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## Count your blessings!

Sometimes our greatest blessings are revealed in our darkest times. Our community, and so many more like ours throughout the Southeast, has certainly seen some dark times over this last week. Hurricane Helene brought devastation to Emanuel County. It is going to take many more weeks before things get back to "normal." For some places and people,

things will be forever changed. It will take a lot of our time and energy as we continue the work that must be done. Let us all take a moment to be thankful for the gift of that time and energy to figure all of this out. Let us also think about what has happened in the few days since this storm ripped through our community. The outpouring of

support and help has come from our family, friends, neighbors and even some strangers. Those strangers have come to us from Indiana, Kentucky, Alabama, Florida and elsewhere to help us restore power. Trucks have rolled in from all over the state and Southeast delivering water and other supplies that we so desperately need. Our fellow citizens have been

there for each other, and we've rallied to start moving forward again. After all, we're a tough bunch around here. While we are counting our blessings, we also have to thank our local agencies who continue to serve us through this unimaginable storm: Emanuel County 911 Dispatch and Emergency Services, Emanuel County EMS, Sheriff's Office, Fire Department

and Rescue, Swainsboro Police Department, Emanuel County Board of Commissioners, Mayor's Office and City Officials, Emanuel Medical Center, Pineland Telephone Co-Op, Georgia Power, Altamaha Electric, Excelsior Electric, Jefferson Electric, Nolin ROCC and the many power companies who supply our county. We also want to thank all

of the lineman who are working tirelessly to get us back up and running. Even now, the list of people and agencies we need to thank continues to grow, and we will do so as soon as we can. Be sure to thank the helpers and leaders around you. It's with their help, and the support of each other, that we are going to come out on the other side a stronger community.

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### Chamber Golf Tournament canceled

As a result of the damage and aftermath of Hurricane Helene, the annual Chamber Industry Appreciation Golf Outing planned for this Friday has been postponed to a later date. If you contributed as a sponsor monetarily and would like a refund, please notify Tonya Hooks at [tonya@goemanuel.org](mailto:tonya@goemanuel.org) and we will refund the amount of your

monetary contribution. If you donated prizes, we will hold those until we can have the event. If you have paid for a team to play and would like a refund, please notify Tonya Hooks at [tonya@goemanuel.org](mailto:tonya@goemanuel.org) and we will refund the amount you paid. Otherwise, we will show you paid, and you will be ready to play when we are able to have the event.

### EMANUEL COUNTY FAMILY MEDICINE      EMANUEL PROMPT CARE

## Emanuel Medical Center back on full power

Thank you to the hardworking linemen for restoring power back to Emanuel Medical Center. Please read below for the following announcements. The cafeteria is open to the public effective today. The following clinics are open with normal business hours:

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**Medicine**  
**Emanuel OBGYN**  
**Emanuel Wound Care**  
All hospital outpatient services are up and going. The EMC team is working to open other clinics as soon as possible. We will continue to update information daily.

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## Kiwanis installs 2024-25 officers and board

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, September 17, at the Rustic Grill at 7 p.m. With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, there were 24 in attendance, including eight guests, Oskar Cerpovicz, Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz, Past Lt. Governor Trish Tootle, Faye Ruarks, Betty Clapham, Austin Henry, Patti Tramontana and Jim Wedincamp. New President Paul Cerpovicz gave gifts from the club to out-going President Cheryl and Past Lt. Governor Trish Tootle. Tim Goodman won the Leannas cheesecake donated by President Cheryl, President Cheryl won the Domino's Pizza

donated by Domino's, Dianna Wedincamp, Dess Smith, Oskar Cerpovicz, Austin Henry, Travis Garrett, and Deana Patrick, Trish Tootle, Faye Ruarks and Edwin Canady won the plants used as table decorations, and Petite Garrett won the cardinal bird feeder. Tim gave Perfect Attendance Awards to himself and President Cheryl and presented Legion of Honor Awards to Dess Smith as a 25-Year Kiwanian and Gary Couse as a 30-Year Kiwanian. President Cheryl gave Certificates of Recognition to those that assisted with Franklin Library events and the Pre-K FunDay, Windy Ward, Deana Patrick, Dess Smith, Tim Goodman

