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# Worth County School District

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January, 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Worth County,

After continued monitoring of the local Covid-19 situation in our community and schools, as well as coordination with health officials and community stakeholders, **Worth County Schools will continue on a Split-Hybrid Schedule, Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

*A reminder that all schools will be closed in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.*

**\*All PK-5 students will attend school as normal, Tuesday through Friday.**

**\*All 6-12 students will be attending on a Gold/Black schedule (every other day):**

\*Gold Designation: (students with last name K-Z) will attend in-person learning Tuesday and Thursday.

\*Black Designation: (students with last name A-J) will attend in-person learning Wednesday and Friday.

Worth County Middle & High School will continue to share specific information on their websites, Facebook pages, and via teachers regarding details.

Students participating in full-time Virtual learning will not be impacted.

Worth County Schools continues to closely monitor the situation and make decisions in the best interest of our students, families, and community in as timely a manner as possible. Our intent is to share information regarding the upcoming week each Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and flexibility as we work through these difficult times together.

Respectfully,

Mr. Nehemiah Cummings, Ed. S.  
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## Snow Many Memories



Memories... I love memories and this one popped up on my Facebook timeline this weekend. This picture was from January 17, 2018. It was a snowy day in Sylvester. Yes that is right, Sylvester, Georgia! I know you are shocked as I was too! I enjoyed that day though. It was cold and snowy for a few hours and even though we didn't get much it was enough for us and it was so beautiful. I loved it all that day but I would not want to live where they have snow off and on all winter. That would probably stress me out. I could tolerate and would love actually if it would snow once every winter. That would be just enough for me. Prior to this snow, I think the one before that was 2010. My daddy passed away in August 2009 and it was extremely hot that Summer. I was talking to daddy about how hot it was and he said it is such a hot Summer that I bet it will be a cold winter.

He then looked at me and mother and said "Maybe it will snow this winter". My son, Larry was only 5. He looked at his Papa and said "Papa will you make it snow this winter and he replied with I sure will". February followed and it snowed. Larry loved it! We lived in Albany at that time and it was every where. I almost got a little nervous driving over there trying to get home from work. We here in South Georgia don't know exactly how to drive in the snow! Can we please have some snow this winter?

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# ***Worth County COVID Vaccine Information***

## **Who is eligible to receive a vaccine at this time?**

The following individuals are eligible for the vaccine at this time:

- Medical Personnel
- First Responders including Fire Fighters and Post Certified Law Officers
- Individuals who are 65 years of age or older
- Caregivers to those 65 years of age and older

## **Where can I get a COVID-19 vaccination in Worth County?**

COVID-19 vaccines are now available **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** in Worth County at the following locations:

- Worth County Health Department
- Phoebe Worth Medical Center

## **How do I make an appointment to get a COVID-19 vaccine?**

- Worth County Health Department
  - Contact the Southwest Health District Call Center at 229-352-6567
  - Contact the local Health Department by calling 229-777-2150 and selecting option 3. Then press 0 to speak to the operator. (Do not select option 1 to make an appointment because that sends you to the Southwest Health District Call Center)
- Phoebe Worth Medical Center
  - Individuals who are 65 and older may call 229-312-1919 to schedule an appointment.
  - First Responders and Health Care Workers should visit [rapidvac.phoebehealth.com](https://rapidvac.phoebehealth.com) to schedule an appointment

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## **Colquitt Regional Hospice and Home Care Services Honors Veteran**



Recently, Colquitt Regional Hospice and Home Care Services hosted a Veteran Pinning Ceremony for Purple Heart Recipient Sergeant First Class Marvin Jackson. SFC Jackson displayed his leadership and courage under fire during an ambush in Yonghung, Korea on December 7, 1950. Thank you Mr. Jackson for the sacrifices you made serving our great Country.

Source: Colquitt Regional Hospice and Home Care Services



## **WCHS Welding Class Finished Benches**

Worth County High School Welding class just finished these two benches. They have a future home on a playground in Sylvester. Every piece of metal was hand bent by the students and welded together. They took raw material and turned it into this! Special thanks to Southern Powder Coating in Moultrie Georgia for always making these look even better!

