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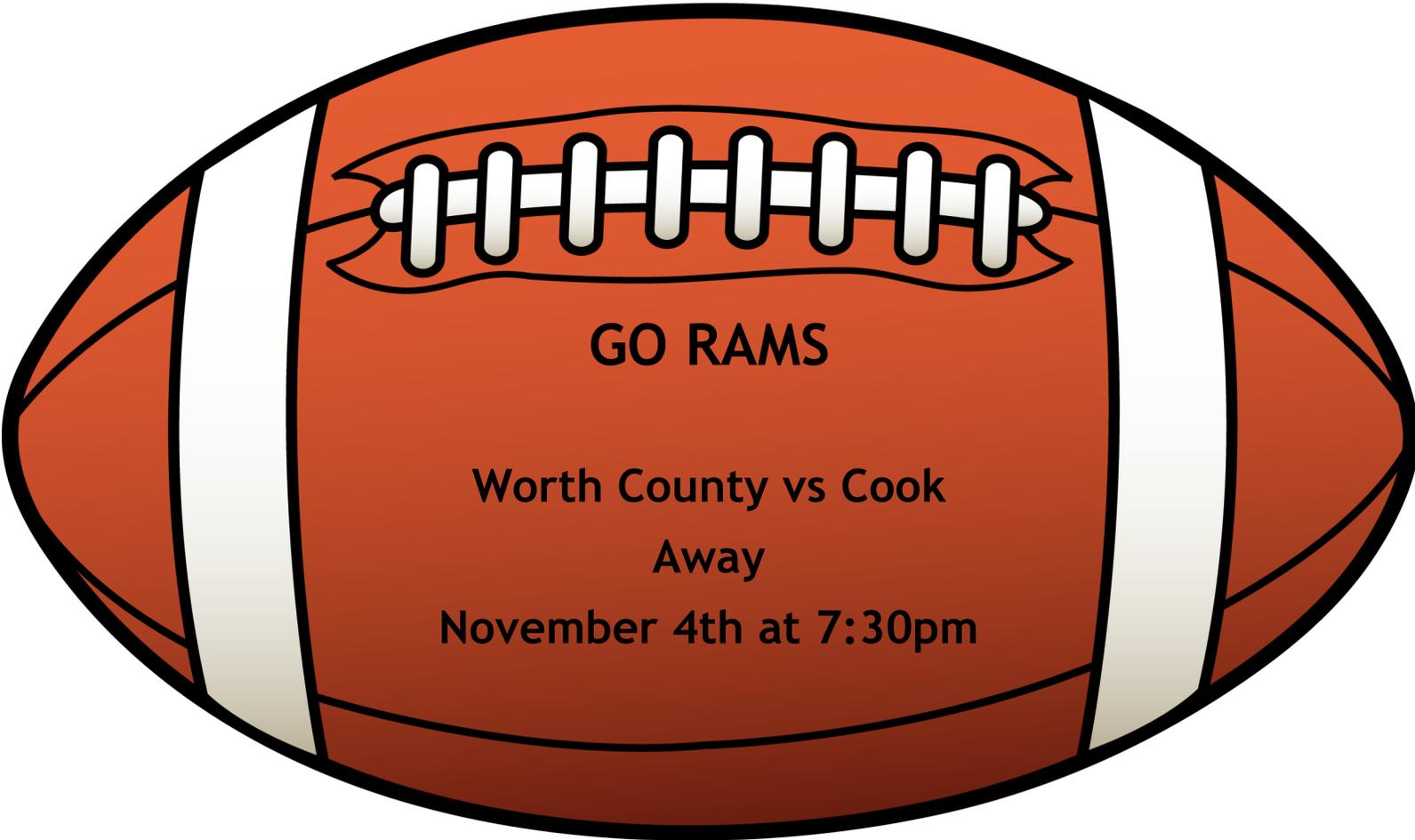


