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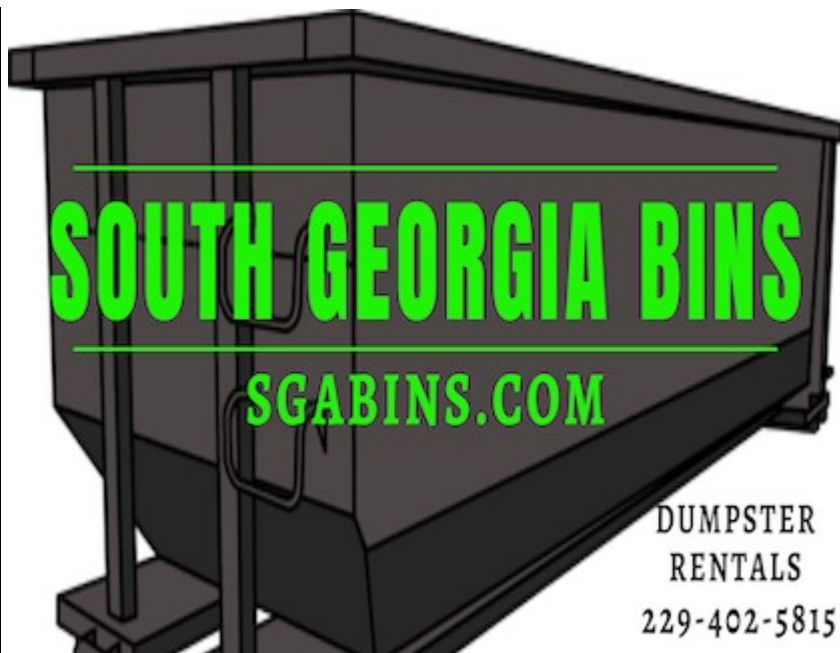
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American Legion Sylvester Post 335 and Men United Gives Back To The Community

American Legion Sylvester Post 335 had a very busy weekend serving the community. The American Legion Sylvester Post 335 partnered with Men United to feed the community in the 1st Annual Christmas Unity Dinner. Around 400 people enjoyed Rotisserie Chicken, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Rolls, Dessert and a bottle of water. Special thank you to Piggly Wiggly for preparing the chicken, Fields Funeral Home and the Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce as well as to the Sylvester Police Department for delivering to the shut ins. It definitely takes volunteers to make events like this happen and for them, American Legion Sylvester Post 335 and Men United is very grateful for your help. Pictured to the right is some of the men from Men United along with the Men United shirt of the late Mr. Larry Johnson. Events such as these were very important to Mr. Larry and all of the men continue to carry out the things he did and add many more. Next year's Christmas Unity Dinner is scheduled for December 17th.



Then on Saturday a large group of motorcycle riders rode to Andersonville to participate in the Wreaths Across America Program! These include members of American Legion Sylvester Post 335, the VFW and other motorcycle riders! The program started at noon at Andersonville National Cemetery! Several members of Post 335 placed wreaths honoring the service mem-



bers lost in our departure from Afghanistan! The Sumter County Sheriff's Office escorted some of the families of the fallen Afghanistan 13 to the ceremony! After the opening ceremony hundreds of volunteers placed 20,380 wreaths on graves there! Post 335 will be selling wreaths for this program during 2022! Our local goal is to sell 1,000 wreaths to show our respect for our Veterans and the Heart of Sylvester!



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WCMS Muffins In The Morning



Muffins in the Morning was held at Worth County Middle School recently. It was so good having this type of event again in person. This was a great way to kick off their Holiday Spirit Week as they look forward to winter break and the holidays. If you were unable to attend, please check out the post on the Worth County Middle School Facebook page for a recap. Parents joined their students for breakfast. Mrs. Outlaw shared information about the new BEACON assessment, information on this can be found on the Facebook page. Mrs. Haskins shared information to help parents stay "in the loop" of events, announcements, and information

which can also be found on Facebook. Thank you to those who could attend. WCMS looks forward to their next school/parent event! As always, parents may email Christy Haskins at chaskins@worthschools.net or call the school at 229-776-8620 with questions.

Source: WCSD

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WCES Toy Drive 2021 Was A Huge Success

Worth County Elementary School would like to thank the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the Christmas Clearing House event every year. WCES is so glad they were able to participate in it. They would also like to thank everyone who participated in the WCES Toy Drive 2021. The Christmas Clearing House provides Christmas to many families and senior citizens that are in need. Thank you to the entire community of Sylvester and Worth County for all the help with this project. Merry Christmas!

