoke was related to a gas leak, but the AFD...
Nashville's 11th annual chili cook-off "Great Bowls of Fire" competition fundraiser	CBS 44 NEWS	02/26/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	NASHVILLE, Ga. – Local businesses and industries, including chaparral boats and win-fab manufacturing, served up their finest chili for judges to taste. Notably, the Nashville Fire Department, the Nashville Police Department, and the Berrien County Sheriff's Office also joined the competition. The community rallied with record-breaking attendance, enjoying activities like bull riding, a bouncy house, and a cake auction featuring...
Crisp Co. Fire Rescue respond to 8 brush fires over the weekend	CBS 44 NEWS	02/26/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – Crisp County Fire Rescue responded to multiple brush fires this past weekend. Saturday, firefighters responded to 8 brush fires, 4 of which occurred within a one-hour timeframe, which required assistance from multiple mutual aid agencies. The first major incident occurred on Highway 41 and Cofer Road in which a vacant structure was destroyed as a result of a...
Albany First Run Walk & Community Expo spreads cardiovascular awareness	CBS 44 NEWS	02/26/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany community come together in a display of health in solidarity with the First Run Walk Community Expo. Over the weekend, participants laced up their running shoes to commemorate Cardiovascular Awareness Month by joining the inaugural First Run Walk & Community Expo, a collaborative effort between the East Albany Run Walk Club and Dougherty Comprehensive High...
Update: Albany officials identify second man to go missing near Flint River	CBS 44 NEWS	02/26/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – For the second time in the past three weeks, officials are searching the Flint River after another person has reportedly "walked into" the Flint River around 1:30 p.m. Monday afternoon. As of this evening, officials have confirmed they are searching for 23-year-old Cameron Jones. This comes as the search for missing Albany Public Works employee Darrious Stephens...
Portion of Hudson Lane closed for drainage ditch cleanup	CBS 44 NEWS	02/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Beginning Tuesday, February 27, 2024, the City of Albany Street Division will close the 400 Block of Hudson Lane to clean the drainage ditches. The road will be closed until the work is complete and crews have cleared the area. Drivers are asked to use alternate routes during the time of construction. Copyright 2024 CBS 44 South...

Undocumented Venezuelan man, brother of suspect charged with murdering woman on UC	CBS 44 NEWS	02/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ATHENS, Ga. – An undocumented man residing in Athens—who is the brother of the suspect charged with murdering a woman on University of Georgia's campus—was charged tonight by federal criminal complaint with possessing a fraudulent green card and is currently being held in state custody. Diego Ibarra, 29, of Venezuela, is charged by criminal complaint with possession of a fraudulent...
Cook Co. Fire Dept. / EMA announces the installation of 12 new storm sirens	CBS 44 NEWS	02/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ADEL, Ga. – On Monday, the Cook County Fire Department and Cook County Emergency Management Agency started the installation of 12 new storm sirens. They say that "it's been a long time in the works." "We are very excited about bringing this system to our Cook County citizens." Locations of new storm sirens: 1. Don Julios's Restaurant 2. Old Football...
FLEX ABY announces top 3 finalists for youth entrepreneurship competition	CBS 44 NEWS	02/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – FLEX ABY, the premier youth entrepreneurship competition Albany, is thrilled to announce the finalists who will compete in the upcoming finale on March 22. FLEX ABY aims to ignite innovation and empower young entrepreneurs to transform their ideas into successful businesses. FLEX ABY is a partnership between the Albany Area Chamber Foundation, the Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission...
Colquitt Regional takes strides towards heart health during American Heart Month	CBS 44 NEWS	02/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	MOULTRIE, Ga. – As February marks American Heart Month, Colquitt Regional has taken strides to raise awareness about cardiovascular health and prevention strategies to its patients and the public. Heart Month serves as a reminder of the significance of cardiovascular health. According to recent statistics from the American Heart Association, on average, someone in the US dies of cardiovascular disease...
Albany Technical College spearheads initiative to boost male presence in healthcare	CBS 44 NEWS	2/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Albany Technical College (ATC) is working to fill the growing number of job vacancies throughout the healthcare industry by hosting events to get students interested in the industry. In an effort to attract more men to healthcare, Albany Tech will host a panel discussion called "Are You Man Enough to be in Healthcare?" on February 29th at...
GBI requested by Moultrie Police to assist in investigation of shooting of 3 juveniles	CBS 44 NEWS	02/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	MOULTRIE, Ga. – On Sunday, February 25, 2024, at approximately 4:20 p.m., the Moultrie Police Department requested the GBI to assist with an aggravated assault investigation in which 3 male juveniles were all shot on the Moultrie Housing Authority property located at 808 5th Street NW, in Moultrie, Georgia. The investigation so far has determined that several juvenile males were...
GBI, Bainbridge Public Safety investigating murder, 1 killed, 3 arrested	CBS 44 NEWS	02/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	BAINBRIDGE, Ga. – On Sunday, February 25, 2024, at approximately 5:50 p. m., Bainbridge Public Safety requested the GBI to assist with the murder investigation of Oharra Reggynalde Thomas (23 years old) which took place outside his apartment located at 1403 Avenue A in Bainbridge, Georgia. An autopsy will be performed on Thomas at the GBI Crime Lab. Agens arrived on...
Boil water notice issued for parts of Lee County	CBS 44 NEWS	02/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	LEESBURG, Ga. – A boil water notice has been issued for two areas in Lee County due to repairs on a water leak. The affected areas are Margate Drive and Argyll Place according to a statement by Lee County Board of Commissioners. Residents will be notified when the boil order ends. Due to repair of the water main leak, customers...
ASU and ABAC partnership signing of articulation agreement of Criminal Justice programs	CBS 44 NEWS	02/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – ASU and ABAC have solidified a transformative partnership through signing a collaborative agreement. Marking a significant milestone in higher education, delegates of Albany State University (ASU) and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) convened Tuesday morning to sign an articulation agreement. This agreement will guarantee admission for qualified ABAC graduates into ASU's Master of Science in Criminal Justice...