Source: WCSD



Everyone had Gnome much fun painting with Allison Kilcrease on Monday Night, January 11th at the Margaret Jones Public Library. It was a Rainy Night in Georgia but everyone had a great time while relaxing with friends and family and painting the night away.  
Source: MJPL



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Hello! My name is Nancy Burrell and I'm excited to announce an amazing community service opportunity for you and your organization. We are setting up "the Exchange" at Worth County High School. The Exchange will be a clothing and personal hygiene item closet open to all students of WCHS. We are asking for the entire Worth County community to get involved in this exciting venture. We will be accepting new and gently used clothing as well as new personal hygiene products. We would love for you and your organization to get involved. Below is a list of items we hope to be able to stock in the Exchange.

If you would like to donate or have any further questions please contact me at [nburrell@worthschools.net](mailto:nburrell@worthschools.net) or 229-344-1389.

#### Personal Hygiene Items

Soap  
Deodorant  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Brush  
Comb  
Pick  
Tampons  
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#### Suggested Clothing Items

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### Team Maui 7th Grade Earned Class Celebrations With Popcorn, Drinks, And A Standards-Based Movie!

Mobymax, a digital learning platform, rewards students and teachers for their hard work. 90 math students from Team Maui completed successfully over 40,000 math problems and 673 lessons during the first semester. Mrs. Black, 7th-grade math teacher, completed 10 professional learning videos to learn more ways to use Mobymax to support student learning. Gift cards were issued by Mobymax to Team Maui to celebrate these achievements. Students increased on average, 1.5 grade levels from their placement test. Keep up the good work Team Maui!

Source: WCSD

### The Station Will Be Opening Soon



Located across from the court house in historic downtown Sylvester, The Station is ready to serve the community for your BBQ and catering needs! Owned and operated by Randy and Selena Sumner, former owners of Hickory Stix BBQ, this 1930s gas station-turned-restaurant is sure to fill your tank! They will have BBQ, Chicken, Ribs, Pimento Cheese, Chicken Salad, Brunswick Stew, Chicken Wings, and more. Their meat is smoked slow and low. Make plans to go hang out with them on the corner of Kelly and Main at The Station, where "The Best Just Got Better".

### Yearbooks.... Oh the Memories!

Yearbooks were always the greatest item toward the end of school. It was probably one of the hottest items too. Everyone loved to have their yearbooks to be able to look through the pictures and to see themselves and their friends. They also loved to have all their friends and teachers sign their books. It was always so much fun. I bet the children in school today love it as much as we did growing up. Be sure to check the school Facebook pages and with the schools to see when they will be selling their yearbooks or when the cutoff date to order will be. You definitely don't want them to miss out. Each year is a year they can reminiscence years down the road. I look back at mine and wander where people are now and look them up on Facebook. Oh at the memories the yearbooks will bring. Get yours today!



### WCMS Track Tryouts

Tryouts for Track at Worth County Middle School is scheduled for January 19th - 22nd, 3:30-5:00pm at WCHS. Below is the schedule.

Jan 19 & 21 - last name K-Z  
Jan 20 & 22 - last name A-J

Students will ride Route 31 to the high school. A current physical on file is required to try out. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Jarvis Small - jsmall@worthschools.net

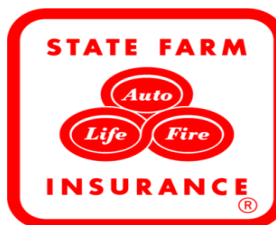
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## Are You Left Handed or Right Handed?

There is a day to celebrate most anything and this week one of those days happens to be handwriting day. What hand do you write with? I am actually a right handed person. My sister, Valenia is a left hander. Our mother writes with her right hand and our daddy wrote with both. He actually wrote really well with both hands. If I write with my opposite hand, you may never figure out what it says. Everyone writes so different. Some write better in cursive while others write better in print. There is also a writing type known as a doctor's handwriting. Now I do ok reading a doctors handwriting because I have been doing it for years but I will never forget trying to read Dr. Dixon's handwriting when I began in the medical field in 1996. He was a Psychiatrist in Albany that I absolutely loved working for and learning from but his writing was hard to read from time to time. One Christmas, I was the unknown Elfie at my workplace. I dropped off goodies and cards. I had to sign the card everyday in a different handwriting and that gave me an appreciation for different hand writing. It brought many days of laughter though watching my co-workers try to read the cards. In today's time, our children don't write near as much as we did while growing up which may be a handicap to them. They have so many types of technology that allows them to type it instead of write it. This also handicaps them with spelling. The types of technology the children have today allows them to start typing the word and they can click on the one they want so misspelling never really happens. But what will happen when they have to actually write out something whether it will be in school or in everyday life as an adult? Will they write legible? Will they spell correctly? Writing will matter to all of us. Think about your writing skills the next time you write out something. So which way do you write better?

