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Wendy's Grand Opening And Ribbon Cutting Held

Wendy's is now open in Sylvester! They are located at 808 East Franklin Street. They opened last week and have been slammed since day one! On Monday, November 14th, the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce held a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for them. Be sure to stop by and see them. Try one of their many menu selections. Everything is very yummy!

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Where To Spend Christmas Vacation With Kids


Christmas is a time for giving, so give yourself a break. “But, what about the kids?”, you may find yourself asking with some frustration. Fear not! Callaway Resort & Gardens is the perfect Christmas vacation getaway for you and the kids! Nestled in Pine Mountain, Georgia just a short drive from Atlanta you’ll find one of America’s best Christmas vacation spots. Book a suite in the Lodge and Spa, and you’ll be treated to a beautiful view overlooking the lake, woodlands, and the garden. The gorgeous room interior will give you the same comfort as your own home. With quick access to the garden, swimming pool, spa and fitness center, and cabana-style bar, the Lodge and Spa suites are the perfect setup for a fantastic vacation. But, what about the kids? Well, the resort offers some of the best activities for families near Atlanta. Families can explore the amazing Callaway Gardens together. The Callaway Brothers Azalea Bowl, Overlook Azalea Garden, Ida Cason Callaway Memorial Chapel, Pioneer Log Cabin, Meadowlark Garden, and Thornhill Hydrangea Garden are just a few of the outdoor attractions offered at the resort. There are plenty of nature trails to walk as well. If you’re looking for a unique nature experience, the Day Butterfly Center houses over 1,000 butterflies for your viewing pleasure—it’s one of North America’s largest tropical butterfly conservatories! You’ll have the chance to learn all about the wonderful butterflies that inhabit the Center and watch them in their natural habitat. At the Callaway Discovery Center, you can enjoy a show so spectacular, it that requires the approval of both U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Callaway Gardens’ Birds of Prey program is designed to educate visitors about their impact on wildlife, but it also gives visitors an up close and personal demonstration of predatory birds’ strength, speed, and natural instincts. It’s definitely a must-see! If your kids are looking for a little more adventure, they’ll love the Callaway Resort & Gardens’ Treetop Adventure – Zip Lines & Obstacle Courses. The self-guided, in-air obstacle course will entertain any thrill seeker. The 10 zip lines and 34 challenges will take the average zip liner two to three hours to complete. The challenges and thrilling heights are sure to bring any family closer together and give a sense of accomplishment when completed. You can also sign up the kids for the zip lines and take those two to three hours to unwind. The resort offers two world-class 18-hole golf courses that take you through some of the most breathtaking scenery in America. You can also work up a sweat at the Mountain Creek Tennis Center, where you’ll find both hard-surface and soft-surface courts. If you prefer the calmness of the waters, you can opt to rent a canoe, kayak, or jon boat and venture onto Mountain Creek Lake. Let’s face it, though—if you’re going to unwind, you’ll do it best at the Spa at Callaway Resort & Gardens. Sign up for massage therapy, facials, manicures, pedicures, salon services, or botanical body treatments. While the kids climb sky high, you’ll be floating along on cloud nine. “That sounds great,” you might say, “but what about Christmas?” Well, if you’re at Callaway Resort & Gardens during Christmas, you’ll be treated to one of the world’s Top 10 Places to See Holiday Lights, according to National Geographic Traveler. At Callaway Resort & Gardens’ Fantasy In Lights, there are eight million lights, 15 scenes and shows, and awesome Christmas characters that will bring the holiday spirit to your amazing Christmas vacation. You can even sign up to have breakfast with the Christmas characters! If you’re wondering where to spend Christmas vacation with kids, you’ll find all the makings of a perfect vacation at Callaway Resort & Gardens. Call today to book your stay!