Search crews continue looking for 2 men in Flint River	CBS 44 NEWS	02/27/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – First responders are continuing their search for a 23-year-old who reportedly walked into the Flint River on Monday. For the second time in nearly three weeks, Albany first responders are out on the Flint River, this time searching for 23-year-old Cameron Jones. While today's search has been called, it's the third time in nearly as many weeks...

Southwest Georgia Regional Job Fair to connect employers and job seekers throughout the	CBS 44 NEWS	02/28/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. -- In order to connect Southwest Georgia residents with career opportunities throughout the region, the Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission is joining forces with the Flint River Entertainment Complex, the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau to lead a regional career placement initiative by hosting the Southwest Georgia Regional Job Fair on...
City of Albany announces temporary relocation of Municipal Court Administrative Office and	CBS 44 NEWS	02/28/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. -- Beginning Friday, March 1, 2024, the Municipal Court Administrative Office will relocate to the City of Albany Treasury Building at 240 Pine Avenue. Municipal Court will be held at the Albany Civic Center, which is located at 100 W. Oglethorpe Boulevard. The Law Enforcement Center (LEC) at 201 W. Oglethorpe Boulevard will be used as an alternate...
TRMC Foundation's Hearts & Diamonds Gala to honor Board Secretary Joyce Mims	CBS 44 NEWS	02/28/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. -- The Tift Regional Medical Center (TRMC) Foundation's 19th annual Hearts & Diamonds Gala will honor the memory of longstanding hospital board member Joyce Mims. With a tropical paradise theme, this year's black-tie optional event will be held on Saturday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. -- 11:00 p.m., at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center. All proceeds benefit the...
GRPA Basketball Tournament Update	CBS 44 NEWS	02/28/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. -- The GRPA Basketball Tournament, originally scheduled for 3 p. m. on Friday, March 1, will start at 6 p.m. Please note that the tournament is for boys aged 10 and under. The tournament will be held in the ASU West Campus Gym at 2400 Gillionville Road. For more information call (229) 430-5222. Copyright 2024 CBS 44 South Georgia....
Several high schools named an AP Honor School by GaDOE State Superintendent	CBS 44 NEWS	02/28/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	MOULTRIE, Ga. -- According to a press release from State Superintendent Richards Woods, Colquitt County High School (CCHS) has been named an Advanced Placement (AP) Honor School for 2024. AP courses and exams are one of several ways students can receive college-level learning and college credit while in high school. The exams are administered by the College Board, which also...
Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting of newest eatery Slammin Sami	CBS 44 NEWS	02/29/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. -- Community members of Cordele gather for the ribbon cutting ceremony of Slammin Sami's The Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce extends a warm welcome to downtown Cordele's newest addition, Slammin Sami's. Located at the former location of Cordele Banking Company, this new eatery is set to invigorate the local scene with its specialty sandwiches. "My friend used to have..."
Phoebe Sumter campus launches new tele-ICU system	CBS 44 NEWS	02/29/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	AMERICUS, Ga. -- In Sumter county, the Phoebe Health System is implementing a new telehealth system. One that will benefit ICU patients and put them in contact with a doctor at a moment's notice. Phoebe Sumter's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Chris Taranto says that the new tele-ICU system went online earlier this week, as they find themselves without all the...
Congressman Bishop announces \$3.3 million federal funds to support healthcare centers in	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	MACON, Ga. -- Congressman Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (GA-02) announced two federal awards from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) totaling \$3.3 million to Primary Care of Southwest Georgia, Inc. (\$1,859,632) and First Choice Primary Care, Inc. (\$1,525,301). These awards will help to improve and expand healthcare services for the...
Congressman Bishop announces \$100,000 U.S. Energy Department Award to Albany State	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. -- Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) announced that Albany State University has been awarded a \$100,000 Clean Energy Education Prize grant which will support partnerships between HBCUs and other universities, government agencies, and industry leaders to build new programs and provide professional opportunities to succeed in the clean energy industry. "I am proud to announce that Albany..."
Secretary Raffensperger urges swift action as amendment to secure Georgia elections fails	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ATLANTA, Ga. -- Secretary Raffensperger expressed his deep concern as the proposed constitutional amendment to secure Georgia's elections did not pass the House of Representatives on Crossover Day. HR 780 aimed to ensure that only American citizens vote in Georgia elections, enshrining that as an amendment to the Georgia Constitution. Addressing the pressing need to safeguard the integrity of the...

Valdosta Police Department launches Stand Against Youth Violence Education (S.A.Y.V.E.)	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	VALDOSTA, Ga. – The Valdosta Police Department (VPD) is proud to announce the launch of the Stand Against Youth Violence Education (S.A.Y.V.E.) initiative, aimed at empowering teenagers with the knowledge and skills necessary to combat issues such as bullying, gang activity, substance abuse, firearms safety, and the importance of mentorship. This comprehensive week-long program will be held from June 10th to June...
Albany Recreation and Parks Camp of Champs Spring Break event	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The City of Albany's Recreation & Parks Department is hosting a Camp of Champs Spring Break event for children who are between 6 to 13 years old. The event is free and will be held at various locations. Children can participate in a range of activities. To learn more about the event, please refer to the attached...
Albany Recreation and Parks Department to host its 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The City of Albany Recreation and Parks Department is hosting its 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This event is free and open to the public. The egg hunt will be held on Saturday, March 9 from 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Tift Park, 1301 North Monroe Street, Albany, GA, 31701. Please see the attached flyer for...
Albany Recreation and Parks to host Senior Citizen Egg Hunt Brunch Extravaganza	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The City of Albany's Recreation and Parks Department is hosting a Senior Citizen Egg Hunt Brunch Extravaganza. The event will take place on Thursday, March 28th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at The Club at Thornton located at 210 Thornton Drive in Albany, GA 31705. Admission is \$5 for participants 50 years of age or older...
Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study (DARTS) Metro Transportation Plan (MTP)	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study (DARTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is updating its Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to reflect transportation infrastructure and policy needs through horizon year 2050. The MTP will include short and long-term strategies and actions for the development of an integrated transportation system to facilitate the movement of people and goods. The plan...
Tifton Rhythm & Ribs Festival expected to be bigger than ever this weekend	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – While showers are in the forecast, that possibility is not dampening spirits for this weekend's annual Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Festival in Tifton's Fulwood Park. "We are excited for a fun weekend. We are rain or shine! Vendors are already filling the park, and they are ready to serve you. All of the shows are still scheduled to perform," says Angela M. Elder of the Tifton Tourism office....
Colquitt Co. Board of Education names new high school principal	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	MOULTRIE, Ga. -The Colquitt County Board of Education has named Dr. Christopher Merritt the next Colquitt County High School (CCHS) Principal at a special called meeting. Dan Chappuis, incoming Superintendent and current CCHS Principal, shared, "We are excited to announce Dr. Chris Merritt as the next Principal of CCHS. He has a wealth of leadership experience as a high school...
GBI, Thomas Co. Sheriff's Office investigates Whataburger parking lot shooting incident in	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	THOMASVILLE, Ga. – On Thursday, February 29, 2024, about 6:00 a.m., the GBI was requested to investigate a shooting that took place in the Whataburger parking lot in Thomasville, Georgia around 4:25 a.m. The GBI was requested due to the fact that one of the individuals involved was identified as Lucas Williams, who was affiliated with the Thomas County Sheriff's...
Former Head of MCLB-Albany's Environmental Division convicted of lying to federal agents	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – A federal contractor who served as the Head of the Environmental Services and Public Works Division at the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) in Albany was found guilty by a federal jury this week of making false statements about his knowledge of whether a hazardous waste was pumped into the local community's sewer system. Brain J. Wallace,...
Prescription drug drop box now available at the Tift County Sheriff's Office	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – A prescription drug drop box is located just inside the lobby of the Tift County Sheriff's Office. The box is for citizens to drop off their outdated, unused/unwanted prescriptions or over the counter drugs instead of flushing medicines down the sink or toilet. It is very important to note that this drop of box is not designed...

Teens charged in Sunday Moultrie shooting	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	MOULTRIE, Ga. – The GBI and Moultrie Police have made two arrests in connection with the shooting that took place on Sunday, earlier this week. Two males aged 15 and 16 were both charged with Aggravated Assault and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime. One was arrested on the afternoon of February 29, 2024, and the...
Albany Technical College's "Are You Man Enough to be in Healthcare?" panel recruitment i	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Albany Technical College reveals its latest initiative aimed at increasing male representation in health care. The college is actively tackling the escalating demand for healthcare professionals by organizing events aimed at piquing student interest in the industry. In a bid to diversify the healthcare workforce and attract more male participants, the college recently hosted a thought-provoking panel...
Coffee Co. teenager's clothing line "Today Will Be Better" apparel raises teen mental health	CBS 44 NEWS	03/01/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	DOUGLAS, Ga. – A Coffee County teen is trying to raise awareness about mental health in teens in the area. And, thanks to his clothing line, he's working to try and break that stigma. The young man in question is Ethan Kramer, a Coffee County High School student who started a clothing line called "Today Will Be Better." "So, today...
APD: Man rescued late Saturday from Flint River after Georgia Power Dam opens	CBS 44 NEWS	03/03/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – A 55-year-old man is recovering after being rescued from the Georgia Power Dam late Saturday night. Albany Police Department (APD) says that a man and a woman were walking along the Flint River bank looking for artifacts. The dam then opened and the man was overcome by rising water. He was rescued and transported to Phoebe Putney...
13 fire personnel respond to, investigate early Saturday morning fire in Valdosta	CBS 44 NEWS	03/03/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	VALDOSTA, Ga. – On Saturday, March 2, 2024, at approximately 2:05 AM, the Valdosta Fire Department responded to the report of a structure fire at 812 Vallotton Drive. The first fire unit arrived within four minutes to find the front of a single-family dwelling heavily involved in fire. A total of 13 fire personnel responded to the scene and quickly...
2 shot in early Sunday morning shooting in Valdosta	CBS 44 NEWS	03/03/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	VALDOSTA, Ga. – Valdosta Police Department (VPD) is reporting 2 people were shot early Sunday morning in Valdosta. The shooting happened near Rhythm Cafe on Bemiss Road around 1:30 a.m. This is a developing story. Stay with CBS 44 South Georgia for more updates as information becomes available. Copyright 2024 CBS 44 South Georgia. All rights reserved.
1 dead in Valdosta house fire	CBS 44 NEWS	03/04/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	VALDOSTA, Ga. – On Saturday, March 3, 2024, at approximately 10:47 P.M., the Valdosta Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 2803 Tyndall Drive which tragically resulted in the death of a member of our community. The first fire unit arrived on scene within five minutes to find heavy smoke and flames showing from a single-family residence. Seventeen firefighters...
Former Lowndes Co. school superintendent indicted by Grand Jury on several felony charges	CBS 44 NEWS	03/04/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	VALDOSTA, Ga. – On April 3, 2023, the GBI was requested by the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office to conduct an independent investigation into a possible theft by Shawn Haralson who, at the time, served as the Superintendent for the Lowndes County School District. It was alleged that Haralson had fueled his personal vehicles with school owned fuel and then used...
City of Cordele's Water Department plans to replace fire hydrants, water to be turned off on	CBS 44 NEWS	03/04/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – The City of Cordele's Water Department will be replacing a fire hydrant on 15th Avenue and 5th Street. The water will be turned off on Friday, March 8, 2024, beginning at 9:00 am. Water will remain off until work is complete. Water will be off at the following addresses: 204 East 15th Avenue 302 East 15th Avenue 106 East 16th Avenue 206...
