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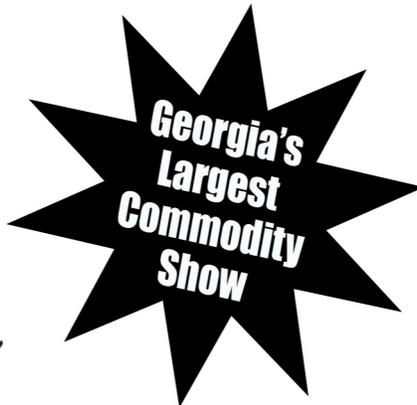
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45th Annual Georgia Peanut Farm Show Postponed Until January 2022



TIFTON, Ga. (Dec. 17, 2020) - The Georgia Peanut Farm Show and Conference, originally scheduled for Jan. 20-21, 2021 at the University of Georgia Tifton Campus Conference Center, has been postponed until January 2022. This decision, in consultation with the University of Georgia, was made in the interest of public health. "We are disap-

pointed to postpone the 2021 show, but understand the challenges the pandemic has presented and believe postponement is the best decision at this time," Rodney Dawson, Farm Show chairman said. The show, which hosted more than 1,600 attendees in January 2020, offers farmers the opportunity to fine-tune their operation and visit with more than 100 industry exhibitors. Awards to individuals and businesses for their service to the peanut industry and promotion of peanuts across the United States are also presented at the event. The award recipients selected for the 2021 show will be recognized at the January 2022 event. GPC encourages farmers to participate in 2021 county production meetings via UGA Cooperative Extension in preparation for the 2021 season. Visit www.gapeanuts.com to stay up-to-date on the activities of the Georgia Peanut Commission and latest industry news.

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Christmas trees are so beautiful and the history of Christmas trees goes back to the symbolic use of evergreens in ancient Egypt and Rome and continues with the German tradition of candlelit Christmas trees first brought to America in the 1800s. Discover the history of the Christmas tree, from the earliest winter solstice celebrations to Queen Victoria's decorating habits and the annual lighting of the Rockefeller Center tree in New York City.

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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 every thing 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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- 21st ~ Festival of Lights at Chehaw in Albany
- 21st ~ WC Schools Closed for the Holidays
- 21st ~ Wild Adventures Christmas
- 21st ~ Chehaw Winter Break Camp
- 21st ~ Winter Break Camp Snow Days at Flint RiverQuarium
- 21st ~ Santa Exhibit at Thronteeska
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- 25th ~ Merry Christmas from The Martin News
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ABAC Names New Vice President



Deidra Jackson is the new vice president for finance and operations at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. President David Bridges made the announcement Monday afternoon. “Deidra has served ABAC in a very thorough and outstanding manner for the past 10 years,” Bridges said. “She first served as comptroller and more recently as assistant vice president for finance and operations. I have the greatest confidence in her ability and commitment to ABAC.” A Tift County High graduate, Jackson received her undergraduate degree in accounting from Auburn University and her MBA from Valdosta State University. She joined the ABAC staff in 2010 after nearly six years in Douglas as a senior auditor for the Georgia Department of Audits.

“As vice president, I will make certain that we are excellent stewards of the funds we receive from our students and the state of Georgia,” Jackson said. “I plan to follow a pattern of exemplary customer service while maintaining the fiscal integrity of the college.” She succeeds Paul Willis, who retires in January.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

