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### WCHS Senior, Brooke Zinker, Set to Attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in January 2021



WCHS Senior, Brooke Zinker, signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida, as a student-athlete on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. She will graduate in December and will be joining the Eagles softball team and pursuing a degree in Still Exploring Engineering in January 2021. Congratulations, Brooke! We are very proud of you and know you will continue to be successful in

all that you do!

Source: WCSD

# Dates to Remember

## October

- 5th - Worth County Schools Closed/Holiday
- 6th - Worth County Schools Closed/Holiday
- 6th - Pizza & Tavern Opening
- 6th - WCHS Softball at TCHS
- 6th - Books & Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library
- 7th - Virtual Learning for Worth County Schools
- 7th - WCHS Softball at Lee Co
- 7th - Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 8th - WCHS Softball at Thomasville
- 9th - Looking Glass Salon Ribbon Cutting 5pm
- 9th - Worth County High School Fall Sports Senior Night 630pm
- 9th - Worth County Rams vs Tifton at Home 730pm
- 10th - 100 Mile Peanut Pickin' Yard Sale
- 10th - Cross Country at Bearcats
- 13th - Worth the Read Book Club Monthly Meeting 530pm
- 14th - Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 16th - Pizza & Tavern Ribbon Cutting
- 16th - Worth County Rams vs Cook County at Home 730pm Pink Out Game
- 19th - Pumpkin Paint Party 6pm
- 21st - Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 23rd - Worth County Rams vs Thomasville at Home 730pm Alumni Night
- 27th - Sylvester Worth County Family Connections Meeting
- 28th - 8th Annual Sylvester Pink Out Day
- 28th - Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 30th - Worth County Rams vs Fitzgerald Away 730pm







**November 3, 2020**

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**1** Programs- I will develop programs centered around: depression, suicide, bullying, and water safety for our youth

**2** Response Time- All calls involving the coroners office will be addressed in a timely manner.

**3** Proper handling of paperwork- Any death certificates handled through the coroner's office will be returned to the prospective funeral home promptly.

**4** Care Packet of unused toiletries from hotel stays to give to families that have lost homes to fire or storm damage and stuffed animal drive for kids who lose parents tragically or naturally

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## Fitzgerald Man Named Georgia's Top Technical College Instructor



Mike Day of Fitzgerald, a welding and joining technology instructor at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, has been named the state's top technical college instructor for 2020. Day received this year's Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction from the Technical College System of Georgia

(TCSG). "Mike embodies everything you want in an outstanding instructor — a passion for teaching, expertise in their field, and most importantly, a love for their students," said TCSG Commissioner Greg Dozier. "I know everyone at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College and TCSG is extremely proud to have Mike represent the very best of technical education in Georgia," Dozier said. The Rick Perkins Award, now in its 29th year, highlights excellence in technical instruction and recognizes the most outstanding instructors at the 22 TCSG colleges. As the award winner, Day will make public appearances as a representative for technical education during the next year, including meeting with Gov. Brian P. Kemp and addressing the General Assembly. Day received a crystal award and a \$1,000 check. Wiregrass Technical College has campuses in Valdosta, Fitzgerald and Douglas, and a center in Sparks.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

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### Blending in with our Children's School Schedule