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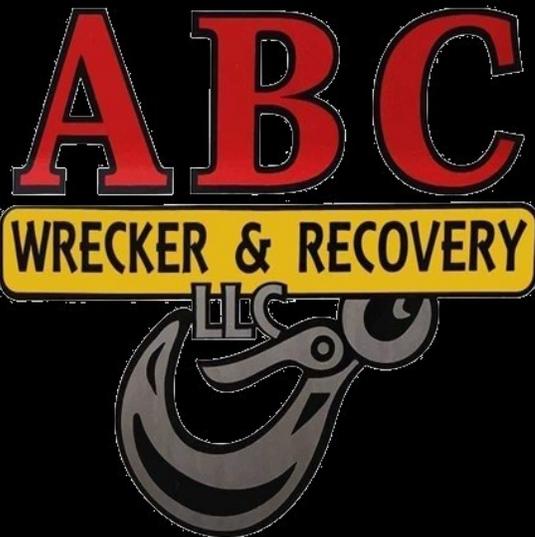
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**A picture is worth a thousand words....
These are just a few pictures snagged from Facebook throughout the Ram Alumni Weekend... Once a Ram, ALWAYS A Ram!
Whether you attended the Ram Football Game Friday night, any of the festivities over the weekend or was just there in mind and spirit, what a fantabulous weekend that was had by all! Until 2023.....**





**Week In Review
At Worth County Primary School**

Worth County Primary School had a very busy week. You will want to make sure that you are following them on Facebook to see all the great pictures. This past week they enjoyed the Good Citizens Breakfast celebration for October, Students of the Week, Ken Scott Magic Show and the PBIS Reward Event. WCPS recognized the Bus Safety Poster Winners this past week as well. Division 1: 1st Place - Fiona Jiang and Division 4: 1st Place - Wyatt Braswell. These winners will have their poster taken to RESA for a chance to compete at our state level contest. Need to know what the children are eating for breakfast and lunch in November? WCPS has posted the November Menus for you to have as well. And what a great week it was celebrating Red Ribbon Week. Be sure to check out all of the precious pictures posted on the Worth County Primary School Facebook Page. Congratulations to the WCPS Red Ribbon Week poster contest winners! They are pictured above.

Pre-K

- 1st Place - Zoey Zombro
- 2nd Place - Spindal Bridges

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- 1st Place - Serenity Flowers
- 2nd Place - Lynnelee Fields
- 3rd Place - Liam Mathis

1st Grade

- 1st Place - Waylon Edwards
- 2nd Place - MacKenzie Bridges
- 3rd Place - Ella Price

2nd Grade

- 1st Place - Elli Stinnett
- 2nd Place - Adalynn Gantt
- 3rd Place - Rilynn Barfield

Source: WCSD and The Martin News



Week in Review At Worth County Elementary School

What a busy week it has been at Worth County Elementary School! So many great pictures that you will want to check it out on the Worth County Elementary School Facebook Page. Over the last week or so, students in Mrs. Tomlinson's 5th grade math class recently worked hard to solve a mystery by multiplying multi-digit decimals. They were able to get out of the classroom for a little group fun while also practicing their multiplication skills. Great learning and fun all at once! Students in Mrs. Satcher's fourth grade class were working hard to finish a task cards activity on the solar system. It helped them to review for their test in a different way by allowing them to move around the room and show what they know. These were great pictures from these two events. Please check the awesome pictures out. Congratulations to 5th grade student, Rosie Resendez, for winning 1st place in the School Bus Safety Poster Contest for Division #2 for Worth County Schools. Her drawing will be entered into the next level of competition! Fundraising is very vital for our schools, and it would not be possible without the students, families and community. WCES had a very successful fall fundraiser. Congratulations to the following students for being the top Three fundraisers for their fall fundraiser! Students had the opportunity to choose from great prizes from the prize van! First place goes to Autumn Patterson, Second place goes to Channyn Hurley, and Third place goes to Asher Shipp! Way to go, students! School doesn't always have to be all work, it can be play some of the time and Friday was just that! It was the 1st 9 Weeks Celebration Day! Dr. Rouse and staff stopped to reward the over 450 students that made honor roll, perfect attendance, met their AR goal, became a Master of Multiplication or were chosen as a Character Education Student of the Month over the first 9 weeks. These students get 90 minutes of fun and a free ice cream in celebration of their hard work! Congratulations to all these students for a job well done! Other great information on the Worth County Elementary School Facebook page to check out is the November menus have been posted, WCES is collecting items for Veteran's Day to help the American Legion Sylvester Post 335 to provide to Veterans in need and there is a newsletter posted to see how parents can make the difference in their child's life. Great information to read! Congratulations to the students posted in the picture above for becoming a New Master of Multiplication at the end of the first nine weeks. Third grade students had 3 minutes to complete 60 problems (1's - 10's) and 4th and 5th grade students had 5 minutes to complete 100 problems (1's - 12's). These students pictured completed the test with 90% accuracy and earned 25 Ram Bucks and will be placed in the WCES Masters of Multiplication Hall of Fame! Way to go, WCES students!