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Source: WCSD

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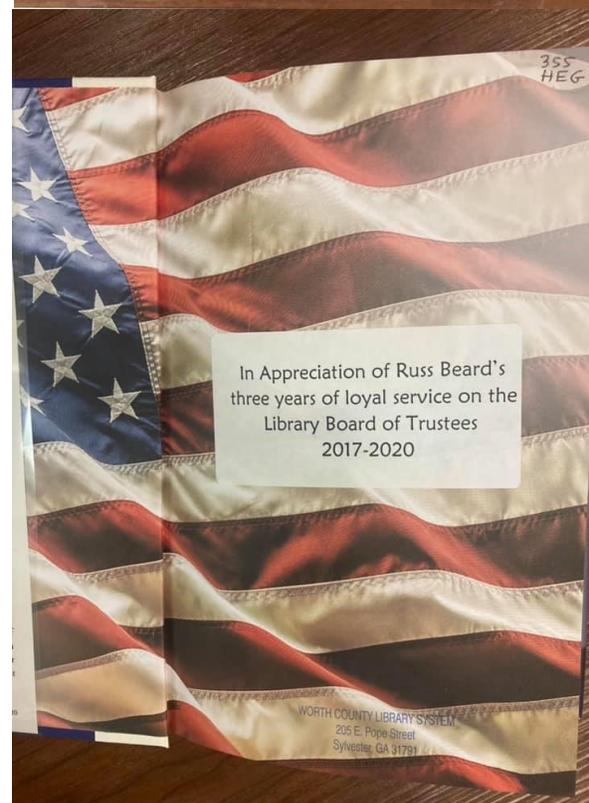
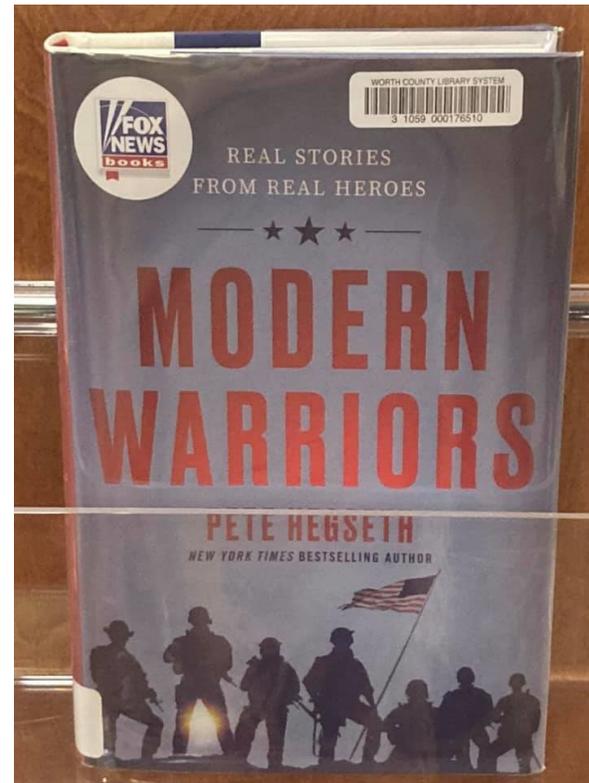
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Cook County Agent Gets Senior King Cotton Award



Ashburn native Tucker Price of Cook County has been named recipient of the 2020 Senior King Cotton Award for a county extension agent's outstanding contribution to Georgia cotton producers. The Georgia Cotton Commission recently presented the award during the virtual Georgia Association of County Agricultural Agents annual meeting. Price serves as county extension coordinator as well as agriculture & natural resources agent in Cook County. He has 25 years of UGA Extension Service experience in counties including Quitman and Crisp. In addition to holding producer education programs, Price conducts local cotton research and demonstrations. Recent trials have been conducted with a focus on white-fly monitoring as well as multiple cotton variety trials. The Senior King Cotton Award honors agents with 10 or more years of experience. The Cotton Commission also recognizes agents with less than a decade of service with the Junior Award, named the Allen B. Fulford Award. That recipient this year is Seth McAllister of Terrell County, who has served as the county's agriculture and natural resources agent since 2016. The Georgia Cotton Commission is a producer-funded organization located in Perry and begun in 1965.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



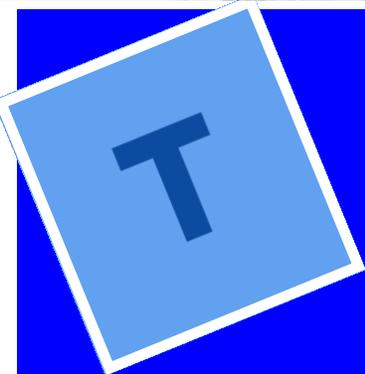
Book Placed In Library

This book, Modern Warriors, was placed in the Margaret Jones Public Library in appreciation of Mr. Russell Beard's three years of service on the Library Board of Trustees. Thank you Mr. Beard for all you have done.

