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## STACK UP!



Over a hundred second grade students from Worth County Primary School helped try and set a new World Record for sport stacking on November 17, 2021. Background on the event: On November 17th thousands of participants took part in the 2021 STACK UP! through sport stacking. Each year, the World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) provides more than half a million participants around the world to set the World Record for "The Most People Sport Stacking at Multiple Locations" also known as the STACK UP! In 2019, 638,503 stackers participated to break the previous STACK UP! record of 624,390. This year they hoped to have over 645,000 stackers contribute their sport stacking skills from across the United States and around the world in locations such as Hungary, Germany,

Israel, South Korea, New Zealand, Colombia, and Taiwan. From Coach Mitchell, Lead PE teacher at WCPS, "This is our first year using Speed Stacking with the K-2nd students. The response from the students has been very positive." Coach Mitchell also added that "Speed Stacking is easy to learn for students but very challenging to master. It helps students with reaction time, hand-eye coordination, concentration and focus."

Source: WCSD

# Summer Christmas Fest



**Saturday December 11, 2021**

**3:30 P.M.**

**706 Walnut Street Sumner GA 31789**

**Location is at the Old Headstart Cafeteria**

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## Anchored4Life At Worth County Elementary School



WCES Anchored4Life has been busy! Anchored4Life students recently participated in Veterans Day by filling bags for veterans that will be taken to VA Hospitals. They also helped organize and box food from our food drive that was distributed to local food pantries.

WCES has six students that serve on this committee. They are Anna Leigh Crowe, Jada Fitzgerald, Obie Johnson, Spencer Souter, Zariyah Wiggs, and McKenzie Wright. They are lead by counselor, Laura Bartley.

Anchored4Life Club is a peer-to-peer club to connect youth while building transition and resiliency skills. The club provides opportunities for peers to enhance social skills, learn leadership skills, build character, improve self-esteem, and integrate into their community. Youth will learn these transition and resiliency skills using the Club features.

