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SkillsUSA Team Participated at the Georgia National Fair in Perry



Congratulations to the SkillsUSA members led by Mrs. Zupko at Worth County High School! They brought home 1st and 7th place wins in the SkillsUSA poster competition on Friday, October 8th at the GA National Fair in Perry. Awesome job, Rams! Pictured L-R: Mrs. Sabrina Zupko, Annalyn Melvin, Eyan Zupko, Hannah Fletcher, Samantha Reynolds, and Adam Newell.

Source: WCSD

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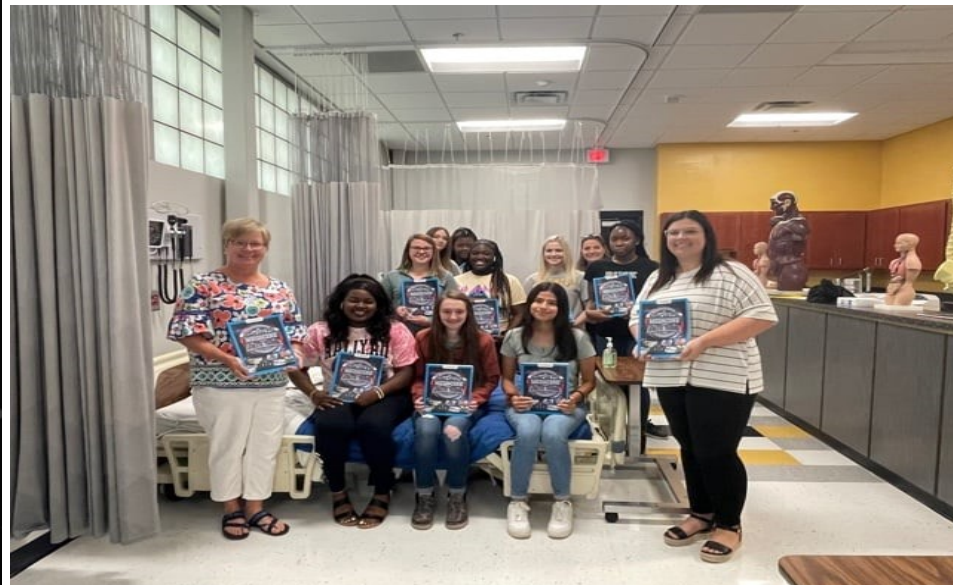
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It's Almost That Time

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.



Students in Shannon Jones' Sports Medicine at Worth County High School class are excited about their new textbooks! They would like to extend a big thank you to Leigh Wiley of Margaret Jones Public Library for partnering with us to apply protective film over the soft-covered textbooks so that they will remain in great condition for years to come!

Source: WCSD



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*National
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Day*