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Tips for Safely Frying a Turkey



Frying a holiday turkey can be tricky. Here are some tips from UGA experts to help make sure your bird is thoroughly cooked and your holiday doesn't include a trip to the emergency room or a call to the fire department. "People who fry turkeys say it produces a moister turkey. And it's quicker," said Elizabeth Andress, a UGA Cooperative Extension food safety specialist. "But in the eyes of safety experts, the typical propane-fueled turkey fryer is a major accident waiting to happen. There are definitely safety issues to consider." Don't use too much oil: Some of the most serious injuries are caused by faulty or misused equipment, like unstable fryer stands, uninsulated pot handles and or fry pots that have been overfilled with oil. Filling the pot too full of oil can cause the oil to spill over when the turkey is placed in the pot. Spillovers at cooking temperatures can cause severe burns, Andress warns. Food safety by the fryer: "You have to be sure all the harmful bacteria have been killed," Andress said. "The only way to do this is to measure the temperature of the

cooked turkey in several places with a food thermometer." First, heat the oil to 365 to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. This usually takes 45 minutes to an hour. Next, add your turkey and allow the oil to return to 365 to 375 degrees. Whole turkeys require about 3 minutes per pound to cook. To be sure your bird is safely cooked, she said, the temperature must reach at least 165 degrees in the thickest part of the breast. Some cooks prefer the innermost part of the thigh to reach 180 degrees. Andress recommends following these safety steps: Use propane-fired turkey fryers outdoors, a safe distance from buildings and anything that can burn, never use turkey fryers on wooden decks or inside garages, place the fryer on a flat surface to reduce the risk of accidental tipping, never leave the fryer unattended, never allow children or pets near the fryer. Even after use, the oil inside the pot can remain dangerously hot for hours, don't overfill the fryer, use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching the pot or lid handles, make sure the turkey is completely thawed. Be careful with marinades. Oil and water don't mix, and water causes oil to spill over, which could cause a fire or explosion hazard and keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. And never use water to extinguish a grease fire.



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Driver Safety is for All Ages



It is a fact of life that people grow older everyday. With increasing age come changes in physical, mental and sensory abilities that can challenge a person's continued ability to drive safely. But there are a variety of safe travel options for people of all ages. The real need is a broader awareness of the solutions, rather than a narrow focus on the problem. The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) believes that occupational therapy practitioners have the skills to evaluate a person's overall ability to operate a vehicle safely and provide rehabilitation, if necessary. Many are specially trained in the full scope of driving rehabilitation. Occupational therapy practitioners work with older adults as well as their families and caregivers, offering individualized assessment. They can identify individuals' unique challenges and find strategies that will help them live life to its fullest by keeping them active, healthy, and safe in their communities. AOTA's Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, aims to promote understanding of the importance of mobility and transportation to ensuring older adults remain active in the community with such things as shopping, working or even volunteering, with the confidence that transportation will not be the barrier to strand them at home. The Martin News wishes everyone a great and wonderful holiday season. Stay safe and watch all the drivers around you. Merry Christmas and safe travels from The Martin News.

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21st ~ Worth County Schools Closed For The Holidays

21st ~ Eggs & Issues Political Forum 7:30am - 10am

21st ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm

22nd ~ Worth County Schools Closed For The Holidays

22nd ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Byne Memorial Baptist Church 10am - 2pm

22nd ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Tifton First Baptist Church 1pm - 6pm

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

23rd ~ Worth County Schools Closed For The Holidays

23rd ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Dougherty County Community 10am-2pm

23rd ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting 12noon

24th ~ Happy Thanksgiving from The Martin News

24th ~ Lights! Lights! Thanksgiving Night in Moultrie 4pm

24th ~ Worth County Schools Closed For The Holidays

25th ~ Worth County Schools Closed For The Holidays

25th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Tifton Mall 10am - 3pm

26th ~ Holiday Festival at Possum Poke 9am - 9pm

26th ~ Santa at the Tifton Mall 11am - 8pm

27th ~ Santa at the Tifton Mall 1pm - 6pm

29th ~ Phoebe Worth Christmas Tree Lighting 7pm

30th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Tiftarea Academy 9am - 2pm

