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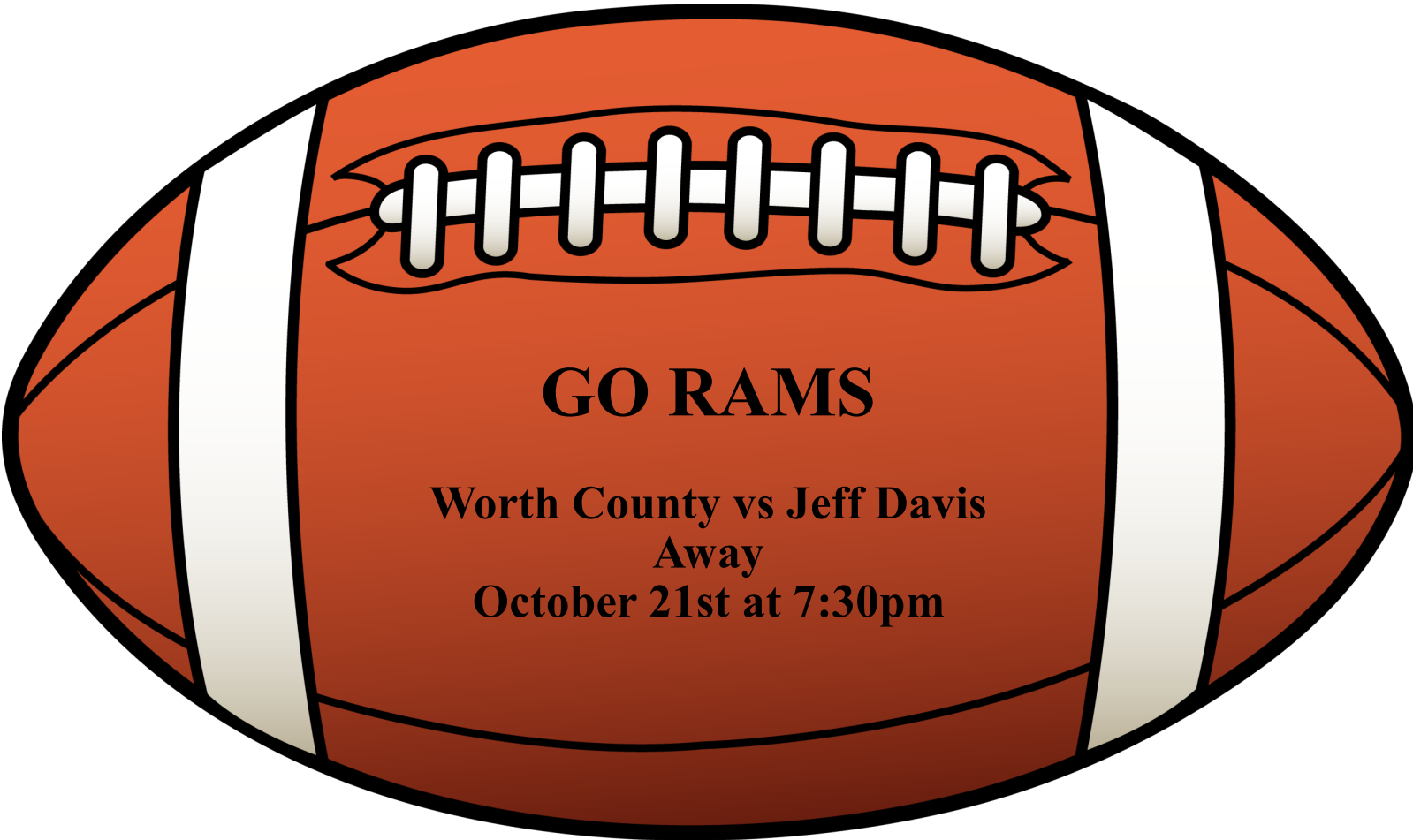


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## Worth County JROTC Ram Battalion Raider Team Competed In The Region 2 Raider Meet



The Worth County JROTC Ram Battalion Raider Team competed in the Region 2 Raider meet on 8 October 2022. The competition consisted of 5 tough events. The Team 3-mile run, 1.5-mile Cross Country Rescue, Tire Flip, Rider Challenge, Obstacle Course and One Rope Bridge. The competition was tough, and the scores were close, but the Worth County Ram's Raider Team placed a solid 2nd place. Individual awards also went to Cadet 1st Lieutenant Jessica Foster for the most valuable Female Raider Team member. The most valuable Male Raider Team member award went to Cadet Second Lieutenant Levi Fritzler and the most dedicated Raider Team member went to Cadet 1st Lieutenant Chandler Mul Key Key. We are so proud of how hard these young men and women have trained and how hard they fought to place in the competition.