Source: WCSD and The Martin News



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Staying Safe This Holiday Season

This is truly the most wonderful time of the year! But even during this fun holiday season, we have to work hard to stay safe. Did you know that between 2014-2018, U.S. fire departments responded to an average 160 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year. These fires caused an average of two deaths, 14 injuries, and \$10 million in direct property damage annually. Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in almost half (45%) of home Christmas tree fires. More than one-fifth (22%) of the Christmas tree fires, some type of heat source, such as a candle or equipment, was too close to the tree. Fifteen percent of Christmas tree fires were intentional. Roughly three-quarters of Christmas tree fires occurred in December or January. More than two of every five (42%) home Christmas tree fires started in the living room. So even though we love Christmas and Christmas trees, please be mindful of how to set everything up, don't leave home with tree's plugged up and make sure nothing is touching the lights and plug in.

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 770 home structure fires per year that began with decorations, excluding Christmas trees, in 2014-2018. These fires caused an annual average of two civilian fire deaths, 30 civilian fire injuries and \$11 million in direct property damage. Eight percent of decoration fires were intentional. The decoration was too close to a heat source such as a candle or equipment in more than two of every five (44%) fires. Twenty-two percent of the decoration fires started in the kitchen. Sixteen percent started in the living room, family room or den. From January to November, one-quarter (24%) of home decoration fires started the kitchen 14% in the living room and 4% in the dining room. In December, 23% of home decoration fires started in the living room, 12% in the kitchen, and 11% in the dining room. One-fifth (21%) of the home decoration fires occurred in December. As you may be excited to have all your Christmas decorations out just as I do, please be sure they are put in a safe area and also be mindful of children and pets.

On average, 21 home candle fires were reported each day between 2014-2018. Three of every five (60%) candle fires started when something that could burn, such as furniture, mattresses or bedding, curtains, or decorations, was too close to the candle. Candle fires peak in December. January ranked second. From January through November, 4% of home candle fires started with decorations. This jumped to 12% in December. Christmas is the peak day for candle fires with almost three times the daily average. I experienced a candle fire in November 2009 that scared the life out of me and could have been so much worse than it was but thank goodness it was not. Much smoke damage was done but that was easily cleaned up.

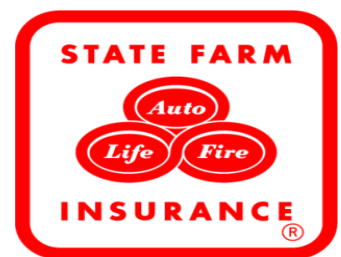
Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day, the day before Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Cooking equipment was involved in one of every five (20%) of home decoration fires. This can happen when a decoration is left on or too close to a stove or other cooking equipment.

Ten percent of fireworks fires occur during the period from December 30 through January 3, with the peak on New Year's Day.



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Fireworks For The New Year



Enjoying the holidays is a great thing to do!

With New Year's coming up in less than a week, everyone is getting excited about bringing in 2022! What a better way to bring in the New Year than with Fireworks! Fireworks are beautiful and fun but please be careful. Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.

There are times and places for everything.

Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting. A responsible adult should supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children. They sure do love them but they do not know how to handle them. Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for

after the show. Wear safety glasses when shoot-

ing fireworks. Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away. Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles. Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water. Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby. Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them into metal or glass containers. Do not experiment with homemade fireworks. Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day. FAA regulations prohibit the possession and transportation of fireworks in your checked baggage or carry-on luggage. Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department. And let's not forget the safety of our pets! Don't bring your pets to a fireworks display, even a small one. They do not like them! If fireworks are being used near your home, put your pet in a safe, interior room to avoid exposure to the sound. Make sure your pet has an identification tag, in case it runs off during a fireworks display. Never shoot fireworks of any kind (consumer fireworks, sparklers, fountains, etc.) near pets. Please have fun while bringing in 2022 but please stay safe!



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ATTENTION

Children learn through experiences with their world. Your attention to them is at the heart of their learning.

PATIENCE

Developing new skills needs a lot of practice. Doing activities over and over gives them multiple opportunities to learn.

CONVERSATION

Your child is able to understand language before they can speak it. New words and sounds during conversations help them form a foundation for reading.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Positive words of encouragement create a bond between you and your child. This support helps them when they try new learning experiences.

