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Nominations open for Outstanding Georgia Young Peanut Farmer Award

TIFTON, Ga. (Nov. 13, 2020) - Nominations are now open for the Outstanding Georgia Young Peanut Farmer. The state winner will be announced at the Georgia Peanut Farm Show on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, in Tifton, Georgia. The award is sponsored by the Georgia Peanut Commission and BASF. The Outstanding Georgia Young Peanut Farmer Award is based upon the applicant's overall farm operation; environmental and stewardship practices; and leadership, civic, church, and community service activities. "We have so many young peanut farmers making a difference in their communities and I consider this awards program a great opportunity to recognize one young peanut farmer for their contributions to the agricultural industry," says Armond Morris, chairman of the Georgia Peanut Commission. The award is open for any active Georgia peanut farmer who is not over 45 years of age, as of Jan. 21, 2021. An individual may receive the award only once. There is no limit on the number of applicants from each county in Georgia. "BASF is honored to be a sponsor of the Outstanding Georgia Young Peanut Farmer Award," says Dan Watts, district manager of BASF Crop Protection Products. "We are committed to agriculture and bringing new innovative solutions to producers that will allow them to continue to be successful." Applications are due to the GPC office by Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020. The award application is available online at www.gapeanuts.com or by contacting Joy Crosby at 229-386-3690 or joycrosby@gapeanuts.com. The award winner receives registration and hotel accommodations to attend the Southern Peanut Growers Conference, July 15-17, 2021, at Edgewater Beach Resort, Panama City Beach, Florida, and a sign to display at his or her farm.



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Helping Those In Need at The Manna Food Drop

With the Holidays approaching, I was thinking recently about what Larry and I would have for Thanksgiving lunch. Have you ever stopped and thought about the fact that there will be many not celebrating Thanksgiving lunch because they do not have the food to provide for a meal? Have you ever stopped and thought about how you could help? I know that times are tough for many and money doesn't always come easy but giving to those in need doesn't always take money but does always take time. Unity Baptist Church works hard to provide to those less fortunate and are in need of food. They do this with their Manna Food Drive. It is held quarterly and the next one is December 19th. In 2013, Unity Baptist Church joined a group called Road Less Traveled that was doing a food drive. They met with them in the old Bullard Building to see how they distributed the food. That is when they decided that God was leading Unity to participate in helping the community. Since then, they have been distributing food every three to four months. At each Manna Food Drop, they distribute about 130-150 boxes. The Manna Food Drop is geared for the low income families in order to help assist them. The boxes are given away, there is never a charge. The way the church provides the food is for two Sundays before the Manna Food Drop, they take up a collection of monies and then order that amount in food from Second Harvest of Southwest Georgia. This program is the TEFAP which is "The Emergency Food Assistance Program". There is a form that the person receiving the box of food at the Manna Food Drop is required to complete but Unity Baptist Church does not verify the information that is given to them on this form. Volunteers from the church both young and old and at times even volunteers from other churches come that Saturday morning arriving around 6 am to help unload the truck, pack the boxes, and begin distributing boxes at 9 am. The cars line up, volunteers obtained the forms from the people while they are still in their cars, talk with them about prayer needs and then they drive to the next station where the box is placed in their vehicle. They never have to get out of their cars when picking up the food. Thank you to all who make this happen at Unity Baptist Church and the volunteers. And a special thank you to Mrs. Marsha Hickox for taking the time to explain to The Martin News how this program works. If your group or organization may be interested in helping with this event, please contact the church. The Worth County Rams Football Team assists often and it is such a blessing to see the community come together to help those less fortunate. Thank you again Unity Baptist Church for all you do for our community. May God continue to Bless you all.

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Enjoying Time at The Margaret Jones Public Library

The Library recognizes the connection between reading to young children early, library use and educational success. The National Commission on Reading concluded that, "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children." We are committed to instilling a love for reading in the very young child. We provide a variety of children's books in several different age appropriate formats. For babies and toddlers we have durable little board books. For preschoolers through third grade we have picture books. Easy readers allow beginning readers to begin the formal process of reading and word recognition. We have Juvenile nonfiction and chapter books for grades 2 through 8. Kids have their very own card catalog at <http://gapines.org/kpac>. Only those 350,000-plus books, DVDs, CDs and other items that have been cataloged in PINES as children's materials will show up in search results. Books & Bubbles is our storytime for children ages zero to three and it is presented on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am. We sing songs, use flannel stories and rhymes, and read books of course in this 20 minute storytime. Then we have a time of play. Pre-School Storytime is for children ages three to five and it is presented on Thursday mornings at 10 am. In this 60 minute story time we read books, sing songs, and create crafts all related to a theme. Third Thursday Lego Club is for kids of all ages. We provide the Legos. All you have to bring is your imagination. All creations will be on display for everyone to see. This club meets on the third Thursday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. During the summer months when school is out, the library offers the Summer Reading Program. Research has shown that reading over the summer break helps prevent students from losing ground and helps prepare them for the next school year. Participating in the library's Summer Reading Program is a great way to stop the "summer slide". Each year there is a new theme. Check the library's event calendar for more details. Whether you need help locating a good book to read or information to complete a school project, they are there to help. Be sure to make plans during the upcoming holiday season to visit the library.

