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Phoebe Worth Medical Center Holds Their Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Phoebe Worth Medical Center kicked off the holiday season with their Lights of Love tree lighting ceremony on Tuesday night, November 29th. Sylvester native, Lindsay Culpepper was our honorary tree lighter. Lindsay was diagnosed with cervical cancer, and while that was the most difficult time in her life it helped her discover a love for baking.

Lindsay makes delicious and elaborate cakes for folks in and around her hometown of Sylvester, but she hasn't always been so comfortable around a mixing bowl. "I'd always wanted to be that mom who baked their kids' birthday cakes and homemade treats for school events, but really, I was the one who showed up with a box of twinkies," Lindsay said. She only discovered her talent and love for baking during the most difficult time of her life. "I had never baked anything until two years ago, and I was able to use that to get back on my feet," she said. What knocked Lindsay off her feet was a terrifying diagnosis of cervical cancer that led her to seek the care of a gynecological oncologist in Tallahassee. "Even now, every time I go to the doctor, I expect some terrible news because every time I would go there, they would tell me it was over, but it wasn't," she said. That cancer specialist initially thought Lindsay may only need surgery to remove the cancerous part of her cervix, but then she required a radical trachelectomy to remove her entire cervix and surrounding tissue. After that, cancer was found in her lymph nodes, so she needed chemotherapy and radiation. That's when she came to the Phoebe Cancer Center. "When I met Dr. (Adam) Jones and Dr. (Chirag) Jani, things started going a good bit smoother," she said. Lindsay needed 25 radiation treatments, weekly chemotherapy for five weeks and three rounds of brachytherapy – an advanced, internal radiation therapy designed to target a very specific area. The treatments took a physical toll. "There were days when I would have to pull over on the side of the road on the way home and throw up," she said. Coming at a time when Lindsay's older daughter, Ansley, was settling into college at Georgia Southern University, it was also a difficult time emotionally. "I had to try to stay really strong, so she



wouldn't think she would have to come home. I did a really good job of acting like everything was fine." She also had to lean on her younger daughter, Alayna, more than she would have liked. "My 13-year-old had to flush my PICC line every day. She would saran-wrap me so I could take a shower. We can laugh about it now, but it was awful at the time," Lindsay said. Sometimes she simply couldn't hold her emotions in. "With Dr. Jones, I don't know how many times I went in there crying, and he would always be so calm and patient and sit and talk with me for as long as I needed. He's very caring and compassionate," Lindsay said. She has the same appreciation for the rest of the Phoebe Cancer Center team who cared for her. "I had the best nurses and radiation therapists. Their team is the best. I got really, really lucky with the doctors and nurses who took care of me." During her treatments, Lindsay was unable to work full-time, and she lost her job, only adding to the stress and hardship. Her care team at Phoebe stepped in to help then, too. "My radiation therapists made casseroles for us for Thanksgiving and even sponsored my kids for Christmas, and my chemo nurses got together and gave me big gift card." Her family also received financial support from Cancer Ties, an Albany-based charity that helps local cancer patients with medical costs and household expenses. "There were just blessings everywhere," Lindsay said. Lindsay is doing great today. She's cancer-free. She's proud of her daughters. She's grateful for the team at Phoebe who cared for her, the friends and family who supported her and the faith that sustained her. "I don't know how anybody could get through this without a faith in God," she said. And she's happy that, in the midst of so many challenges, she found her new passion. "My Aunt Connie taught me to make a 12-layer chocolate cake for my brother's birthday, and it was so easy. I just started selling a few cakes here and there on the side, and it really took off," she said. Eventually, Lindsay hopes to operate her own food truck and maybe open a small bakery one day. For now, she's content to work out of her kitchen, baking beautiful creations that put smiles on faces – including hers. "Cakes make people happy. That's fun. It's definitely a blessing." A blessing which, like her health, she will never take for granted.

More than \$1 million in Lights of Love donations have made an impact on cancer patients and their families since its inception 40 years ago. This year is no different, as gifts will benefit the Oncology Wellness Center, where cancer patients and survivors benefit from wellness classes and support groups. A symbolic light of love can be purchased for a suggested \$25 each. Donations can also be sent to Lights of Love, PO Box 3770, Albany, GA 31706. For questions and more information, please contact Phoebe Foundation at 229-312-4483. You can honor Lindsay, or someone close to you, and help local cancer patients by donating at https://bit.ly/Lights_Of_Love.