SOURCE: LUZERNE COUNTY HEAD START



Office of Head Start

As parents and caregivers, we can make choices to ensure time spent with our children is high-quality even during the holiday season. Here are nine tips for busy families: 1. Have a daily "connect" time with your child. Do this face-to-face, if possible; but if this isn't an option, create a routine for doing so in other ways, such as posting a note by his toothbrush or writing an encouraging saying on a shared whiteboard in the house. 2. Create a special ritual for you and your child—something that can be done every day. For example, let your child choose and read one book with you at bedtime. 3. Tell your child you love them every day. And tell them how important they are to you and how they make you feel. 4. Reinforce positive behavior. For example, if your child completes his chores without your asking, acknowledge it with words of appreciation—even if you don't have the chance do so until the next day. 5. Make and eat meals with your children whenever possible. If time is limited, look for simple meals that require very little preparation, or grab a healthy snack such as an apple and sit for a few minutes and chat with your child. 6. Schedule time for doing an activity of your child's choosing. Be sure to follow through and complete the activity without any distractions. 7. Play with your child, even if it's during bath

time or outside. Every little bit of time makes a positive impact! 8. Laugh and be silly with your child. 9. Turn off technology when you spend time with your child. Try not to text, answer calls, scroll through social media, or watch television.

Think Tifton



'The Tiger Rising,' Film Shot In Tifton, Finally Hits Theaters Jan. 21

Two years after wrapping up filming in Tifton, "The Tiger Rising" with Queen Latifah and Dennis Quaid is scheduled to be released in theaters Jan. 21, and available on demand and digitally on Feb. 8. Filmed in Tifton and Thomasville, the family adventure-drama's release date was delayed by the pandemic, with the movie's producers opting to wait until theaters were reopened around the country. "The Tiger Rising" was filmed in the woods around Thomasville and at Tifton's Town Terrace "Pink Motel," which was renamed the "Kentucky Star" for the movie. Tifton was abuzz with Queen Latifah and Dennis Quaid sightings around town. When filming wrapped up on the evening of Dec. 6, 2019, at the Town Terrace Motel, Queen Latifah, also a producer of the movie, strolled across 12th Street and greeted the Tifton residents gathered there to watch the actors. Based on The New York Times bestseller by Kate DiCamillo, the film revolves around a young boy (Christian Convery) who discovers a caged tiger in the woods after moving to a rural Florida motel, run by the tiger's mean-spirited owner (Dennis Quaid). With the help of a wise and mysterious maid (Queen Latifah), and a stubborn new girl in school (Madalen Mills), the boy, who had recently lost his mother, attempts to set the tiger free and, in turn, uncage his own emotional grief.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Blue Devil Star Declines UGA, Chooses Tennessee



Tift County High Blue Devil defensive tackle Tyre West will go from wearing a blue "T" on his uniform to an orange "T." West, one of the highest-ranked college football prospects in the nation, has changed his longtime commitment to the University of Georgia and instead has signed with the University of Tennessee. In recent weeks, West has made widely reported visits to Florida State, fueling speculation that he was about to sign with the Seminoles. But on Wednesday, he signed with the Volunteers. The 6-foot-3, 280-pound Blue Devil senior apparently chose Tennessee because it is expected to allow him the chance to play right away, rather than waiting a turn behind more established players.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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WCMS Helps The Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Clearing House

Worth County Middle School would like to thank the Sylvester-Worth Chamber of Commerce for their efforts to make everyone's holidays a little brighter with the Christmas Clearing House! Thank you students, parents, and faculty for your support of this endeavor. This is an annual event supported by the Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce to help needy families of Sylvester - Worth County. Happy Holidays from WCMS.

Source: WCSD



Graddy Retires From WCES

Congratulations to Mrs. Gloria Graddy on her retirement from Worth County Elementary School! Mrs. Graddy has worked for the Worth County School System for 34 years! Thank you for your hard work and dedication! We wish you all the best in your retirement!

Source: WCSD



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FBLA Members Holds Collection Drive For BFHS

FBLA members recently collected laundry pods for a community service project for the Best Friends Humane Society. BFHS recently requested laundry pods to help wash the extra blankets and towels needed for the animals due to the cooler weather. Pictured from left to right, Ariadna Garcia, Abby Perrin, Key'Andrea Crapp, Bella Webb, McKenzie Bryan, Lizzie Reynolds, and Christavia Jefferson.