October 18th

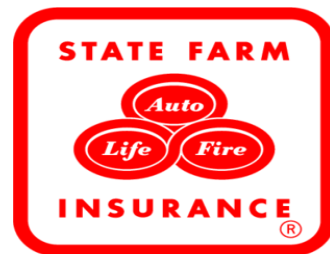
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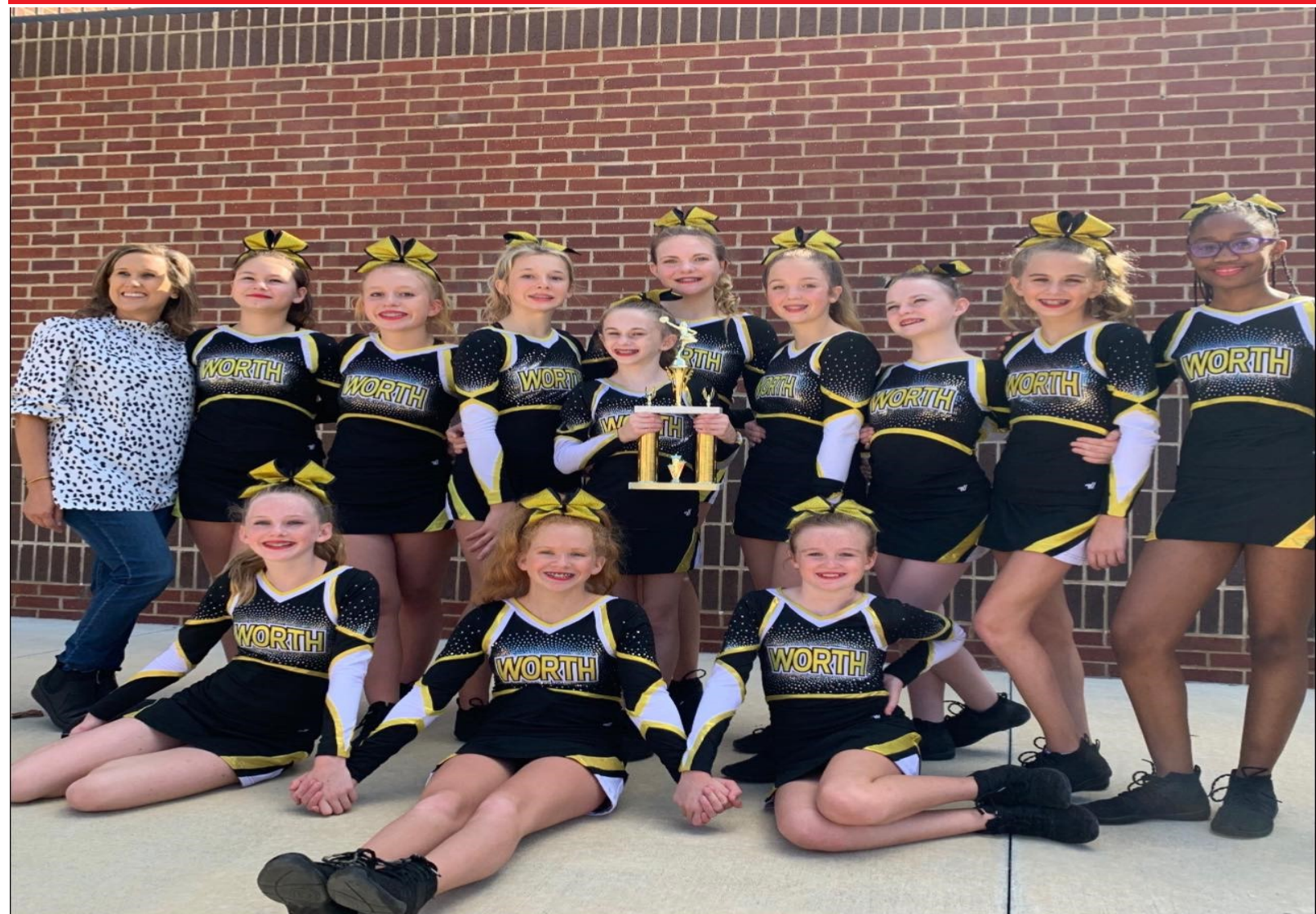
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Congratulations to the Worth County Middle School Competition Cheer team for winning 1st place on Saturday, October 9th in Warner Robins at the Panther Prowl Cheer Classic! Great job girls!



Sylvester-Worth County Business Expo



**November 4th, 2021
5pm to 7pm**

**102 S. Main Street
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Promo Local Businesses

In an effort to better serve our community, we must support the business we already have in Sylvester-Worth County. We highly encourage that everyone come out and support the local community and its businesses.

Are you a business interested in participating?

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ABAC, VSU Partnership Aids Writing & Communication Graduates

A new partnership between Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) and Valdosta State University (VSU) ensures ABAC graduates a direct route to furthering careers in writing and communication. The partnership grants ABAC graduates, who earn a bachelor of science degree in writing and communication, fast-track consideration for application to VSU's master of arts in communication arts program. Dr. Matthew Anderson, dean of ABAC's School of Arts and Sciences, said that VSU's program's "focus on both theory and applied skills makes it an excellent fit for the ABAC writing and communication B.S. majors who desire an advanced degree. We hope that by keeping our students in the region for their graduate studies, they will be more likely to stick around thereafter and use their skills to help build our rural South Georgia communities." For information about the articulation agreement, call 229-391-4962 or email wharrison@abac.edu.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Gov Names Julie Hunt To GA Economic Dev. Board



