

Obituaries

Timothy Dewayne Drawdy Sr.

Timothy Dewayne Drawdy Sr., 48, of Darien, passed away July 19, 2023, in Darien. Timothy was born July 18, 1975, in Brunswick, to Clarence Thomas Drawdy, Sr. and Oneda NeeSmith Drawdy. He had lived in Darien all of his life and was a member of Darien Church of God. Timothy was a commercial fisherman and loved being on the water. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, and loved all of the kids in the family and was amazing with children.

Timothy is survived by his parents, Clarence and Oneda Drawdy of Darien; children, Timothy (T.J.) Dewayne Drawdy, Jr., of Odessa, TX, Cody Donavon Drawdy and Michael Anthony Drawdy, both of Darien; grandchildren, Bentley, Riley, Della and Logan.

A service to celebrate Timothy's life, will be held at a later date.

Chapman Funeral Chapel & Crematory is in charge of the arrangements. *(Family-placed obituary)*

Marilyn Turner Sutton

Marilyn Turner Sutton, a native of McIntosh County and formerly of Cannon Bluff, died Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at Crossview Care Center in Pineview.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, July 29, at Wallace-Deverger Cem-

etry in Cannon Bluff. She is survived by her children, Louis G. Ortiz and Dana L. Sutton; a brother, Thomas "Tommy" Turner; and other relatives. Darien Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Percy Perry III

Percy Perry III of Darien died Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at his residence.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 29, at Banner of Truth, 309 Garrison St., Darien.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Johnson;

stepfather, Israel Johnson; siblings, Victoria Perry, Melissa Perry, Tamaria Johnson, LeCarl Fields and Maurice Fields; and other relatives.

Darien Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sandra Roberts

Sandra Shanette Roberts, 60, of Darien, passed away on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at her residence.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Survivors include her husband, Mark Riddle of

Darien; brothers, Phillip Roberts of Brunswick and Matthew Roberts of Jesup; a sister, Glenda Depp of Augusta; daughters, Shannon Todd of Waycross and Sydney Diel of New Orleans, La.

Author pens novel about Randolph Spalding

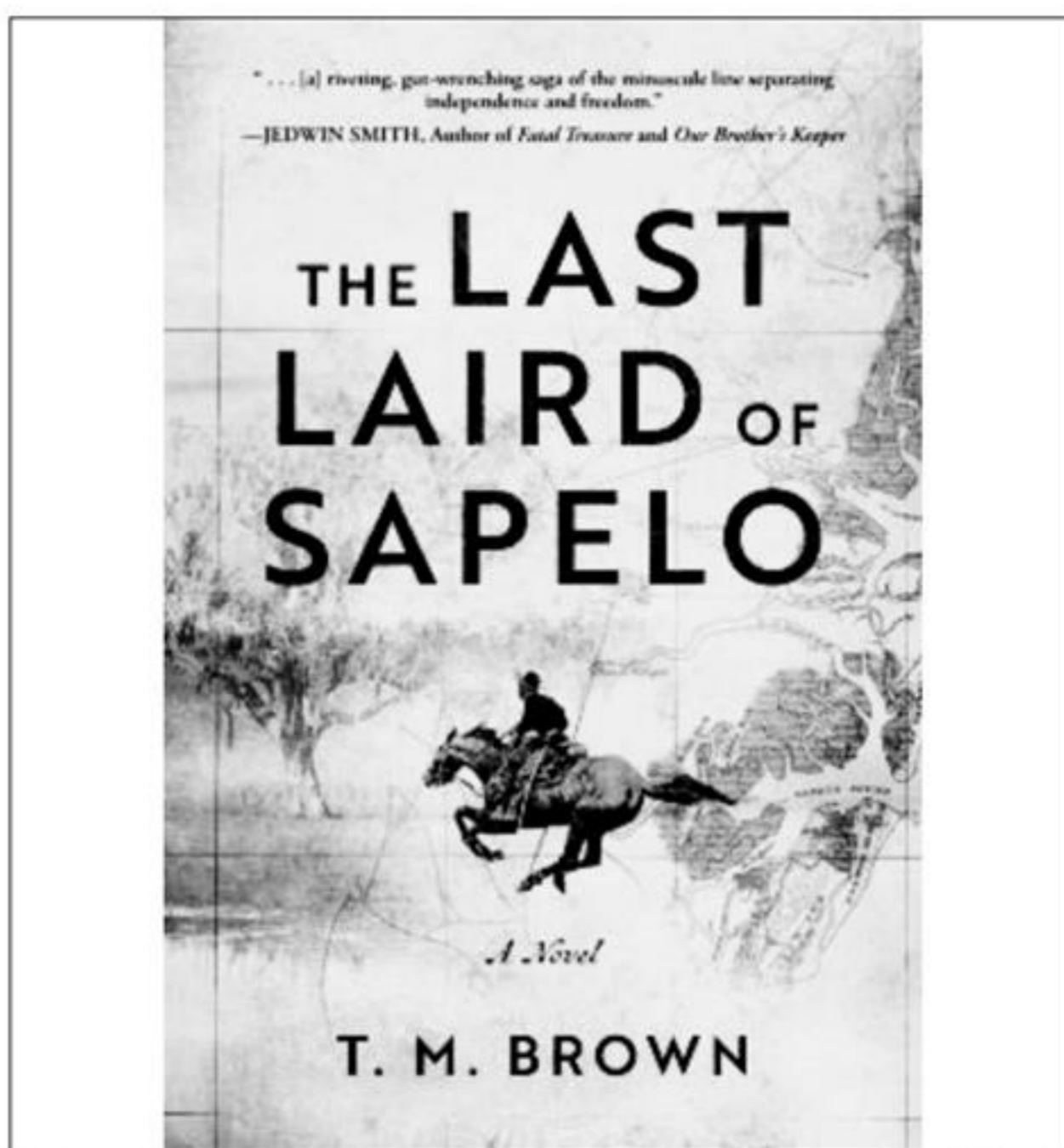
T.M. "Mike" Brown of Grantville has written a new historical novel, which was inspired by the life of Thomas Spalding's son, Randolph Spalding, of Sapelo Island. *The Last Laird of Sapelo* launches on Aug. 15.