Source: WCSD

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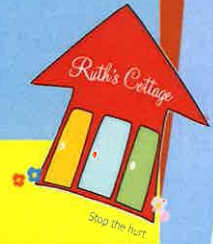
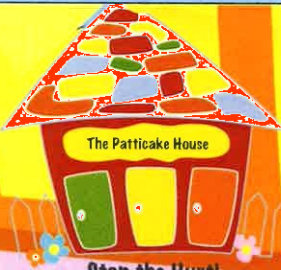
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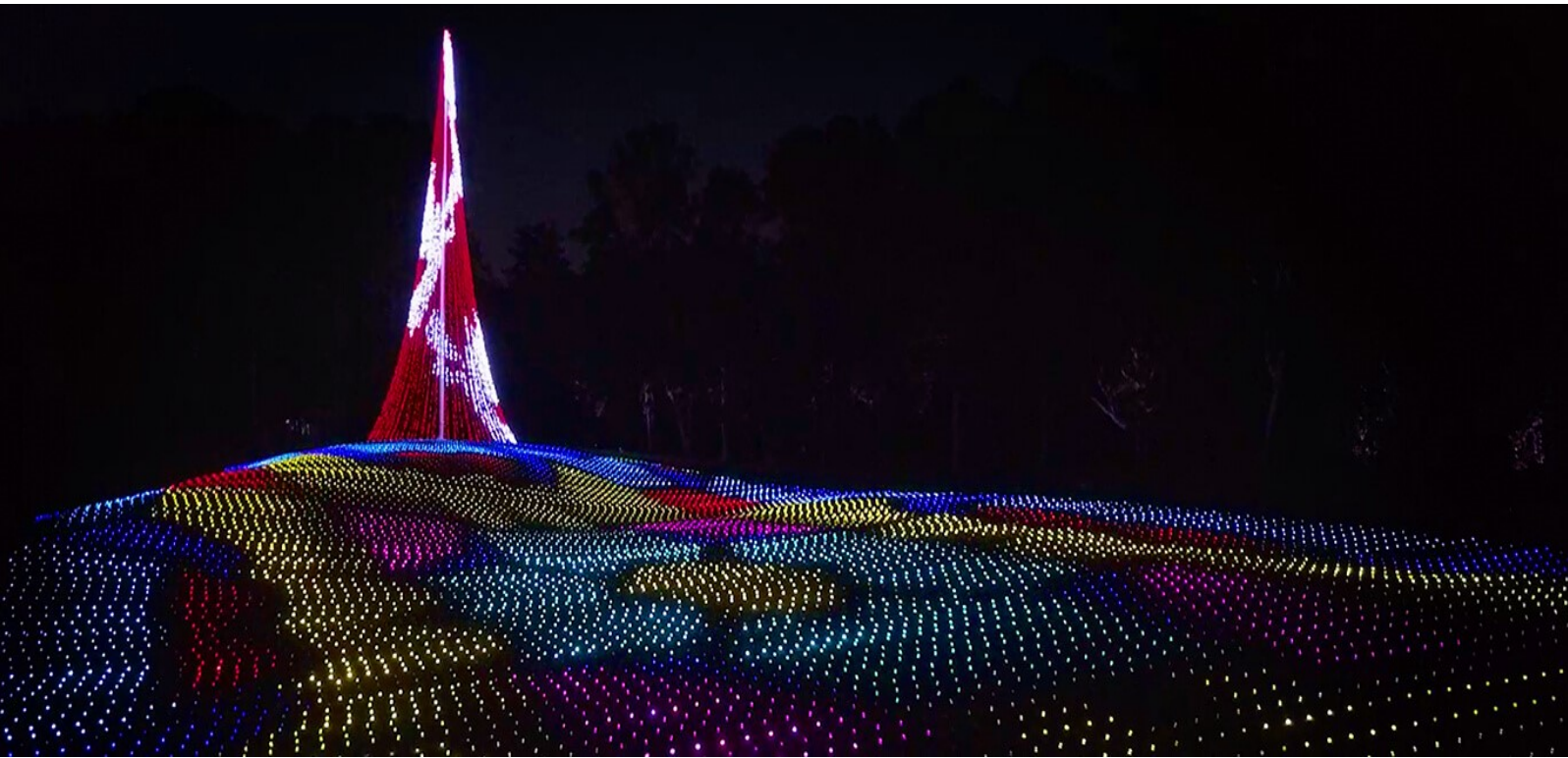
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### Fantasy In Lights at Callaway Gardens

Surround your family with Christmas cheer when you walk, drive and celebrate the bigger and brighter Fantasy In Lights at Callaway Gardens, one of National Geographic's Top 10 Light Displays in the World! This holiday season, we invite you to step out of your car and into the All-New Callaway Christmas Village! Wander through an immersive Winter Wonderland where you'll explore a forest of twinkling lights and larger-than-life Christmas scenes featuring towering nutcrackers and gigantic snowflakes! Next, stroll through a forest of perfectly decorated trees on Christmas Tree Lane and stop for seasonal snacks and character meet-and-greets at the Christmas Market! The fun continues with their classic drive-through experience, now featuring an enchanting Tunnel of Lights! Journey through the beloved seven-mile Fantasy In Lights Enchanted Forest, where festive music fills the air and the mesmerizing Magical Field of Lights returns to delight your family for another year. Make the most out of your magical night of lights with an overnight stay in a cozy Cottage, Villa or The Lodge & Spa. Capture the spirit of the season with a visit to Fantasy in Lights at Callaway Resort & Gardens today! Fantasy in Lights will be from now through January 3rd.



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Hand washing is easy to do and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of many types of infection and illness in all settings which includes from your home and workplace to child care facilities and hospitals. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community. Many people ask when they should wash their hands. The answer is quiet simple and includes but is not limited to these. Before, during, and after preparing food, Before eating food, Before and after caring for someone who is sick, Before and after treating a cut or wound, After using the toilet, After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet, After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste and After touching garbage. Well as simple as that sounds, many say they do not know the right way to wash their hands. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tell us to wet our hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap. Lather your hands by rubbing them 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!