Julie Hunt of Tifton, president of J.H. Services Inc., has been appointed to the state Board of Economic Development by Gov. Brian P. Kemp. Hunt is an entrepreneur with experience in the restaurant, advertising, and real estate industries, and is a former schoolteacher. She previously served as a member of the Georgia Ports Authority, is a member of the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College President's Club, an emeritus trustee of the University of Georgia Foundation, and a former regent of the University System of Georgia. She was a founding member of the Tifton-Tift County Tourism Association and a past president of the Tifton-Tift County Chamber of Commerce. In 2018, she was awarded Leadership

Georgia's J.W. Fanning Award. Hunt is a former member of the Commission for the Privatization of State Government and the Georgia Economic Development Authority. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Valdosta State University.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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SEPTEMBER 24TH
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OCTOBER 8TH
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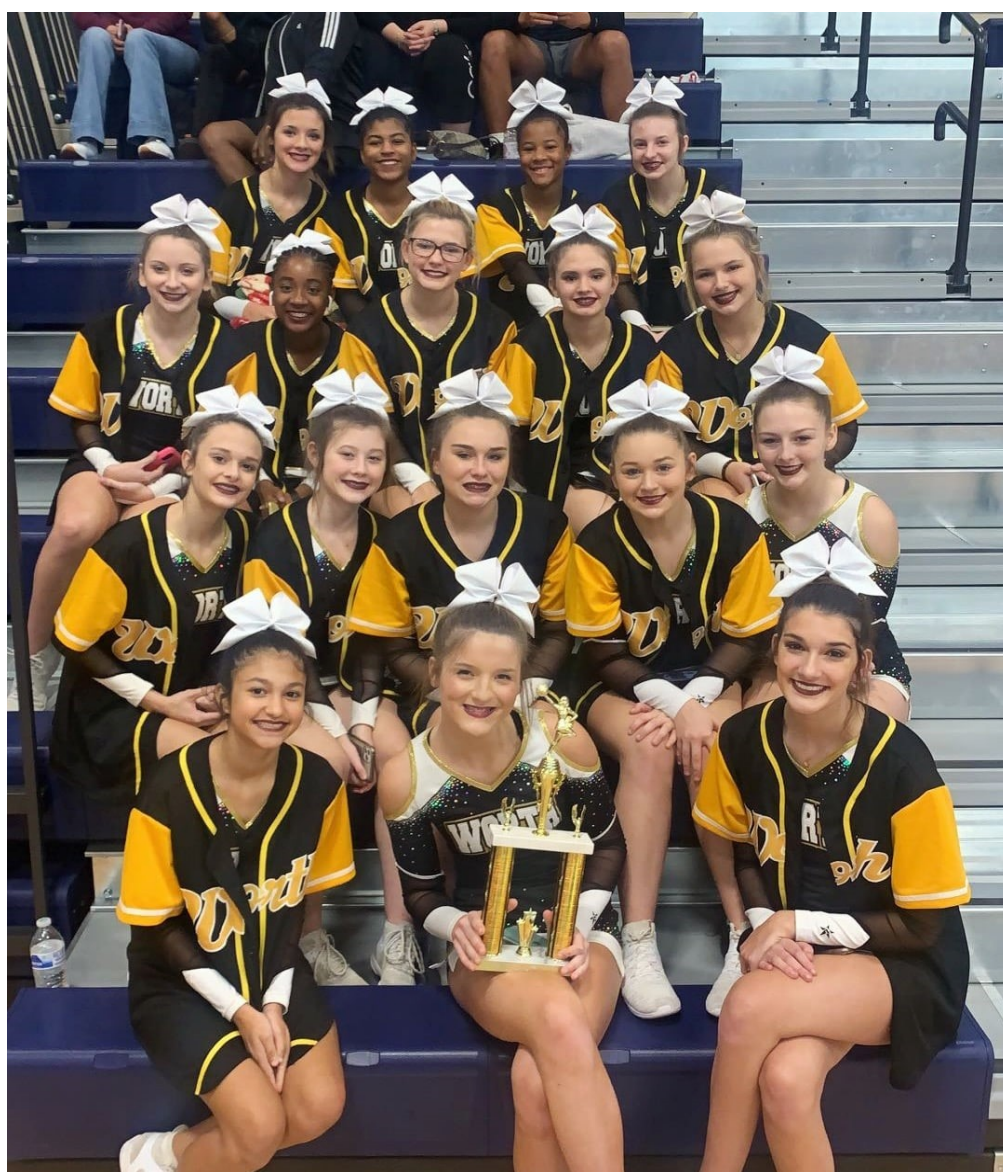
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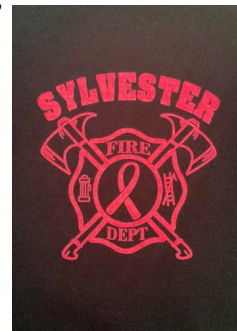
Congratulations to the Worth County High School Competition Cheer squad! The ladies traveled to Perry High School on Saturday, October 9th, to compete and brought home another win! They also increased their score by 5.5 points from the last competition! Way to go, Rams! We are so proud of each of you!

