



# The Martin News

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# TATINA'S TAXES

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### Prince Auto Awards Scholarship

Ches Mangham, a freshman pre-med major from Tifton, is the 2022-2023 recipient of the Prince Automotive Group Endowed Scholarship Award at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The award, established in 1994, provides academic support to ABAC students from one of 11 area counties in the Prince Automotive Group service area including Berrien, Ben Hill, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Dougherty, Irwin, Lowndes, Tift, Turner, and Worth with preference for employees or dependents of employees of Prince Automotive Group. "We feel it is important to back our local college and local students," said John Prince, Prince Automotive president. "By investing in students with this scholarship, we are hopeful that they will come back to this community and make a difference here. "This community made us what we are, and we are very thankful. Giving back to the community is very important to our company." Mangham plans to return to the area after completing his education. "Mr. Prince has given so much to ABAC and to this community, and I am so honored to receive this scholarship from the Prince family," Mangham said. "I plan to come home once I complete my medical education. I love this community and want to give back to it one day." At the Prince Automotive Group Endowed Scholarship presentation are, from left, John Prince, Ches Mangham, Kelley Collins, Heather Stripling, and Austin Stripling.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

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when emergency and utility vehicles are stopped on the side of the highway and operating in an official capacity. Vehicles included in the law include all first responders (law enforcement, fire, EMS), utility vehicles, DOT vehicles, HERO Units and wreckers tending to an accident. The law is meant to keep officers AND traffic violators safe from crashes with passing cars. The Move Over Law was passed in the aftermath of growing numbers of police, emergency technicians and DOT workers being killed during routine traffic stops, crash responses and highway construction projects around the nation. Right now, more than thirty states have Move Over Laws on the books, with fines that range as high as a thousand dollars or more in some jurisdictions. The Move Over fine in Georgia can be up to \$500. Failure to obey the Move Over Law can lead to consequences far more serious than fines. According to FBI statistics, traffic crashes claim the lives of more police personnel than any other cause of death in the line of duty, including shootings. Reports show emergency vehicles of all types have been struck while parked beside Georgia highways, even while their emergency lights were flashing. The Georgia Move Over Law requires drivers to move-over one lane when possible if an emergency vehicle with flashing lights is parked on the shoulder of the highway. And if traffic is too heavy to move-over safely, the law requires drivers to slow down below the posted speed limit instead AND to be prepared to stop.

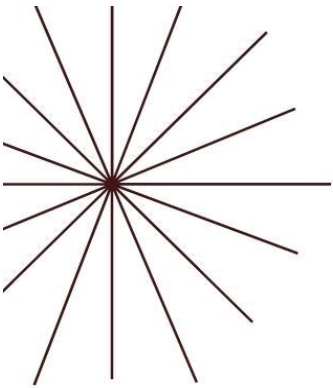
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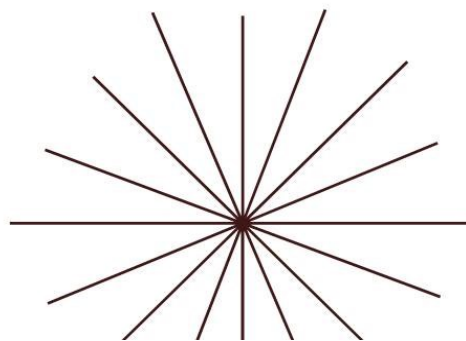