## Words From

### Worth County Elementary School

We regret to announce that our annual Daddy Daughter Dance has been cancelled for 2021. With the uptick of COVID-19 cases in our community, we feel that it is in the best interest of the community to cancel this event. We sincerely apologize and plan to be back bigger and better in 2022! If by some chance COVID is a non issue later in the Spring, we will look at having a Spring Dance in place of the Daddy Daughter Dance. Thank you for your understanding. Stay safe Worth County!

Source: WCSD



The Events Committee with the Sylvester—Worth County Chamber of Commerce held their last meeting in December and recommended to the Board of Directors, at their December 17 meeting, that they would meet on January 5, 2021 to decide if they should hold the dinner in February. It was also discussed that, if needed, they would postpone the event till spring. The Chamber of Commerce represents businesses, non profits, schools, and governmental entities of Worth County. They feel it is in our community's best interest to be the leaders in best practices and behavior regarding COVID. The Governor's orders still prohibit gatherings of 50 or more people and we do not anticipate that changing anytime soon. So it is with great thought and consideration that the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber Events Committee has decided to postpone the Chamber Annual Awards Banquet, date TBD, due to the increase in numbers from COVID. Thank you for your patience and they will continue to inform you of any changes that are forthcoming. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Chamber Staff at 229-776-7718.

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### GDOL Continues Phased Implementation of Continued Assistance Act

January 14, 2021; Atlanta, GA – The Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) issued over \$223 million last week to Georgians as the agency continues to implement the multiple phases of the Continued Assistance Act (CAA) included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 providing extended benefits for claimants on PEUC and PUA. The payments included benefits for regular Unemployment Insurance (UI), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), State Extended Benefits (SEB), and Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) payments. The GDOL is continuing to develop and implement the system changes needed to reprogram our UI system to issue payments to those eligible for the 11-week extensions provided by the CAA based on US Department of Labor requirements. The additional requirements must be integrated into the GDOL systems before eligible payments can be released. These requirements include additional proof of employment and self employment verification for PUA claimants, increased identification verification requirements, job refusal and failure to return to work reporting capabilities, additional fraud detection tools, and additional changes to the PEUC & PUA programs. The GDOL has already issued payments without interruption for those who had not exhausted PUA and PEUC benefits and continued to request weekly payments. The agency anticipates payments for claimants who exhausted benefits to begin within the next two weeks in a phased implementation as program changes are completed. "Our IT and UI teams are working around the clock to implement the new guidelines that include complex requirements and programming," said Commissioner of Labor Mark Butler. "The complexity of some of the additional specifications are challenging to program and will be an increased burden, not only on our UI staff, but to claimants, as well. They could've done this in a more simplified manner with more input from the states." The GDOL continues to update its website and social media platforms with up to date information on the implementation of the CAA and next steps for claimants. This week, the agency posted updates on the extension of benefits showing in a claimant's My UI portal and the conversion of some SEB claims back to PEUC claims. The GDOL encourages claimants to continue to request weekly payments for those who have exhausted benefits or are waiting on determinations on eligibility. Determinations are continuing to be issued for claimants awaiting eligibility decisions when a job separation is other than lack of work or includes other potential issues that can affect eligibility, such as receipt of severance or retirement pay, refusal to accept suitable job offers, or failure to return to work. All eligible payments will be issued when a decision on eligibility is released, including any additional weeks of benefits a claimant could potentially be eligible for with the implementation of the new program extensions. The GDOL continues to combat attempts of fraud and, this week, worked to have a fraudulent Facebook page removed that was targeting claimants asking for personal information. The agency immediately posted a warning on its social media platforms about the fraudulent page and reminded claimants to always protect personal information. The agency will never ask claimants for full social security numbers or copies of personal documents through any social platform. A claimant has the capability of uploading documentation directly into his/her My UI portal to avoid the risk of a personal information falling into the wrong hands. The GDOL has paid over \$17 billion in state and federal benefits since the beginning of the pandemic in March of last year. Since week ending March 21, 2020, 4,269,330 regular UI initial claims have been processed, more than the nine years prior to the pandemic combined (4.0 million). Last week, regular UI initial claims totaled 37,039, up 5,581 over the week. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 346,248 PUA claims have been processed. The sectors with the most weekly regular UI initial claims processed included Manufacturing, 8,582, Accommodation and Food Services, 6,682, Administrative and Support Services, 4,595, Health Care and Social Assistance, 3,011, and Retail Trade, 2,206. The number of initial unemployment claims filed throughout the United States for the week ending Jan. 9, was 965,000, an increase of 181,000 from the previous week's revised level of 784,000. Today, over 169,000 jobs are listed online at [EmployGeorgia.com](https://www.employgeorgia.com) for Georgians to access. The GDOL offers online resources for finding a job, building a resume, and assisting with other reemployment needs. Resources for reemployment assistance along with information on filing an unemployment claim and details on how employers can file partial claims can be found on the agency's webpage at [dol.georgia.gov](https://dol.georgia.gov). For more information on jobs and current labor force data, visit the Georgia Labor Force Market Explorer at [explorer.gdol.ga.gov](https://explorer.gdol.ga.gov) to view a comprehensive report.