National Cake Day is November 26th. Cake Day falls on Thanksgiving and what better way to celebrate Cake Day. I can say though that Thanksgiving is the day that I eat pie if I eat any dessert. However my favorite cake would Red Velvet and Nanny (Doris) Milling makes the very best Red Velvet cake that I know of. What is your favorite type of cake?

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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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## 2021 Farmers Appreciation Dinner

Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all of their 2021 Farmers Appreciation Dinner sponsors. Without you, the dinner would not be possible. They were able to host the event last night, November 18th, at the Worth County Ag Pavilion. The night was full of good food, conversation, award recognitions, and amazing door prizes.

Beyond this dinner, these sponsorships help fund the three Farmers Appreciation Scholarships for those pursuing Agricultural Studies or are children/grand-children of a Worth County Farmer. However, it does not stop there, it also funds their Farmer of the Year float in the Georgia Peanut Festival Parade. Overall, these sponsorships allow us to truly show our utmost appreciation to the drivers of our local economy.

Again, the Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce wants to thank their sponsors for making this program possible!

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**Door Prize:** Dairy Queen, Fields Funeral Home, Fletcher-Yearta Jewelers, Shell Rapid Lube, The Martin News, Unity Baptist Church and Visions of Sylvester.

Source: Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce





## Think Tifton



### Tifton Exchange Club Names Firefighter Of Year

The Exchange Club of Tifton recently presented the Firefighter of the Year award to firefighter Carlos Martinez of the Tifton Fire Department. Martinez has been with the fire department for almost three years and was chosen for the award by all his peers within the department. Battalion Chief Tommy Garren described Martinez as always smiling, happy, and who does anything asked of him. "He is not only a great firefighter, but he is a great guy. He is truly an asset to Tifton," Garren said. Martinez and his wife, Marisol, were born and raised in Tifton and have two children. Pictured above is Angie Saturday, Exchange Club public safety chair, from left, Carlos Martinez, and Tifton Fire Battalion Chief Tommy Garren.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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## AG Museum To Showcase Cane Grinding, Syrup



From the mule-powered sugar cane mill to the smell of syrup cooking, visitors will become immersed in the days of old on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the annual cane grinding and syrup making at the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's Georgia Museum of Agriculture. The museum's Historic Village is one of the few places where visitors can step back in time to see a mule-powered mill grinding sugar cane. The sweet juice pouring from the cane mill is transferred to the syrup shed, where it is cooked down in a cast-iron kettle to make cane syrup. Costumed interpreters will explain the process and intricacies of producing a bottle of cane syrup. Andrew Tucker will entertain with guitar music on the porch of the Gibbs House from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Educational programs will take place throughout the village during the day, including doll-making at the Clark Cabin, quilt-square sewing at the Gibbs House, candle-making at the Simon's Cabin, grapevine wreath-making at the Cravey House, and more. The museum will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Entrance admission is charged.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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## “Education” And “Memorable” Schoolroom Visits Returning To Normal At GA Museum Of Agriculture Since Pandemic



The Country Store at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture (GMA) in Tifton was teeming Wednesday with fifth graders buying items such as grits, popcorn, Christmas gifts, and "fidget poppers." An adult among the 10- and 11-year-olds told the Tifton Grapevine that this was just two of the seven fifth-grade classrooms coming on chartered buses from Gilcrest Elementary School in Tallahassee, Fla. "I've been coming for 10 of the past 12 years," said Greg Kenton, math and science teacher. "It's different every year. I've really been impressed with the activities over the past five years. There's something for everybody, and the kids have time to explore and have fun." He said the field trips have been educational and memorable as long as he can remember. The Georgia Museum of Agriculture & Historic Village, operated by Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, was formerly the Georgia Agrirama and