Source: WCSD and The Martin News



Week Review At Worth County Middle School

It has been a great week at Worth County Middle School. They have been busy learning! Be sure to follow Worth County Middle School on Facebook for the great videos and pictures they post. They are amazing! Mr. Maples' 8th graders were able to see a part of history recently. While studying the American Revolution, Mr. Maples brought an antique musket from the American Revolution to show and discuss with the students. Mr. Frazier and Resource Officer Williams were able to attend the presentation. The WCMS Green Team members are participating in the "Symbolic Monarch Migration" with youth from across North America. Students created symbolic butterflies with information about our culture and community and sent them to Mexico for the winter. Students in schools near the Mexican monarch sanctuaries will protect the butterflies while learning about our culture and send them north in the spring of 2023. These symbolic butterflies build a bridge of communication between students in Mexico, the U.S., and Canada. United by the monarch butterfly, children across North America learn authentic lessons of conservation, cooperation, and ambassadorship. Green Team Advisors are Brent Joyner, Jennifer Easom, Rebecca McHone, and Kathy Albritton. Be sure to check these pictures out on the Worth County Middle School Facebook page as they are very cool to see. A great Ram moment, the WCMS 8th grade band students was able to join the WCHS Ram Band in the stands at the Ram Football game on Friday night against Sumter County. WCMS band is under the direction of Mr. Rickie Limoges. Pictured above is WCMS Principal, Mr. Frazier. He treated the staff this past week with some boiled peanuts and a beverage. He is nuts about the amazing staff at WCMS!

Source: WCSD & The Martin News



Week Review At Worth County Middle School

Worth County High School has been extremely busy over the past few weeks and this past week was not any different. Be sure to follow them on Facebook under Worth County High School to see all of the updates on their Facebook page. Did you know their food classes is getting ready for Thanksgiving? The WCHS Foods Classes will be selling pans of dressing, broccoli casseroles, squash casseroles, and hashbrown casseroles this year. Pans will be frozen and will be ready for pick up at WCHS on Friday, November 18th, between the hours of 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Place your order today by scanning the QR code on the flyer posted on their Facebook page or go to <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdOAqiZdersW3.../viewform>. They appreciate your support! Showing support to the staff is very important to Principal Melissa Edwards and that is exactly what the WCHS Woot Woot wagon does! The WCHS Woot Woot Wagon made its way down the halls at the beginning of October with the biggest goodie yet! This month each faculty/staff member received, "Dinner on Us!" This consisted of spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, french bread & brownie mix! The sponsors for the October Woot Woot Wagon was WCHS Robotics Club, The Family of Gavin Young, Kristy Smith - Century 21 and ComNet Technical Solutions. Friday night at the Worth County Rams Football Game was Senior Night so they kicked off the celebrations at school on Friday by allowing the Senior Football Athletes present a plaque to their most inspiring teacher. Congratulations to Ms. Inman, Mrs. Souter, Mrs. Ranson, and Coach Newton on the great impact you've had on these Rams! Also, this past week was Ram Alumni Week. It brought many former Rams back home. Dr. Mark McKelvin made a visit to the school on Friday (article in this week's edition of The Martin News) and Anfernee McLemore stopped by and saw Mrs. Melissa Edwards, Mrs. Sue Youngblood and Coach Will Smith. It's always great to see former Rams in our community. Pictured above is the Rams Boys with Coach Hammond being recognized at a "Deer Park, Fueled by Nature, Team of the Week" in Georgia for Week 10 of the GHSA Football Season! The award is given to the team not only for outstanding performance but also for their hard work and impact made both with the school's football program and community. Congratulations, Rams!

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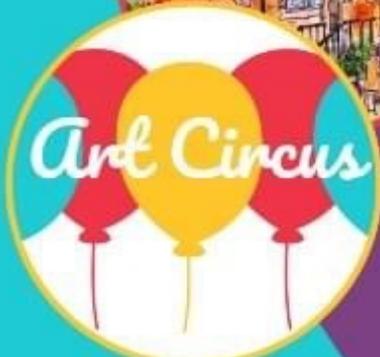
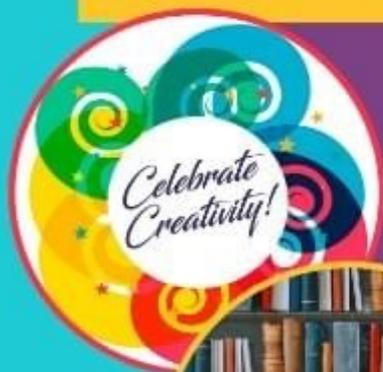
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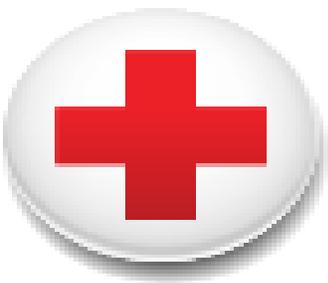
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Ten Tips for Building a Healthy Meal