# Dates to Remember

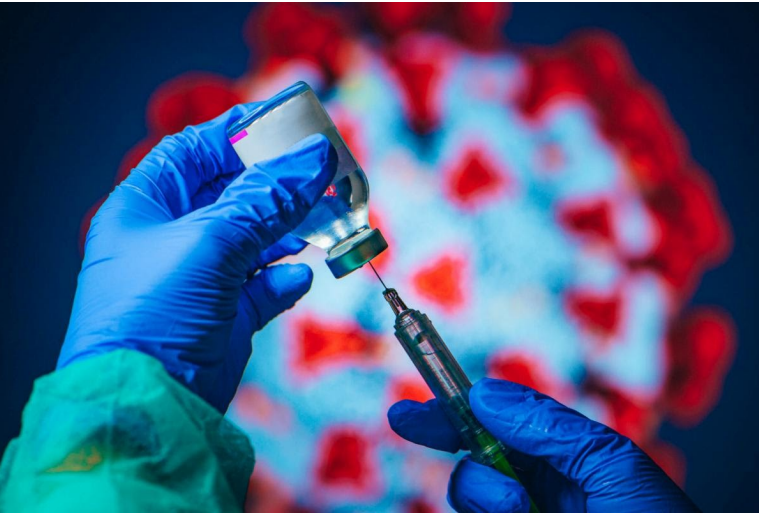
## January

- 18th ~ MLK Day
- 18th ~ Worth County Schools Holiday
- 19th ~ Chocolate and a Canvas 6:30pm Tifton Museum
- 20th ~ Kiwanis Meeting Noon
- 20th ~ Worth County 4H Meeting 4th - 8th Grade Club Meeting 3:30-5 at 4-H Office
- 20th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 20th ~ Wonderful Wednesday at Fun Park 1pm-9pm
- 21st ~ Wetherbee Planetarium at Thronateeska Heritage Center 10am-4pm
- 21st ~ Trivia at Pretoria Fields 7pm
- 22nd ~ Wetherbee Planetarium at Thronateeska Heritage Center 10am-4pm
- 22nd ~ WCHS Girls Varsity Basketball Game - Away
- 22nd ~ WCHS Boys Varsity Basketball Game - Away
- 22nd ~ Unlimited Weekends at Fun Park 6pm-10pm
- 23rd ~ Unlimited Weekends at Fun Park 11am -10pm
- 23rd ~ Kids at Art 11am Tifton Museum
- 23rd ~ WCHS Boys JV Basketball Game - Home
- 23rd ~ WCHS Girls Varsity Basketball Game - Home
- 23rd ~ WCHS Boys Varsity Basketball Game - Home
- 23rd ~ Wetherbee Planetarium at Thronateeska Heritage Center 10am-4pm
- 24th ~ Unlimited Weekends at Fun Park 1pm-8pm
- 26th ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connections Meeting
- 26th ~ Worth County 4H Meeting - High School 3:30-5 pm at 4-H office
- 26th ~ WCHS Boys JV Basketball Game - Home
- 26th ~ WCHS Girls Varsity Basketball Game - Home
- 26th ~ WCHS Boys Varsity Basketball Game - Home
- 26th ~ Books & Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 27th ~ Kiwanis Meeting Noon
- 27th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 27th ~ Wonderful Wednesday at Fun Park 1pm-9pm
- 28th ~ Wetherbee Planetarium at Thronateeska Heritage Center 10am-4pm
- 28th ~ Trivia at Pretoria Fields 7pm
- 29th ~ Wetherbee Planetarium at Thronateeska Heritage Center 10am-4pm
- 29th ~ WCHS Girls Varsity Basketball Game - Home
- 29th ~ WCHS Boys Varsity Basketball Game - Home
- 29th ~ Unlimited Weekends at Fun Park 6pm-10pm
- 30th ~ Unlimited Weekends at Fun Park
- 30th ~ The Sly Town Showdown
- 30th ~ WCHS Boys JV Basketball Game - Away
- 30th ~ WCHS Girls Varsity Basketball Game - Away
- 30th ~ WCHS Boys Varsity Basketball Game - Away
- 30th ~ Wetherbee Planetarium at Thronateeska Heritage Center 10am-4pm
- 31st ~ Unlimited Weekends at Fun Park 1pm-8pm