and Gary Couse. She recognized the Public Relations team, Dess Smith, Mary Ellen Smith, Tim Goodman and Dwight Watt and the 2023-2024 officers. Past Lt. Governor Trish Tootle recognized the work done by the 2023-2024 board and installed the 2024-2025 board. The new directors are 1-Year Bobbie Daughtry, Cayla Scarboro, Dess Smith and Mary Ellen Smith; 2-Year Jeff Brewer, Petite Garrett, Jeff Palmer and Windy Ward; President Paul Cerpovicz, President-Elect Dianna Wedincamp, Vice President Dwight Watt, Immediate Past President Cheryl Goodman, Secretary Tim Goodman and Treasurer David Gribbin.



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Wreaths will arrive in Swainsboro several days prior to December 14th. Please let us know who will pick up your wreath(s) and their contact information or if you wish for your wreath(s) to be placed by volunteers (In Emanuel County ONLY)

My wreath will be picked up by \_\_\_\_\_  
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Checks should be made payable to Gov. David Emanuel- Adam Brinson Chapter DAR. Please return completed form to: Jane Durden, P.O. Box 478, Swainsboro, GA 30401-0478

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 (Name or Google Maps Coordinates)  
 Location of Grave in Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If Swainsboro City Cemetery, must have Correct Section)

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NATASHA GOSS AND BEA GRIFFIN

## East Georgia State College receives book donation from Crider Foods

East Georgia State College (EGSC) is pleased to announce the receipt of a generous donation of the acclaimed book "Vitamin B for Business" by Andy Bailey from Crider Foods in Stillmore, Georgia. This significant contribution will enhance the learning experience for the college's business students and support their academic and professional growth.

"Vitamin B for Business" is a celebrated guide written by business expert Andy Bailey. The book offers daily lessons and guides for business leaders aspiring to make significant contributions to companies, communities, and their lives. The lessons and advice provided in this book make it a valuable resource for students preparing to enter the competitive world of

business. The donation made by Crider Foods underscores the company's commitment to supporting education and community development. By providing these books, Crider Foods aims to equip future business leaders with the knowledge and tools needed to thrive in their careers.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support of Crider Foods," said Natasha W. Goss, Professor of Accounting and Business at East Georgia State College. "The donation of 'Vitamin B for Business' is a wonderful addition to the academic resources available to our students. Andy Bailey's professional experience as a business coach has provided him with a wealth of knowledge that he shares in the book. This will provide valuable informa-

tion and inspire our students as they embark on their professional journeys. We look forward to continuing to partner with local businesses that share such a great commitment to fostering academic excellence and professional development of our students and future business leaders."

East Georgia State College is a distinguished educational institution dedicated to providing high-quality, affordable education. Recently, the college received approval from the University System of Georgia, as well as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to offer a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, which is set to launch Spring 2025.

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 6:00 PM - Evening Worship



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**  
 5:30 PM - Bible Study  
 6:30 PM - Family Dinner  
 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir

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## Ivy Michelle Kirby Jones, 41

Mrs. Ivy Michelle Kirby Jones, 41, of Nunez, passed away Friday, September 27, 2024, at her residence. She was born on December 6, 1982, in Swainsboro, to Wayne Keith Kirby and Jeannie Edenfield Kirby.

Mrs. Kirby is preceded in death by her father, Wayne Keith Kirby. Ivy was a daughter, mother, wife, gigi, aunt, and sister. She has gone to be with the good Lord and her daddy. She loved everything about her life, especially her friends and family. She was 100% genuine and what you saw was what you got. She was the type of person that would walk through fire with you. You could always count on her to come through for you even if you couldn't do the same. She was always the loudest and brightest in any room that she was in. Her personality was infectious, and everyone was blessed to be in her presence. She loved to travel and attend arts and crafts festivals. There will never be enough words to explain how big of a hole she left in her family's hearts. She will truly be missed and always loved.