Source: WCSD

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CHOOSING HEALTHY ACTIVITIES ~ METHODS PROMOTING SAFETY

Students in Ms. Cuffie, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mr. Fulp, Mr. Young, and Mr. White's homerooms recently graduated from the CHAMPS program at Worth County Elementary School. CHAMPS, which stands for Choosing Health Activities and Methods Promoting Safety, is a class that is led by Worth County Sheriff's Lieutenant Jerry Walters. They meet once a week for the semester to discuss such topics such as ATV Safety, Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Gun Safety, just to name a few. Students then choose a topic and create a poster about it. Posters were judged

from each class, and then the first place winner from each homeroom then competed against all other first place participants from this semester. Congratulations to all students for completing the course and graduation. Also, congratulations to poster winners from each class and overall poster winners. Pictured with the students that are posted on the Worth County Elementary School Facebook Page is Sheriff Don Whitaker and Lt. Jerry Walters.

Source: WCSD

Look at all the fun had at Books and Bubbles this past week at the Margaret Jones Public Library. The children made Santa Beards and read books. Everyone had so much fun. The Margaret Jones Public Library wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Source: MJPL



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Newell Retires From WCMS

Congratulations Mrs. Stephanie Newell on your retirement from Worth County Middle School! Thank you for your inspiration and guidance for so many students. Your kindness and warm smile impacted co-workers and students throughout the years. Enjoy your next chapter!

Source: WCSD



WCHS Participates In Annual Toy Drive

Several Worth County High School clubs along with students and staff of WCHS were excited to present toys to the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce Annual Toy Drive. The toys will be distributed to children in the Worth County area during the holiday season. Huge shout out to the following clubs at WCHS SGA, BETA, HOSA, and Key Club for all your dedication.

Source: WCSD

Dates to Remember

December

20th ~ Holidays for Worth County Schools

20th ~ WCHS Varsity Boys Basketball All Day Away

20th ~ WCHS Varsity Girls Basketball All Day Away

20th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Dougherty County Community 1pm-6pm

20th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Flint River Entertainment Complex 3pm-7pm

20th ~ Festival of Lights at Chehaw 6pm-9pm

21st ~ Holidays for Worth County Schools

21st ~ WCHS Varsity Boys Basketball All Day Away

21st ~ WCHS Varsity Girls Basketball All Day Away

21st ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at US 19 Church of Christ 1:30pm - 6:30pm

21st ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Tifton Methodist Church 12:30pm - 5:30pm