WCES Gives Back To The Clearing House Program

Worth County Elementary School Anchored4Life students and advisor, Mrs. Laura Bartley, were busy recently loading up all of the presents that the faculty and staff donated to the Sylvester/Worth County Chamber of Commerce Clearing House program. WCES is very happy to partner every year with the Chamber on this program to help meet the needs of Worth County children. All around us we see signs of the holidays approaching fast! There are Christmas decorations, Christmas toys, Christmas candy and even Christmas clothing in stores. Before the rush began and the time became limited, the Chamber asked for help and WCES was just one group that helped the Chamber. The Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce sponsored the annual Christmas Clearing House again this year. Years ago, the Chamber was approached to act as a Clearing House to provide churches and other organizations a means of locating families in need of help for Christmas. The Chamber helps prevent duplication of services and verifies the need for assistance.

Source: WCSD



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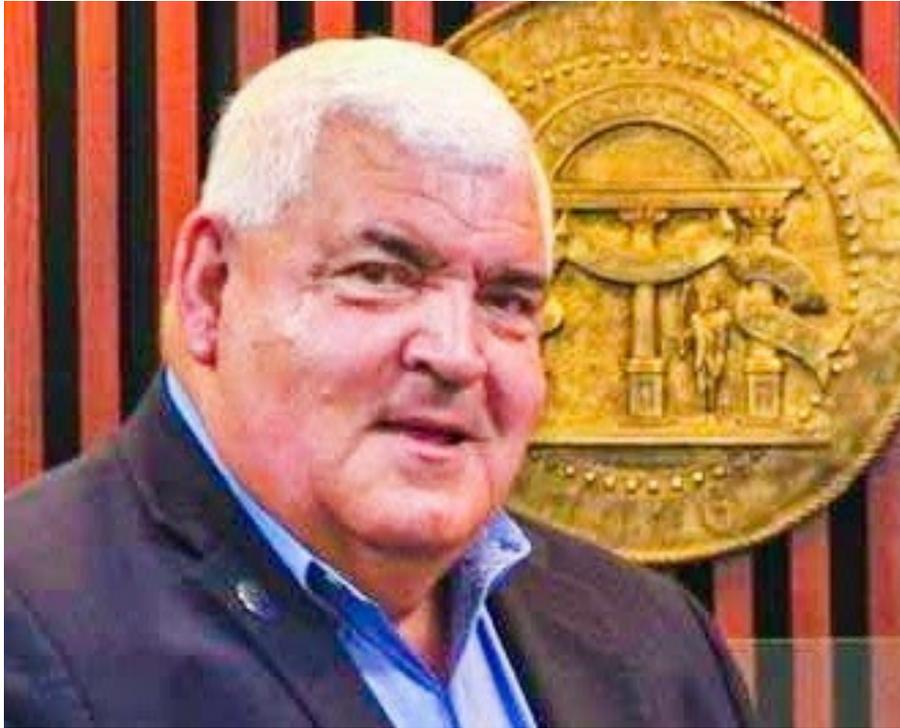
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Tift Sheriff's Office Joins Operation Verifying Registered Sex Offenders



Tift County Sheriff Gene Scarbrough recently participated in Operation Watchful Eye 5, an initiative involving 46 sheriffs to verify the compliance of registered sex offenders. Tift County had 77 registered sex offenders with each of their addresses verified, Scarbrough reported. During the month-long initiative in Tift, three sex offenders absconded, with one warrant issued for a residency violation, one warrant issued for a non-residency violation and three new sex offenders registered. Across the state, 25 sex offenders were arrested and 88 warrants were issued for violations of state registration laws during the initiative from Oct. 26-Nov. 29. Preliminary

reporting by the 46 participating sheriff's offices reveals 5,167 registered sex offenders, 144 predators and 55 homeless sex offenders are currently living in their counties. During the operation, 4,962 residence verifications were conducted, 82 new sex offenders moved into the reporting counties, 22 new warrants were issued for violations of the sex-offender registry law, six warrants were issued for new sex offenses, 43 warrants were issued for residency violations and 17 warrants were issued for other miscellaneous new charges. The operation also discovered that 154 sex offenders had absconded from their last-known address, which will require those counties' sheriffs to work with other supporting agencies to track down the offenders. State law mandates county sheriff offices to register sex offenders and keep the public informed of where the offenders reside, work and attend school.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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ABAC Students Spot Rare Snake