Brown said, "I hope the book will draw more attention to Darien and McIntosh County--its history is rich and its stories are worth the visit. Buddy Sullivan and his books were instrumental in the research behind the story."

The Chanticleer Book Review gave the book a five star rating and the following are portions of the book review.

"The novel is a story of one man's tragic death in pursuit of justice, as his way of life, too, dies in the flames of a war that he had tried his damndest to avert.

"As the story opens, the War Between the States has just begun, and the Confederacy plans to use those islands as a bulwark against the Union gunboats that assuredly will extend their blockade of Savannah all the way down the coast. If the blockade succeeds, then the South's cotton, the fuel of its economic engine, will anguish in Southern



Author Mike Brown's book *The Last Laird of Sapelo*, about Sapelo Island's Randolph Spaulding, launches Aug. 15.

warehouses instead of sailing to buyers and allies across the sea.

"Colonel Randolph Spalding, the last laird of the title, committed to the war despite arguing vehemently against it. Now an officer in charge of building a garrison on his on land, he's caught between military duty and personal responsibility.

"As the laird of Sapelo, he is duty-bound to protect his family and his property, including more than 300 enslaved people.

"The Spaldings considered themselves 'enlightened' slaveholders, giving

their slaves more time and 'freedom' to work for themselves and have leisure, as well as sturdy houses and decent food. Their neighbors call them fools. The Confederate soldiers see the slaves as their rightful prey.

"His military duty is to keep these soldiers in line. His personal duty is to keep his people safe. When those lines get crossed, he moves Heaven and Earth to make it right. Even if those lengths will cost him his own life.

"This fictionalized biography illuminates a little-known, but pivotal,

part of the U.S. Civil War: the defense of the Confederate coastline as it happened on the ground, in tiny communities.

"The Last Laird of Sapelo will fascinate readers interested in the unsung facets of the U.S. Civil War, those looking for a nuanced approach to the origins of the conflict, and anyone interested in the details of military organization--or lack thereof--in 19th-century warfare."

Book Launch and Book Signings in the Community
Tuesday, Aug. 15, 5-7 p.m.

- Open Gates B&B on Vernon Square in Darien will be hosting the book launch. Brown will give a talk and sign books. *Wednesday, Aug. 17*

- Noon--Book signing will be held at The Local Exchange in downtown Darien.

- 2 p.m.--Brown will give a talk about his book at the Ida Hilton Public Library.

- 7-8 p.m.--Brown will give a talk and sign books at Fort King George Historic site, hosted by the fort, Ashantilly Center and the Lower Altamaha Historical Society.

Books will be available at The Local Exchange and the Sapelo Island Visitor Center in Meridian.

Interactions of Faith and Love

By Brad Butler

I recently heard the story of woman receiving a phone call from a scammer. Trying to frighten her, he declared, "I have all of your passwords." Her response? "Really? That's great. I've got a pen and paper. Go ahead."

We laugh because we can relate. Not long ago I was locked out of one account for 60 days, because I made too many attempts at logging in with wrong information. It was not a fun experience.

I wonder how many

passwords I have. I started to count, but then I got dizzy. And then I got discouraged. And then I got frustrated. You know the feeling. I can't even remember all of my user names, much less the passwords. And the older I get the more of them there are.

There is one area where no password is necessary. That's when I talk to God. We call it prayer, and it is the most important communication we can have. God has invited you and me to speak to Him at any time. We can come when we are joyful. We can come when we are down-trodden. No matter our

circumstances, God has invited us to come to Him with our hurts, our needs, our joys and our victories.

I am so grateful for that. I don't have to log in and remember 1 character, 2 numbers, 3 capital letters, and the color of my first pet or the name of my first car. Or was that the other way around?

I simply call out His name, and He is there. He has promised never to leave me nor to forsake me. He has promised to hear when I cry out for His presence.

I do not pray as often as I should. I do not pray as often as I wish I did.

But even when I miss an appointment with Him, I know the Lord is listening when I call on His name. I never get a busy signal. I never get voice mail. He is there, patiently waiting to hear from me.

Don't forget to speak to the Lord today. You need that time with Him. Prayer is a powerful means of communicating with the all-powerful and all-loving Creator of all that exists. The Lord is waiting to hear from you. So...what are you waiting for?

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Coastal Happenings

- **Friday, Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, Aug. 13, 4:15 p.m.**—Abundant Faith Church of God in Christ, 1005 Franklin St., Darien, will celebrate Pastor Larry and Lady Patricia Rogers during a 20th Year Ministry Appreciation Service. The public is invited to come help celebrate.
- **Sunday, Aug. 20, 11:15 a.m.**—Family and Friends Day Celebration will be held at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in the Cannon Bluff Community. All are welcome to attend.

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