30th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting 12noon

TRMC Tree Of Life Returns To In-Person Ceremony



Tift Regional Medical Center’s 37th annual lighting of the Tree of Life, a symbolic tribute to friends, family, and lost loved ones during the holiday season, will be held in person for the first time since the pandemic at 6 p.m. Dec. 13. The event will be held on TRMC’s front lawn, 901 E. 18th St. in Tifton. Lights on the tree may be purchased in honor or memory of someone, with all proceeds benefiting the patients of Hospice of Tift Ar-

ea and the TRMC Anita Stewart Oncology Center who need extra support. The event will include a candle-lighting ceremony, live holiday music, and complimentary refreshments. “It wouldn’t be the holiday season without the Tree of Life,” said Hospice of Tift Area Director Tressie Mathis. “This is the 37th year of this annual event, and it’s really become a great tradition. We are so excited to be able to hold this meaningful service in person once again.” Mathis said that purchasing a light for the Tree of Life is a tax-deductible gift which will help Tift Regional’s hospice and cancer patients with special needs. “Various giving levels are available,” she said. “If you are looking for a holiday gift for family members, friends, co-workers or clients, purchase a light in their honor or in memory of someone close to them. In addition to serving as a great gift for someone close to you, you’ll also be benefiting a great cause.” To contribute to the Tree of Life, visit www.mysouthwell.com/TOL. Contributions are accepted until Dec. 31. Call 229-353-6330 for information.

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“Pinch The Grinch” At Kiwanis Run



The 18th annual Kiwanis Pinch the Grinch 5K and Fun Run, in conjunction with Tinsel in Tifton, begins at 8 a.m. Dec. 3. The event is held annually the first Saturday in December to raise money for local children’s programs, to promote physical fitness, and to highlight Tifton’s historic district. In the past 17 years, more than \$70,000 has been raised for local youth programs, and more than 1,000 runners have participated in the race. The race is organized by the Kiwanis Club of Tifton along with the Circle K Club of ABAC, and Key Clubs at Tift County High and Tiftarea Academy. The course starts and ends at the corner of Forrest Avenue and W. Fourth Street in Tifton (Spurlin/Sertoma baseball fields) at the Tifton Fire Station (403 Forrest Ave.). Register at Active.com; the entry fee before Nov. 27: 5K - \$25 and 1-mile run/walk - \$15; add \$5 after Nov. 27. Participants get a long-sleeved T-shirt, race bib, Kiwanis meeting lunch ticket, medallions to each child participating, and Christmas presents. Awards will be given to overall male and female winners; overall male and female masters winners (over 40); age groups: under 10 years, 11-14, and 5-

year increment age groups to over 75. Among those organizations that the race benefits are: Special Olympics, 4-H, FFA, Kiwanis Art and Music Showcase, scholarships for TCHS and Tiftarea Academy, YMCA, Peanut Butter & Jesus, Kiwanis Fishing Rodeo, Tift County Commission on Children and Youth, TCHS and Tiftarea Academy Key Clubs, ABAC Circle K, TA Builder’s Club, and Aktion Club of Tifton. For information, contact race chairman Tom Shoup, at 229-388-2142 or tlshoup.kk58@gmail.com.

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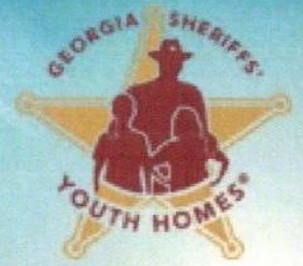
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Margaret Jones Public Library made a visit to see their friends at First Baptist Church Preschool! They read dinomite dinosaur stories and had a great time! Be sure to follow Margaret Jones Public Library on Facebook to see all of their events and pictures. Make plans to stop by and visit them soon.