has been an educational – and fun – destination for school children for decades. "Offerings and activities depend on the skill sets of the staff," said Garrett Boone, GMA director. "We have new exhibits in the museum in the main hall, different lesson plans, cooking and eating the meal, quilting, plowing the mule." Boone said that the museum pivoted and "offered free virtual workshops when schools shut down during the COVID pandemic. Schools were uncertain how to proceed." For most of 2020, he said "field trips weren't on their priority list; now it has picked up." Since late October and all through November, schools have been visiting GMA five days a week, nonstop, Boone said, and it's continuing into next month. School groups will stop Dec. 17 for Christmas and start back Jan. 31. "We are booked five days a week into March," he said. "We anticipate the spring will be back to normal." Normal means 22,000 to 23,000 pre-K to fifth-grade schoolchildren visiting GMA annually for the historic workshops, tours, and for "Destination Ag," an interactive, educational experience for children focused on modern agriculture and natural resources. Through a variety of programs, the children connect to where their food, fiber, and shelter come from – agriculture. Kenton, the teacher from Tallahassee, said two classes from his school visited on Tuesday, two on Wednesday and three more on Thursday this week. He said it works out better to have smaller groups of students interacting than to bring the entire grade at once. "Tallahassee schools have been very supportive," Boone said. "We try to surprise repeat guests with new activities. We want the familiarity to be there, but we also want to show them something new."

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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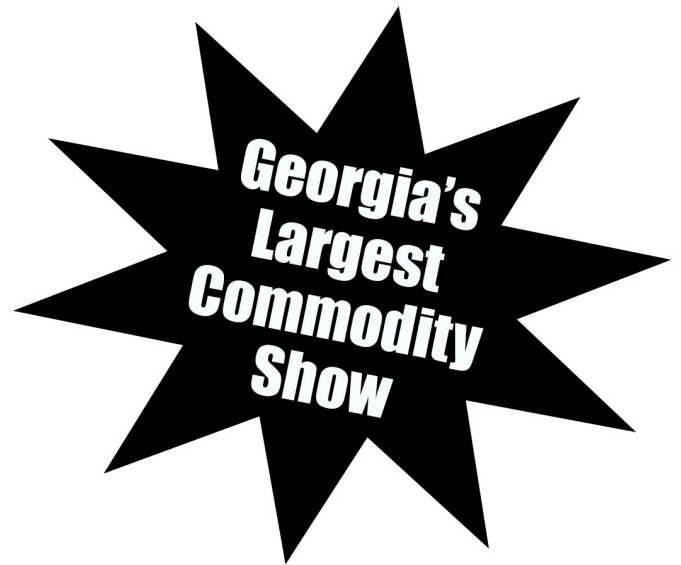
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### Cookies.... We ALL love Cookies

I'm telling you what... I love the idea of all these fun days to celebrate! There is a National Cookie Day which is celebrated on December 4th. I was thinking what a great day to eat some cookies and not even think about the calories. :) It is even a good day to bake some cookies and share with your friends. I have heard of a cookie exchange. That sounds like a load of fun! So tell all of your friends about this and everybody start cooking those cookies. You will never know what kind of cookies your friends will bring but it will be a yummy day. Another great thing we could all do is bake cookies and take them to our fire fighters and police officers and anywhere else you think of. People sure do appreciate being thought of and eating cookies!



*45th Annual*  
**Georgia**  
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**Jan. 19-20, 2022**

Wednesday - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## Stone Mountain Christmas



Each day of Stone Mountain Christmas, you can enjoy park attractions including Summit Skyride, Scenic Railroad, and more! Then, immerse yourself in holiday magic with evenings full of festive music, millions of dazzling lights, spectacular shows and visits from some of your favorite holiday characters! Enjoy Stone Mountain Christmas with a Christmas Attractions Pass or annual Mountain Membership. We recommend guests purchasing Attractions Passes do so in advance as

daily capacity will be limited due to COVID-19. Mountain Membership reservations are required. Attraction and show hours may vary. Check the Map & Schedule and Entertainment Schedule to plan your day. Open select dates now thru January 2, 2022. This is something that you do not want to miss if you can make it. I have went several times with my son. We usually went during Thanksgiving break. It is so beautiful and there are lights galore. There was places to eat there and just enjoy with the family. If you make it this holiday season, share your pictures with The Martin News so that we can share with all of our viewers. We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas season!