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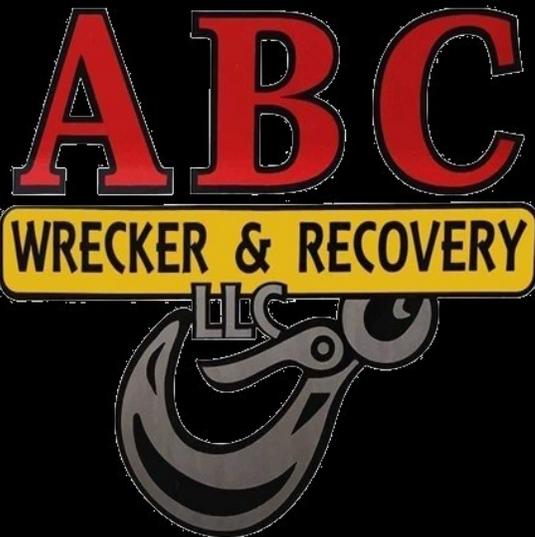
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Good Ole Gingerbread Houses

Gingerbread House Day is a day that can be celebrated in a wide variety of fun ways and will be a day that children will really enjoy and always remember. However, remember some of us adults love it too! 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! Have fun building your gingerbread house today and be sure to post them on Facebook for everyone to see.

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6th ~ Worth County Commissioners Meeting 7pm

7th ~ Food Drive at WCPS

7th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon

8th ~ Food Drive at WCPS

8th ~ BFHS Monthly Meeting 6:30pm

8th ~ Worth County Board of Education Meeting 7pm

9th ~ Food Drive at WCPS

10th ~ Ashburn Christmas Parade

10th ~ Charity Golf Tournament - Sylvester

10th ~ A Country Christmas at Possum Poke 5pm - 9pm

12th ~ Food Drive at WCPS

12th ~ Town of Sumner Council Meeting 7pm

13th ~ Food Drive at WCPS

13th ~ BFHS Bingo Night 6pm

14th ~ Food Drive at WCPS

14th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon

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

19th ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm

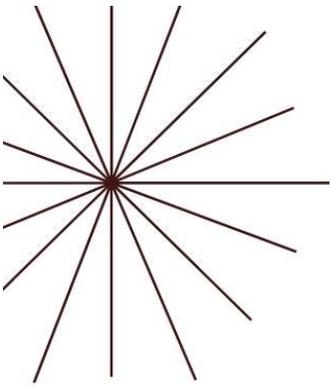
20th ~ City of Warwick Council Meeting 7pm

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

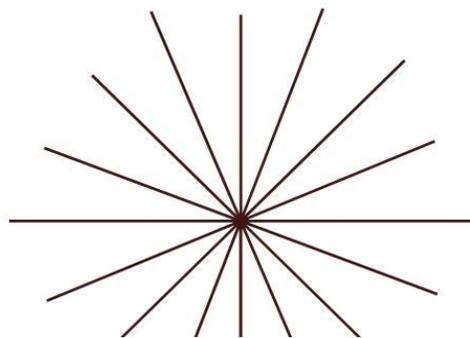


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Former Tiftonite John Berry To Bring Annual Christmas Tour To Tift Theatre



Country music Grammy Award-winner John Berry, a former Tifton resident, will end his 26th Annual Nationwide Christmas Tour in Tifton on Dec. 20. "Twenty-six years – I could not have imagined that I would be so blessed to have this opportunity to share my music, celebrating the birth of Christ all these years," Berry said. "It has meant so much to me to have many of you come time and again with your families and friends to share in the music of the season. I look for-

ward to singing for all of you that have been with me before, as well as those that will be joining us for the first time." Berry is well known for his seasonal, fan-favorite holiday performances, which are filled with traditional Christmas songs, many of his most requested hit songs, and a few of his childhood stories. The Christmas tour began Nov. 25 in Sugar Hill, Ga., then moves to North Carolina, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, South Carolina, and Alabama, returning to Georgia with performances in Cedartown, Athens, Macon, Augusta, and Tifton. A decade ago, Berry lived for a time in Tifton before moving to Tennessee. In 2019, he was diagnosed with throat cancer, requiring a combined 35 treatments of radiation and chemotherapy. Berry has had 20 singles on the country hit parade charts, six of which went Top 5 as well as a No. 1 on the Billboard and Radio & Records country charts. He has earned numerous Gold and Platinum records. Berry's co-written "A Mind Of Her Own" and "Kiss Me In The Car" introduced him to radio audiences in 1993. "Your Love Amazes Me," "What's In It For Me," and "You And Only You" thrust him to stardom in 1994. "Standing On The Edge Of Goodbye," "I Think About It All The Time," and "If I Had Any Pride Left At All" were all major hits the following year. "Your Love Amazes Me" earned Berry a 1995 Grammy nomination. In 1996, he scored a Grammy win for his participation in "Amazing Grace: A Country Salute to Gospel." Berry took "Change My Mind" into the country music Top 5 in 1996, and "She's Taken A Shine" became an even bigger hit in 1997. He was nominated for CMA Vocal Event of the Year for "Long Haired Country Boy" with Charlie Daniels and Hal Ketchum.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Tift 4-H Teams Score High In District Competition