1. Make half your plate veggies and fruits. Vegetables and fruits are full of nutrients and may help to promote good health. Choose red, orange and dark green vegetables such as tomatoes, sweet potatoes and broccoli.
2. Add lean protein. Choose protein foods such as lean beef and pork, or chicken, turkey, beans or tofu. Twice a week, make seafood the protein on your plate.
3. Include whole grains. Aim to make at least half your grains whole grains. Look for the words "100% whole grain" or "100% whole wheat" on the food label. Whole grains provide more nutrients, like fiber, than refined grains.
4. Don't forget the dairy. Pair your meal with a cup of fat-free or low-fat milk. They provide the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but less fat and calories. Don't drink milk? Try soy milk (soy beverage) as your beverage or include fat-free or low-fat yogurt in your meal.
5. Avoid extra fat. Using heavy gravies or sauces will add fat and calories to otherwise healthy choices. For example, steamed broccoli is great, but avoid topping it with cheese sauce. Try other options, like a sprinkling of low fat parmesan cheese or a squeeze of lemon.
6. Take your time. Savor your food. Eat slowly, enjoy the taste and textures, and pay attention to how you feel. Be mindful. Eating very quickly may cause you to eat too much.
7. Use a smaller plate. Using a smaller plate at meals will help with portion control. That way you can finish your entire plate and feel satisfied without overeating.
8. Take control of your food. Eat at home more often so you know exactly what you are eating. If you eat out, check and compare the nutrition information. Choose healthier options such as baked instead of fried.



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Tifton Arts Council Receives \$41,871 Grant To Upgrade “The Syd” Cultural Facilities Grant Comes From State

A nearly \$42,000 state grant will help the Tifton Council for the Arts to upgrade the building facilities at the Syd Blackmarr Arts Center, formerly the Tifton Museum of Arts & Heritage, on Love Avenue. Tifton’s Arts Council is one of 31 entities in the state being awarded a cultural facilities grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts, an arm of the Georgia Department of Economic Development. “The Tifton Council for the Arts is thrilled to receive \$41,871 from the Georgia Council for the Arts to care for our beautiful historic building,” said Joy Yost, executive director in Tifton. “The funds will be used to update the HVAC system, install a new loading dock and ramp behind the building, and to install a new ADA-compliant ramp leading to the handicap-accessible parking spots behind the building,” Yost said. “All of these improvements will make it easier to provide arts programming for Tifton and provide easier access to the building as we strive to make the arts available, affordable, and accessible to all,” Yost said. State cultural facilities grants support the restoration or renovation of a building used for arts programming. “Rarely has arts funding been more needed than it is today, and Georgia Council for the Arts is grateful for the support that the Georgia General Assembly is providing to help our arts communities improve their facilities and carry out their mission to the fullest,” said Tina Lilly, Georgia Arts Council director. “We hear first-hand about what this assistance can mean to an organization and a community, and we’re pleased to know that it will touch the lives of so many Georgians,” she said. This is second grant that the Georgia Council for the Arts has awarded to the Tifton Arts Council this year. In August, the Tifton organization received a \$12,000 bridge grant to assist with arts programming and events.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

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It's the Adamson Family ... Justin and Kayla Adamson are at it again! "There's somethin' strange in the neighborhood," and it's their house at 806 Texas Drive, off Magnolia Drive near the Eighth Street Middle School walking track. It's a synchronized Halloween light display with music broadcast on their own radio transmitter at 97.1 on the FM dial. Be sure to turn on the radio on in your car when watching the display. A sign reminds listeners what station to tune to. "We found a spot on the dial with static and went with it," Adamson said when the Tifton Grapevine first interviewed him in 2020. "We have two singing jack-o-lantern faces, light-up tombstones, pumpkins, colored flood lights and strobe lights," he said. Among the songs on rotation are "Thriller," "Devil Went Down to Georgia," "This is Halloween" (from "Nightmare Before Christmas"), and "Ghostbusters." The equipment that synchronizes the light display with music is called Light-o-rama. And yes, they decorate and synchronize for Christmas, too!