Source: WCSD & Photo credit: WCHS Cheer Facebook Page



Sylvester Fire Department And Pink Heels Collecting Donations For Foster Kids of Worth County

The Sylvester Fire Department along with Pink Heels will be setting up each Saturday in November from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the Sylvester Walmart parking lot. They will be collecting toys and donations for foster kids in Worth County. Sylvester Fire Department will also have their pink t-shirts for sale. T-shirts will be \$20 a piece. The funds from the t-shirt sales will be used to assist a family in need this holiday season.



Source: SFD



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There were no tricks, just treats at the Margaret Jones Public Library for Halloween story time last week. Everyone heard spooky stories and played candy bingo. They all made a pumpkin and ghost to take home. Everyone had a howling good time.

Source: MJPL



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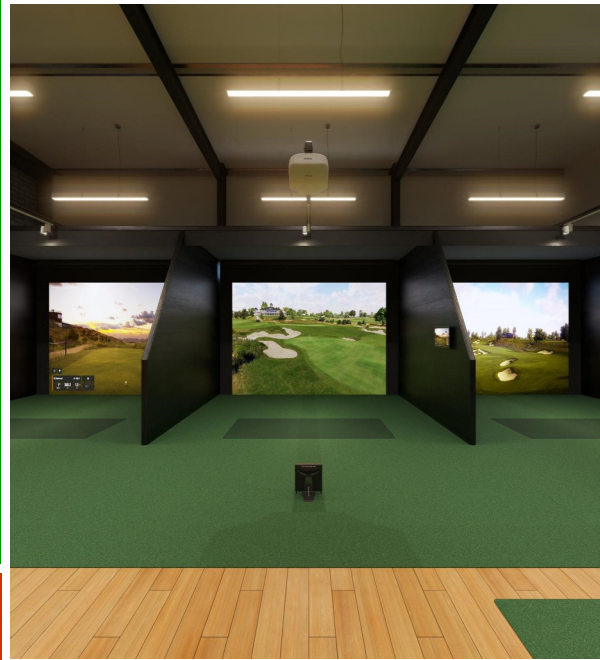
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Hi Def Indoor Golf Center will be opening up at the Tifton Mall! With an opening date anticipated to be towards the end of November, they will be offering to Tifton and its surrounding communities the ability to play golf in the comfort of the indoors. Their three Trackman Simulators will feature 123 golf courses from around the world, including 34 tour venues, in amazing 4k graphics. No more lost balls, waiting on groups in front of you, or behind you! The climate-controlled atmosphere will allow you to have fun with your friends and family of all ages without the barriers found at traditional golf courses. An added benefit, no rain, excessive heat/cold, and no gnats. The guests can book tee times in our simulator bays in 1-hour increments for a set, affordable fee regardless of how many players (limit 6 per bay). Along with simulated golf, Hi Def Indoor Golf will offer custom club fitting, club repair, golf lessons with PGA Professionals, and beer & wine which will begin in January 2022. Don't want to miss the game? Each of their bays will have televisions to keep up with your favorite team as you play! We are excited to bring this venue to Tifton. More details will be coming soon.

