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## Shrimping season closes

*To reopen no earlier than May 15*

By Georgia DNR  
Coastal Resources Division

Georgia's commercial and recreational food shrimp season closed at 6:20 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024. The closure affects Georgia's territorial waters three nautical miles out to sea. Federal waters three to 200 nautical miles offshore remain open.

The season's closure means commercial shrimping, as well as recreational harvest using cast or seine nets for food shrimp is prohibited in state waters, including beaches, creeks, and all other territorial state waters. Bait shrimping in approved bait zones remains open for recreational use.

Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Walter Rabon used his authority to extend this year's shrimp season beyond the statutorily set closure date of Dec. 31 to Jan. 18, after data collected by Coastal Resources Division (CRD) showed more robust than average shrimp populations.

The offshore data CRD gathered in December 2023 showed an average of 2.04 pounds of shrimp collected per 15-minute trawl,



Fred Ecker, project manager for Landmark Preservation, overlooks the restoration of the 209-year-old historic Adam Strain building on Broad Street in Darien. (Photos Kathleen Russell)

## ADAM STRAIN SOON TO LIVE AGAIN

*Renovation of historic Darien building is nearing completion*

By Kathleen Russell

Just stroll by the 209-year-old Adam Strain Building on Broad Street in Darien and one can hear a plethora of activity--saws buzzing, hammers banging, concrete mixer mixing tabby the way that tabby was made by iconic tabby-maker Thomas Spalding.



compared to the 20-year average (2003-2023) of 1.93 pounds. Additionally in December sampling, it took an average of 20.62 shrimp with heads on to weigh one pound; the 20-year average is 29.45 shrimp. This means the December's sample took 30 percent fewer shrimp to equal one pound, meaning the individual shrimp were larger than the 20-year average.

Commercial shrimpers have until Feb. 10, 2024, to report their final landings of the season, but as of today,

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Marion and Milan Savic bought the deteriorating building in early 2020 and went to work to restore it, following state and federal guidelines for historic preservation. That has been an arduous task of making sure the outcome is historically correct. Thus, it has not been a quick task to renovate a crumbling building to the era just after it was burned for the second time in the Civil War.

Landmark Preservation Inc. has been working on the project, beginning with stabilizing the structure to prevent imminent



Oyster shells from a crumbling wall of the Adam Strain Building are being reused to rebuild portions of tabby walls of the building. Fred Ecker stands in front of the mound of oyster shells that are to be washed before being used to create the tabby.

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## Local firefighters honored; Medal of Valor goes to W. Deverger

By Rick Wall

McIntosh County Volunteer Fire Department held its Christmas Dinner at the Fish Dock. The annual event recognizes firefighters with special awards, promotions and certificates.

During this event, the Volunteer Fire Department was able to present an astonishing award for the first time in McIntosh County.

On Dec. 20, 2022 at 1:30 in the morning, the Fire Department received a call from 911 reporting

a house fire with flames and heavy smoke coming from the house.

On arrival, we were told of a possible person inside, so this firefighter ran inside the house through heavy fire and smoke, risking his own life to save another. He put himself in extreme danger, not knowing what he might encounter. He found the person inside and brought her out, trying to save her life. He turned around and went back inside the house through heavy smoke and flames and found another person. He

pulled him out, trying to save his life.

Both mother and son perished in the fire. The firefighter was treated for heat and smoke inhalation by EMS.

For his heroic bravery and dedication in the line of duty, the McIntosh County Volunteer Fire Department awarded Assistant Chief Wesley Deverger the Medal of Valor.



Wesley Deverger, left, McIntosh County Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief, was presented the Medal of Valor award by Rick Wall, after Deverger risked his life to try to save the lives of Elnora Skipper Butler and her son, Darryl Butler, when her house caught on fire. (Photo provided)

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