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More Than 1 Million Georgians Cast Early Ballots, Tift See “Epic Week” Of Voting



Georgians continue going to the polls in record numbers to vote early for the Nov. 8 general election, with more than 1 million ballots already cast statewide. Voting also has been steady in Tift County, which had an “epic week” of early voting last week, says the county’s election supervisor. “This has truly been an epic week of advanced voting. The turnout has been steady with voters coming in excited about voting,” said Leila E. Dollison, election supervisor with the Tift

County Board of Elections and Registration. The first week of early voting in Tift County saw 2,679 in-person voters. The county elections office also has mailed out 514 absentee ballots and received back 255 as of end of the day Saturday. Advance voting continues at the Tift County Board of Elections office from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday until Nov. 4. Polls will be open one more Saturday this week from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Last Saturday, 206 Tift countians cast ballots at the Tift election office at the corner of Fourth Street and Chesnutt Avenue. Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said Tuesday that the 1 million early votes cast is nearly a 70% increase above this point in the 2018 midterm election. In a press conference Tuesday at the state Capitol, Raffensperger said his office is working to get ahead of any accusations of fraud or voter suppression after facing challenges in the past two elections. “Knowing the environment we are in post-2018 and post-2020, we do expect continued misinformation and disinformation,” he said.

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Happy Halloween from Books and Bubbles!

Books and Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library had a great time reading last Tuesday reading Halloween Books, trick-or-treating in the library, and celebrating with a party!

Source: MJPL



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October

31st ~ Happy Halloween from The Martin News

31st ~ Tick or Treat in Ashburn 6pm

November

1st ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm-7pm

1st ~ Worth County Board of Commissioners Meeting 7pm

2nd ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting 12noon

3rd ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Tifton Methodist Church 12:30pm-5:30pm

5th ~ 12th Annual Run For Your Lungs in Cordele 9:30am

5th ~ Fall Festival Respite Event 2pm-5pm

6th ~ Fall Festival at Pinson UMC in Sylvester 3pm-5pm

7th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Porterfield UMC - Albany 12noon - 5pm

7th ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm

8th ~ BFHS Bingo Night at Ed's 6pm

8th ~ City of Poulan Council Meeting 6:30pm

9th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting 12noon

11th ~ Worth County Veterans Day at the Worth County Court House 9:30am

14th ~ Town of Sumner Council Meeting 7pm

15th ~ City of Warwick Council Meeting 7pm

16th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting 12noon

21st ~ Worth County Schools Closed For The Holidays

21st ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm

22nd ~ Worth County Schools Closed For The Holidays

22nd ~ City of Poulan Council Meeting 6:30pm

23rd ~ Worth County Schools Closed For The Holidays

23rd ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting 12noon

24th ~ Happy Thanksgiving from The Martin News

24th ~ Worth County Schools Closed For The Holidays

25th ~ Worth County Schools Closed For The Holidays

30th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting 12noon

Monopoly Anyone?



November 19th is Play Monopoly Day! Who all likes or loves rather to play Monopoly? I use to like to play it as a child but playing it as an adult with my almost 19 year old is way more fun! He beats me every time but his reactions during the game are priceless. I know it's a long game well in my case not so much 'cause I spend all my money buying land and then have to cash it all in to pay him but I do know that it can be a long game. Whether the game is long or not, it is so worth it spending time with our children.

Let's Celebrate Candy Day



November 4th is National Candy Day! What is your favorite candy? I am never really thought about my favorite because I like different types of candy. I keep a candy jar for everyone to enjoy at my house and right now it has miniature kit kats, miniature snickers, smarties, bubble gum and peppermint patties. I don't eat it much, but I love seeing everyone else enjoy it. Now treat someone with some candy today!