Source: Tifton Mall



Red Ribbon Week 2021

October 25th—29th

A national celebration of a healthy, drug-free lifestyle
"Live Drug Free"

October 25 "RED"y to be Drug Free – Students wear Red. Stickers will be given to each student.
Monday

October 26 My Future Matters! – Students dress up like their future career. Bookmarks will be given to each student.
Tuesday

October 27 Our School Rocks Drug Free!!– Students dress like a Rock Star. Ribbons will be given to each student.
Wednesday

October 28 Good Character! Drug Free! – Dress like your favorite book, movie, or Disney character! Bracelets will be given to each student.
Thursday

October 29 Team Up Against Drugs – Wear your favorite Ram jersey, cheerleading outfit, football uniform, etc. Pencils will be given to each student.
Friday



Dates to Remember

October

- 18th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 18th ~ Early Voting
- 18th ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 7pm
- 19th ~ Early Voting
- 19th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 19th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 19th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at US 19 Church of Christ Noon-5pm
- 19th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Tifton Methodist Church 12:30pm-5:30pm
- 19th ~ Bingo Night at Ed's 6pm-8pm
- 19th ~ City of Warwick Council Meeting 7pm
- 20th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 20th ~ Early Voting
- 20th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 20th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Tifton Mall 3pm-7pm
- 21st ~ Early Voting
- 21st ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 21st ~ Wear Purple for Ruth's Cottage and Domestic Awareness Month
- 22nd ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 22nd ~ Early Voting
- 22nd ~ Worth County Rams vs Berrien Away at 7:30pm
- 23rd ~ Early Voting
- 23rd ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 23rd ~ BFHS Halloween Festival and Charlie Brown Movie
- 24th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 25th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 25th ~ Early Voting
- 25th ~ Red Ribbon Week at Worth County Middle School
- 26th ~ Early Voting
- 26th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 26th ~ Red Ribbon Week at Worth County Middle School
- 26th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 26th ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connections Meeting
- 26th ~ Bingo Night at Ed's 6pm-8pm
- 26th ~ City of Poulan Council Meeting 7pm-8pm
- 27th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 27th ~ 9th Anniversary Sylvester - Pink Out Day 12noon-2pm
- 27th ~ Early Voting
- 27th ~ Red Ribbon Week at Worth County Middle School
- 27th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 28th ~ Early Voting
- 28th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 28th ~ Red Ribbon Week at Worth County Middle School
- 28th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Byne Memorial Baptist Church 2pm-7pm
- 28th ~ Pets & Pals Parade Downtown Sylvester 5pm
- 28th ~ WCHS JV Varsity Football Home at 5:30pm
- 28th ~ 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat (Flyer in The Martin News) 6pm-7:30pm
- 29th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 29th ~ Red Ribbon Week at Worth County Middle School
- 29th ~ Early Voting
- 29th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Dougherty County Community Noon-5pm
- 29th ~ Worth County Rams vs Early Home for Senior Night at 7:30pm
- 30th ~ Community Block Party at the Duck Pond 3pm-6pm
- 30th ~ Trick or Treating on Isabella Street in Sylvester
- 30th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 30th ~ Run for the Nurses at ABAC 6am
- 31st ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 31st ~ Happy Halloween