She is survived by mother, Jeannie E Kirby of Swainsboro; husband, Justin Jones of Hazlehurst; sons, Brandon



**JONES**

Akridge (Jada) of Swainsboro, Clayton Akridge, Ayden Rewis both of Hazlehurst; daughter, Harley Akridge of Swainsboro; brother, Patrick Kirby (Kristi) of Nunez; sister, Jeannie K Woods (Tony) of Swainsboro; paternal grandmother, Hazel Kirby of Nunez; 3 grandchildren; nephews, Rusty Woods, Anthony Woods; niece, Meagan Jaworski; and many friends.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2024, in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Rev. Brad McKenzie officiating.

Interment followed in Union Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bryan Akridge, Bo Akridge, Wesley Hutcheson, Bray Durden, Shannon Wilkerson, Anthony Woods, and Rusty Woods.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of the arrangements.

## Local student, Marcus Paul, begins classes at Georgia Southwestern State University

On Wednesday, August 14, over 550 incoming freshmen began classes at Georgia Southwestern State University, including Marcus Paul of Swainsboro. First-year students were officially welcomed to the University community at the Freshman Convocation held Monday, August 12. Each student was given a silver Presidential Challenge Coin by GSW President Dr. Michelle Johnston to signify the beginning of their college journey at Georgia Southwestern. Upon graduation, they will receive a gold coin in its place, bestowing the silver coin to someone who made a significant impact on them during their time at Georgia Southwestern. GSW is looking forward to watching these students take their first year by storm!

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## Earl Shirey, 86

Mr. Earl Shirey, 86, of Adrian, passed away Friday, September 27, 2024, at his residence following an extended illness. He was born on February 25, 1938, in Kite to the late Grady Shirey and Vicy Martin Shirey.



**SHIREY**

Mr. Shirey is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Lamar Shirey, Donald Shirey. He served in the National Guard and was a member of Swainsboro Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara Nunn Shirey of Adrian; sons, Ricky (Nancy) Shirey, David Shirey both of Adrian; daughter, Glenda (Lamar) Coleman of Kite; sister, Margaret (Milton) Howell of Lake Oconee; 3 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. today,

Wednesday, October 2, 2024, in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Dowless and Rev. Eddie Hodges officiating.

Interment will follow in the Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Jonathan Earl Shirey, Brandon Shirey, Mark Howell, Grady Shirey, Christopher Hamrick, Ronald Lee Varner III, Trent Calahan Shirey, and Preston Varner.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of the arrangements.

## Betty Farrow, 69

Ms. Betty Carol Farrow, 69, of Wrightsville passed away Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Memorial Health in Savannah. She was born December 21, 1954, in Swainsboro to the late Freeman Farrow and Sarah Johnson Farrow. Betty was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Nita Daughtry and Reba Bennett; brothers, Wendell Farrow and Donny Farrow.



**FARROW**

Betty was a daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. She attended Summertown Elementary School and over the years attended rehabilitation and therapeutic schools, including Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute to learn independent skills. Through the years, she was able to be a caregiver of family members because of her caring and empathetic disposition. She loved laughing with her family and she always looked forward to family gatherings and visits. Betty had a lot of friends who loved her and she felt the love in return. Some of her favorite things were classic country music, dancing, a good joke, taking pictures with her camera, hot coffee, and

fruitcake (her mother's recipe). She has passed from us to be with many loved ones she dearly missed.

She is survived by her brother, Ronnie Farrow of Wrightsville; sister, Annette Rogers of Wrightsville; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Graveside Service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 3, 2024, at Union Grove Methodist Church Cemetery with Reverend Butch Taylor officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are Ron Farrow, Chris Farrow, Wendy Farrow, Butch Taylor, and David Hall. Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of the arrangements.