Source: WCSD



# Drive Thru Only, Absolutely No Walkers



*Please join us for the Third Annual Drive Thru Trunk Or Treat!*

**To Go Meals will be served · Sponsored by The Church Without Walls and L&H Community Outreach, Inc  
(They will be given to each car for the number of people in the car at the end of the Drive Thru)**

**Route to follow:**

**You will come down Cordele Highway turning onto King Street.**

**You will then turn behind Worth County Primary School, taking the bus loop down to the end of that road.**

**You will then make a left onto Bryant Drive.**

**There will be Law Enforcement directing traffic to ensure the traffic flows smoothly.**

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## *Farmers Appreciation Dinner Update*

We would like to inform you that the date of the Farmers Appreciation Dinner has changed. In order to better accommodate the needs of our farmers, we have moved the dinner to January 17th. The event will still be held at the Worth County Ag Pavilion at 6:00 PM.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your understanding and don't forget to save the date:

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It's almost that time for Halloween and trick-or-treating! Did you know that Chocolate makes up about three-quarters of a trick-or-treater's loot, according to the National Confectioners Association? That's an awful lot of chocolate. Sometimes you may have so much candy that you don't know what to do with it. In the event that you have so much candy, separate the chocolate out and keep it in a cool, dark, dry place. Milk chocolate is good for no more than 8 to 10 months, while dark lasts up to two years. Hard candy will also keep in a cool, dry place for about a year. Store your soft candies in a covered dish away from direct heat and light. Enjoy them within six months. Have fun this year with your children Trick or Treating and stay safe!

## It's A Candy Corn Kinda Thing



Did you know that Candy Corn has been made with the same recipe by the Jelly Belly Candy Company since around 1900? What's in that recipe, exactly? Sugar, corn syrup, and marshmallow. One serving (about 30 pieces) has 140 calories, the equivalent of three miniature Hershey bars. The National Confectioners Association reports that more than 35 million pounds of candy corn is sold annually which amounts to almost 9 billion kernels.

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### Tift County, State Hit All-Time High Grad Rates

**Tift County Schools  
Class of 2022  
Graduation Rate  
93.5%**

The Tift County School System has reached an all-time high graduation rate of 93.5%, exceeding its goal, the school system says. The graduation rate is a 2.13 percentage point increase over last year's 91.37%. "The credit for this success goes not only to the staff at Tift County High School but to all employees of Tift County Schools. This combined effort is a testament to our 'Relentless Pursuit of a Culture of Excellence.'" said Dana Spurlin, chief information officer for the school system.

In announcing graduation rates, the Georgia Department of Education (GDOE) said the state's 2022 four-year cohort graduation rate is also at an all-time high of 84.1%, up from the 2021 rate of 83.7%. From the beginning of ninth grade, students who are entering that grade for the first time form a "cohort" that gets adjusted by adding any students who transfer into the cohort during the next three years and subtracting any students who transfer out. "Graduation rate measures whether students are graduating from high school with a regular diploma in four or five years. This component includes both the four- and five-year adjusted cohort graduation rates and is only applicable to high schools," the GDOE said. State School Superintendent Richard Woods said that "teachers and students who persevered through the challenges of the last several years deserve credit for Georgia's graduation rate increasing and other recent positive indicators, like Georgia students beating the SAT national average once again." A decade ago, Georgia's 2012 graduation rate was 69.7%.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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“The Syd” Arts Center Focuses On Community Outreach



The new mission of the Tifton Council for the Arts is to make arts available, affordable, and accessible to all, Executive Director Joy Yost told the Tifton Rotary Club on Wednesday. Described by former arts board member Marion Curry as “our big, hairy audacious goal,” the arts council’s vision is “to be a catalyst transforming Tifton into a city renowned for its diverse, vibrant, and thriving artistic community,” Yost said. The former Tifton Museum of Arts and Heritage was rededicated to this mission and renamed the Syd Blackmarr Arts Center on April 27, exactly 25 years since its first exhibit opened there April 27, 1997. Yost said with the help of the Tifton Rotary Club and other organizations in the 1990s, the former Methodist Church on Love Avenue was transformed into a showplace for the arts. Art classes are now held at various locations around Tifton. For instance, a Bookbinding Basics class will be held Monday, Oct. 17, in a classroom at the Tift County Recreation Department for a class fee of \$35. A four-week watercolor class will be held at the same location, 202 Baldwin Drive, beginning Oct.