Tift County 4-H members did well recently in the Southwest District Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging Contest, part of the Georgia 4-H Healthy Living Program. Placing second in district competition, the Tift County senior 4-H team consisted of Molly Wells, Philycia Hamilton, Coleman Mangham, Pranav Shankar, and Bethany Samuel. Coleman received the Second High Individual Overall Senior and second in Senior Judging and Reasons awards. Molly was recognized as the Third High Individual Overall Senior, and Bethany received the Third High Cotton Boll Commercial award. The top four individuals on the senior team, Pranav, Molly, Bethany, and Coleman, have qualified to compete at the state level contest at Rock Eagle 4-H Center on Dec. 10. Among the Tift County Cloverleaf team members, Camden Williamson was the Third High Individual Overall Cloverleaf and received the Second High Cotton Boll Commercial award. Kamsi Nnaeto received third in Cloverleaf Judging and Reasons. The Tift County 4-H Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging teams were coached by Ashley Carroll, Tift County 4-H agent; with assistance from Lauren Dubberly, Tift 4-H educator; and Annabelle Putman, Tift 4-H AmeriCorps service member. More than 80 youths from eight counties participated in the district competition. The competitive judging contest teaches 4-H'ers about cotton as an agriculture commodity in Georgia as well as cotton promotion through commercials and advertisements. The competition offers youth the chance to build skills in critical thinking, public speaking, and consumer economics. Tift County 4-H junior and senior team members are Pranav Shankar, Kamsi Nnaeto, Molly Wells, Bethany Samuel, Coleman Mangham, Philycia Hamilton, and Camden Williamson.

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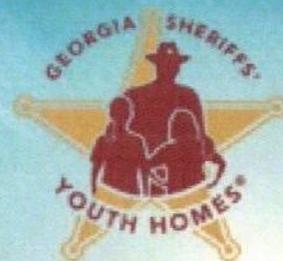
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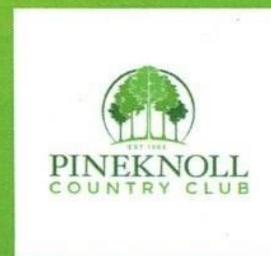
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I know there are days that it is cold outside in the morning and feels like winter, however winter does not officially begin until December 21st. I keep hearing from several sources that this will be a hard winter on every state, not just the northern states. So what does winter have in store for Georgia? Winter will be warmer and rainier than normal, with below-normal snowfall. The coldest periods will be in early January and early February. The best chances for snow will be in early January and early February. April and May will be drier than normal. Temperatures will be near normal in the south and below in the north. Summer will be slightly hotter than normal, on average, with above-normal rainfall. The hottest periods will be in early to mid-June, early August, and mid- to late August. Overall, September and October will be warmer and drier than normal. Watch for a tropical storm threat in early to mid-September. Let's see how close they will be on any of this. With it mentioning snow, they surely cannot be talking about Sylvester. HA! So many times during the winter we try to figure out things to do inside so that we don't have to go out in the freezing cold weather. You may be like me though; I often sit and wonder what can we do? While I was looking around on the internet at the almanac, I found a few good ideas. I wanted to share them with you. These are only a few but some you may really enjoy. How about make a great big breakfast. Time to step it up from the on-the-run breakfast you usually have and make some French toast, bacon, or eggs to enjoy. Or try something different, but easy, like skillet apple pancakes. Everyone usually likes breakfast. Me and my family love to eat breakfast for supper. Another task for the winter is Redecorate! How fun is that? I love to rearrange things and make what I have look new again. Moving things around in your home can be fun and refreshing if you are into decorating. Try hanging your pictures in different places, rearranging your furniture, or dreaming up new ideas online. Sometimes even looking online will show you how to take things you have a put a different twist on them. If you have children, they would love to rearrange and decorate their rooms too. It gives you a great time to clean out things too! I have started watching videos of ideas how to turn your dollar tree finds into great unique items. I have even learned a few ideas using the videos for decorating at Christmas. How does Pajama Day sound?... Sounds like a wonderful idea to me! Just plan to stay in your PJ's all day and enjoy the whole day. There is no need to schedule appointments, go buy groceries, etc. Just stay put and stay comfy should be the plan. Another idea is great if you have children or grandchildren. Turn your living room into a fort by using chairs and blankets to make a cozy hideout for the day. Children love making forts and playing. Here's a good idea too... Movie and Popcorn Day. That sounds like tons of fun. There are great new movies to check out and popcorn is always a hit! So, these are just a few things to do when it is too cold to go outside. You can always add so many new ideas as well. Stay warm this winter and have a blast!

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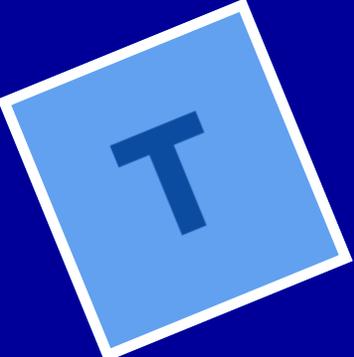
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off to friends. My mother LOVES cotton candy so we make sure that we get her some often. And again what a great item to add to the Christmas stockings this year. We, at The Martin News, are hoping everyone is having a great holiday season.

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