Here we are welcoming in October. This year seems to be flying by. Our children have been in school a full two months now. Are they still excited about being back in school? With the crisp fall air, new friends and now used sharpened pencils, is your child still talking about how great it is to be back in school or has the pressure of the new school year sank in? Even though school is tough, the teachers want it to be fun too. Add to their excitement and motivate them to learn with these four great back to school ideas from the Home & School Connection. I find the ideas shared in this publication to be great and I hope you do as well. One great back to school idea is find out what your child is learning this year. Some examples would be cursive writing, state history or even the solar system. Then you as a parent can get a head start. Leave a note on their bedroom door in cursive. Visit a battlefield or history museum. Read a book about the planets, or gaze at the night sky together. This connects you to what your child is learning in school and may even help them to learn more. A second great back to school idea would be to share your own report card or photo from the grade your child is starting. Tell them what you like most about that year. Let them ask you questions about when you were in school. It is so much fun to bring back good ole memories. Another great idea would be to attend a play at your local theater or a nature program at the community center. You'll get your child back in the habit of sitting still and paying attention. Playing school at home is good practice too. The "teacher" can read aloud to the "student", write out math problems and even give a spelling test. And last but definitely not least, check out the school website and see what activities your school may offer. If your child likes to sing, they may be able to join the chorus. A child with good leadership skills might want to run for the student council, while a sports lover may want to join a team. Some of the groups have already started but always make sure to look at the schools website to see the event listings.



## **ABAC Horticulture Club Offers Public Classes on Air Plants, Succulents**



Local residents may take advantage of two classes that the Horticulture Club at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College is offering to the community on air plants (Oct. 15) and on succulents (Oct. 22). Horticulture Club President Morgan Fritze said tickets are available for each class on the ABAC Horticulture Club's Facebook page. The cost is \$20 per person for the air plant care and design class, and \$15 per person for the succulents class. "The air plant care

and design class will include all materials for participants to create their own design, which they can take home with them," Fritze said. "Attendees at the succulents class will learn how to care for succulents and create arrangements for their home." Dr. Frank Flanders, agricultural education professor, will present an interactive demonstration of the proper way to care for and create air plants and succulent designs. Horticulture Club members will then assist attendees in selecting materials and creating designs. Both classes will be held in the ABAC Chambliss Building. The college requires face coverings and social distancing. For information, contact Fritze at 407-212-1037. Morgan Fritze, left, from Daytona Beach, Fla., and Kayla Ming from Lake Placid, Fla., will be assisting with both upcoming ABAC Horticulture Club community programs. Fritze is president of the club, and Ming is vice president.

Source: Tifton Grapevine





## **Tifton's Rashod Bateman Returns to U. Minnesota Team After Initially Opting Out This Season**



University of Minnesota star receiver Rashod Bateman, a former Tift County High Blue Devil, has received NCAA clearance to play the fall season in college after initially opting out, the team announced Wednesday. Bateman, who opted out Aug. 4 and signed with an agent to begin preparing for the NFL draft, opted back in after the Big Ten Conference reinstated its fall football season recently.

Bateman has been practicing with Minnesota but needed his eligibility restored for competition. Minnesota is to open its season Oct. 24 at home against Michigan. He said he initially opted out of the season because of health and safety concerns related to the pandemic. Bateman will wear No. 0 this season, becoming the first Minnesota Gopher ever to do so. He is switching from No. 13 to No. 0 because, he said, there is zero tolerance for racism in Minnesota's culture, and it is a call to action to end racism in society. He was named Third-Team All-American last season, All-Big Ten First Team and was the Big Ten Receiver of the Year as a sophomore. The Tifton native, who was also one of 12 semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award, caught 60 passes for 1,219 yards (second most in a single season in school history) and 11 touchdowns (tied for second most in a single season). Photo by Brad Rempel, University of Minnesota. Former Tift County Blue Devil Rashod Bateman, an All-American wide receiver, has decided to return to college play this season at the University of Minnesota.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

The logo features the word 'think' in a teal, lowercase, sans-serif font. To its right, the word 'TIFTON' is written in large, bold, uppercase letters. Each letter of 'TIFTON' is a different color (green, red, orange, yellow, teal, orange) and has a distressed, hand-painted texture. Behind the letters, there is a graphic of a sun with rays and a road leading towards it.