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Knowing the Signs of Pneumonia

Pneumonia Awareness Month is in November. Pneumonia is an infection that inflames the air sacs in one or both lungs. The air sacs may fill with fluid or pus (purulent material), causing cough with phlegm or pus, fever, chills, and difficulty breathing. A variety of organisms, including bacteria, viruses, and fungi, can cause pneumonia. Pneumonia can range in seriousness from mild to life-threatening. It is most serious for infants and young children, people older than age 65, and people with health problems or weakened immune systems. The signs and symptoms of pneumonia vary from mild to severe, depending on factors such as the type of germ causing the infection, and your age and overall health. Mild signs and symptoms often are like those of a cold or flu, but they last longer. Signs and symptoms of pneumonia may include:

- Fever, sweating and shaking chills
- Cough, which may produce phlegm
- Chest pain when you breathe or cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

Newborns and infants may not show any sign of the infection. Or they may vomit, have a fever and cough, appear restless or tired and without energy, or have difficulty breathing and eating. People older than age 65 and people in poor health or with a weakened immune system may have a lower-than-normal body temperature. Older people who have pneumonia sometimes have sudden changes in mental awareness. Many germs can cause pneumonia. The most common are bacteria and viruses in the air we breathe. Your body usually prevents these germs from infecting your lungs. But sometimes these germs can overpower your immune system, even if your health is generally good. Pneumonia is classified according to the types of germs that cause it and where you got the infection. If you have any of these symptoms, be sure to contact your physician.



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Jobs Hit New High While Unemployment Rate Remains Low



October 20, 2022 Atlanta, GA - Georgia Labor Commissioner Mark Butler announced today that Georgia's job numbers increased almost 13,000 over the month to a new all-time high. The September unemployment rate remained an all-time low of 2.8 percent for the third consecutive month. Georgia's unemployment rate was seven-tenths of a percent lower than the national September 2022 unemployment rate of 3.5 percent. Job numbers increased over the month to an all-time high of 4,834,900. Job gains included additional opportunities in Administrative and Support Services, 3,100, Health Care and Social Assis-

tance, 2,800, Accommodation and Food Services, 2,600, Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing, 1,800, and Wholesale Trade, 1,800. "We are continuing to see strong job creation and demand for workers in Georgia," said Commissioner Butler. "We are seeing some of the best economic opportunities for job seekers that we have seen in years." Job numbers were at an all-time high in Trade and Transportation, 1,021,400, including the Wholesale Trade, and Transportation and Warehousing sectors, and in Education and Health Services, 637,300, including the Health Care and Social Assistance sector. The sectors with the most over-the-year job gains included Accommodation and Food Services, 34,300, Administrative and Support Services, 25,400, Health Care and Social Assistance, 25,100, Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, 19,800, Transportation and Warehousing, 19,600, Wholesale Trade, 18,900, and Retail Trade, 15,100. Georgia's number of unemployed was down 1,481 to 148,173, the lowest figure since January 2001's number of 147,077. The state saw a slight drop in the number of employed residents of 2,909 to 5,126,286 in September bringing the number in the labor force to 5,274,459. There are over 178,000 jobs listed online at EmployGeorgia.com, resulting in approximately 235,000 unfilled positions. Market salaries for the jobs listed on Employ Georgia range from \$23,000 to \$100,000, showing a median salary of \$42,000. Job fairs and "Hot Jobs" highlighting employment opportunities can be found on the agency's social media platforms on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Employers with over 1,000 job postings included Wellstar Health System, 1,900, Home Depot, 1,400, and Piedmont Healthcare, 1,000. Industries with over 10,000 job postings included Health Care, 33,000, Retail Trade, 17,000, Accommodation and Food Services, 15,000, Manufacturing, 13,000, Finance and Insurance, 11,000, and Professional, Scientific & Technical Services, 10,000. Initial claims were down 5,180 (19%) from August to 21,570 in September. Over the year, initial claims were down 7,265 (25%). For personalized assistance, employers can reach Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) staff at <https://dol.georgia.gov/employeremail>. Additionally, by visiting Employ Georgia, employers can manage job openings and access the state's talent pool. GDOL's Career Centers are providing in-person employment services for customers across the state. For more information on jobs and current labor force data, visit Georgia Labor-Market Explorer to view a comprehensive report.

Help WGES Celebrate Veterans Day!



WGES will be building gift bags to donate to our local American Legion Post to distribute to the veterans that they come in contact with at the VA hospital, nursing homes, etc.

We are asking for donations of the following items from our students:

3rd Grade

toothbrush
toothpaste
socks
hand sanitizer

4th Grade

bath/hand soap
wet wipes
socks
hand sanitizer

5th Grade

hand lotion
shampoo
socks
hand sanitizer

The last day to donate will be
Wednesday, November 9th.

Thank you for your support at WGES!



