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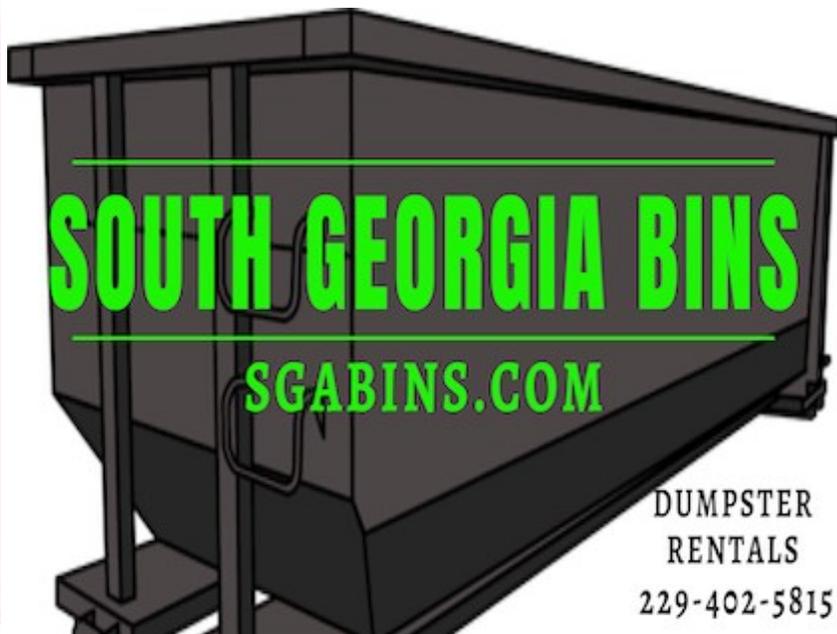
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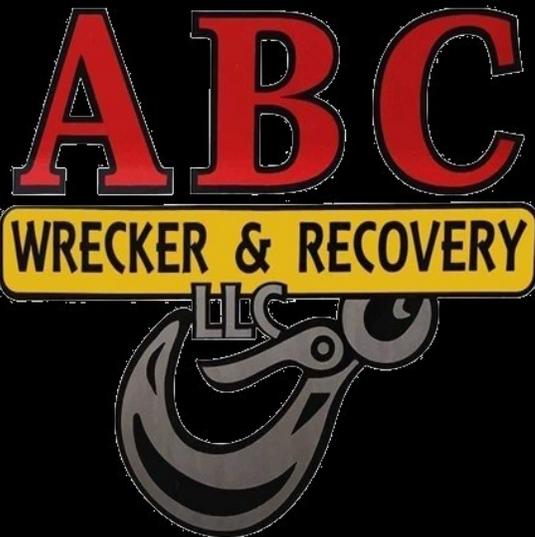
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Well I want you to look a here... There's another day to celebrate! I love these kind of days. They can be so much fun and bring many laughs. So this day is "Some Day We Will Laugh About This". Do you have one of those moments in your life? Well I sure do. We laugh now but we were NOT laughing then. When I was about 13 or 14, I took my mother's car for a spin through mother and daddy's pecan orchard. Now I had learned to drive about the age of 11. Mother and Daddy wanted me to learn early because of my sister's terrible driving record. So by 13 or 14, I was pretty dog gone good at driving. Well it was on a Saturday and mother was getting ready to go to work at my aunt's restaurant, Black-beard's. She was in the house getting ready and I took her nice car for a spin. My friend, Allison Elam, was with me and she had learned at an early age to drive also. So we both could drive very well. Well I was spinning around those trees like a pro. Allison was waiting for me to get back when mother came out the garage door and said "Where's Lynn, Where's my car"... about that time I come around and saw her and I pulled right to her and slammed on those breaks. Boy did she look mad so I locked the doors and got out on the other side so I could get a running start. Oh boy she was past mad... BUT she did not spank me nor put me on restriction for any of my fun things so I thought I was good UNTIL she said I could not drive for a month! I think my heart skipped two or three beats. Do you know how terrible that was?? It was awful. We lived in the big ole country of Gordy and I could drive to my grandma and grandpa Dupree's anytime I wanted but I didn't for that month and when I got my privileges back, I NEVER broke the rules of driving again. We laugh now but I was NOT laughing then and neither was my mother! Boy times sure have changed but those were definitely the good ole days. What kind of stories do you have like that make you laugh now but didn't make you laugh so much then? I often think about this time in my life now that my 18 year old is driving all over the place. He likes to drive but he doesn't mention spinning around the pecan orchard so I think I am safe for now. The last few years has shown me that we all need those memories that make us laugh. They may not have made us laugh at the moment but boy oh boy do they make us laugh now.