## Think Tifton

### Southwell System, Health Dept. Begin Expanded COVID-19 Vaccinations



The Southwell health system on Wednesday will begin the distribution of drive-thru COVID-19 vaccinations to residents aged 65 and above and to other first responders and healthcare workers outside of Southwell. The Georgia Department of Public Health's (DPH) South Health District had started vaccinating the expanded population on Monday. Gov. Brian P. Kemp last week expanded the vaccine Tier 1A level to include vaccinating all first responders and individuals 65 and older. On Tuesday, the federal government recommended that states expand access to COVID-19 vaccines to everyone 65 and older, prompting faster distribution of the vaccines by making more people immediately eligible. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said Tuesday that fewer than 9 million vaccinations have been administered from

the more than 25 million vaccine doses delivered nationwide. Both Southwell and the health department require advance registration for vaccination appointments, and they have already been inundated with thousands of requests. In Tift County alone, there are more than 6,500 residents older than 65. Those who meet the eligibility criteria for the vaccination can register for an appointment with either Southwell or the health department. To register at Southwell or call its drive-thru clinic's request line at 229-353-2200, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The vaccines will be given in two doses weeks apart. "We are excited about the opportunity to begin providing COVID-19 vaccinations to public safety workers and vulnerable members of our community," said Dr. Cameron Nixon, Southwell's chief transformation officer. "We know there is an interest in this in our community, and we are ready to meet this need." Nixon said the Southwell health system has had a "great experience" vaccinating its employees. "We know there is a lot of mistrust or skepticism out there about this, but this is completely safe." At the beginning of January, COVID-19 cases spiked dramatically in Tift County as a surge continues through Georgia. On Jan. 4, Tift experienced a record average daily case rate of 126.4 cases per 100,000 population, according to Emory University. As of Jan. 11, Tift County's average daily rate has dropped to 90.1 cases. During the past two weeks, Tift has recorded 218 new coronavirus cases, translating to 530 per 100,000 population, the DPH said. There have been a total of 3,078 cases in Tift County with 74 related deaths. On Tuesday, the state of Georgia reported a one-day increase of 6,006 cases with 145 additional deaths and 435 new hospitalizations. Overall, Georgia has seen 648,694 cases and 10,444 deaths from COVID-19, the state said.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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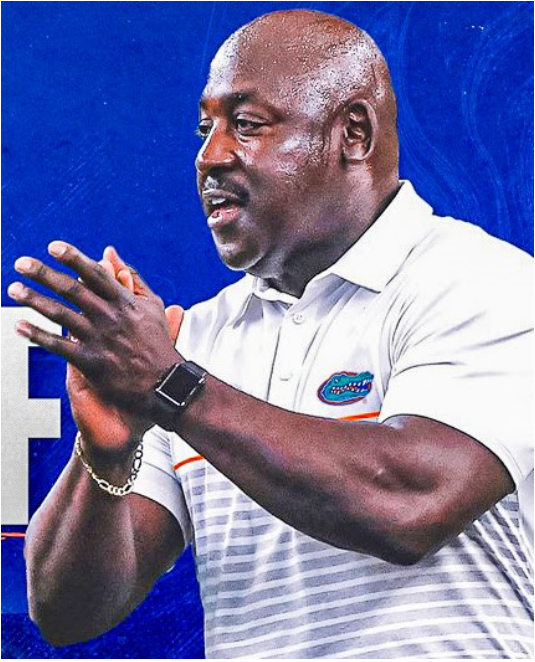