15-year-old in critical condition after being shot by officer near Six Flags Over Georgia, GB	CBS 44 NEWS	03/04/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ATLANTA, Ga. – A series of fights erupted at a Six Flags Over Georgia theme park on Saturday night, culminating in a shooting incident that left a 15-year-old teen critically injured. The incident occurred on the opening day of the amusement park. Cobb County Police were called to the scene where they encountered a large group of 500 to 600...

Tifton's Rhythm and Ribs Festival a huge success this weekend	CBS 44 NEWS	03/04/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – Over the weekend, Tifton hosted its annual Rhythm and Ribs Festival at Fulwood Park. This vibrant event featured an array of activities and attractions for attendees to enjoy. With over one hundred vendors, festival-goers were treated to a diverse selection of culinary delights, including chicken, barbecue specialties, and tempting sweets. Additionally, vendors offered a wide range of...
Albany officials confirm body found of missing Albany Public Works employee 36-year-old	CBS 44 NEWS	03/04/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – At a Sunday afternoon press conference, Albany City Manager Stephen Carter announced that the remains of missing Albany Public Works employee 36-year-old Darrious Stephens had been recovered on the Baker county side of the Flint River around 10:30 a.m. this morning. Full press conference: Albany Fire Chief Cedric Scott said he was informed by the DNR that...
Dougherty Co. Board of Commissioners approves purchase of 22 more Flock Cameras	CBS 44 NEWS	03/04/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Dougherty County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the recommendation to purchase 22 more Flock Cameras using funding from the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant. The cameras will be used to enhance the department's investigative capabilities. Copyright 2024 CBS 44 South Georgia. All rights reserved.
Colquitt Regional Medical Center receives 2023 Press Ganey Pinnacle of Excellence Award	CBS 44 NEWS	03/04/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	MOULTRIE, Ga. – Colquitt Regional has once again proven its unwavering dedication to patient-centered care and unparalleled service. The hospital has received the prestigious 2023 Press Ganey Pinnacle of Excellence Award. This accolade places Colquitt Regional in the top five percent of healthcare providers for consistently delivering exceptional patient experiences over a minimum of two years. "The Pinnacle of Excellence..."
Officials confirm second body found in two days identified as 23-year-old Cameron Jones	CBS 44 NEWS	03/04/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – At a 5 p.m. Monday afternoon press conference, Albany City Manager Stephen Carter confirmed that the body recovered near the boat dock at Radium Springs Road of 23-year-old Cameron Jones when a battalion chief spotted something in a pile of debris that was later discovered to be Jones' body. Full press conference: This comes after the body...
City of Valdosta proudly supports Second Harvest of South Georgia's new headquarters	CBS 44 NEWS	03/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	VALDOSTA, Ga. – The City of Valdosta is proud to announce its enthusiastic support for Second Harvest of South Georgia, Inc. as they commemorate the foundation celebration of their new headquarters. Last week, City Leadership and elected officials came together to express solidarity with this essential organization, recognizing its unwavering commitment to eradicating hunger in our community. Today marks another...
Worth Co. school bus rolls over, 20 students and driver transported to hospital for minor injuries	CBS 44 NEWS	03/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	SYLVESTER, Ga. – A school bus rolled over onto its side on its final route just before delivering students on Tuesday morning. The Georgia State Patrol (GSP) says the bus was headed North on Massey Airport Road around 7:20 a.m. when the driver lost control and overturned onto the driver's side. 20 children including the driver were transported to Phoebe...
Dougherty Co. Public Library hosts "Community Heroes Storytime"	CBS 44 NEWS	03/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – In honor of National Reading Month, the Dougherty County Public Library showed gratitude to the unsung heroes within its community. The library hosts the "Community Heroes Storytime" welcoming members of the community as guest readers at various branches. These honored guests will captivate audiences with inspiring and creative narratives, strengthening the bond between heroes and their admirers....
City officials wrap up recovery efforts of 2 men on Flint River, investigations and evaluations complete	CBS 44 NEWS	03/05/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – In the span of 36 hours, Albany first responders have recovered the bodies of 36-year-old Darrious Stephens and 23-year-old Cameron Jones. They met with us late Monday afternoon to talk about the next steps as search and recovery wraps up. With Stephens falling in the river during severe weather, and Jones reportedly walking into the Flint two...
Dougherty Co. Police search for witness facing charges in Feb. 16 shooting incident	CBS 44 NEWS	03/06/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Dougherty County Police Department is actively seeking 19-year-old Shylucia Johnson in connection with a shooting incident that occurred on February 16th, in the 100 block of Southeast Rosewood Drive. Johnson, who was initially a witness in the case, is now facing charges of Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Battery, and Giving False Statements. If you have any information...

Dougherty County School System holds "Level Up" graduation ceremony	CBS 44 NEWS	03/06/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Dougherty County School System commemorate the remarkable achievement of its students as they graduate from the "Level Up" program. With a collaborative endeavor between Albany Tech, DCSS, and supported by a grant from Georgia Power, "Level Up" stands as a beacon of innovation. This program aims to reskill and upskill parents of DCSS students, providing them...
Phoebe earns Level II Trauma Center designation	CBS 44 NEWS	03/06/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – A major change has come to the Phoebe Health System. As the Georgia Department of Public Health has officially named Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital as a Level II Trauma Center. This is a major step forward for the health system as the nearest trauma center was a minimum of an hour and a half away from Albany...
1 man dead, another man injured in Albany homicide	CBS 44 NEWS	03/07/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany Police Department (APD) is currently investigating a homicide that occurred in the 1100 block of Radium Springs Road, around 11 p. m. Wednesday night. One man was shot and is being treated for serious injuries at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, while another man tragically died from his injuries. As of now, there are no suspects. Further...
Lowndes Co. Sheriff's Office locates missing man	CBS 44 NEWS	03/07/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	LAKE PARK, Ga. – As of this afternoon, according to the Lowndes. Co. Sheriff's Office, Jimmy Davis Sr. has been found. The Lowndes County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) was searching for a missing man. According to the Lowndes Co. Sheriff's Office, Jimmy Davis Sr., 83-year-old, was last seen by his family in the Lake Park area and has severe dementia. He...
