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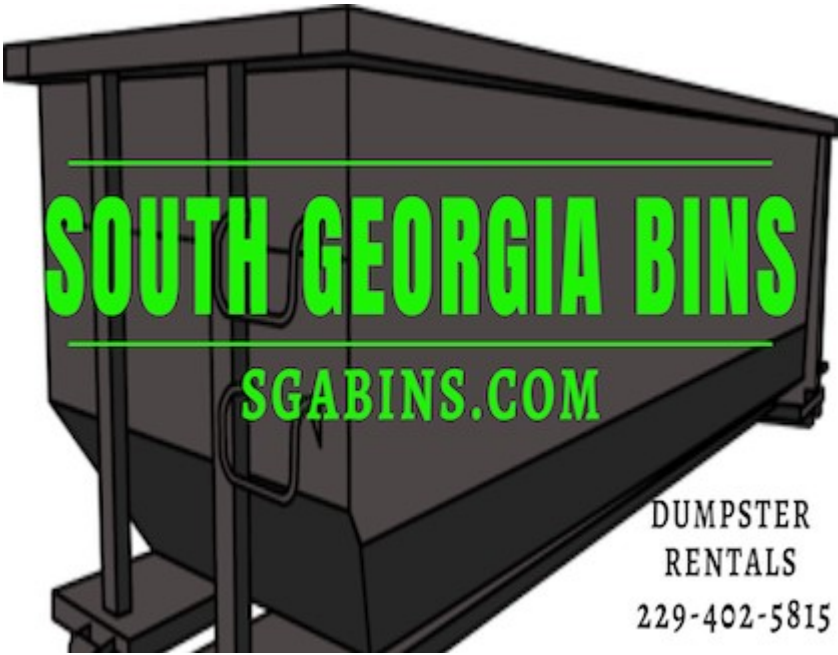
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Dr. Davis Turns 103

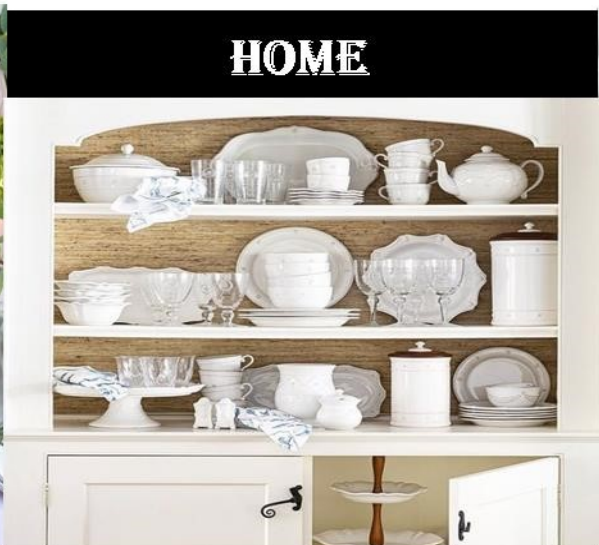
Birthday celebrations are special for everyone but for Sylvester’s own, Dr. H. Gordon Davis, he celebrated his 103rd birthday! How amazing is that? Dr. Davis turned 103 on Monday, February 21st. His family had yard work displayed and Dr. Davis enjoyed everyone coming by and honking for his special day. Thank you Dr. Davis for the many years of serving and giving back to Sylvester - Worth County!