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## Florida Gators Hire Tifton's Wesley McGriff As Defensive Coach



Tifton native Wesley McGriff has been hired as an assistant football coach at the University of Florida. McGriff, 52, played cornerback, running back and wide receiver for the Tift County High School state championship team in 1983. He was inducted into the Tift County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014 as part of the championship team, and again individually in 2017. McGriff served as Auburn University's secondary coach the past two seasons and also in 2016, spilt by a two-year stint as defensive coordinator at Ole Miss. He is a 30-year coaching veteran who has NFL and considerable Southeastern Conference experience. McGriff has also coached at Kentucky and Vanderbilt. He spent four seasons each at Miami (2007-10) and at Baylor (2003-06), where he also served as recruiting coordinator. From 2013-15, McGriff was on staff with the NFL's New Orleans

Saints, where he worked with the team's defensive backs. "Coach McGriff brings a high level of familiarity in the National Football League and Southeastern Conference, being a coordinator and position coach," said Florida Head Coach Dan Mullen. "His track record of preparing players for the NFL and his success coaching at every level speaks for itself. His energy and tireless effort in recruiting will be an asset to our defensive staff."

McGriff played at South Carolina State for one year before transferring to Savannah State, where he started at outside linebacker for three seasons and was named the conference's 1989 Male Academic Athlete of the Year. He received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice, graduating cum laude, from Savannah State in 1990 and earned a master's in public administration from Georgia Southern in 1993. McGriff was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1990 and was a member of the Army Reserves until 2001.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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## Sylvester's 1st Annual Veteran Suicide Awareness Event

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### **Plans To Provide A One-Time Bonus To Public School Teachers And School Level Staff Members In The State**

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**\$1,000  
BONUS PAYMENTS**

to be awarded to all of Georgia's  
public-school teachers and staff.



Governor Brian Kemp and State School Superintendent Richard Woods plan to provide a one-time, \$1,000 bonus payment to every K-12 public-school teacher and school-level staff member in the state. The bonus payments are intended for all school-level staff in Georgia's K-12 public schools, including teachers, paraprofessionals, school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, custodians, bus drivers, school nutrition staff, media specialists, clerical staff and administrative assistants, school principals, assistant

principals, instructional coaches, therapists, etc. The funds will be allocated to school districts and must be spent on the bonus payments. Superintendent Woods will officially recommend the allocation for approval at the State Board of Education's February 18, 2021 meeting.



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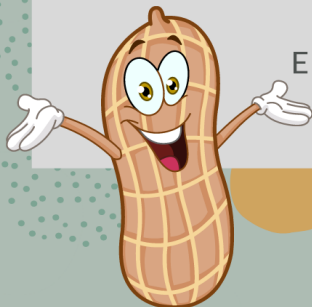
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### Being A Member of Your Local Chamber of Commerce

Are you or your business a member of your local Chamber of Commerce? The Martin News is a member of the Sylvester – Worth County Chamber of Commerce and is so glad that we are. The Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce is organized to promote, maintain, and enhance relationships among citizens of the community, businesses, and educational and governmental agencies. A Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of business and professional men and women who have joined for the purpose of promoting the community, civic, commercial, and industrial progress of our community. The area's economic well-being is directly related to the caliber of work that is done by the Chamber. That is why the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce has a major impact on community, business, income, and future growth of the area. There are two primary functions of a Chamber of Commerce: 1. It acts as spokesman for the business and professional community and translates into action the group thinking of its members; and 2. It renders specific services of a type that can be most effectively rendered by a community organization both to its members and to the community as a whole. General objectives include improvement of the community's quality of life, including education, recreation, arts and culture, and continued support of the Economic Development Authority in their efforts toward industrial development recruitment and retention. Membership at the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce gives you unique opportunities to participate in many of the Chamber's events, programs and activities. You will enjoy networking opportunities during Chamber events and will have a chance to apply your professional skills by joining Chamber committees. Your investment in the Chamber will help to grow the community and your business!

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