21st ~ Festival of Lights at Chehaw 6pm-9pm

21st ~ City of Warwick Council Meeting 7pm

22nd ~ Holidays for Worth County Schools

22nd ~ WCHS Varsity Boys Basketball All Day Away

22nd ~ WCHS Varsity Girls Basketball All Day Away

22nd ~ St. Teresa's December Bingo in Albany

22nd ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Tifton Mall 3pm - 7pm

22nd ~ WCHS JV Boys Away 4:30PM

22nd ~ Festival of Lights at Chehaw 6pm-9pm

23rd ~ Holidays for Worth County Schools

23rd ~ Santa Exhibit at Thronateeska Science Museum 10am-4pm

23rd ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Tifton Mall 3pm - 7pm

23rd ~ Festival of Lights at Chehaw 6pm-9pm

24th ~ Holidays for Worth County Schools

24th ~ Festival of Lights at Chehaw 6pm-9pm

25th ~ Merry Christmas from The Martin News

26th ~ Festival of Lights at Chehaw 6pm-9pm

27th ~ Holidays for Worth County Schools

28th ~ Holidays for Worth County Schools

28th ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connections Meeting

29th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon

29th ~ Holidays for Worth County Schools

29th ~ St. Teresa's December Bingo in Albany

30th ~ Holidays for Worth County Schools

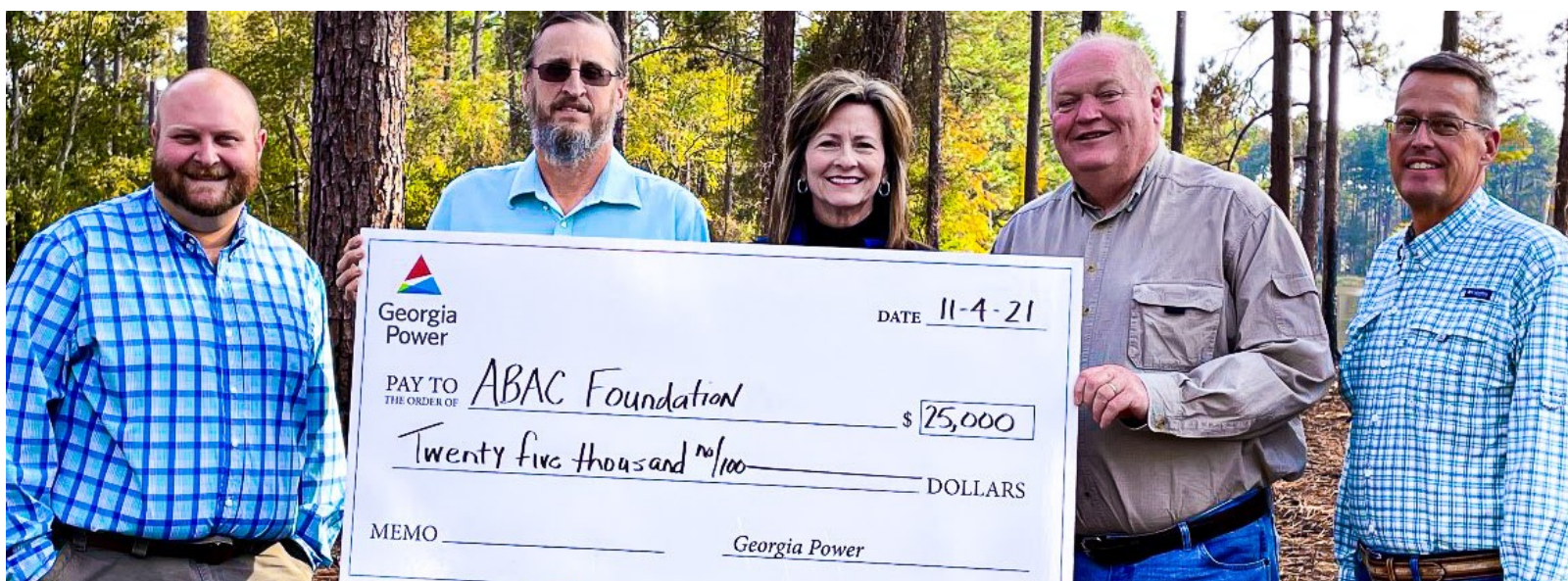
30th ~ Santa Exhibit at Thronateeska Science Museum 10am-4pm

31st ~ Holidays for Worth County Schools

31st ~ Happy New Year's Eve From The Martin News

31st ~ Santa Exhibit at Thronateeska Science Museum 10am-4pm

GA Power Contributes To ABAC's Forest, An Outdoor Laboratory



Georgia Power recently announced a \$25,000 contribution to the ABAC Foundation to support developing the college's forest. The 1,000-acre forest off Willis Still Road in Tift County is destined to be a vibrant outdoor classroom demonstrating best practices in forestry and natural resources, said Dr. Mark Kistler, ABAC dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College offers a bachelor's degree in natural resource management with tracks in forestry, wildlife, and conservation law enforcement. The forest is an outdoor laboratory. "Georgia Power is pleased to provide support for the development of this innovative forestry classroom experience at ABAC," said Georgia Power Area Manager Lynn Lovett. "The ABAC program is focused on the vital role of silviculture in sequestration of carbon dioxide and generational transition of timber operations in Georgia. ... We are committed to supporting initiatives focused on sustainability." From left: Grant Rentz, ABAC natural resources technician; Dr. William Moore, ABAC forest resources department head; Lynn Lovett, Georgia Power area manager; Dr. David Bridges, ABAC president; and Dr. Mark Kistler, dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

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WCPS Students Recognized For Reaching AR Goal