## McArthur named to SNHU Dean's List

Maura McArthur of Twin City has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2024 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF CLAIR R. BLACK, DECEASED.**  
**All creditors of the estate of Clair R. Black, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Sarah Elizabeth T. Black, Executor of the Clair R. Black Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.**  
**This 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.**  
**Richard M. McNeely,**  
**Attorney for Sarah Elizabeth T. Black,**  
**Executor of the Clair R. Black Estate**  
**Richard M. McNeely, P.C.**  
**P. O. Box 767**  
**Swainsboro, Georgia 30401**  
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**I**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, EMANUEL COUNTY**  
 Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Henry L. Glisson Jr and

Henry L. Glisson Jr to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as a nominee for FIRST BANK MORTGAGE, a Division of First Bank of Georgia dated 3/12/2003 and recorded in Deed Book 199 Page 361 and modified at Deed Book 458 Page 595 Emanuel County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$93,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on October 1, 2024 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:  
 All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 5.01 acres, more or less, as shown on that particular plat of survey prepared by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, on February 1, 1971, which is recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 143, of the records of the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court. Said plat by reference hereto is incorporated herein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said tract of land being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by lands of Jack E. Davis, Sr.; East and South by a 50 foot road; and West by lands of Jack E. Davis, Sr.  
 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as 213 New Turner Dr, Swainsboro, GA 30401 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Henry L Glisson Jr or tenant or tenants.  
 Fay Servicing, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.  
 Fay Servicing, LLC P.O. Box 814609 Dallas, TX 75381-4609 1-800-495-7166  
 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.  
 Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.  
 The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.  
 US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust as agent and Attorney in Fact for Henry L. Glisson Jr and Henry L. Glisson Jr  
 Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.  
 1216-3245A  
 THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1216-3245A  
**I**


**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF SHELIA DIANE JOHNSON ARCHIE, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 24E0116**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**  
*[Strike the sentence in parenthesis below if not applicable.]*  
**TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:**  
**ALEXANDRIA TUNISHA MILEY**

has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of SHELIA DIANE JOHNSON ARCHIE deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before OCTOBER 7, 2024.  
**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
**DON E. WILKES**  
 Judge of the Probate Court  
 By: Jeanie Hooks  
 Clerk of the Probate Court  
 P. O. Box 70  
 Swainsboro, Ga. 30401  
 Address  
 (478) 237-7091  
 Telephone Number  
**I**  
**Notice to Debtors and Creditors**  
 All creditors of the estate of WENDELL JAY BELL late of Emanuel County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
 This 18th day of September, 2024  
 Name: Debra N. Bell  
 Title: Administrator  
 Address: 612 Liberty Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401  
**I**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMIRICA LASHAY QUINN, MINOR**  
**ESTATE NO. 24E0113**  
**NOTICE**  
 Date of second publication, if any October 2, 2024  
**TO: LATECHA DINNETT QUINN and ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**  
 You are hereby notified that ANDREA BREENA FERRAZZARIO has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner as temporary guardian, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this

notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees.  
**NOTE:** If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner as guardian, or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.  
**DON E. WILKES**  
 Judge of the Probate Court  
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**I**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF MARVIN WYATT YOUNGBLOOD, DECEASED.**  
 All creditors of the estate of Marvin Wyatt Youngblood, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Wanda R. Youngblood, Executor of the Marvin Wyatt Youngblood Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.  
 This 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.  
**RICHARD M. MCNEELY,**  
**Attorney for Wanda R. Youngblood,**  
**Executor of the Marvin Wyatt Youngblood Estate**  
**Richard M. McNeely, P.C.**  
**P. O. Box 767**  
**Swainsboro, Georgia 30401**  
**(478) 237-4225**  
**I**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA EMANUEL COUNTY**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
 Notice to the public is hereby given that on October 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the Superior Court of Emanuel County, at the courthouse in said county, a hearing will be held in the case of *State of Georgia v. Emanuel County Public Facilities Authority and Emanuel County*, Georgia, on the petition and complaint to validate the Emanuel County Public Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds (Emanuel County Projects), Series 2024, in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,110,000 (the "Bonds"), which are authorized to be issued by a bond resolution adopted on September 16, 2024, by vote of a majority of the members of the Emanuel County Public Facilities Authority. Proceeds from the sale of said Bonds will be used to provide funds to: (i) finance the renovation,