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# *Dates to Remember*

## *November*

**29th ~ Phoebe Worth Christmas Tree Lighting 7pm**

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

**30th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting 12noon**

## *December*

**1st ~ Pharmacy on Main - Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening 11am**

**1st ~ Cordele Christmas Parade**

**2nd ~ Downtown Sylvester Sip & Stroll 5pm - 7pm**

**3rd ~ Sylvester Christmas Parade 6:30pm**

**5th ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm**

**6th ~ Worth County Commissioners Meeting 7pm**

**7th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon**

**10th ~ Ashburn Christmas Parade**

**12th ~ Town of Sumner Council Meeting 7pm**

**14th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon**

**17th ~ Fancy's Exhibit Presents: Christmas Pop Up Shop 11am - 5pm**

**19th ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm**

**20th ~ City of Warwick Council Meeting 7pm**

**21st ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon**

**25th ~ Merry Christmas from The Martin News**

**27th ~ City of Poulan Council Meeting 6:30pm**

**28th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon**

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING

## Area Housing Projects Receive GA Housing Tax Credits

A housing development for seniors in Tifton and one for families in Nashville are among \$28 million in housing tax credits being awarded to construct or preserve 28 affordable rental housing developments across the state, the Ga. Department of Community Affairs (DCA) recently announced. For new construction in Tifton, Magnolia Villas on E.B. Hamilton Drive is being awarded \$1.035 million in 9% housing tax credits for “housing for older persons.” In Nashville, Dogwood Trace rental housing will be constructed for families with \$959,000 in housing tax credits, the DCA said. The properties will provide below-market rents to seniors and families requiring supportive housing. The Tifton development with 44 revenue-generating units is restricted to households earning 50 to 60% of the area median income or less. The 28 awardees of housing tax credits were among 61 applications. The awards were equitably distributed across Georgia, the DCA said, and the nearly \$28 million in housing tax credit awards will generate approximately \$360 million in private equity contributions. The equity, in turn, will fund the construction or rehabilitation of 1,688 units affordable to low- and moderate-income Georgians.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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## ABAC Names Athletic Director



Charles “Chuck” Wimberly has been named athletic director at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College effective Jan. 1. President Tracy Brundage said she expects Wimberly to hit the ground running. “Chuck strikes me as a real go-getter,” Brundage said. “I believe he has the energy and the enthusiasm that we need for our intercollegiate athletics program. Our athletes and coaches play an important role in the branding and marketing of our institution, and I look forward to Chuck’s leadership in that area.” Wimberly has served as the athletic director, head softball coach and fitness coordinator at East Georgia State College since 2015. He has also served as the headmaster, athletic director, head football and baseball coach at Thomas Jefferson Academy, and the athletic director and head football and baseball coach at Monroe Academy. He has guided teams to three state championships in football and finished as the runner-up four times. His record also includes a state

championship in baseball and two runner-up finishes in the state baseball playoffs. Wimberly has been named a Coach of the Year by the Georgia Dugout Club and coach of the year honors for all sports during his coaching career. ABAC’s previous athletic director, Alan Kramer, was named the college’s assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students in August.

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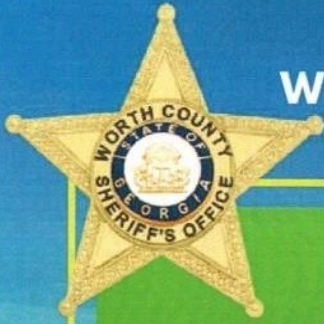




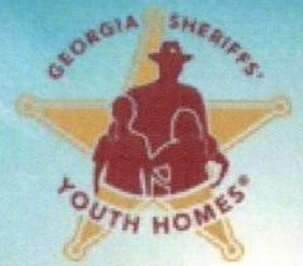
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**Books & Bubbles had a great time at the Margaret Jones Public Library on Tuesday, November 28th. Be sure to follow them on their Facebook page for all of their events. There is so much fun to be had! Mark your calendars for a visit to the Margaret Jones Public Library.**

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### National Cookie Day



National Cookie Day on December 4th serves up a sweet treat. Bakers across the country warm up the ovens for holiday baking, and we enjoy giving tins of cookies to friends and family all season long. We can thank the Dutch for more than windmills and tulips. The English word “cookie” is derived from the Dutch word koekie, meaning “little cake.” Hard cookie-like wafers have existed for as long as baking has been documented. Not surprisingly, they traveled well, too. However, they were usually not sweet enough to be considered cookies by modern-day standards. The origin of the cookie appears to begin in Persia in the 7th century, soon after the use of sugar became common in the region. They then spread to Europe through the Muslim conquest of Spain. Cookies were common at all levels of society throughout Europe by the 14th century, from the royal cuisine to the street vendors. Cookies arrived in America in the 17th century. Macaroons and gingerbread cookies were among the popular early American cookies. In most English-speaking countries outside of North America, the most common word for cookie is “biscuit.” In some regions, both terms, cookies, and biscuits are used.