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Tifton Invitational Spotlights Area Basketball Teams



The 13th Annual McDonald’s Tifton Invitational will feature local prep basketball teams on Dec. 27 and 28. The basketball tournament at the Tift County High School gym will be played both evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m. The host team, the Tift County High Blue Devils, will take the court at 8:30 p.m. both days. Other competitors include Cook County, Irwin County, Turner County, Fitzgerald, and Crisp County. “We are excited about this incredible opportunity to highlight six basketball teams in our South Central Georgia area,” said Wendell Morgan of the Tifton McDonald’s, the tournament’s title sponsor. Tournament Chair Joyce Danford said, “We devote many months with a team of dedicated community volunteers to produce this tournament each year, which provides a fundraiser for the team, exposure for the sponsors and businesses in the area, and a fun outing for families and basketball fans.”

Tift County Head Basketball Coach Tommy Blackshear has high expectations for this year’s team and expects the Blue Devils to be in contention for another region championship. “Tift has eight seniors who are determined to hang another championship banner on the wall and keep their rich tradition intact,” Blackshear said. Again this year, tournament sponsor Tifton Coca-Cola United will recognize local first responders, active duty military, and veterans on Wednesday before the 8:30 p.m. Tift County game. The Flawless Divas will be performing at halftime.

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ABAC AG Ed Program Receives Award

The National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) recently recognized the agricultural education program at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College with the NAAE Outstanding Cooperation Award. Dr. Andrew Thoron, head of ABAC's Department of Agricultural Education and Communication, said the award is based on program services, support for and cooperation with state and national agricultural educators associations, and awards and honors. "Everyone involved with our agricultural education program was extremely pleased and honored to receive this prestigious award," Thoron said. "We were first recognized for this cooperation in July by the Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. Then they submitted us for the national award." Thoron and 19 ABAC students recently traveled to Las Vegas to the NAAE national convention to receive the award. ABAC representatives at the NAAE national conference include, front row from left: Olivia Sharp, Jessica Brogdon, Kelly Rauch, Erin Gilleland, Madeline McDonald, Jessica Garrason, Erin Pearce, Madison Dysart, Ivey Cook, Abigail Zerwig, Allison Bridges, and NAAE President Stan Scurlock; second row: Dr. Andrew Thoron, Madison Shipley, Colton Peacock, Chase Greene, Victoria Henley, Jerrett Alligood, Heather Schmidt, John Gore, and Shelby McClellan.

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Time to Get Organized in 2023

