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THANKS TO OUR VETERANS

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Margaret Jones Public Library honors Veterans

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Community

The Poulan Lions Club will hold its **Annual Turkey Shoot on Sat., Nov. 14, 2026**, beginning at 1 PM across from Ed's Truck Stop in Poulan. 100% of the proceeds will fund eye exams and eyeglasses for students in need at Worth County Primary School. Everyone is invited to attend and support this worthy cause!

Spring Flats Road
The DOT says, for those who have been asking about the reopening of Spring Flats Rd., the upcoming traffic shift on SR 133 will open access. Reminder: the speed limit is 45 mph through the two SR 133 projects still under construction. That's 24/7, nights, weekends, holidays. Please slow down and do not pass on the double yellow line.

FIRST SATURDAY of each month, 9-10:3AM: Food pantry at Pinson Memorial Church, 109 E. Pope St., Sylvester

Every Tuesday and Friday night at 7:30 PM: AA Meetings at the Board of Education building off Isabella Street. Free to join. Call 894-7029 for more info.

The Sylvester Local News temporary office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am - 2pm; Wednesday 9am - NOON; closed on Friday.

The American Red Cross asks donors to go for a spin and help save lives by giving blood or platelets in November. Donors of all blood types, especially those with type O blood, are urged to make an appointment to donate now.

The Red Cross and Wheel of Fortune are teaming up to give back to donors this Thanksgiving. Those who come to give blood or platelets between Nov. 23 and Dec. 6, 2026, will receive an exclusive Red Cross x Wheel of Fortune oversized mug, while supplies last. Additionally, all who come to give Nov. 23-Dec. 6 will automatically be entered for a chance to win a three-night trip for two to Los Angeles with entry to a Wheel of Fortune taping. Full details can be found at RedCrossBlood.org/WheelofFortune.

Obituaries

Mr. Rufus Powell
Sylvester

Americans should always honor our veterans. At this moment, we especially need the example of their character. And we need a new generation to set examples of its own, examples in service and sacrifice and courage. These veterans have shaped our history, and with their values, your generation will help guide our future.

George W. Bush

Sen. Carden on the governor and data centers

by Erin Harrison
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Georgia Republican Senator of District 13, Carden Summers, spoke last week to the Sylvester Kiwanis Club and community leaders. The lunch meeting on Wednesday discussed election results, flock cameras and data centers.

Senator Summers was introduced by Bill Davis of the Sylvester Kiwanis Club. These old friends have over 34 years of serving together through Kiwanis. Mr. Summers mentioned in his opening remarks that his goal is to continue to serve rural Georgia. He says, "anything we do in Georgia, is good for rural Georgia."

The Senator spoke directly about current concerns in the economy and government and how the two need to work together for the greater good. He said, "communication is key and we have to stop relying on social media opinions over facts."

GOVERNMENT CHANGES

At the 2026 Election conclusion, all major offices in Georgia changed. The Senate has a one person majority with the Republican party. Regarding new Democratic leadership, Senator Summers (R) said, "You have to work with people. Georgia has 56 Senate members, and only 6 of those are south of Houston County. My district is what I'm concerned about. This is my home and your home. It's important to find a middle ground and work together."



Sylvester businessman Bill Davis and State Senator Carden Summers at a recent Kiwanis Club meeting. Photo Erin Harrison

POWER

Newly elected Democratic Governor, Keisha Lance-Bottoms will take office in January 2027. She will appoint over 4,000 people to various boards. With KLB as Governor-Elect, Senator Carden said she will take office with an incredible amount of power. She will be operating with over $16 billion of reserve funds and will pass down executive orders.

FLOCK CAMERAS

Senator Summers says that when utilized for their intended purposes, flock cameras serve a good cause. Flock cameras are solar-powered automated license plate readers. They are **(See FLOCK Page 4)**

Worth County Classic Rodeo needs your help



Emily Thompkins, with the Chamber, says Rodeo T-Shirts are going to be top fashion in Worth County soon. Get yours at the Chamber.

by Carey Willis
Rodeo Chair
and Kayla Myers
Chamber President/CEO

Let's talk about something important: LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Our businesses are the backbone of Worth County. You sponsor our youth programs, support our schools, donate to fundraisers, and show up time and time again when our community needs you.

And we want to create another opportunity for your business to shine!

The Worth County Classic Rodeo, coming February 26–27, 2027, is an opportunity to put your business in front of rodeo fans, local families, and visitors while supporting an exciting community event.

We are actively seeking rodeo sponsors and community partners!

We have several sponsorship opportunities available, including:

- Event sponsorship packages at different investment levels
- Business logo recognition
- Arena big-screen advertising
- Commercial advertising opportunities

We want businesses of all sizes to feel welcome to participate. Whether you're a large company or a small locally owned business, your support matters!

And here's something we hope you'll consider: When you sponsor this rodeo, you're not just purchasing advertising. You're helping create an event that brings people together, celebrates our agricultural roots, and gives our community something to look forward to.

We're incredibly grateful for those who have already stepped forward, including our Round-Up Sponsor, Powerhouse Ford.

Now we'd love to add YOUR business to the growing list of supporters!

Call 229-776-7718 to discuss sponsorship opportunities, or visit www.worthrodeo.com to learn more about the event.

Let's make this rodeo one Worth County will be talking about long after the last cowboy leaves the arena!

SCENES FROM A JOB FAIR



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Home health care is a big industry and needs employees. Photos Erin Harrison



A job with the County provides benefits and a pension.



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