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## The Light Shines In His Cards

I know I have said all the great things I love about Christmas. Let me tell you another favorite of mine. I LOVE Christmas cards! I love, love them so much. Reading Christmas cards from everyone is the neatest thing. They are made with all designs and precious words. I received one recently that was a Thomas Kinkade card. It was very beautiful. I love his art. I am at loss for words over his paintings. According to his biography, in the very beginning of his artistic career, Thomas Kinkade put his entire life savings into the printing of his first lithograph. Though at the time he was already an acclaimed illustrator, Thom found that he was inspired not by fame and fortune, but by the simple act of painting straight from the heart, putting on canvas the natural wonders and images that moved him most. It was this dedication and singular-minded focus on the ultimate goal of Sharing the Light™ that made Thomas Kinkade, a simple boy with a brush from the small country town of Placerville, California the most-collected living artist of his time. Throughout his life Thomas Kinkade shared his joy and used his paints in support of hospitals, schools, and humanitarian relief. Though the recipient of countless awards and honors, it was Thom's profound sense of purpose that his art was not just an accessory, but also a ministry, that continues on as his legacy. From custom images that were sold for The Salvation Army, Hurricane Katrina relief, Rotary International, to donations that now grace the halls of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, the White House, The Vatican, and Britain's Tate Museum, Thom raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over his lifetime for charity. The artist was also a devout and loving family man. It was this devotion for his family that inspired him to add symbols of his love to his artwork. Numerous paintings contain hidden "N's" representing Thom's lovely wife Nanette and many other paintings include the numbers 5282 as tribute to their wedding date May 2, 1982. Thom's four daughters were also included in his artistic process- after the birth of each of his daughters, Thom painted adoring images in each of their namesake; Evening at Merritt's Cottage, Chandler's Cottage, Winsor Manor and Everett's Cottage. Thomas Kinkade, the Painter of Light™, emphasized simple pleasures and inspirational messages through his art – and the branded products created from that art. From textiles, to collectibles, to music and books, Thom gave credit to a higher power for both the ability and the inspiration to create his paintings. His goal as an artist, who was Christian, was to touch people of all faiths, to bring peace and joy into their lives through the images he had created. Thom's dearest wish had always been that his artwork would be a messenger of hope and inspiration to others – a message to slow down, appreciate the little details in life, and to look for beauty in the world around us. As millions of collectors around the world sit back and enjoy his artwork in their homes, there is no doubt that Thomas Kinkade had indeed achieved his goal of Sharing the Light™. I hope everyone enjoys this Christmas Season and thank you to everyone that I have received cards from. I absolutely love them all!



