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## Ashburn Family Seeks Owner Of Guitar Found Off I-75 In Tifton



Jake Perry, 18, of Ashburn was driving onto a north-bound ramp of Interstate 75 in Tifton on Dec. 19 when, out of the corner of his eye, he saw some kind of bag on the side of the road. "My boys are always finding stuff on the side of the road. Always. Sometimes it's a lottery ticket that's been scratched that actually has money on it waiting to be cashed in; sometimes it's huge semi straps or car jacks," said his mother Amanda Cook Perry of Ashburn. She said that this time Jake "almost passed by without a second thought, but something told him to turn around." The "bag" was a guitar case with a beautiful guitar inside – along with personal items. "There are some priceless things inside to whoever lost it. Losing this for whom-ever it belongs to would be the same as me losing my books of handwritten recipes," Amanda Perry wrote on social media, sharing photos of the guitar. Many of

the items have ties to the St. Augustine, Fla., area, so Amanda reached out to The St. Augustine Record newspaper, which published a story about it Monday. The Perrys are hoping the publicity will help return the guitar, case and items to their owner. As of Thursday, the owner has not been located, she told the Tifton Grapevine. Among the items in the guitar case are old newspaper clippings by Lindsay Terry, who wrote a column called "Story Behind The Song" for the St. Augustine newspaper. Terry died in 2018 at age 85. Amanda asks that the owner or owners contact her at 229-206-2225 if they can give her details about the guitar and the case's contents. "It means nothing to me and may mean probably everything to them," she told The Record. Jake Perry and his mother Amanda show the guitar and case found on Dec. 19 along an Interstate 75 off-ramp in Tifton.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

# Georgia **PEANUT** Farm Show & Conference

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The 2021 show has  
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# *Dates to Remember*

## *January*

- 4th ~ Virtual School for Worth County Schools
- 5th ~ WCSD Distance Learning
- 6th ~ Kiwanis Meeting Noon
- 6th ~ Brews and Bingo at Pretoria Fields
- 6th ~ WCSD Distance Learning
- 7th ~ WCSD Distance Learning
- 8th ~ WCSD Distance Learning
- 8th ~ Frontier Festival at Chehaw
- 11th ~ Monthly Paint Class at Margaret Jones Public Library 6pm
- 12th ~ Worth the Read Book Club January Meeting 5:30pm
- 13th ~ Kiwanis Meeting Noon
- 18th ~ MLK Day
- 18th ~ Worth County Schools Holiday
- 20th ~ Kiwanis Meeting Noon
- 26th ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connections Meeting
- 27th ~ Kiwanis Meeting Noon
- 30th ~ The Sly Town Showdown



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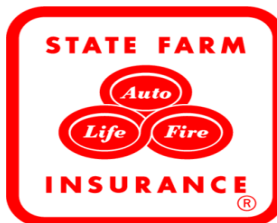
January is National Walk Your Dog Month! What better time to spend outdoors with your dog! Walking is great exercise for dog owners but is also beneficial for dogs. Walking your dog allows them to get rid of built up energy. Draining this energy will result in a calmer and more submissive dog. Not expending this energy will often result destructive behaviors. A walk outside will also stimulate your dog's brain. While walking outside, your dog will be exposed to many sights, sounds and smells. This will also allow your dog to become more familiar and comfortable with a variety of sights and sounds such as bicycles, lawn mowers and loud vehicles. For dog owners who have more than one dog, walks together will help them bond with each other. This will help to prevent negative interactions between them at home. Dog walking also allows you to bond with your dog. Dogs crave attention and this will allow you to set aside time just for you and your dog. Regular exercise has improved the health of many people. It can also help your dog live a longer, healthier life.

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# Tifton Bridal Expo

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## Tift County Receiving \$500,000 For Lamp Loop Road Improvements



The Tift County Development Authority and the Wayne County Industrial Development Authority will each receive \$500,000 for infrastructure enhancements that will benefit the local economy, the Ga. Department of Community Affairs (DCA) announced recently.