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## **Helping Children Face their Fears**

Have you ever thought about a fear that your child has but did not know how to handle it? In the Home & School Connection there was an interesting article about this and I want to share it with you. It makes perfect sense. The question was how a parent could help their son who is afraid of storms to feel more secure. I am sure that someone has a child that is afraid of storms. I am more than my child, does that count? Fears are actually normal at the age of primary and elementary age children but there are ways you can help. Home and School Connection suggested that this particular family could stop by their local library or school library and check out books on storms. If their child understood storms, he may not be as afraid. Teaching their child simple rules such as stay away from trees, don't use a corded phone or take a bath during the storm. Another great piece of advice was keep their son occupied during the storm. They suggest for them to look out a closed window, and count the seconds between the lightning and the thunder. He can divide by five to find out how far away the storm is (if they count to 10, the storm is two miles away). Another idea is to turn your child into an artist and let them paint or draw their fear out. Keep them in a folder and before long they will be looking for every opportunity to draw about the fear. Then the fear has become a liking instead of a fear.



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**Rams were off this past Friday night .. So enjoy these stats from the first games of the season! Posters below made by Jakori Edwards and pictures provided by Jennifer Cooper.**

**GO RAMS!**

**Snap Shots from Facebook**

 <p><b>Makyhia Jordan</b> #44</p> <p><b>#13 in Region Tackles</b></p>	 <p><b>Keonis Williams</b> #17</p> <p><b>#9 in Region Rushing Yards</b></p>	 <p><b>Desmond Rushing</b> #20</p> <p><b>#6 in Region Tackles (25)</b></p>	 <p><b>Chip Cooper</b> #3</p> <p><b>#4 in Region Passing Yards</b></p>	 <p><b>Keyunta Jackson</b> #1</p> <p><b>"Spotlight Player of the Week"</b></p> <p>3 Tackles 1 Tackle for a loss 1 Sack</p>
 <p><b>Jaevious Jackson</b> #2</p> <p><b>#9 in Region Interceptions</b></p>	 <p><b>Shaun Harrell</b> #25</p> <p><b>#3 in Region Rushing Yards (203)</b></p>	 <p><b>Reilly Mason</b> #87</p> <p><b>#1 in Region PATs (13)</b> <b>#1 in Region Field Goals Made</b></p>	 <p><b>Jordan Curry</b> #18</p> <p><b>#1 in Region Interceptions</b> <b>#1 in Region Rushing Yards (250)</b> <b>#1 in Region 6 #27 in State Passing Yards (624)</b></p>	 <p><b>Jordan Curry</b> #18</p> <p><b>#2 in Region Touchdowns (3)</b> <b>#10 in Region Tackles (17)</b></p>
 <p><b>Justin Seabolt</b> #42</p> <p><b>#2 in Region Sacks</b></p>	 <p><b>Kedarius Crutchfield</b> #15</p> <p><b>#7 in Region Tackles (19)</b></p>	 <p><b>Chris McGill</b> #7</p> <p><b>#2 in Region Return Yardage</b></p>	 <p><b>Tayshaun Shipp</b> #12</p> <p><b>#1 in Region 8 State Receiving Yards (565)</b> <b>#3 in Region Return Yardage</b></p>	 <p><b>Tayshaun Shipp</b> #12</p> <p><b>#1 in Region Touchdowns (6)</b> <b>#10 in Region Tackles (17)</b></p>

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## Halloween Health and Safety Tips

Autumn holidays like Halloween and Harvest Day are fun times for children of all ages, who can dress up in costumes, enjoy parties, enjoy fall fruits and vegetables, and eat yummy treats. These celebrations also provide a chance to give out healthy snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety. Check out these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests. Going trick-or-treating? Be sure swords, knives, and similar costume accessories are short, soft, and flexible. Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult. Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you. Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat. We don't want anyone to have a belly ache. Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house. Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation. Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible. Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses. Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe. Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls. Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers. Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses. Never accept rides from strangers. Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes. Are you expecting trick-or-treaters or party guests? Be sure to follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone: Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses. Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity. Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls. Keep candle-lit jack o'lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended. Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely. Fall festivities will be here before you know it and we need everyone to be safe and enjoy this time of year.



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