Worth County Primary School recognized first and second grade students who met their AR goal with at least an 80% average. First grade students had a goal of 5 points for the second nine weeks. Second grade students had a goal of 10 points for the second nine weeks. Each student who met their goal was given 50 Lamb Bucks. The three highest point earners per homeroom were also awarded a reading prize bucket. Accelerated Reader (AR) is a popular reading program used in schools. AR helps teachers track students' independent practice and progress with reading. It's not specifically designed for kids who learn and think differently. But teachers can use it to help guide struggling readers to books they can read successfully. The program doesn't teach reading skills and strategies. It's intended to encourage kids to read independently, at their own level and pace. While the program covers K-12, it's mainly used in elementary schools and, to some extent, in middle schools. The idea behind AR is that kids enjoy reading more when they can select their own books. The program has more than 150,000 titles to choose from on its Bookfinder list. Each book has online "reading practice" quizzes, which you may hear referred to as "AR tests." Teachers use these quizzes to track each student's progress and set appropriate goals for each. A classroom teacher can work with the school district's reading specialist or curriculum coordinator to track progress and set goals in the AR program. Congratulations to all of the students for meeting their AR goal.

Source: WCSD and The Martin News



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WCHS iRAMBOTS presents THE STEAM CLUB



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Students between third and eighth grade are invited to join us for each 1-1/2 hour session as we explore different science, technology, engineering, art, and math concepts. Each session is led by our robotics team members and our coach, Mrs. Michelle Smith.

Each session is \$10 per student and covers the cost of the supplies for the activities. You may either bring your child to the library for the in-person session or you may purchase the kit and complete the kit at home with your child. Payment will be collected when you arrive on the day of the event (cash or checks only). Checks should be made payable to the WCHS Robotics Team.

Please reserve your child's spot by contacting one of the following contacts listed below. We will need your child's name and grade, your name and contact info, and any special needs/concerns (allergies, etc.).

Please contact any of the following with questions:

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DEC. 4th 10:30am - 12pm	Electricity: Robots and Sparks Flying		MAY 6th 4:30 - 6 pm	Ecology: Dessert Ecosystem & Garden Lampshades
JAN. 7th 4:30 - 6 pm	Motion: Cars & Kites		JUNE 3rd 4:30 - 6 pm	Chemistry: Water Filtration and Slime
FEB VIRTUAL DATE TBA	Programming: Building Websites & Coded Bracelets		JULY 8th 4:30—6 pm	Biology: Cell Sandwich, Germs, & DNA
MAR VIRTUAL TBA	Weather: Snow, Tornadoes, and Storms		AUG 5th 4:30—6 pm	Forces: Towers, Planes, and Rockets
APR VIRTUAL DATE TBA	Plants: Bean Sprouts and Tree Identification		SEPT 2nd 4:30—6 pm	Escape Room: Use STEM skills to find the answers.



In a unanimous vote Monday, the Cook County Board of Education named Dr. Byron Slack as head football coach at Cook High School in Adel. Slack most recently has been assistant head coach and linebackers coach for the Colquitt County High Packers in Moultrie. Before that, he was head coach at Hillgrove High in Cobb County. Slack has also served as defensive coordinator and strength and conditioning coach at Lowndes High School, was an assistant coach for 13 years in Camden County, worked in Powder Springs, and has served as defensive line coach and re-

cruting coordinator at Minnesota State. He received his undergraduate degree from West Georgia, his master's degree from Auburn University, and his doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. While at Auburn, Slack served as a graduate assistant, working with the strength and conditioning coordinator. In Adel, he succeeds Jamie Rodgers, who left for a coaching job at Bradford High in Florida.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

Students May Apply For EMC Scholarship

Applicants are being accepted for the \$1,000 Walter Harrison Scholarship sponsored by Georgia's electric membership corporations (EMCs). The scholarship can be applied to academic expenses at any accredited two- or four-year university, college or vocational-technical institute in Georgia. "We're proud to offer financial assistance where possible, and the Walter Harrison Scholarship can help families offset the rising cost of college," said Danny Nichols, Colquitt EMC general manager. "To be a good community citizen, we have an obligation to help young people." Fourteen Walter Harrison Scholarships will be awarded in 2022 to students with exemplary academic records. Grade-point average, academic standing, scholastic honors, and financial need are considered when determining a student's eligibility. Applicants must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program, must complete a two-page application, and must write a two-page autobiographical sketch that includes future plans. The scholarship is available to any college-level student regardless of age. Created in 1985 by Georgia EMC, a trade association representing the electric cooperatives in Georgia, the Walter Harrison Scholarship program honors the late Harrison, a pioneer in the rural electricity movement. Visit colquittemc.com to view and download the application, due by Feb. 1.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Fitzgerald Wins State Football Championship

The Fitzgerald High Purple Hurricane football team on Friday won its first state championship in 73 years, defeating the Thomasville Bulldogs, 21-7. Playing in Atlanta, the 2A champions won the school's first state title in football since 1948. Georgia Public Broadcasting, which aired the state championship games in the various Georgia High School Association divisions, named Fitzgerald Coach Tucker Pruitt as its Outstanding Coach on the GPB All-Finals Team. Pruitt is in his fifth year as the Purple Hurricane head coach

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Candy Canes Anyone?