Reading To Your Children

Books and Bubbles is a fun day at The Margaret Jones Public Library every Tuesday at 10:30am. They enjoy time together reading and doing activities. The staff encourages you to keep books around and read whenever you can. You are providing the building blocks for language while developing a love of reading for your children. Reading is an important skill that needs to be developed in children. Not only is it necessary for survival in the world of schools and universities, but in adult life as well. The ability to learn about new subjects and find helpful information on anything from health problems and consumer protection to more academic research into science or the arts depends on the ability to read. Futurologists used to predict the death of the printed word but, ironically, Internet has made reading more and more a part of people's daily lives. The paperless society is a myth. The computer's ability to process and analyze data means that endless variations on reports and other types of documents can be and are generated. Internet, itself an enormous new source of information and recreation, is based on the humble written word. To effectively utilize the web and judge the authenticity and value of what is found there, both reading and critical thinking skills are of prime importance. The more children read, the better they become at reading. It's as simple as that. The more enjoyable the things they read are, the more they'll stick with them and develop the reading skills that they'll need for full access to information in their adult lives. Reading should be viewed as a pleasurable activity - as a source of entertaining tales and useful and interesting factual information. The more young children are read to, the greater their interest in mastering reading. Reading out loud exposes children to proper grammar and phrasing. It enhances the development of their spoken language skills, their ability to express themselves verbally. Reading, by way of books, magazines or websites, exposes kids to new vocabulary. Even when they don't understand every new word, they absorb something from the context that may deepen their understanding of it the next time the word is encountered. When parents read aloud to children, the children also hear correct pronunciation as they see the words on the page, even if they can't yet read the words on their own.

Sunbelt Ag Expo's Economic Impact Felt In Tifton; Three - Day Show Opens Tuesday Outside Moultrie

The 43rd Annual Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition, known as North America's Premier Farm Show and America's largest farm show with field demonstrations, returns to Southwest Georgia on Tuesday for its three-day run. Headquartered at Spence Field just outside Moultrie, the Sunbelt Ag Expo has an impact beyond its Colquitt County home. "The 2019 economic impact is estimated to be over \$16.72 million for the 50-mile radius of Spence Field - 20 counties," Tyron Spearman, executive director of the Tifton-Tift County Tourism Association, tells the Tifton Grapevine. "Sunbelt generates \$1.1 million in state and local tax revenue. Tifton has long benefited from the Expo because of over 1,000 motel rooms and great restaurants. Lots of exhibitors stay in Tifton during set-up and take-down. Sunbelt's economic outreach has benefited Tifton and Tift County year round," Spearman says. Last year the Expo, whose origins date to "Dealer Days" on Tifton's Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College campus in 1964, was canceled because of the pandemic. Organizers expect this year's show to be bigger and better than ever. "After missing out on the financial impact from the Sunbelt Ag Expo last year due to COVID, it is very exciting to have all our Expo guests back here in Tifton for this coming Expo week," says Tifton Tourism Board Chair Kathleen Moore, regional manager at Stafford Hospitality, whose holdings include Tifton's Hilton Garden Inn. "This event fills all of the local hotels for the week and also brings business to the local restaurants with everyone eating out in the evening when back from the Expo. The event this year filled up a bit later than is usual; however, this was understandable due to the pandemic," Moore says. More than 1,200 exhibitors will display and demonstrate products, and welcome thousands of visitors to the 100-acre show site. The Expo brings together all segments of agribusiness, such as farmers, educators, students, policy-makers, agriculture enthusiasts, and families. There will be more than 300 seminars and demonstrations covering such topics as beef cattle management; equine, goat, and sheep health; fish/pond management; dairy and poultry; electrical safety; backyard gardening; and sustainable living. Not only will the latest in agricultural equipment be displayed along with the industry's newest innovations and technology, but the Expo also includes the American Grand Finals Stock Dog Trials, test tracks for trucks and ATVs, a cow-milking contest, and a daily Antique Tractor Parade. One highlight is the naming of the Swisher Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year chosen from among 10 states. Also, Virginia is this year's Spotlight State in agriculture. Also of interest is the Expo's 600-acre research farm's field demonstrations, which showcase harvesting and tillage equipment for cotton, peanuts, corn, soybeans, and hay. As in the past, cotton will be harvested during the show. "Georgia Grown" foods will be available along with cooking demonstrations and recipes. "The Sunbelt Expo is an unbelievable showcase of rural living blanketed with agriculture's newest ideas and technologies. It's three days of fun, education, and dreaming about agriculture's future as we team together to feed, clothe, and house a growing population around the world," says Chip Blalock, the show's director. The Sunbelt Ag Expo is open from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday. Gate admission is \$10 per person per day. The show site is four miles southeast of Moultrie off U.S. Highway 319 on Highway 133.