WebMD suggests that we all take the time to get organized in the New Year. First, start by finding a place for every item. One reason things pile up on counters, tables, and floors is that they have no certain place to go. Storing items in the room where they're used helps ensure they get put away when you're done, and usually it's best to store similar items together. If it's something you use frequently, make sure the storage place is easy to access. Play clutter cop. The better you are about keeping things out of your home, the less likely things will pile up inside. Take freebies for example. It's nice to get a T-shirt or coffee mug, but will you really use it? Enjoy it? If not, decline it. Or let's say you're a voracious reader. You could buy books but why not borrow and return them from your public library? And take a minute to opt out of mailings from credit card companies and other direct marketers. Bottom line be sure to always look for ways to block unneeded items before they cross your threshold. Do some detective work. Periodically scan your home for clutter hot spots, and spend some time figuring out why stuff accumulates there. Often, it's not what you think. Hold off on container shopping. Clutter victims often think the solution is to stock up on organizing products, so they head to the nearest superstore and stock up on bins and boxes. A big mistake is that people love to go out and buy containers, but getting organized does not start out with a shopping trip. Dump duplicates. Why have two nonstick spatulas when one is enough? Why have six hairbrushes or 17 coffee mugs? A rule WebMD suggests a simple rule to remember is One in, one out. Anytime you get something new, get rid of something like it that is old. Beware nostalgia. If you're a doting parent, it's not easy to discard a child's creation, whether it's pastel drawings from the second grade or that cooler-sized medieval castle. But if you're serious about minimizing clutter, you must. One good way to de-clutter the drawings and crafts of our children's is to take a picture of your child with the creation, and letting that be your keepsake. Weed out your wardrobe. Odds are your clothes closet is chockablock with clothes that are rarely worn. Does a particular garment no longer fit, or maybe it's uncomfortable? Toss it into a box. Then take the box to a favorite charity or a consignment store. And don't hold onto things because you think you might need them someday. One key to de-cluttering is getting rid of things, not simply rearranging them. Tidying up is not the same as organizing. A good recommendation that I am so tempted to try is to turn all your hanging clothes the opposite way. After six months, the ones that you don't turn back around are ready to go. Look for simple clutter control solutions. Often, there's an easy solution to even stubborn clutter problems. Think home organization kits. Buy some clear plastic shoebox-sized containers, and use them to create kits where you store all the items you need for a particular task. For instance, you could create a shoeshine kit, a bill-paying kit, a manicure kit, and so on. That way, you can easily find everything you need to accomplish everyday tasks. Stick to a schedule. Some spaces, like kitchen counters, need daily de-cluttering. Others can be tackled weekly or monthly. When that time comes, be systematic. Take all the items in a defined area which could be a cabinet, a desk drawer, etc and spread them out so you can see what you're facing. If you're de-cluttering the drawer where you keep kitchen utensils, for example, spread them on the counter, and then sort into two piles: utensils you use regularly and those you don't use. Be patient because effective de-cluttering takes time. Whatever happens, try not to feel embarrassed about clutter. It's important to remember that organizing need not be perfect, and that "good enough" really is." I personally have started organizing and de-cluttering and love it! I also have gotten some ideas off of Pinterest of not just organizing but how to use things we want to but not sure how to use. One idea I put into place once was pictures. We all have snap shot pictures that we love but not sure where to put them! I took some clothes pins and put them on my laundry room cabinet doors with the pictures clipped on. LOVED IT!

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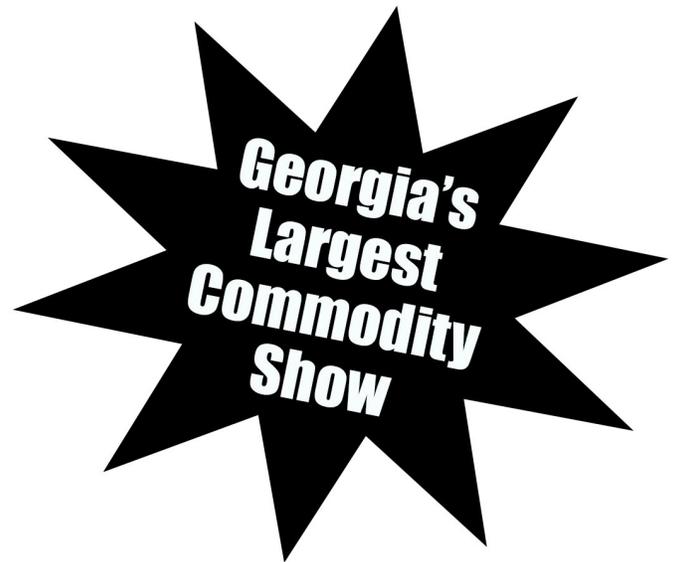
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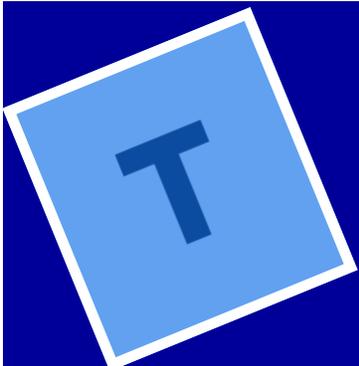
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