Source: MJPL



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Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting

This time of year is so much fun to me. I love the Spirit that the Holidays bring. I love all the Christmas lights to see and love hearing all the Christmas Carol's. Another thing I enjoy doing is watching the Christmas programs with events that we cannot actually attend. One of them is the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Lighting. The 2022 tree will be lit for the first time on November 30th with live performances starting at 8pm at Rockefeller Plaza, between West 48th and 51st Streets and Fifth and Sixth Avenues. The ceremony is free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Tens of thousands will crowd the sidewalks for the event and hundreds of millions will watch the live broadcast around the globe. The tree will remain lit and open to the public through the holidays. I will be one of the hundreds of millions watching on television. I have watched it several times over the years but after Larry was born, I have made it an annual tradition with him. We love the singing and of course the lighting of the Christmas tree. One thing I didn't know but I think is a great thing is for the eleventh consecutive year, the Christmas Tree will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. Once the holidays have passed and crowds have dispersed, the tree comes down and is milled, treated and made into lumber that is used for home building. Each year, the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree continues to be a symbol of hope, and inspired the children's book, "The Carpenter's Gift", written by David Rubel and illustrated by Jim LaMarche in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. This information and more on this story is on rockerfellercenter.com. For over eight decades, the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center and the holiday decorations adorning and surrounding have stood as a holiday beacon for New Yorkers and visitors alike. From the beginning, the Tree was a gathering place and reflection of what was happening in the world around it. Even before the first formal tree went up, workers lined up beneath a Christmas tree on the Rockefeller Plaza construction site to collect their paychecks during the height of the Great Depression. People from around the world came after September 11th to see the Tree decorated in a patriotic red, white and blue. Today, more than half a million people pass by the Tree very day, making Rockefeller Center the epicenter of New York City's holiday celebrations. It is on my bucket list to go there one day and just may happen.

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together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water and last, Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them. Often we are out and about and need to wash our hands and may not have soap and clean, running water. Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to reduce the number of microbes on them in most situations. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of microbes on hands in some situations, but sanitizers do not eliminate all types of germs. Hand sanitizers may not be as effective when hands are visibly dirty or greasy. You may ask "how do you use hand sanitizers?" Apply the product to the palm of one hand (read the label to learn the correct amount). Rub your hands together. Rub the product over all surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry. With December being Hand Washing Awareness Month, please take these tips provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and use them all year long!