2 injured in Albany drive-by shooting, 1 injured in nearby shooting	CBS 44 NEWS	03/07/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Around 6:28 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5 officers responded to a drive-by shooting incident at the 400 block of North Carroll Street. A woman was observed with two possible gunshot wounds — one in her left forearm and one in her lower left abdomen. She said she was standing in her yard with a group of people...
1 man dead in semi-truck crash in Dougherty Co.	CBS 44 NEWS	03/07/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Around 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night, a crash happened at the intersection of Habersham Road and West Oakridge Drive that left one man dead. Hardrick Ford, 58-year-old, was pronounced dead at the hospital, according to Dougherty County Coroner Michael Fowler. Georgia State Patrol (GSP) said Ford, the passenger in the Chevy Malibu, was traveling east on Oakridge Drive...
3 individuals charged in connection to fatal Albany shooting	CBS 44 NEWS	03/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – In other recent developments, multiple arrests have now been made in connection to a fatal shooting in Albany, that left one person injured and 29-year-old Markel Harper dead after being shot in the chest, according to the Albany Police Department (APD) Wednesday night. At approximately 12:45 p.m. Thursday afternoon, investigators responded to the 3900 block of Leary...
APD investigating early morning shooting on MLK Jr. Drive at City Bus Stop	CBS 44 NEWS	03/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Around 6:30 this morning, Albany officers were dispatched to the 2400 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in response to a shooting at a City Bus Stop. A 35-year-old male sustained multiple gunshot wounds and was transported to Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. At this time, there are no identified suspects. The incident is currently under investigation,...
Phoebe's Ribbon Walk cancelled due to inclement weather	CBS 44 NEWS	03/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Phoebe has announced that Phoebe's 2024 Ribbon Walk, scheduled for tomorrow morning at Meredyth Place, has been cancelled. According to a statement by Ben Roberts, Director of Public Relations & Communications, "We appreciate everyone who was looking forward to participating in this wonderful event which supports cancer patients throughout southwest Georgia. Unfortunately, due to the predicted inclement weather..."
Smithville double homicide investigation of mother and daughter	CBS 44 NEWS	03/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	SMITHVILLE, Ga. – At the request of the Smithville Police Department, Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) agents are currently investigating the deaths of 41-year-old Jessica Lynn Hatcher Thompson and her daughter, 17-year-old Julianna Denise Thompson. Reports indicate that on Thursday, March 7th, the Smithville Police Department responded to a 911 call from an apartment in the 100 block of Wells...

Pineland Bank breaks ground on Douglas Branch	CBS 44 NEWS	03/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	DOUGLAS, Ga. – On Thursday, March 7th, Douglas Square resonated with excitement as the Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the upcoming permanent location of Pineland Bank's Douglas Branch. The event, attended by over one hundred community members, featured distinguished guests from the Pineland Bank Board of Directors and various branch locations. Pineland Bank leaders, alongside...
Crisp Co. Elementary School's Brain Awareness project	CBS 44 NEWS	03/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – Angela Wilcox, alongside the students and staff of Crisp County Elementary School, collaborated on a touching project aimed at honoring individuals impacted by brain tumors. "We all have partnered with Miss Angela for a couple of years now. So, when she approached me this year about doing it again, we jumped at the chance because I think..."
Mitchell Co. Sheriff's Office announces major bust in dogfighting ring	CBS 44 NEWS	03/08/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	SALE CITY, Ga. – A Sale City man in rural Mitchell county has been charged and arrested. This comes following a late February investigation over an alleged dogfighting ring. Investigators with the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office say throughout February there had been reports of dogs coming and going through rural properties in the county. "So, we received a complaint about..."
Crisp Co. Sheriff's Office, EMA reports flash flooding from early Saturday morning storms	CBS 44 NEWS	03/09/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – The Crisp County Sheriff's Office, Crisp County Emergency Management, and City of Cordele is reporting several roads covered with water from flash flooding that occurred from early morning heavy thunderstorms. The Crisp County emergency manager reported a half a dozen residents on the 400 block of West 7th Avenue were trapped in their homes by flood waters....
Possible tornado touches down in Coffee Co., flooding reported across South Georgia from	CBS 44 NEWS	03/09/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Saturday's storms have left at least some reports of damage in Coffee County from a possible tornado, and flooding of several streets in the City of Albany. Coffee County Emergency Management relayed a report to the National Weather Service in Jacksonville, Florida of multiple reports of a tornado near the Griffin Road, Old Coffee Road, Highway 206...
Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce opens Tifton office to better serve Latino entrepreneurs	CBS 44 NEWS	03/11/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – The Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has revealed its dynamic business networking group in Tifton, catalyzing opportunities and collaboration. In a move to extend its reach and bolster support for the Hispanic business community in south Georgia, the GHCC has announced the opening of its satellite office in Tifton, Georgia. This expansion signals the concerted effort by...
Flooding of the Kinchafoonee, Muckalee Creeks in Lee Co. and Flint River in Albany	CBS 44 NEWS	03/11/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	LEESBURG, Ga. – The severe weather is out of our area for the time being, but another concern is quite literally rising. And, that's because since Sunday, Leesburg residents have been dealing with flooding from the likes of the Kinchafoonee Creek. Now, I'm gonna step out of the shot here for just a moment to show how much flooding we're...
UPDATE: Missing Worth Co. 15-year-old teenage girl found safe	CBS 44 NEWS	03/12/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	SYLVESTER, Ga. – As of early Tuesday evening, the Worth Co. Sheriff's Office has confirmed 15-year-old Alexis Ann White has been located and found safe. The Worth County Sheriff's Office is currently seeking assistance in locating 15-year-old Alexis Ann White. She was last seen at her residence on Jog Road around 10 am Monday. If you have any information on...