Photo credit: Mrs. Babs Alley



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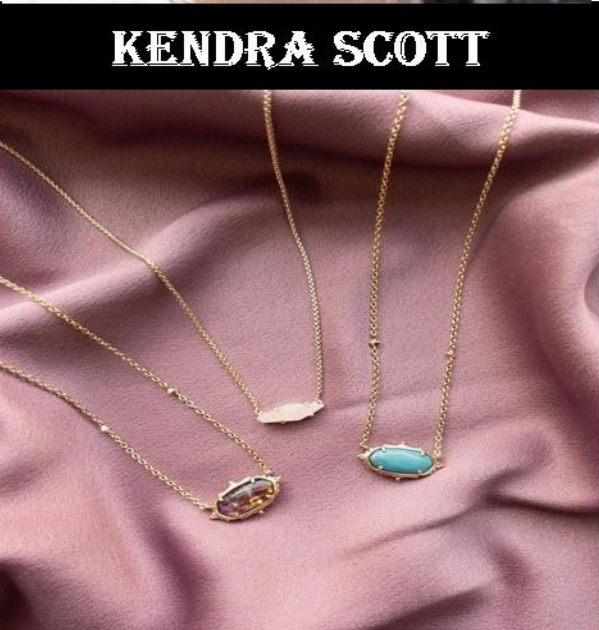
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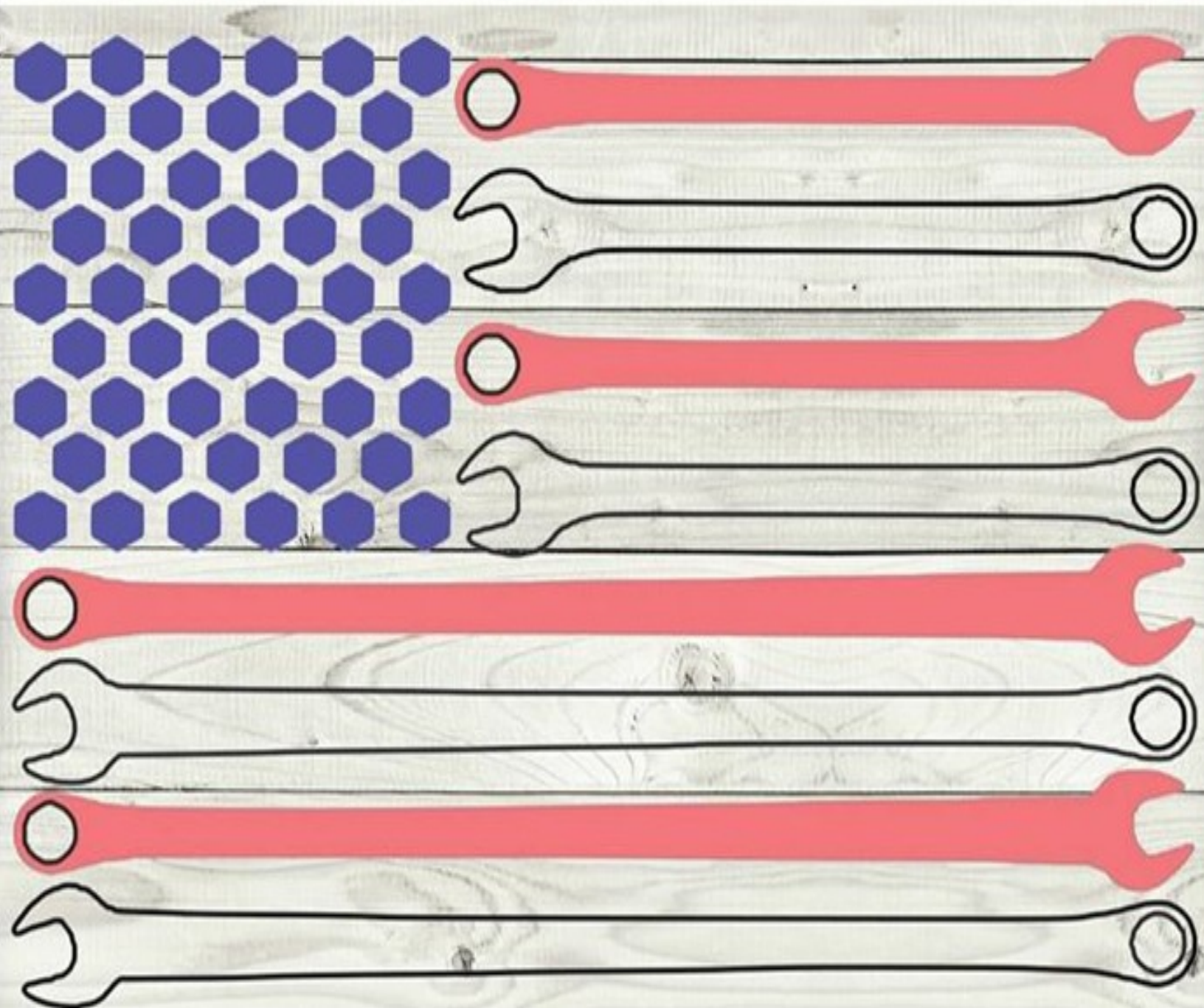
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Celebrating Dr. Seuss Day



Theodor Seuss Geisel was born March 2, 1904. He was an American author, political cartoonist, poet, animator, book publisher, and artist, best known for authoring more than 60 children's books under the pen name Doctor Seuss, abbreviated as Dr. Seuss. His work includes several of the most popular children's books of all time, selling over 600 million copies and being translated into more than 20 languages by the time of his death, September 24, 1991. Geisel adopted the name "Dr. Seuss" as an undergraduate at Dartmouth College and a graduate student at the University of Oxford. He left Oxford in 1927 to begin his career as an illustrator and cartoonist for Vanity Fair, Life, and various other publications. He also worked as an illustrator for advertising campaigns, most notably for FLIT and

