

# Butts County Historical Society

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The Butts County Historical Society  
welcomes  
**Superior Court Judge  
William “Bill” Fears**  
presenting the program  
June 27, 2024 at 6pm  
at the  
**Flovilla Schoolhouse**



## Family

- Native of Butts County along with generations of family
- Married for 38 years to Joyce Lewis Fears, a local pharmacist in Jackson
- Has two children:
  - Natalie Sundeen who is married with four grandchildren, plus a special grandson's memory bringing joy at Marvelous Maverick's Adventureland in Indian Springs
  - Matthew Fears who is married with one grandchild.
- Bill and Joyce attend Rock Springs Methodist Church

## Legal Career

- Practiced Law in Jackson from 1985 until 2003
- Appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue as a Superior Court Judge in 2003
- Established Towaliga Accountability Courts in 2005, offering alternatives for sufferers of mental illness or substance abuse and added CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocate - for children in 2016
- Former President of the Flint Bar Association and former V President of the Towaliga Bar Association
- Was attorney for City of Jackson and the Butts County Water and Sewer Authority for 4 years.
- Had a solo practice and handled domestic cases, property disputes, probate matters, and criminal cases.
- Has a law degree from the Woodrow Wilson College of Law and undergraduate degree in Economics from University of Georgia

## Community Involvement

- Is member of the Daughtery Foundation Board of Trustees.
- Is an Emeritus Board Member of the Gordon Foundation.
- Is on the Board of Rock Springs Medical Clinic serving indigent families in Middle Georgia