Two Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College students recently photographed a rare six-foot long Eastern Indigo snake while preparing research for their bachelor's degree in natural resource management. "This is a really noteworthy observation and of significant conservation value," said Dr. Vanessa Lane, associate professor of wildlife ecology and management, and a certified wildlife biologist. "The sighting of this federally threatened species has already been reported to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources,

and a biologist will be conducting formal surveys sometime this month." Students Morgan Pierce and Scott Herkel were using trail cameras to monitor gopher tortoise burrows on private property for their research project. They were trying to learn what kinds of mammals and other animals were using the burrows when they photographed the rare snake. "It really was a shock," Herkel said. "I honestly felt like it was a once-in-a-lifetime thing." Lane said the Eastern Indigo snake is the largest of Georgia's 46 snake species, reaching more than eight feet long and weighing nearly 11 pounds. Famous for its ability to hunt and eat venomous snakes such as rattlesnakes, the harmless Eastern Indigo snake has suffered steep population declines. "The species used to range from eastern Mississippi through Florida and north to Savannah, but is now found only in isolated areas where frequently burned pine savanna habitat exists," Lane said. "The species was listed as federally threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 1978 and has yet to fully recover. Finding an Eastern Indigo snake at a new location is heartening and means that conservation efforts are working." Two ABAC students used trail cameras for this photograph of the rare Eastern Indigo snake.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Congratulations to our Worth County Middle School Competition Cheer Team for 2nd place at the Cotton Jingle Cheer Classic held at Jeff Davis High School. Team coach is Ashley Judy. Source: WCSD



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Source: WCSD

Although Santa is so busy this time of the year, he sent Mrs. Claus to visit their pre-k friends at Worth County Primary School. She delivered books provided by the Family Connection and Kiwanis Club. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

Source: MJPL/WCSD



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ATTENTION

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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

Spending Time With Your Children

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.



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Merry Christmas

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~ Lynn Meeks Manley ~

Good Ole Gingerbread Houses

Gingerbread House Day is a day that can be celebrated in a wide variety of fun ways and will be a day that children in particular will really enjoy and always remember. Celebrating National Gingerbread House Day involves creating a gingerbread house. But, the best part is that once the house has been created it can be devoured! And it will be yummy! Gingerbread House Day should be a social event and be used as something that engages children and adults alike. Children and parents can make a gingerbread house together and then, later, the gingerbread houses can be eaten at a party especially laid on for the occasion. Alternatively, a giant gingerbread house can be created by several people, with guests invited to decorate it with icing, sugar or sweets. Did you know that charities also benefit via Gingerbread House Day. Portions of a gingerbread house or mini gingerbread houses can be sold to raise funds for the charity which is used as a great fundraiser. Larry and I love to build gingerbread houses because you don't have to be perfect in building it and you can be as creative as you want or not creative at all. We love to build the houses but then we love to eat some of it too! I saw at Wal-Mart this year that they had several different types of houses to choose from. Have fun building your gingerbread house today and be sure to post them on Facebook for everyone to see.

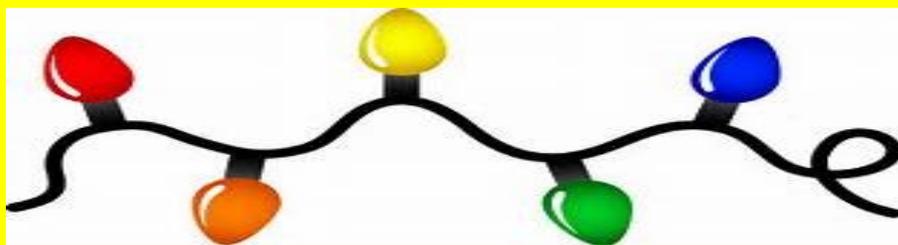


We would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! May you and your family have a blessed time together.

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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 2021! 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 shooting 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 2021 but please stay safe!

The staff from A Bag to Go would like to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas!



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Staying Safe On New Year's

It's hard to believe that it is New Years Eve already! New Years Eve is a time to celebrate the year gone by with neighbors and friends. There is lots of fun and drinking, and sometimes safety is forgotten. Here's a list of some safety tips to remember while ringing in the New Year. Go with a group. Not only will partying as a group be more fun, but it can also be a good way to keep track of everyone and keep yourself safe. Pack a portable cell phone charger. Nothing's worse than trying to call your friends or a cab and your phone dies! Get a portable phone charger to prevent this from happening. Make sure to eat! This may seem like a no brainer, but eating a hearty meal will help absorb any alcohol that may be consumed and will help you to have energy to dance the night away! Drink plenty of water. Even if you aren't drinking, it's a good idea to hydrate. Alternate alcoholic beverages with a glass of water to pace yourself. Watch out for champagne bottles! Those corks can be tricky! When uncorking, make sure to point the bottle away from people or valuables/breakables. Don't drink and drive!!! There are plenty of ride sharing options available if you decide to drink. Consider also staying at a neighbor's or getting a room at a hotel close to your festivities. New Years Eve is a great way to celebrate the New Year with your neighbors and friends. What are some of your favorite traditions on New Year's Eve?