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The Domestic Violence Program Committee of Ruth's Cottage & the Patticake House Invites Your Participation in October's

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

We are grateful to be holding our annual Candlelight Vigil in person again this year at Southern Regional Technical College. This event honors and remembers victims who have passed away due to domestic violence. It will be held on **October 7 at 5:30** in Conference Room 106-A at the Tifton Campus. Our keynote speaker will be Kristy Carter, the Victim Assistance Program Director at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and our survivor speaker will be Rachel Elizondo. Masking and social distancing will be required at this event.



WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES

We are happy to announce that we will be hosting the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event in person this year at ABAC! The event will take place on **October 14th** in the front campus area at ABAC. Registration for walkers will begin at 5:30, with announcements starting at 6:15, and the walk starting at 6:30. Those interested in walking can sign up at: <https://stopthehurtga.org/events/walk-a-mile-in-her-shoes/>. RCPCH does have shoes in larger sizes for walkers to use, but they are on a first come, first serve basis. Social distancing and masking will be recommended and encouraged at this event.



WEAR PURPLE DAY!

As always, we will be having our **Wear Purple Day** and encouraging the community to participate! This year, **Wear Purple Day** is on **October 21**. We have purple t-shirts available for individuals, businesses, and organizations to request if you would like to participate. Get a sign up form for the t-shirts by emailing rachel.elizondo@tiftregional.com or nbryan@rcpch.net. Those who receive a t-shirt must send a photo of them and/or their organization on **October 21**, and all t-shirts are on a first come, first serve basis. Photos of you and/or your team wearing purple can be sent to **229-402-2146**.



VICTIM DISPLAY

This year, thanks to a generous donation from Lowe's and the hard work of several volunteers, we will have a powerful victim display in central locations in the counties we serve. This display will consist of large, purple, wooden cut-outs to represent victims of domestic violence and their stories. If you would like to be involved in this project, please contact rachel.elizondo@tiftregional.com.



VIDEO PROJECT

This project is ongoing throughout the month of October with videos discussing general information on domestic violence as well as some personal testimonies being shared on the Ruth's Cottage & the Patticake House Facebook page each weekday. If you would like to participate in this project, please email rachel.elizondo@tiftregional.com.



SAVE A SEAT

This project honors victims and survivors of domestic violence by "saving a seat" for them at local businesses, clinics, meeting spaces, shopping areas, and more in the counties that RCPCH serves throughout the month of October. If you have a location that would like to be involved or have a story to share, please email rachel.elizondo@tiftregional.com. We have Spanish and English stories this year.



STICKER PROJECT

During the month of October, Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House is asking local businesses to volunteer to put purple stickers with their hotline number on bags, takeout containers, and other items for customers. Not only does this activity raise awareness for Domestic Violence, it also gets the hotline number into the homes of potential victims without them having to seek it out and risk their abuser finding out. We have over 2,500 stickers available for businesses in Tift, Turner, Irwin, Worth, and Ben Hill Counties to put on items their customers will take home, and they are completely free! Just email Rachel Elizondo at rachel.elizondo@tiftregional.com if you would like stickers, and she will coordinate with you to have the stickers delivered.



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“Rhythm & Ribs” A Success

Tifton's Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Festival was a big success Saturday, October 9th as the event, delayed from March by the pandemic, brought folks back together to "party in the pines." There was plenty of music and food available, as well as vendors selling a variety of items. The Georgia Barbecue Association-sanctioned professional barbecue competition brought cooks from around the Southeast, with 319 Q winning the Grand Champion title and taking home \$3,000. In the Backyard Barbecue, or amateur, competition, Whitewater Smokers was the overall Grand Champion, winning a \$1,000 prize. Two Toes BBQ came in first in the pulled park category, Butcher & Banker was first in the loin category, and Deez Butts BBQ placed first in ribs. “Squealbur,” the festival mascot, was featured on the trophies for the best barbecue in the various categories. Next year's festival is scheduled to return to its normal schedule during the first weekend in March. Mermaid Motor Lounge performs Saturday on Fulwood Park's Syd Blackmarr Stage during Tifton’s Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Festival.

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