20. A Kids at Art class for children aged 5-11 is held at the Rec Department classroom one Tuesday per month, with a Halloween-themed class Oct. 25. A cookie-decorating class for adults and teens accompanied by an adult will be held Oct. 27. An adult pottery workshop will be held Nov. 1 and 3, making a Christmas plate and cup, at the First United Methodist Church Activity Center. Advance registration is required for all classes. Yost said a creative movement dance class is being held at "The Syd" on Tuesday evenings through October until Nov. 8. At 7-8:30 p.m. next Thursday, Oct. 20, the Syd Arts Center will kick off a new tradition, "Third Thursdays at the Syd," beginning with local authors reading from their books, free of charge for attendees. Rotary Club members Warren Robinson and Rick Register will be featured next week, along with other local authors. In November’s event, Bruce Green will give a lecture on one of Tifton’s earliest artists. On Nov. 5, the Celebrate Creativity arts festival will be held free of charge inside and around the Syd Blackmarr Arts Center. The festival will feature an art exhibit/competition inside The Syd, Artist Market outside, Authors Row, a children’s Arts Circus with activities from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sweet Taste of Tifton, and Food Trucks. The UGA football game will be streaming on a big screen TV for football fans, and there will be Gaelic music and dance, Yost said. Details for all events and opportunities to register for classes may be found at the website TiftonArts: <https://tiftonarts.org/>.

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Look who visited with their Pre-K Friends at Worth County Primary School last week? Pete the Cat and Miss Leigh from the Margaret Jones Public Library shared some spooky Halloween stories with their friends. Everyone had a great time reading...

Source: MJPL



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# **AARP Smart Driver Safety Course**

AARP Smart Drivers Class will be offered

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

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- Approved for drivers beginning at 16 years of age with valid driver's license, if accompanied by adult. Younger drivers should check with their insurance company to confirm whether the discount will apply before taking the class.
- Each class provides 6 hours of instruction.
- Automobile insurance discount is available for drivers who have had no moving violations or at fault claims for the past three years.
- Certificate for three years is provided when class has been completed. You must turn your certificate into your automobile insurance company for discount to apply.

# *Dates to Remember*

## *October*

- 17th ~ Worth County Primary School Book Fair
- 17th ~ Worth County Middle School Boys Basketball Tryouts
- 17th ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm
- 17th ~ Halloween Paint Night at Margaret Jones Public Library 6pm
- 18th ~ Worth County Primary School Book Fair
- 18th ~ Makeup Picture Day at Worth County Elementary School
- 18th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 18th ~ Worth County Middle School Girls Basketball Tryouts
- 18th ~ Margaret Jones Public Library October Book Club 5:30pm
- 18th ~ City of Warwick Council Meeting 7pm
- 19th ~ Worth County Primary School Book Fair
- 19th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 19th ~ Worth County Middle School Girls Basketball Tryouts
- 20th ~ Worth County Primary School Book Fair
- 20th ~ Books and Barks at Margaret Jones Public Library 4pm
- 21st ~ Worth County Primary School Book Fair
- 21st ~ WCMS Competition Cheer
- 21st ~ Rams Football Away at Jeff Davis 7:30pm
- 24th ~ Red Ribbon Week at Worth County Schools
- 25th ~ Red Ribbon Week at Worth County Schools
- 25th ~ AARP Smart Driver Class at Margaret Jones Public Library 9am-4pm
- 25th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 26th ~ Red Ribbon Week at Worth County Schools
- 26th ~ WCHS Cross Country Away
- 26th ~ Sylvester Pink Out 12noon
- 26th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 26th ~ Fall Festival at Sylvester First Baptist Church 5pm-7pm
- 27th ~ Red Ribbon Week at Worth County Schools
- 27th ~ Pets & Pals Parade 5pm
- 27th ~ 3rd Annual Drive Thru Trunk or Treat at Unity Baptist Church 6:30-8:30
- 28th ~ Red Ribbon Week at Worth County Schools
- 28th ~ Rams Football Home Against Sumter County 7:30 for Senior Night & Alumni Night
- 29th ~ WCMS Competition Cheer Meet
- 29th ~ Block Party Hosted by Unity Baptist Church 3pm
- 30th ~ Community Fall Festival at New Hope Baptist Church 4pm-7pm
- 31st ~ Happy Halloween from The Martin News
- 31st ~ Tick or Treat in Ashburn 6pm



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