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Have you ever thought about sending a Christmas card to your family and friends or do you just send a Christmas text? I know a few just laughed when they read that but I am being very serious. When I was a teenager, being the youngest grandchild and a granddaughter at that, I took up much time with my grandmother. After Thanksgiving lunch every year that I can remember after becoming a teenager, I would help her fix her Christmas cards. She had them ready to mail out on December 1st or around there. She had her address book that we went through looking at who she needed to send a card to and she looked through the address labels of those that sent to her the year before, yes she kept them ALL! She enjoyed sending as much as she enjoyed receiving Christmas cards. She put a special message in each card. I think back on those times and it brings such great joy to me knowing that time with her was so precious to us both. I sure miss fixing those cards for her. She kept EVERY one of her cards from year to year to glance back over. Have you mailed your cards today?



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- 16th ~ WCMS Girls Basketball Home
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- 17th ~ Books and Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library
- 17th ~ Recreation Football Tournaments in Tifton 6pm
- 17th ~ Worth County 4H Club Meeting 4th-8th graders 3:30-5pm
- 18th ~ Worth County 4H Club Meeting 9th-12th graders 3:30-5pm
- 18th ~ Recreation Football Tournaments in Tifton 6pm
- 18th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting Noon
- 18th ~ WCMS Girls Basketball Away
- 18th ~ WCMS Boys Basketball Away
- 19th ~ Recreation Football Tournaments in Tifton 6pm
- 19th ~ Christmas Open House Downtown Sylvester
- 20th ~ Christmas Open House Downtown Sylvester
- 21st ~ Christmas Open House Downtown Sylvester
- 21st ~ Free Thanksgiving Dinner for the Community at Mary Alice Shipp Senior Center
- 21st ~ Chehaw Animal Thanksgiving
- 2nd ~ Wiregrass Kids in Tifton - Harvest with Corn 10:30am
- 23rd ~ Chehaw Thanksgiving Break Camp
- 23rd ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Holidays
- 23rd ~ Thanksgiving Break Camp at Flint RiverQuarium
- 24th ~ Thanksgiving Break Camp at Flint RiverQuarium
- 24th ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connections Meeting
- 24th ~ Chehaw Thanksgiving Break Camp
- 24th ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Holidays
- 25th ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Holidays
- 25th ~ Chehaw Thanksgiving Break Camp
- 25th ~ Thanksgiving Break Camp at Flint RiverQuarium
- 25th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting
- 25th ~ Animal Thanksgiving at Flint RiverQuarium 10:30am
- 26th ~ Happy Thanksgiving from The Martin News
- 26th ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Holidays
- 27th ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Holidays
- 27th ~ Santa at the Tifton Mall 11am-8pm
- 28th ~ Santa at the Tifton Mall 11am-8pm
- 30th ~ WCMS Girls Basketball Home
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Food Drive Underway at WCES

The annual food drive is well underway at Worth County Elementary School! The students are bringing in canned goods every day in hopes of "winning the race" to the end of their hallway. The grade level that reaches the finish line first will win free ice cream! All of this food stays right here in Worth County to support our Hungry at Home Back Pack Program and a sizeable donation will be made to each food pantry that serves our community. If you would like to participate, please have your children bring their donation to school from now until November 19th. Please remember that all donations have to be nonperishable foods that are easy for small hands to open without assistance. Below is some suggested food items. If you have any questions, please feel free to give the school a call. Canned meats with pop tops only (example: Vienna sausage, tuna, Banie Weenies, Ravioli, Spaghetti's, etc), Milk Boxes, Juice Boxes/Capri Suns, Small Boxed Cereal, Fruit Cups, Chips or Pretzels, Small boxes of Raisins, Cheese or Peanut Butter Crackers, Applesauce cups, Cereal Bars or Granola Bars, Pop-Tarts, Fruit Gummy Snacks. WCES appreciates all of the support for their annual food drive!