USDA holds farm loan informational meeting	CBS 44 NEWS	03/12/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), provides valuable insight about loans catered to farmers in their informative session. The USDA Farm Service Agency shared crucial details about federal capital assistance programs tailored to support the establishment, expansion, and enhancement of agricultural operations. "The United States Department of Agriculture is a federal agency. We have entities all..."
AFD responds to early afternoon structure fire on West Oglethorpe Boulevard	CBS 44 NEWS	03/12/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Albany Fire Department (AFD) is investigating a structure fire that they responded to in the south Albany area earlier Tuesday afternoon. Firefighters closed down the 800 block of West Oglethorpe Boulevard to assess the fire. As of right now, AFD says it was accidental and that the cause remains unknown at this time. We will provide...

City Commissioner Young meets with businesses owners to make plans for Harlem Renais	CBS 44 NEWS	03/12/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Albany City Commissioner, Demetrius Young is meeting with south Albany business owners Tuesday evening to talk about business plans for the Harlem Renaissance Project. The city commissioner says that Tuesday evening's update meeting is open to all business owners... And, to remind them that the revitalization project is still on the table. "And, it's pretty much going...
City of Albany Recreation and Parks Pickleball	CBS 44 NEWS	03/13/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Pickleball Season is here and the Albany Recreation & Parks Department is inviting the public to join them on Tuesdays and Sundays. For more information, please review the attached flyer. Copyright 2024 CBS 44 South Georgia. All rights reserved.
Tift Regional Medical Center (TRMC) Laboratory receives accreditation from College of Am	CBS 44 NEWS	03/13/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	TIFTON, Ga. – The Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) has awarded accreditation to the Tift Regional Medical Center Laboratory based on results of a recent on-site inspection as part of the CAP's Accreditation Programs. Recognized for rigorous and robust standards, CAP accreditation elevates quality and mitigates risk, an important way that laboratories can contribute to improved...
Healthy Sumter and Flint River Fresh announce Grow Your Groceries Program: All Inclusiv	CBS 44 NEWS	03/13/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	AMERICUS, Ga. – Flint River Fresh and Healthy Sumter will begin accepting applications for the Grow Your Groceries program on April 1, 2024. Residents of Andersonville, Cobb, Desoto, Leslie, and Plains living in low to moderate income households are eligible to apply for a free or discounted all-inclusive food garden installation complete with a raised-garden bed filled with healthy soil, seasonal...
NAMI to promote mental health for all at 2024 NAMIWalks Moultrie Kickoff	CBS 44 NEWS	03/13/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	MOULTRIE, Ga. – The National Alliance on Mental Illness, known locally as NAMI Moultrie, is hosting a community kickoff to officially begin the NAMIWalks event season. NAMIWalks is the largest, most vibrant mental health event series in the country and invites participants to share their stories, build community and walk together to achieve Mental Health for All. The NAMIWalks Kickoff...
City of Albany upcoming March events	CBS 44 NEWS	03/13/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The City of Albany encourages residents to stay connected about Downtown Albany's March events. If you want to be notified by text about future events in Downtown Albany, sign up today by scanning the QR Code on the attached flyer. Copyright 2024 CBS 44 South Georgia. All rights reserved.
Crews to partially close Jefferson Street and 7th Avenue as CSS project moves forward	CBS 44 NEWS	03/13/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On Monday, March 18, 2024, Jefferson Street southbound at 8th Avenue will be closed to traffic as crews continue to work on the Combined Sewer Separation (CSS) project. A detour route will be established, directing southbound traffic to turn left onto 8th Avenue and right onto Jackson Street. Northbound traffic from Washington Street will turn right at...
Crisp Regional Surgery Center groundbreaking ceremony	CBS 44 NEWS	03/13/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – Crisp Regional Hospital marks a significant milestone as it commences the groundbreaking for its new renovation and expansion. Hoar Construction has been appointed as the general contractor for the \$18.3 million dollar expansion and renovation project at Crisp Regional Hospital. Set to be completed by August 2025, the endeavor encompasses the addition of two stories for new...
NFL Legend Andre Reed to headline Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany's 36th Annual Steak & B	CBS 44 NEWS	03/13/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – A National Hall of Fame football player will be speaking to members of the Boys and Girls Club in Albany at the end of March. The Boys and Girls Club of Albany announced Wednesday afternoon that former Buffalo Bills wide receiver and Boys and Girls Club member, Andre Reed, will be speaking at the club's Steak and...
Helping Mamas non-profit baby supply bank expands to Good Life City	CBS 44 NEWS	03/14/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – A new beacon of hope has emerged with a steadfast commitment to empowerment and elevating the well-being of women across the Good Life City. Helping Mamas, a baby supply bank originally out of Norcross, Georgia, has expanded its reach to the Good Life City. This non-profit organization aims to alleviate the financial burden for women by providing...
"My Justice Portal" a new inmate system could help decrease Dougherty Co. case backlog	CBS 44 NEWS	03/14/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – A new system could be coming to the Dougherty County Jail in the near future. One that would streamline the ability for inmates to be able to speak with their lawyers. Chief Jailer, John Ostrander says the system, known as "My Justice Portal" would allow for inmates and their lawyers to speak on matters through secure telecommunications....

Phoebe accepts nominations for Lemuel Griffin Community Service Award	CBS 44 NEWS	03/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Phoebe is accepting nominations for the 2024 Lemuel Griffin Community Service Award. The award recognizes an individual in southwest Georgia who has made an uncommon impact on the community and honors the legacy of the longtime chairman of the Phoebe Putney Health System Board of Directors. "Mr. Lem was one of the finest community servants I have...
7th Ave. railroad crossing closure for repairs	CBS 44 NEWS	03/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – On Monday, March 18, 2024, Norfolk Southern has notified the City that it will close the 7th Avenue railroad crossing for repairs beginning at 9 a.m. This will be occurring during the same time as the 7th Avenue detour on Jefferson Street for the Combined Sewer Separation project. There will be detour signs in place to get...