construction and equipping of two new governmental administrative buildings (the "Projects"), and (ii) pay the expenses to be incurred in connection with the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.  
 The Court will also adjudicate the valid and binding effect of the form of an intergovernmental lease contract, to be dated as of the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, between the Authority and Emanuel County, under which Emanuel County will make payments to the Authority for use of the Projects sufficient to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the Bonds, which payments are pledged as security for the payment of the Bonds sought to be validated.  
**NO PERFORMANCE AUDIT OR PERFORMANCE REVIEW, WITHIN THE MEANING OF O.C.G.A. § 36-82-100 SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE EMANUEL COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY.**  
 At said hearing, all persons having a right to be heard with respect to the Bonds and the security provided therefor, and with respect to the validation thereof, may be heard.  
 This September 19, 2024.  
**KRISTIN C. HALL**  
 Clerk of Superior Court  
 Emanuel County, Georgia  
 To be published on September 25, 2024 and October 2, 2024.  
**I**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF RAYMOND BOYD PALMORE, DECEASED.**  
 All creditors of the estate of Raymond Boyd Palmore, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Kevin Palmore, Executor of the Raymond Boyd Palmore Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.  
 This 12th day of September, 2024.  
**RICHARD M. MCNEELY,**  
**Attorney for Kevin Palmore,**  
**Executor of the Raymond Boyd Palmore Estate**  
**Richard M. McNeely, P.C.**  
**P. O. Box 767**  
**Swainsboro, Georgia 30401**  
**(478) 237-4225**  
**I**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN S. ALLMOND, DECEASED.**  
 All creditors of the estate of John S. Allmond, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Janette Elizabeth Allmond, Administratrix of the John S. Allmond Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.  
 This 20th day of September, 2024.

**RICHARD M. MCNEELY,**  
**Attorney for Janette Elizabeth Allmond,**  
**Administratrix of the John S. Allmond Estate**  
**Richard M. McNeely, P.C.**  
**P. O. Box 767**  
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**Kameyaka Clark #528**  
**Dedra Durden #531**  
**Dakota Hood #533**

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### Wounded Warriors Retreat

## 13th Annual Sportsman's Banquet and Auction

**Wounded Warrior Retreat, Inc. is a Georgia Non-Profit 501 C3 organization that gives to Wounded Veterans and their family to enjoy the great outdoors.**

**Our Mission: 'To make a difference in the lives of the wounded warriors by mentoring, promoting, supporting and encouraging spiritual healing for wounded warriors and their families while participants enjoy the many outdoor activities offered by the private hunting retreat'**

**The 13th annual event is hosted by the Swainsboro Rotary Club and the Emanuel County Sportsman's Club. The funds raised will go to support our country's heroes at Wounded Warrior Retreat retreats. This event will include social time, prime rib meal, with silent and live auctions.**



**Event Sponsorships are available at the following levels:**

**MEGA PLATINUM: \$1,000 (50 Extra House Gun Tickets)**

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**Sponsors will receive a plaque and additional house gun tickets for their generosity**

**We are also soliciting items for auction. If you have any item that you would like to donate, please let us know as soon as possible.**

## November 7, 2024 • 5:00 P.M.

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**Tickets for the event are \$60, which includes admission to the event, one ticket for house gun door drawing as well as a prime rib dinner prepared by Beaver Creek.**

**For more information:**

**Terry Reynolds at 478-494-3758 • [reynoldscableoffice@gmail.com](mailto:reynoldscableoffice@gmail.com)**

**Richard Driggers at 912-290-1108 • [driggersre@yahoo.com](mailto:driggersre@yahoo.com)**

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## Daughtry speaks to Four Rivers

The Four Rivers Patriots Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, held its monthly meeting Thursday night, September 19, at Chatters Restaurant in Lyons at 7 p.m. With President Steve DeWeil presiding, there were 19 in attendance. After the invocation by Chaplain Emory Fennell, the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the Pledge to the SAR, President Steve asked East Fall Line Region Vice President Dess Smith III for a special presentation. Dess called President Harold Steven DeWeil and Sgt-at-Arms Daniel Hudson Brown to come forward and presented them both with

the "National Society Sons of the American Revolution Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate." DeWeil and Brown are both now members of the MSVC and are honored with this Certificate of Patriotism for standing ready to defend the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic. As a Veteran, they are authorized by the SAR to wear the Military Service Medal in grateful recognition for their service to the country in the defense of America. President Steve then asked Dess to introduce the speaker for the evening, Compatriot Hu Daughtry, from the Mill Creek Chapter in

Statesboro who brought his wife Susan with him. Hu spoke on the "Ballard of Tom Dula/Dooley". The next meeting will be on October 17, and the speaker will be Mike Lisenby from Swainsboro. His presentation will be on the "Formation of the Colonies, 1600's/1700's".