Attending Books and Bubbles story time at the Margaret Jones Public Library is a great way to develop a love of reading and to make new friends. Everyone enjoyed turkey stories and making a turkey hat for Thanksgiving. Books and Bubbles is held every Tuesday morning at 10:30am at the Margaret Jones Public Library. They would love to have you join them.

Source: MJPL



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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.

*Annual*  
**CHRISTMAS PARADE**

## Friday, December 3

★ Parade starts at 6 pm ★

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE THERE WILL BE A  
**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**  
 AT THE DEPOT

**Jakori Edwards**  
 will be opening with a  
 Christmas Song.



THE PARADE LINE UP STARTS AT 5 PM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PARADE APPLICATION PLEASE CONTACT CITY OF SYLVESTER MAIN STREET DEPARTMENT AT 229-773-7716 OR KSINGLETARY@CITYOFSYLVESTER.COM

# Dates to Remember

## November

- 22nd ~ Chamber Raffle Tickets For Sale
- 22nd ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays
  - 22nd ~ A Christmas Carol at Alliance Theater
  - 22nd ~ Ice Skating at Sugar Hill
- 22nd ~ Holiday Celebration at World of Coca-Cola
- 23rd ~ Chamber Raffle Tickets For Sale
- 23rd ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays
  - 23rd ~ A Christmas Carol at Alliance Theater
  - 23rd ~ Ice Skating at Sugar Hill
- 23rd ~ Holiday Celebration at World of Coca-Cola
- 23rd ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Albany Area YMCA 10am-3pm
- 23rd ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 23rd ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connections Meeting at Noon
- 24th ~ Chamber Raffle Tickets For Sale
- 24th ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays
  - 24th ~ A Christmas Carol at Alliance Theater
  - 24th ~ Ice Skating at Sugar Hill
- 24th ~ Holiday Celebration at World of Coca-Cola
- 24th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 25th ~ Happy Thanksgiving from The Martin News
- 25th ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays
  - 25th ~ Chamber Raffle Tickets For Sale
  - 25th ~ A Christmas Carol at Alliance Theater
  - 25th ~ Ice Skating at Sugar Hill
- 25th ~ Holiday Celebration at World of Coca-Cola
- 26th ~ A Christmas Carol at Alliance Theater
- 26th ~ Ice Skating at Sugar Hill
- 26th ~ Holiday Celebration at World of Coca-Cola
- 26th ~ Chamber Raffle Tickets For Sale
- 26th ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays
  - 27th ~ Chamber Raffle Tickets For Sale
  - 27th ~ Christmas on the Farm at A&M Farms
  - 27th ~ A Christmas Carol at Alliance Theater
  - 27th ~ Ice Skating at Sugar Hill
- 27th ~ Holiday Celebration at World of Coca-Cola
- 28th ~ A Christmas Carol at Alliance Theater
- 28th ~ Ice Skating at Sugar Hill
- 28th ~ Holiday Celebration at World of Coca-Cola
- 28th ~ Chamber Raffle Tickets For Sale
- 29th ~ Chamber Raffle Tickets For Sale
- 29th ~ A Christmas Carol at Alliance Theater
- 29th ~ Ice Skating at Sugar Hill
- 29th ~ Holiday Celebration at World of Coca-Cola
- 29th ~ WCHS JV Girls Basketball Away 3:30PM
- 29th ~ WCHS JV Boys Basketball Away 4:30PM
- 29th ~ WCHS Varsity Girls Away 6PM
- 29th ~ WCHS Varsity Boys Away 7:30PM
- 30th ~ Chamber Raffle Tickets For Sale
- 30th ~ A Christmas Carol at Alliance Theater
- 30th ~ Ice Skating at Sugar Hill
- 30th ~ Holiday Celebration at World of Coca-Cola
- 30th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 30th ~ Lights of Love Phoebe Tree Lighting Ceremony 7pm