GBI: Nephew charged with shooting, killing uncle in Brooks Co.	CBS 44 NEWS	03/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	QUITMAN, Ga. – In a shocking development, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) has taken into custody 27-year-old Jonah Kenney from Quitman, charging him with Malice Murder, Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime in Brooks county. On March 13th, around 8:00 p.m., Brooks County 911 received several reports of a person...
1 injured in Crisp Co. two vehicle crash	CBS 44 NEWS	03/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – Around 4 pm Friday evening, there was an accident off of Frontage Road close to the old Waffle House in Cordele. Crisp County Fire Rescue, EMS, and Police arrived on the scene and determined that the crash was between a white truck and a burgundy Sedan. At least one person was injured and taken to Crisp Regional...
ASU's Annual Presidential Bus Tour provides higher education opportunities for high school students	CBS 44 NEWS	03/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Albany State University (ASU) opens its doors to local high school students, inviting them to explore opportunities for higher education. ASU concludes its Annual Presidential Bus Tour, greeting students from Dougherty Comprehensive High School, Monroe Comprehensive High School, and Westover High School with open arms. The tour provided valuable insights into ASU's degree programs, financial aid options,...
Peniel Recovery Ministries' Recovery Center groundbreaking ceremony in Vienna	CBS 44 NEWS	03/15/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	VIENNA, Ga. – Leaders from Crisp and Dooly counties came out to Vienna Friday morning to break ground on a new center geared towards recovery from substance abuse... Something the ministry's founder says is needed in every county. The Peniel Recovery Ministries was founded by Reverend Clay Johnson, who himself has struggled with substance abuse. And, as he tells us, he...
Woman charged in early Sunday morning homicide investigation in Albany	CBS 44 NEWS	03/18/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Dougherty County Police Department (DCPD) has made an arrest in connection to a homicide that occurred at 6:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 17th, at 805 Colley Avenue. The incident, stemming from a dispute between a girlfriend and boyfriend, resulted in the boyfriend's death. Dougherty County Police investigators identified 30-year-old Jenna Colley as the suspect in the...
Irwin Co. inmate found dead, GBI investigating	CBS 44 NEWS	03/18/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	OCILLA, Ga. – According to the Irwin County Sheriff, an inmate was found deceased Saturday night inside a cell by Irwin County Detention Center officials. The inmate was found not in his cell at the time, but in the cell of a friend, according to the sheriff. Officials performed life-saving measures until Irwin Co. EMS arrived and transported the inmate...
One arrested after fleeing traffic stop in Crisp Co.	CBS 44 NEWS	03/18/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – On March 16, 2024, at approximately 10:20 P.M., a Crisp County Sheriff's Deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a black Honda Accord for improper registration on GA 401/175 near mile marker 104 North. After running the tag, the Deputy determined the vehicle's registration and listed driver's license was suspended, there was no insurance, and the...
Albany-Dougherty Kiwanis Foundation annual golf tournament fundraiser makes a swing for education	CBS 44 NEWS	03/18/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Kiwanis Club of Albany-Dougherty County makes a swing for education with its annual golf tournament. This golf tournament emphasizes fundraising for local students, offering not only a day of friendly competition but also the promise of significantly impacting the academic future of Albany's youth. "What we want to do is raise money. All fundraisers that we..."

Phoebe accepting nominations for Lemuel Griffin Community Service Award	CBS 44 NEWS	03/18/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – The Phoebe Health System is once again looking to honor the biggest volunteers in the community. And, it's being done in honor of a man whose name was synonymous with the health system as well as giving back. The man in question is Lemuel Griffin, who was the longtime director of the Phoebe Board of Directors. And....
4 suspects in custody after high speed chase ends in Warwick following smash and grab c	CBS 44 NEWS	03/18/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	CORDELE, Ga. – New tonight, a smash and grab burglary unfolded early Monday afternoon at businesses along Frontage Road in Cordele. The incident involved the burglary of three vehicles, with an undisclosed amount of merchandise and personal items stolen. One suspect was reportedly wearing an orange hoodie. Law enforcement officers swiftly responded to the scene. Utilizing surveillance footage, they successfully...
APD BOLO: Two Albany women wanted on felony theft and forgery charges	CBS 44 NEWS	03/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – In other developments, the Albany Police Department's Criminal Investigations Bureau is seeking the public's help in locating 33-year-old, Ieshia Yolanda Clark, and 29-year-old, Carlandi Anness Lumpkin who are both wanted for being in possession of stolen checks that were taken from the United States Postal mailboxes, according to APD. They both are facing charges of theft by possession...
Sycamore Police Chief, Captain terminated	CBS 44 NEWS	03/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	SYCAMORE, Ga. – According to open records, Sycamore's police chief and police captain have both been terminated. Former Police Chief Bill Ryder and Captain Scott Bowers were both asked to resign on Friday, March 15 after city council called an executive session on Thursday night, March 14. After they both refused to resign, Sycamore Mayor Wayne Woodruff terminated them. At...
Dougherty Co. new outdoor warning sirens project reaches final stages, residents to hear t	CBS 44 NEWS	03/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Dougherty County's outdoor warning sirens project is nearing completion. Technicians from Sirens for Cities, Inc. have fine-tuned the radio communications with the new sirens, ensuring seamless integration and optimal performance. As the project enters its final phase, a system-wide live test is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 2:00 PM. This live test is essential to...
17-year-old Adel young man tragically dies in ATV accident	CBS 44 NEWS	03/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ADEL, Ga. – Tonight, we are deeply saddened to report the passing of a 17-year-old from Adel following a tragic four-wheeler accident on Antioch Road. According to our partners with the Adel News Tribune, Robert "Bubba" Gray sustained fatal injuries when a truck collided with the four-wheeler he was driving, according to local authorities. Cook County Fire Chief Johnny West...