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JR. BETA INDUCTEES

## Twin City Elementary holds Junior BETA Induction

The Junior BETA Club at Twin City Elementary held their 2024-2025 Junior BETA Induction on the morning of Friday, September 20. The new members were sworn in, and the new officers were inducted. The new officers are Audrey Tucker, president; Leyla Yepe, vice-president; Nora Johnson, secretary; and Izzy May and Ava Underwood, photographers.

the following students on being inducted into TCE's Jr. BETA Club: Christopher Allen, Liam Allen Mallory Allen, Diamond Ardister, Jesse Black, Kaden Brown, Jeb Cavanah, Maxwell Coker, Raylon Cumbee, Chloe Dawkins, Madison Douglas, Easton Freeman, Rosie Freeman, Avery Frye, Allie Gay, Hadley Griner, Jason Griner. Kaison Handsom, Jackson Hodges, Kendall Hodges, Cam

Hughes, Jayden Hughes, Evie Jarriel, Gavin Johnson, Knox Johnson, Brooks Kirkland, Khole Lanier, Jocelyn Lovett, Maka'Lyn Moody, Micah Moody, Jaxon Parcell, Ian Perez, London Perry, Javonte Peterson, Isabella Pitts, Sarah Powell, Ethan Renew, Daniel Roberson, Cyril Salinas, Maddie Sherrod, Livi Simmons, Dixie Smith, Kambri Sutton, Haven Taylor, Caleb Telgen and Jorie Walden.

## Senator Burns speaks to Exchange

On Tuesday, September 24, 2024 Senator Max Burns, who serves the 23rd Georgia Senate District, spoke to the Swainsboro Exchange Club about a number of topics. Senator Burns serves as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Ethics and Vice Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education. Additionally, he serves as Ex-Officio of the Senate Committees on Appropriations and Transportation as well as a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs. His District includes Burke, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, McDuffie, Screven, Taliaferro and Warren Counties. It also includes parts of Columbia and Richmond Counties.



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- Minimum 5 years POST Certified Police Officer experience.
- Minimum 3 years Police Experience with an agency serving 5,000 or fewer people preferred.
- Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Business or Public Administration, Psychology, or related field from an accredited college or university is preferred but not required
- Demonstrated progressive advancement in police leadership and management.
- 5 years or more additional experience maybe substituted for bachelor's degree.

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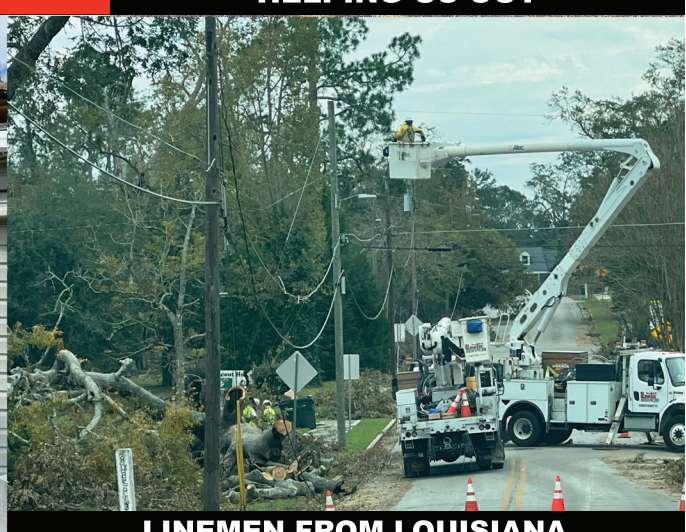
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