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1. Read the label. Warning labels give important information about how to use a toy and what ages the toy is safe for. Make sure your child knows how to use the toy the right way.
2. Make sure all toys and parts are larger than your child's mouth to prevent choking.
3. Avoid toys that shoot objects into the air. They can cause serious eye injuries or choking.
4. For younger children, avoid play sets with small magnets and make sure batteries are secured within the toy. If magnets or batteries are ingested, serious injuries and/or death can occur.
5. Look for stuffed toys that are well made. Make sure all the parts are on tight and seams and edges are secure. It should also be machine washable. Take off any loose ribbons or strings to avoid strangulation. Avoid toys that have small bean-like pellets or stuffing that can cause choking or suffocation if swallowed.
6. Inspect toys for sturdiness. Your child's toys should be durable, with no sharp edges or points. The toys should also withstand impact. Dispose of plastic wrapping material immediately on toys as they may have sharp edges.
7. Inspect all toys before purchasing. Monitor toys that your child has received as gifts to make sure they are appropriate for your child's age and developmental level.
8. Avoid toys with toxic materials that could cause poisoning. Make sure the label says "nontoxic."
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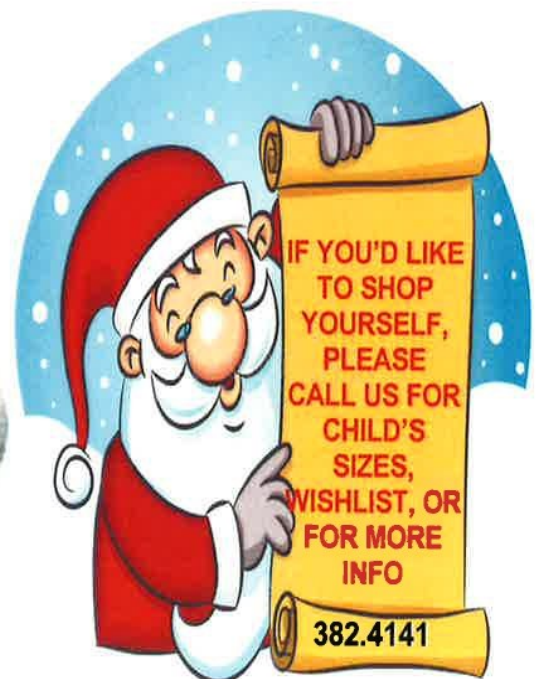
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## Thanksgiving 2022

And just like that, Thanksgiving 2022 has come and gone! Can you believe it? We plan for this days for a few weeks and then just like that, it's here and gone! But oh the memories we are left with. This Thanksgiving was very peaceful for the Manley's. We enjoyed each and every day we spent together.

I was off on Wednesday through Friday from work and took sometime off from The Martin News as well. On Wednesday, I actually caught some personal business and errands up that I never get to do because I work during their open hours so that was great to do and the even better part was my almost 19 year old rode around with me! It is so much fun to catch up with them when they are slowing down from college and life itself.

Then on Thanksgiving morning, I jumped right up early and got ready to watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. I always watch some of it but never get to watch the whole thing. I absolutely LOVED it! It was as great as always however Mr. Al Roker was not able to be there, the first time in twenty plus years! He was at home recovering from health issues so we are thankful for that. Mother asked me what my favorite part of the parade was? That's a hard question! I am not sure what my favorite part was. I love all the floats and themes, the singing and dancing is always great too! I feel like that once we see Santa at the end of the parade, we have officially kicked off the holidays!

After the parade, it was time to eat! Larry, mother and I went to Tifton and picked ours up at Cracker Barrell. It was delish! We all had veggie plates but it was so good. We choose not to cook all the traditional Thanksgiving foods as most of us can't eat it all so we would rather have what we can eat. It was so good and we visited with mother for several hours. We laughed and enjoyed the afternoon. Making memories is what it's all about!

Then came Black Friday and the weekend. I don't really participate in all that shopping. I do go out and about some over the few days of shopping but nothing I have to do before daylight for sure. I did like looking on Facebook and see all the great sales people were getting. The TV deal they had at Walmart was AMAZING! We missed out on that! As my daddy use to say, it must not have been meant for us! I am not sure my child agreed with that saying though.

Now as we approach time to go back to work, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is now looking forward to Christmas. As you can, the holiday's come and go very fast so enjoy each and every moment of them. Take the pictures! Enjoy the moment! Merry Christmas from my family to yours....

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### National Sock Day Has Our Toes Covered

December 4th is known as National Sock Day. What a cool day to celebrate and even more what a cool pair of socks! I love toes socks and have several pair of them. Some people don't like them but me on the other hand, I absolutely adore them and want a pair just like them! Either way, be sure to wear your favorite socks on the 4th!