15th Annual Berrien Co. Roundup Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Rode	CBS 44 NEWS	03/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	NASHVILLE, Ga. – Last Friday and Saturday night, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) brought its show to Nashville, Georgia. As the oldest and largest professional rodeo-sanctioning body globally, participants earn points toward the Annual National Championships in Las Vegas. Proceeds from this event support the Berrien County Chamber of Commerce in promoting small businesses through grants and enhancing the...
Albany Technical College's Early College Essentials program offers dual enrollment options	CBS 44 NEWS	03/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Albany Technical College (ATC) is paving the way for student success by equipping them with Early College Essentials. With dynamic presentations and interactive discussions, this initiative is tailored to arm students, educators, and communities with the essential resources and insights vital for thriving in dual enrollment programs. "So, the Early College Essentials program here at Albany Technical...
"Dollars Make Sense" financial literacy program to hold first graduation in April	CBS 44 NEWS	03/19/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – A recently implemented Dougherty county program towards providing financial literacy is about to have its first graduating class. We met with the County Commissioner who helped make this a reality and how it could grow. District 6 Commissioner, Anthony Jones says the "Dollars Make Sense" initiative is meant to help those who are trying to fix their...
Albany's Annual Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt scheduled for March 25th-29th	CBS 44 NEWS	03/20/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – As the vibrant colors of spring begin to bloom, downtown management for the City of Albany bring the community together for a joyous celebration of the season, with their Annual Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt. Although the scavenger hunt is catered to ages 12 and under, this beloved event has become a cherished tradition, eagerly anticipated by residents...

One Sumter's Grow 2029 funding initiative to boost further development across the county	CBS 44 NEWS	03/20/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	AMERICUS, Ga. – A Sumter county group is in the process of starting their Grow 2029 campaign. An initiative that will see major changes like high speed broadband brought to the entire county. The group One Sumter is finishing up their Grow 2029 campaign and accumulating private funding to help further development across Sumter county. With campaign director, Carlotta Ungaro...
Programming Note: Midday Show preempted by March Madness on CBS	CBS 44 NEWS	03/21/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Due to CBS Sports coverage of March Madness, our Midday show will not be seen on the air today or tomorrow at Noon. However, you can watch today's Midday in its entirety which includes today's guest interview on our website by clicking the Watch Live tab at the top our homepage or clicking here. There will be...
Combined Sewer Separation (CSS) meeting to be held tonight	CBS 44 NEWS	03/21/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – There will be a Public Education Campaign meeting about the ongoing Combined Sewer Separation (CSS) program tonight Thursday, March 21st from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Albany Transportation Center located at 300 W. Oglethorpe Blvd. For more information about the CSS project, visit albanyga.gov/css or scan the QR code on attached flyer. Copyright 2024 CBS...
Dougherty County addresses sewer spill incident at Radium Springs Casino Site	CBS 44 NEWS	03/21/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 43 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Dougherty County is aware of an incident that occurred at the Radium Springs Casino Site, which is under the maintenance of Dougherty County. On Tuesday, staff members detected an unpleasant odor in the vicinity and promptly launched an investigation to identify the source. Upon thorough examination, it was determined that a lift station line had experienced a...
Phoebe Executive Medical Staff Coordinator Retires After 55 Years	CBS 44 NEWS	03/21/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 30 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – One of Phoebe's longest-serving employees is retiring after a trailblazing career. Helen Shope has been part of the Phoebe Family since March 21, 1969, starting as a ward clerk at age 17. She moved on to respiratory therapy and administration before helping create Phoebe's Medical Staff Services office and serving as the first medical staff coordinator. Helen...
Albany-Dougherty SIU traffic stop leads to major drug bust, arrests	CBS 44 NEWS	03/21/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – A routine traffic stop in Albany-Dougherty County on Tuesday, March 19 escalated into a significant drug bust. The special investigative unit (SIU) initiated the stop for a window tint violation in the 2700 block of North Slapppy Boulevard. During the stop, a K-9 handler conducted a free air scan around the vehicle, with K-9 Raven alerting positively....
APD identifies person of interest in Albany Humane Society break-in	CBS 44 NEWS	03/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – We have an update to a story we brought to your attention last night... Albany Police Department (APD) has now identified a person of interest in connection with a break-in reported earlier this week at the Albany Humane Society. Around 2:26 am on March 19th, authorities responded to a burglary at 1705 West Oakridge Drive. Upon arrival,...
Woman arrested and charged in Douglas triple shooting	CBS 44 NEWS	03/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	DOUGLAS, Ga. – A woman is now a suspect in Douglas triple shooting Wednesday night that left 3 people injured and hospitalized at Coffee Regional Medical Center. According to our news partners Douglas Now, 35-year-old, Carrie Ann Johnson has been arrested and charged with two counts of aggravated assault, possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime and...
City of Albany, Dougherty Co. develops Resiliency Plan to better prepare for natural disaster	CBS 44 NEWS	03/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60 sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – City of Albany presses for community engagement in its pivotal Resiliency Plan, urging residents to actively participate in shaping the city's future. With funding secured through a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) planning initiative, the city is currently spearheading a comprehensive plan aimed at strengthening Albany's environmental, social, and economic resilience. "The City of Albany and...
Albany City Manager Steven Carter announces resignation	CBS 44 NEWS	03/22/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 60sec Seg	ALBANY, Ga. – Albany City Manager Steven Carter announced earlier this week that he will be resigning from the position. This comes as the city is still investigating the death of Albany Public Works employee Darrious Stephens, who went missing on Monday, Feb. 12, while conducting water samples in the Flint River during heavy rainfall. In a statement released Thursday...
Body of missing Americus teen located in pond near Arch Nelms Road	CBS 44 NEWS	03/25/2024	6pm/11pm - 7pm/10pm 90sec Seg	AMERICUS, Ga. – In a tragic discovery, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office has located the body of the missing 13-year-old girl in Americus. Letia Greene went missing around 3 p.m. on Saturday from her home on Arch Helms Road. As agencies searched, her bicycle was discovered approximately half a mile from her residence around 10 a.m. Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon,...