Pets & Pals Parade Had A Howling Good Time On Thursday Evening

Thursday evening, October 27th, the Pets & Pals parade kicked off at 6pm with many children, families and pets enjoying the fall season. The theme this year was Grown Locally, Shared Nationally. So many cute costumes for both children/families and the fur babies. Judging must have been very hard. Parade winners for best costume with a pet were:

3rd Place True Pirates Kayla & Trace Glasier

2nd Place: Willie Winka Josie & Lillian Family

1st place: 3 Little Pigs Casey, Justin, Tindley, and Ruthie

Parade winners for best costume without a pet were:

3rd Place April Crenshaw

2nd Place Jackson Colby

1st Place Xander Harrison

Congratulations to you all! Also during the month of October around Downtown Sylvester were scarecrows galore. So many great ones to see. I loved looking at them all! I am so glad that I didn't have to do the judging. The Scarecrow winners were:

3rd Place Girl Scouts

2nd Place the Opal Project

1st Place Winner: Comnet1

Congratulations to you all! The Pets & Pals Parade was sponsored by Sylvester-Downtown Development Authority, Sylvester Main Street, City of Sylvester, Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce and Best Friends Humane Society. Thank you all for making this possible. Pictured above is Ms. Leigh Wiley giving out treats during the Downtown Trick or Treating after the parade.

Photo Credit: MJPL



Groundbreaking For Sylvester Housing Authority's New Housing Project Held On Tuesday

The groundbreaking for Sylvester Housing Authority's new housing project was held on Tuesday, October 25th at the corner of North Jefferson and West Pinson Street. This Affordable Single-Family Home (Pecan Grove Homes) project is in collaboration with the City of Sylvester and Sylvester Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH).

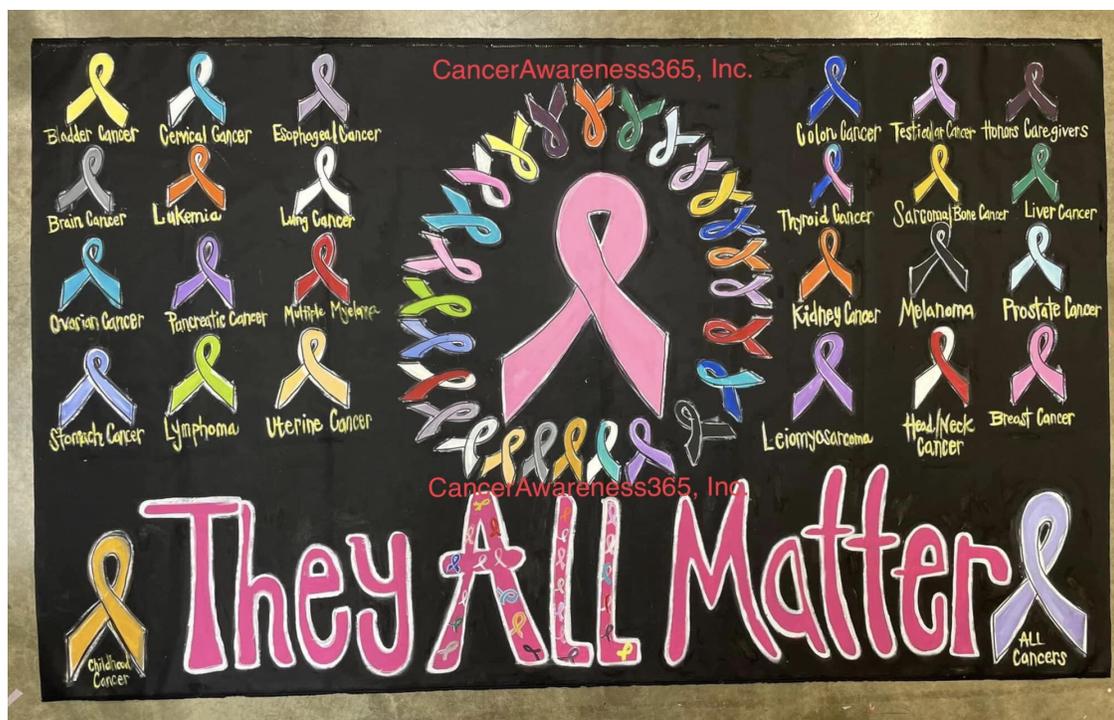
Photo Credit: Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce



Unity Baptist Church Held Its Annual Block Party At The Duck Pond Saturday

Saturday, October 29th might've brought in cloudy and cooler weather but that did not stop the fun at the Annual Block Party hosted by Unity Baptist Church held at the Duck Pond. There were so many things to do from face painting, bingo, cake walk and corn hole to "Fall into Jesus" plinko, candy corn ring toss, inflatables to jump in and a hay ride. Food was served up and children enjoyed playing the games and getting candy. So much fun all while spreading the love of Jesus.