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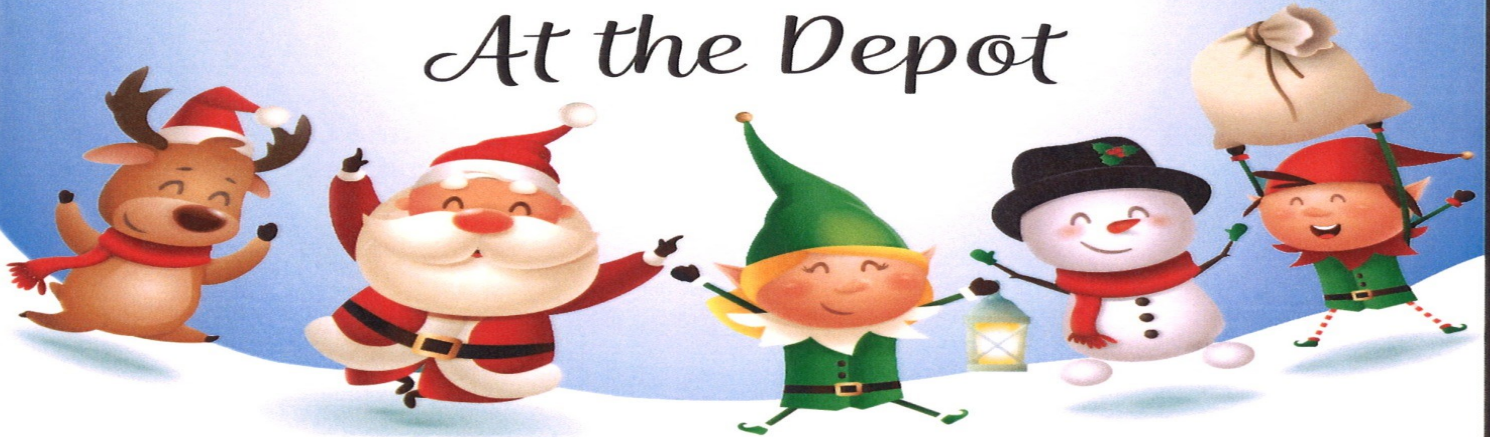
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# Annual CHRISTMAS PARADE

## Sat., December 3

★ Parade starts at 6 pm ★

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE THERE WILL BE THE  
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING  
*At the Depot*



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](mailto:KSINGLETARY@CITYOFSYLVESTER.COM)

### Sylvester Police Department Kicks Off Their Be Safe, Drive Smart Campaign

## **SLOW DOWN OR PAY UP**

**BE SAFE DRIVE SMART**



The Sylvester Police Department “Be Safe. Drive Smart” speeding awareness campaign urges drivers to slow down and drive to road conditions to help save lives. To remind motorists that driving too fast can be dangerous and expensive, the Sylvester Police Department will be stepping up their efforts to enforce speed limits during this holiday season due to traffic being the busiest around this time. In addition to writing tickets and warnings, law enforcement officers will spend extra time looking for DUI drivers, unbuckled motorists, and distracted drivers.

Driving a safe speed often means more than following the posted

speed limit. SPD has these safety tips for motorists:

- Match your speed to road conditions if there’s bad weather or you’re driving through a work zone.
- Slow down and allow for more distance to stop when traffic is heavy.
- Watch for signs alerting you of reduced speed limits ahead.
- Remember that fines double if you speed in a school zone or a work zone when workers are present.
- Always buckle up drivers and passengers day and night. It’s your best protection in a crash.

Source: Sylvester Police Department

## Did You Shop Small Business Saturday?

Saturday was shop local for Small Business Saturday? Did you shop local in Sylvester? I sure did see many people out shopping Saturday when I was running a few errands. I love to see people shopping local. The Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce does too! They are accepting receipts of \$25 or more that were spent at a local store in Sylvester-Worth County during their Small Business Saturday, November 26, 2022. Each receipt will be one entry into a drawing for a \$50 Gift Certificate that can be spent with any Sylvester—Worth County Chamber Member! Bring them to the Chamber by November 30th and they will hold the drawing on December 1st at noon! When you shop locally you support an entire community, not just a



business. The Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce looks forward to seeing you all shop local for all of your Christmas and other holiday needs!

Source: The Martin News & Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce



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