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.

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



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And The Winner Is....

Worth County Public Safety Ladies Auxiliary has been very busy this year and especially these last few weeks. They have been selling tickets to raffle off a basket full of so many goodies. There were gift cards and lottery scratch-offs galore. The money raised is to help with the things the ladies auxiliary does throughout the year and their annual banquet. They feed all of the public safety workers during the year when things are needed as well as hosting the banquet each year for an employee of the year from each department. Thank you to everyone that bought a ticket or two for their chance to win! Congratulations to Mrs. Judy Medders on winning the basket.

The ladies auxiliary holds Bingo Nights during the year at Ed's Truck Stop to raise money for the group as well. They will be holding a Bingo Night tomorrow night on December 22nd and then will start it back again after the New Year.

Thank you again to everyone that continues to support the Worth County Public Safety Ladies Auxiliary.



**We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!
Remember Jesus is the Reason for the Season.**

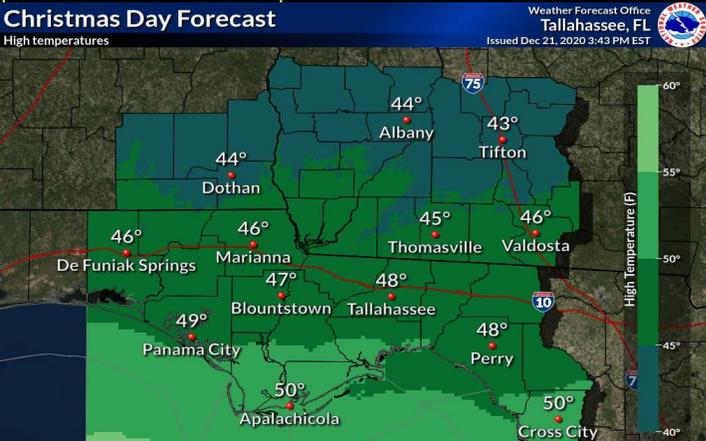
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- A strong cold front is expected to move through the area during the day on Christmas Eve.
- This front will bring some potential for severe weather along with widespread rain.
- Inland extent of severe threat remains uncertain.
- Coldest temperatures of the winter season will move in behind the front.
- Updates to follow in next few days.



A Cold Christmas!

With this week being Christmas, I have been wishing for cold weather. I think I may be getting what I wished for. Living in South Georgia, especially at Christmas, it is always warm. It doesn't ever really feel like Christmas as far as the temperature but this year it looks like it will. According to the Worth County Fire/Rescue EMA, a strong cold front is expected during the day on Christmas Eve, bringing the potential for some severe weather, as well as much colder temperatures for Christmas. They say the main story through the week will be a strong cold front that is set to arrive on Christmas Eve. This front will bring some potential for severe weather with the possibility for damaging winds, and a few tornadoes. The inland extent of the severe threat remains quite uncertain will be dependent on how fast the system moves through. More information will be provided in the coming days. After the cold front, the coldest temperatures of the season are likely with highs struggling to get out of the 30s across our northern zones in GA/AL while highs will stay in the mid to upper 40s across Florida on Christmas Day. Tallahassee's forecast high of 48 would be just one degree away from the 3rd coldest Christmas Day High Temperature on record. The coldest night of the next 7 days will fall on Christmas night with temperatures dropping into the mid to upper 20s. Please be sure to follow Worth County Fire/Rescue EMA on Facebook for all updates and details.



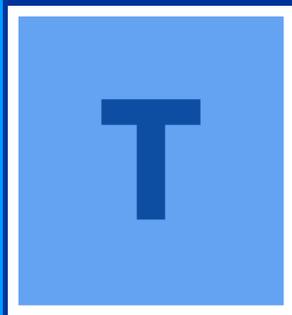
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