The OneGeorgia Equity funding from the DCA provides financial assistance to rural communities to help build necessary infrastructure for economic de-

velopment. The Tift County Development Authority will use the investment to strengthen road infrastructure on Lamp Loop Road, an area that supports several Tift County businesses and soon up to more than 300 jobs, the DCA said in its announcement.

The OneGeorgia program is designed to serve as a flexible community and economic development tool, providing grants and loans for eligible projects in rural Georgia. Wayne County will use the funds to extend water and sewer service to a newly acquired Wayne Commerce Center to prepare the site for industrial development. "DCA is committed to bolstering local economies through partnerships and resources, and the utilization of OneGeorgia for these projects illustrates the initiative of the leaders in these communities," said DCA Commissioner Christopher Nunn.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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### **Tift County Sheriff Gets Sworn In For Third Term**

On Tuesday, Tift County Sheriff Gene Scarbrough was sworn in to his third term by Probate Judge Suzanne Carter Johnson, who was also re-elected to her position in November. "I am forever thankful to all the citizens of Tift County for allowing me to serve as your sheriff. I will strive continuously to serve you to the best of my ability, making Tift County a better place to live, work, and raise a family," Scarbrough said. "I would be remiss if I didn't mention the fine men and women that make up the Tift County Sheriff's Office. You make my job much easier."

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

**Where:**

**Worth County Ag Pavillion  
102 Rebecca Dr, Sylvester, GA 31791**

**When: June 5, 2021**

**Event will begin at 10am with  
presentation of colors, live national anthem,  
dual taps, and a prayer.**

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Present as well as  
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on Veteran Suicide  
Awareness**



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There will also  
be live music  
from local  
artist and  
bands



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### **Baby its Cold Outside**

We have recently experienced some cold temperatures in South Georgia. While it has begun to warm up a bit, the frigid air is not likely gone for long. When it's cold outside people usually do not have any trouble remembering to dress warmly and leave water running to protect their pipes. However, dropping temperatures often leave pets and plants out in the cold. No matter the temperature, wind chill can threaten a pet's life. If pets must stay outdoors be sure to provide them a draft-free place to stay. Pets also need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife that may crawl up under the hood to stay warm. Be sure to bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine. Last but not least, don't forget your plants. Bring potted plants indoors or store in a heated greenhouse if possible. For plants that cannot be brought inside, cover them with a blanket or tarp to protect them from the dropping night temperatures and wind. Be sure to take covers off during the day so that the plants can get light. Protecting our family, pets and plants will help ensure we all have a safe winter and make it through until warmer temperatures arrive. These pet tips were provided by The Humane Society of the United States.

### **New Year, New You**

In the beginning of each new year, millions of Americans make resolutions. Some vow to quit smoking, others vow to spend more time with their family, and some even vow to smile more! In any event, the most common resolution of the year is to lose weight and maintain a permanent healthy lifestyle. To actually make the time to go to the gym when you're mentally exhausted from work, or take that early power walk/run, even though your eyes are not open yet has been proven to be very difficult. Therefore, fitness professionals Jim Labadie and Joey Atlas decided to make January, National Personal Trainer Awareness Month. This way, the general public could be more aware of personal trainers at the time of the year when having a professional relationship with them could play a crucial role in helping them to actually achieve their fitness and health goals. Let the healthier you shine through! Encourage your employees to stay active on the weekends. Be sure to visit our local gyms and see if a personal trainer could help you.



## Elvis Turns 86



January 8, 2021 marked what would have been Elvis Presley's 86th birthday. Thousands of fans gathered in Memphis, Tennessee to attend special events that were scheduled to commemorate this special day. One of the highlights of the day was a ceremony held on the lawn at Graceland declaring January 8th to be Elvis Presley Day in Memphis. The celebration included a birthday cake specially designed with eight tiers, one for each decade. Other events included an auction of a variety of rare Elvis memorabilia, fan-club parties and a screening of Elvis' movies Jailhouse Rock and Viva Las Vegas. Elvis is thought to be the first true rock superstar. His legacy still has an impact on music today. Having worked with Seniors over the last 20 years, many of that generation loved Elvis Presley and his music. Many of them say that there is not anyone around like him today. The Seniors stated that his music and performances were amazing. Elvis died in August 1977 at the age of 42.



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