Standard Oil, and as a political cartoonist for the New York newspaper PM. He published his first children's book "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street" in 1937. During World War II, he took a brief hiatus from children's literature and worked in an animation department of the United States Army where he produced several short films, including Design for Death, which later won the 1947 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. After the war, Geisel focused on children's books once again, writing classics like If I Ran the Zoo (1950), Horton Hears a Who! (1955), If I Ran the Circus (1956), The Cat in the Hat (1957), How the Grinch Stole Christmas! (1957), and Green Eggs and Ham (1960). He published over 60 books during his career, which have spawned numerous adaptations, including 11 television specials, four feature films, a Broadway musical, and four television series. Geisel won the Lewis Carroll Shelf Award in 1958 for Horton Hatches the Egg and again in 1961 for And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street. Geisel's birthday, March 2, has been adopted as the annual date for National Read Across America Day, an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association.



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Tuesday, March 1, 2022 2:00 - 7:00 pm



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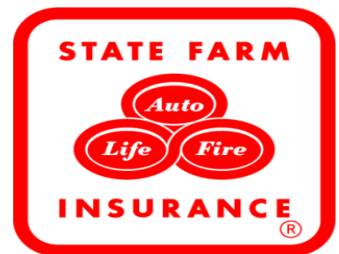
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Technical Education Can Be A "First Choice," Top Student Says



Amy Carter, special assistant to the president at Southern Regional Technical College, and Katie Brey, the SRTC GOAL Student of the Year, told Tifton Rotary Club members Wednesday that parents and others need to combat the stigma of a technical college education. GOAL stands for Georgia Occupational Award for Leadership. Brey, of Tifton is the Student of the Year of all four main campuses of SRTC, Carter said. She will participate in a regional competition March 2, in which the winner will advance to state competition. Brey said she was inspired by her mother, who was a nurse in the newborn intensive care unit. When her children were ages 5, 7, and 9, Brey's mom went back to medical school, graduated at the top of her class, and became a neuropathologist. Brey's father also was an inspiration. After her mother completed her residency, Brey's dad went back to school, completed his GED, and attended a technical college to get a bachelor's degree in electronic engineering. When Brey's oldest son entered college to be a registered nurse, Brey realized it was time for her to go back to school and achieve her own dream of becoming a nurse.

Having attended a junior college and a university, she began researching technical colleges. She found that 83% of companies are experiencing a shortage of skilled laborers. Graduates of high quality technical colleges have very little trouble finding employment in their fields. "They are in high demand. When employers have to compete for skilled talent, there are huge benefits for technical college graduates – higher starting salaries, less lag time from graduation to employment, and more job opportunities," she said. Also, Brey said, technical colleges offer daytime, nighttime and weekend classes and hands-on training. "Unlike major universities, technical colleges have smaller class sizes." She said technical colleges provide "an education with a purpose" – "They have one goal for graduates and that's to help them start their careers." Also, students graduate with little to no debt. "We need to educate people that a technical education is a viable first choice option," Brey said. Carter reiterated Brey's points, saying that 99.1% of technical college students find work in their fields. She added that high school students are taking advantage of 28 classes in dual enrollment, allowing many to graduate high school with an associate's degree or college credits transferrable to universities.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

Guest Opinion: Tifton Founder Paved Way For Today's ABAC

Opinion by Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College



When Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College celebrates its 114th birthday on Feb. 20, all faculty, staff, students, and alumni should give a hearty shout out to Henry Harding Tift. The founder of Tifton was the key figure in securing the location of the Second District Agricultural and Mechanical School in Tifton when 30 men traveled to Albany on Nov. 23, 1906, to bid on the rights to host the area school. The Tifton delegation, worth an aggregate of \$10 million, according to *The Tifton Gazette*, bid against representatives from Albany, Pelham, Camilla, and Ashburn. The newspaper reported that Tift County's offer was 315 acres lying along the Georgia Southern and Florida right-of-way located a mile north of town, and \$30,000 in cash. "When he rose to fill five minutes of the time allotted Tift County, Mr. Tift presented an amended bid of \$55,000 in cash, free