Photo Credit: Michelle Suggs



Sylvester Pink Out Celebrates Its Tenth Year

Wednesday, October 26th was the 10th annual celebration for the City of Sylvester Pink Out held in Downtown Sylvester at the Depot. This event is to promote cancer awareness and Ms. Sharon Lyles with Cancer Awareness 365 does just that. She not only promotes on this day, but she promotes cancer awareness 365 days a year. She strives to bring cancer awareness not only for breast cancer but for all cancers. This is where the sign pictured above comes in. "They all matter" was Ms. Sharon's vision behind this banner. "This banner was designed by my vision" exclaimed Ms. Sharon "and it was made by my new friend, Allison Kilcrease with Allison Kilcrease Art." The banner was revealed at the City of Sylvester Pink Out event.

Photo Credit: Sharon Lyles



HELP WCHS CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY!



WCHS will be building gift bags to donate to our local American Legion Post to distribute to the Veterans in local nursing homes.

WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- TOOTHPASTE
- TOOTHBRUSH
- SOCKS
- HAND SANITIZER
- BATH/HAND SOAP
- WET WIPES
- HAND LOTION
- SHAMPOO

**THE LAST DAY TO DONATE WILL BE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH.**

**ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN THE FRONT
OFFICE.**



Third Annual Drive - Thru Trunk or Treat was Great Success

The Third Annual Drive - Thru Trunk or Treat was held Thursday at Unity Baptist Church from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Just over 700 children came through the event, most of them all dressed up for Halloween. Even a few came through dressed up with their pets after attending the Pets and Pals Parade in Downtown Sylvester. The event allows the parents to drive thru the event for their children to enjoy trick or treating all while staying in the car and staying safe.

A special thank you to the businesses and organizations that participated: American Legion Sylvester Post 335, Mrs. Brenda Hicks, City of Sylvester, WCHS Spirit & Competition Cheerleaders, Worth County Fire Department, Vinyl Trunk, Worth County Sheriff's Office, WCHS SGA Club, WCHS Key Club, Men United, WCMS Spirit Cheerleaders, WCHS HOSA, Bennett's Finish Carpentry, WCHS SkillsUSA, Children's Medical Services SWGA Public Health District 8-2, Worth County EMS, Worth County Board of Education, Worth County Tax Commissioners Office, CRW Tax Services, Parklynn's Nutrition, Peach State Health, SGSR Traffic Control, Unity Baptist Church, WCHS Beta Club and Poulan Police Department, L&H Community Outreach and The Church Without Walls.

A special thank you to SGSR Traffic Control and the Sylvester Police Department for helping to direct traffic and keep our community safe. We can't wait to see you next year!



Dr. Mark McKelvin Recognized In Sylvester On Friday, October 28th

What a great kickoff to Alumni Weekend having a former Ram visit Worth County High School on Friday, October 28th. Dr. Mark McKelvin is a 1996 Worth County High School Graduate and a well renowned Principal Engineer at The Aerospace Corporation. Dr. McKelvin's accomplishments have been recognized across the nation. While on his visit to Worth County High School, Dr. McKelvin stressed to the students that it took hard work and determination to get where he is today. Principal Melissa Edwards presented him with a steel plaque that said, "Once a Ram Always a Ram" and he then took a tour of the school. After lunch the Sylvester Worth County Chamber of Commerce hosted a Meet and Greet at the Margaret Jones Public Library where the City of Sylvester, Mayor Harold Proctor, Jr. presented Dr. McKelvin with a Key to the City and thanked him for coming back home to inspire our youth to work hard and encourage them to do great things with their lives. Dr. Mark McKelvin is a Principal Engineer at The Aerospace Corporation and a Lecturer in the System Architecting and Engineering graduate program at the University of Southern California, Viterbi School of Engineering. At The Aerospace Corporation, he serves as the technical authority in software and systems engineering, and he leads teams towards the digital transformation and implementation of national space systems. Prior to joining the Aerospace Corporation, he led the development of model-based engineering technology and techniques for space system development at the National Aeronautics Space Administration Jet Propulsion Laboratory as a software systems engineer and fault protection engineer. He is a Senior Member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and he serves on the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles Chapter of the International Council on Systems Engineering. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Clark Atlanta University and a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences from the University of California, Berkeley.

Source: Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce



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