I would have thought this day was before Christmas but it seems that it is after Christmas. What day am I talking about? I am talking about National Candy Cane Day. I am guessing it is after Christmas because everyone is taking down their Christmas Trees where they have had the candy canes hanging and now it is time to eat those yummy things. There is so much to learn about the candy cane and many of the facts that I did not know. Legend has it that in 1670, the choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany handed out sugar sticks among his young singers to keep them quiet during the long Living Creche ceremony. In honor of the occasion, he had the candies bent into shepherds' crooks. In 1847, a German-Swedish immigrant named August Imgard of Wooster, Ohio, decorated a small blue spruce with paper ornaments and candy canes. It wasn't until the turn of the century that the red and white stripes and peppermint flavors became the norm. In the 1920s, Bob McCormack began making candy canes as special Christmas treats for his children, friends and local shopkeepers in Albany, Georgia. It was a laborious process – pulling, twisting, cutting and bending the candy by hand. It could only be done on a local scale. In the 1950s, Bob's brother-in-law, Gregory Keller, a Catholic priest, invented a machine to automate candy cane production. Packaging innovations by the younger McCormacks made it possible to transport the delicate canes on a large scale. Although modern technology has made candy canes accessible and plentiful, they've not lost their purity and simplicity as a traditional holiday food. How are candy canes made? Many machines help with the production of this popular Christmas confection. Sugar and corn syrup are heated in large kettles and then vacuum cooked. The candy is poured on a cooling table where peppermint and starch are added. The starch holds flavor during mixing and prevents stickiness. Next, a kneader mixes the flavoring and candy together until it turns a golden brown color. Afterwards, it is placed into a puller that turns the candy silky white. It moves to a batch former and is made into a log-like shape. The stripes are formed on a heating table and placed on the white log. The candy is put back on the batch roller and formed into a cone shape. Sizing wheels reduce the cone to the diameter of a candy cane and turn it into a rope. Next, a twister will make the rope into a barber pole. Finally, it moves to a cutter that snips the candy into strips. The candy is kept warm so it will not harden. It is placed in wrappers and the heat of the candy will shrink the wrappers. The canes move to a crooker, which will give the candy its Shepard's Crook or hook. The candy canes are placed into a box, called a cradle, inspected and shipped. Fun facts about candy canes: For 200 years, the candy cane came only in one color — white. The red stripes did not appear until sometime around the turn of the 20th century. National Candy Cane Day is celebrated December 26 in the United States. Considered a seasonal item, 90 percent of candy canes are sold between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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Merry Christmas

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon
His shoulder. And His name will
be called Wonderful,
Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6.

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Joy To The World

Joy to the world!
The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart
prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven
and nature sing.

Joy to the world!
The Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Joy to the world then we sing
Let the earth receive her King!
Joy to the world then we sing
Let the angel voices ring.

Joy to the world then we sing
Let the men their songs employ
Joy to the world then we sing
And repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world
with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove (And
makes the nations prove)
And glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

Joy to the world then we sing
Let the earth receive her King!
Joy to the world then we sing
Let the angel voices ring.



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Jingle Bells

**Dashing through the snow
On a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob tail ring,
making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight**

**Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh**

**A day or two ago,
I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side;
The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
We got into a drifted bank,
And then we got upsot.**

**Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh**

**Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, What fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh.
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, What fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh.**

**Now the ground is white
Go it while you're young
Take the girls tonight
And sing this sleighing song
Just get a bob tailed bay
two-forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh
And crack! you'll take the lead**

**Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, What fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh.
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, What fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh.**

**Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas.
May God Bless you all!**



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Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

Away In A Manger

Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes

I love You, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
Until morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask You to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children
In Your tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with You there

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and happy
holiday season
and new year!*



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OF EVERY
CHRISTMAS SEASON
REMINDE US OF
Him
WHO IS THE
SOURCE OF ALL LIGHT
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Happy Holidays
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