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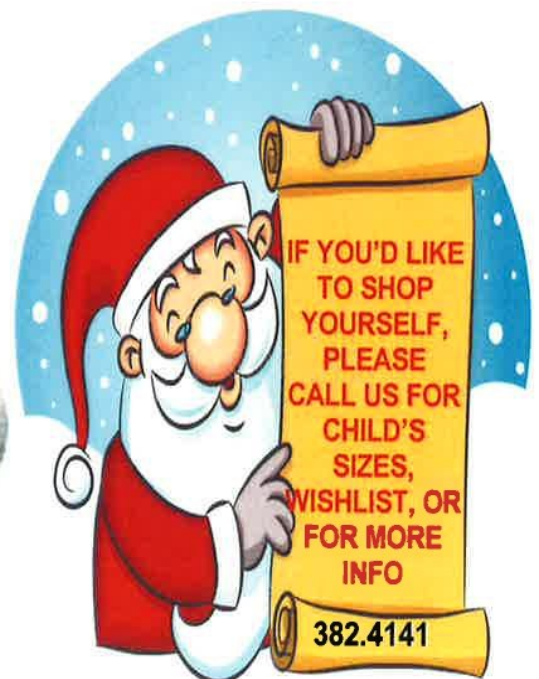
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Small businesses often are overlooked by customers who are enticed by larger companies, and this can adversely affect the local economy in more negative ways than might appear on the surface level. The rise of shopping malls and large chain stores such as Walmart and other retailers has caused irreversible damage to Main Street in the last half-century or so, and it's paramount to remember the importance of supporting local small businesses. After all, why should we not celebrate the spirit of enterprise and entrepreneurship, as exemplified by small business owners who take the risk of following their dreams? After all, it's a common thing for politicians to talk about supporting Main Street over big business, and how small business owners often face greater hardships than larger companies. Since Small Business Saturday is held on the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day, it falls right during the peak shopping periods of the year. The 1960s saw the rise of the American shopping mall, and the decades since have seen large chain retailers further cementing their position in terms of taking over the retail sphere and displacing smaller, family-run businesses. This model has spread further throughout the world, and chain retailers have been usurping small businesses' market share worldwide in the last few decades. That being said, the difference is most stark in countries like the US, where small businesses have often been obliterated within a year or two of some large chain retailer coming to town and opening up shop. In India and much of Southeast Asia, shopping malls coexist with small shops largely because they serve different markets as has been noted in the past, the corner shop is not going anywhere anytime soon in India because customers can purchase items on credit, and that's just something that you'll never be able to do in a Wal-Mart or BigBazaar. In the United States, the context is different, though. Different economic realities combined with different cultural ideas about how small businesses operate has ultimately been more harmful to those businesses in developed countries than in developing economies. And with all of the odds stacked against them, small businesses in the US need a day in their honor. Small Business Saturday is a relatively recent phenomenon with the first one being held in Roslindale Village, Massachusetts in 2010 as a counterpart to Black Friday. Small Business Saturday was originally sponsored by American Express and the non-profit National Trust for Historic Preservation. From the very start, the day has been promoted through advertising on both social media and more traditional means such as television and radio advertisement. Since 2013, Small Business Saturday has also existed in the UK following the success of its American counterpart. You may be wondering how to celebrate Small Business Saturday since it is possible that you might have been lead to believe that small businesses are a thing of the past. As a consumer, you can choose to spend your money at local small businesses on this day rather than going to the big box retailers at the local mall. After all, the best way to support small businesses is to go and spend money at them rather than somewhere else. You can also tell your friends to do the same, perhaps making a point of organizing a shopping day where you only visit small, local enterprises instead of chain stores. While you may or may not end up paying more, it's important to remember that spending your money at a small business generally puts more money into the local economy than if you're spending that money in a chain store. Some small business owners find that Small Business Saturday is a great time to run marketing promotions, as they can further capitalize on the increased foot traffic from the already busy holiday shopping season and on their online traffic. If you own a small business, you can run some promotion for the day, and otherwise put up a post on your Facebook page. If your small business does not have a Facebook page nor any other online presence, you should seriously consider taking Small Business Saturday to go ahead and do that. So support your local economy, and go out and buy things from a small business today. There are several small businesses in Sylvester that you can shop at on Small Business Saturday. Many of them have Facebook pages for you to follow to see if they are having any sales or specials. Be sure to check them out. Make your plans now to Shop Sylvester on Small Business Saturday.

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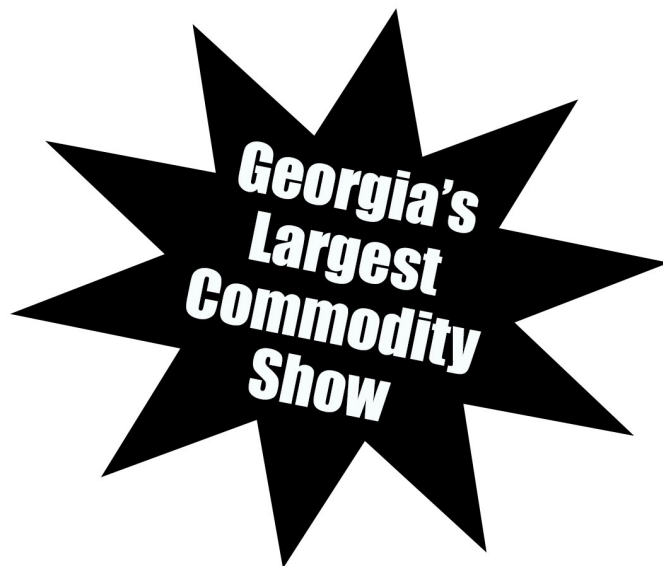
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