## The Georgia Pecan Growers Association Announces 7th Annual Scholarship

The Georgia Pecan Growers Association is pleased to announce the 7th Annual Scholarship Award in memory of Jack Thompson. Thompson was a leader in the pecan industry for more than 30 years, who worked tirelessly to promote and advance pecans. Since it launched, the scholarship has assisted 11 students in their college pursuits. GPGA will award up to two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$500 for the 2022 Academic Year to deserving upcoming and/or current college students. Application Specifications:

The award is open to both rising high school seniors, as well as currently-enrolled college students. (Verification of enrollment will be a prerequisite for receiving funds.)

- 1) Applicants should submit a one-page cover page that includes the following information:
  - Name, Mailing Address, County of Permanent Residence, email address and phone numbers for contact
  - Parent/Guardian name and phone numbers for contact
  - High School Attended with anticipated graduation date
  - If the applicant is currently enrolled in college, please also list college, as well as declared major.
  - List high school or college GPA as of Fall semester 2021.
  - List high school/college/community awards, activities, work experience, and involvement.
- 2) Applicants should submit an essay describing their educational accomplishments and career goals. (Not to exceed two pages, typed).
- 3) Applicants should include the name, address, phone number and email addresses for two (2) professional references. Such references might include teachers, employers, and school administrators, as examples.
- 4) Award preference will be given to students who reside or attend high school in pecan-growing regions within the state of Georgia.

### Submission Details:

The deadline for scholarship applications is Jan. 31, 2022.

No late applications will be accepted.

Winners will be notified in early March. Mail applications to the following address:

Georgia Pecan Growers Association  
 Attention: Scholarship Committee  
 P.O. Box 1367  
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Source: WCSD

### NATIONAL ESPRESSO DAY - November 23





## 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 2020 tree will be lit for the first time on December 1st 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 [rockefellercenter.com](http://rockefellercenter.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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Congratulations to the Worth County High School Competition Cheerleaders! After a great season, they finished 2nd in Region 2-AA at the competition in Vidalia on Saturday, November 13th. WCHS is proud of our athletes and coaches and look forward to an even better season next year.

Source: WCSD

### Fitzgerald Teenager Named Miss Teen of Georgia 2021

Shelby Smith, 17, of Fitzgerald, daughter of Connie Alexander Smith, has been named Miss Teen of Georgia 2021. Young women, ages seven and older, are eligible to participate in the program which culminates with a national competition in Atlanta. As Miss Teen of Georgia, Shelby will serve as an ambassador for American Pageants' charitable campaign: Special Olympics' Spread the Word to End the Word. Shelby he will be able to compete for the national Miss Teen of America title or National Ambassador 2022 and for more than \$350,000 in scholarships, cash, travel and prizes, organizers said.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

### Thanksgiving Meal As A Work Family At WCPS

*WCPS enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving meal today catered by Jackson's Soul Food.*

Worth County Primary School recently enjoyed their Thanksgiving meal together as a work family. We all spend many hours a day with our work family so it only seems natural to enjoy a meal together with them



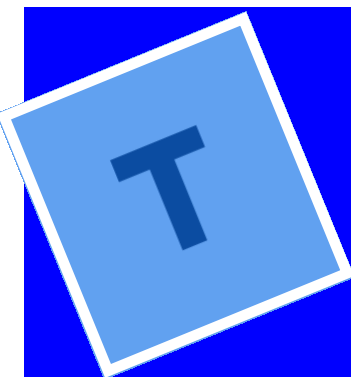
all. WCPS wishes everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Source: WCSD & The Martin News

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### Cookie Cutters Every Where!

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## Shop Sylvester on Small Business Saturday

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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