Source: WCSD

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Around the Gardens: Falling Leaves



With the shorter days, cooler nights, and bright, sunny days of autumn we put on an extra jacket – especially in the mornings. Deciduous trees and shrubs do the opposite. In

preparation for winter, chlorophyll production slows down and leaves eventually drop off. The colorful pigments we're beginning to see may have been in the leaves all along but were masked by the green from chlorophyll. Technically the yellows, golds and oranges are due to carotenoid which is in the leaves fairly constantly. Red colors are a different story. Sunny days allow the leaves to produce sugar, but the cool night temperatures prevent the sugar sap from flowing into the branches and trunk. To help the plant recover nutrients in the leaves before they fall off some trees produce anthocyanins. It is these anthocyanins that produce the brilliant shades of red and maroon. Lots of cloudy days can mean fewer red leaves. Lack of rain also affects leaf coloration and many leaves may simply turn brown and fall off rather than show brilliant fall color. As the larger trees turn color and drop their leaves, the smaller trees and shrubs will show their fall colors. In the Gardens at Callaway, the vistas around the lakes are always good places to see leaf color. Later in the fall foliage season, be sure to drive through Overlook and Meadowlark to see the Japanese maple colors.

National Espresso Day... Have Yourself A Cup Today



Espresso made its debut in Italy in the early 20th century although coffee was already very much a part

of Italian life for centuries. Espresso lovers owe their thanks for the tasty brew to Italy's Luigi Bezzera, the owner of a manufacturing plant who wanted to speed up the time it took to make coffee. It's unclear whether he was motivated to hasten the process by frustration over how long his morning coffee took or whether he wanted to speed up the time his employees took for their coffee breaks. Regardless, Bezzera discovered that adding steam pressure to the process produced a stronger, more robust cup of coffee. This machine used in this new quick-brew process was named the Fast Coffee Machine. The beverage produced by the machine would eventually become known as espresso, which means fast in Italian. Regrettably, Bezzera wasn't as talented at marketing and sales as he was at engineering. A few years later in 1905, Desidero Pavoni purchased the rights to the machine from Bezzera and had it patented. It is due to Pavoni's marketing genius that espresso grew in popularity. In the early 1940s, Achille Gaggia created a piston-based espresso machine that improved the taste by eliminating the burnt flavor and giving espresso a thicker consistency. Initially for professional use in coffee bars, the espresso machine gradually became available for use at home. Now go have yourself a cup of Espresso.



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Lawmakers Make Progress On Veterans Issues, Congressman Scott Says

Congressman Austin Scott, R-Tifton, spoke of positive changes for veterans during Tifton's Tribute to Veterans on Wednesday, Veterans Day. Scott told of his grandfather, "my favorite veteran," who was a prisoner of war for 18 months during World War II. "He was a B-17 pilot flying out of North Africa. When he returned, he spent a little better than five years trying to prove to the VA (Veterans Administration) that he was in the military. He'd been a POW, was wounded in battle and had five air medals and a Purple Heart. He came back to fight the bureaucracy at the VA," Scott told the audience. "I will tell you quite candidly that just a few years ago, we were still hearing those stories from the VA. Now I feel that we have made some good progress with the VA. There are still some veterans waiting for care, and we are doing everything we can to reduce

the amount of red tape." In another situation, Scott told of a young disabled veteran, who lost both legs in Afghanistan who wanted to go back to work, but said he would lose his Social Security benefits if he took a job. "So we wanted to fix that," Scott said. "We wrote a bill called the Purple Heart Right to Work Act. They deserve it. I believe we have so many suicides because we have too many injured veterans who spend too much time sitting around the house, because the rules prohibit them from doing what they need to do to get back to work. "We have a tremendous bipartisan group that signed on that legislation," said Scott, who serves on the U.S. House Armed Services Committee. Scott also noted that there is positive news coming on the potential for a coronavirus vaccine, and he advised citizens, "Don't let your guard down" in the meantime.

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: 'T' is green, 'I' is red, 'F' is orange, 'T' is yellow-green, 'O' is a teal sun with rays, and 'N' is orange. Below the letters, a green road with white dashed lines curves upwards towards the sun.

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Called To Care Aids Children In Foster Care, Co-Director Tells Tifton Rotary Club



Hannah Rucker, co-director of Called to Care of Tift and Turner counties and guest speaker at the Tifton Rotary Club meeting Wednesday, explained the mission of the nonprofit organization – to meet the physical needs of vulnerable children in the foster care system. The Georgia Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS) will "let us know their needs, and we will do our best to meet them," she said. An example is the "journey bag" she displayed, a book-bag filled with different items, depending on the age and needs of each child. The organization started

in Tifton during 2014 when local resident Laura Maxwell felt a calling, during a church service, to help children. The organization now serves 20 counties in South Georgia. Currently serving 114 children in Tift and Turner counties, the local chapter aided 417 children in the past year, including those in 36 local foster homes. Online training and courses for foster parents are offered free of charge, and the chapter rents office space from Tifton First Baptist Church. The organization is launching its year-end campaign within a few weeks in hopes of making up funds missed from canceling fundraising events during the pandemic. For more information about the chapter, Rucker said to look to social media for "Called to Care."

Source: Tifton Grapevine





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Source: Sylvester - Worth County
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Classroom Gardens at WCMS

Classroom gardens have been a part of Worth County Middle School for over four years. This past week, Mrs. Cooper's 6th graders planted seeds and bulbs to grow purple top turnips, curly leaf mustard, and garlic.

Classroom gardens help students learn about planting and harvesting, and allow them to experience the farm-to-table concept (food on the table came directly from a specific farm, without going through a store, market, or distributor along the way).

Source: WCSD



This past Tuesday at the Margaret Jones Public Library, Books and Bubbles read books about frogs. They enjoyed hopping around, trying to catch flies and hearing some fantastic froggy books. Be sure to follow the Margaret Jones Public Library on Facebook for a listing of all upcoming events. You will not want to miss it!

Source: MJPL



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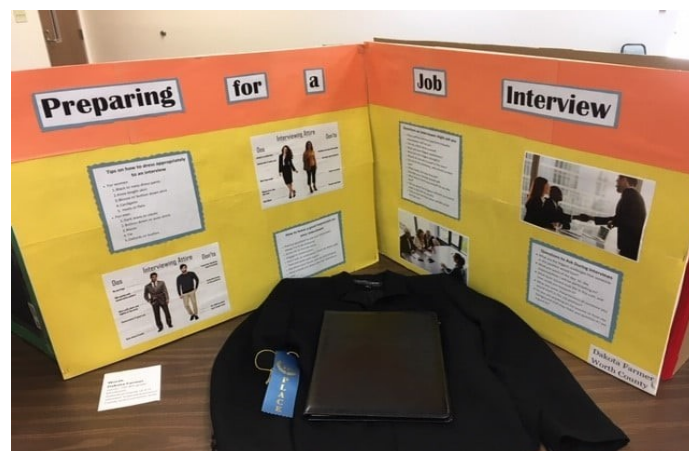
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Random Acts of Kindness Month... What Will You Do?

Random Acts Of Kindness Day was first created in Denver, Colorado in 1995, and nine years later it spread to New Zealand in 2004. Random Acts of Kindness can include just about anything, including something as simple as taking a tray of muffins to work. The idea behind this holiday is to make the world a better place by spreading a little light around. Lift someone up with your words, compliment them on their appearance, all these things can help to really turn around someone who's having a bad day. Additionally, research has shown that the very act of doing something for someone else gives us a chemical high, a higher one, in fact, than if something had been done for us. There was a wise man who once shared a concept "Do not think of those who are in need, such as panhandlers, as seeking charity. They are, instead, providing a service. A service that allows you to get your fix of feel good while simultaneously paying someone for providing it." It may be a bit more open-minded than some people are ready for, but it certainly helps bring things into light! Random Acts of Kindness come in all forms, large and small, and how you choose to perform yours is entirely up to you. It can start with dropping a bit of change in the cup of the homeless person along the street, or considering the time of year, providing a warm blanket to see them through. You could take a friend out to lunch, for no other reason than that they're your friend. See someone looking down? Drop a hot coffee or tea on their desk with a smile, and tell them to have a great day. Even just smiling at someone and telling them to have a good day could have a profound impact. On Random Acts of Kindness Day, help yourself by helping others, the smile on their face and yours will prove it's all worth it.

Banana Pudding Anyone?

Did you know that November is for Banana Pudding Lovers Month? Do you like banana pudding? I love banana pudding but without the bananas. Yes I know that sounds crazy but I am not much of a banana fan in the pudding but I do love bananas. If you want some really good banana pudding be sure to visit Ed's on Wednesday. Each Wednesday they have banana pudding and for those that love bananas in their pudding, loves Ed's Banana Pudding. When daddy was living, he was sure to visit there on Wednesday's for their great banana pudding. Go get yours today!



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Where To Spend Christmas Vacation With Kids

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Source: Callaway Gardens



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