lights and water and telephone service for 10 years, a sewage system and 315 acres of land worth \$50 per acre. "Later, learning that the timber on the land was desired for forestry study, he contributed this also, it being valued at \$4,500. The raise of \$25,000 at a jump caused the audience to catch its breath," according to the *Gazette* story. "Mr. Tift gave out of his own pocket, having subscribed \$6,500 before going to Albany, a total of \$36,400 in cash, the land, \$4,500 worth of timber, and a portion of the light and water offer. It was estimated that Tifton's offer now netted \$95,700. "In the committee room, Tifton led every ballot, and in the fifth balloting had eight votes, while Pelham reached seven votes, its high-water mark. Finally, in the eighth balloting, Tifton received 11, one more than necessary." The newspaper proclaimed in its next edition, "The Hallelujah Day Has Come, Tifton Lands the A&M School." At a commencement ceremony years later, Tift said, "Of all the investments I have ever made, this school has brought me the biggest dividends." The dividends continue to this day. In 2020, ABAC had an annual economic impact of \$390,015,778 on Tifton and the surrounding area. The college now has nearly 4,000 students from 155 of Georgia's 159 counties, 52 of Florida's 67 counties, 19 countries, and 18 states. Most of the students major in one of 12 bachelor's degree programs, and more than 1,300 students live on campus in apartment style residence halls. ABAC has certainly changed over the years, including name changes to the South Georgia A&M College in 1924, the Georgia State College for Men in 1929, and ABAC in 1933. It changed from a two-year college for 75 years to a traditional four-year college in 2008. A group of 27 students walked up the steps of the main classroom building on Feb. 20, 1908, to begin classes at the Second District A&M School. That building is now named Tift Hall. Complete with pictures and memorabilia, an area just inside the main entrance is devoted to the legacy of Henry Harding Tift.

As Tifton celebrates its sesquicentennial this year, there's no question that Tift paved the way to the future for the community and for ABAC.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Chamber Recognizes Star Students, Teachers



Chandler Livingston was officially named the STAR Student for Tiftarea Academy's Class of 2022 at Thursday's Tifton-Tift County Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon. The award is given to the student with the highest SAT score. Chandler also scored a perfect composite score on his ACT test. He has been a Tiftarea Academy student since Pre-K. Chandler chose Christie Livingston as his STAR teacher. In addition to being on the TA faculty, she is also Chandler's mother. In the photo above, Chandler and his mother are joined at the Chamber lunch by his father Chad; representatives of Tiftarea Academy; of Synovus bank, which presented gift certificates; of Southwell, which provided the plaques; and of the Chamber. Also recognized at the luncheon were the co-STAR students and teachers at Tift County High School: Students Benjamin Vance Wilson and Michal Gregus, and teachers Cindy Marzen and Dr. Adriana Gregusova. The TCHS students and teachers were profiled in a previous edition of the Tifton Grapevine.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Tree Plantings Highlight Georgia's Arbor Day in February

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The many benefits of trees will be celebrated this month as Georgia's Arbor Day 2022 is recognized statewide. The holiday is always held on the third Friday in February, and Governor Brian Kemp signed a proclamation declaring Friday, February 18, 2022, Arbor Day in Georgia. Georgia's Arbor Day is held earlier than the national holiday because February is inside the state's ideal planting window. "Trees are nature's greatest multi-tasker," said Georgia Forestry Commission Director Tim Lowrimore. "Not only do they give us clean water and air, beautify our neighborhoods and cities, and provide habitat for wildlife, but they have a proven positive impact on public health, increase property values, and provide energy savings through shade. They are the ultimate renewable resource." In recognition of Arbor Day, the Georgia Forestry Commission kicked off a reforestation campaign in Newnan on February 10. To help renew 567 acres lost to a tornado last year (five percent of the city's overall tree canopy), more than 1,300 containerized trees were given away, and additional plantings will be held through March. Other events are scheduled for Valdosta, Hahira, Albany, and Warner Robins. Georgia's statewide Arbor Day celebration will take place virtually on February 22 during the Georgia Tree Council's first quarterly program, where special honors are planned for members of the Tree City and Tree Campus USA programs. "It's encouraging to see so many communities recognizing the value of trees and helping plant them," said Lowrimore. "In Newnan alone, we'd have to plant more than 15,000 large canopy trees to replace the ones that were lost in the tornado. So these Arbor Day plantings are a great start for the growth we'll see in the years ahead." For more information about Georgia's Arbor Day and services of the Georgia Forestry Commission, visit GaTrees.org.



To All Eighth Grade Parents/Guardians:

It's time to begin the transition of our 8th grade students into high school! We have the following events planned to ease that transition. Parents, please read this flyer and mark your calendar accordingly.

Wednesday, February 23rd – High School Tour

Students in the following teachers' homeroom: Mrs. Rachels, Ms. Diaz, Mrs. Siniard, Mrs. Easom, & Mr. Popham will tour the high school from 8:30 am till approximately 11:30 am.

Thursday, February 24th – High School Tour

Students in the following teachers' homeroom: Ms. Ford, Mrs. Beck, Ms. Parker, Ms. Potter, Dr. Byrd, & Ms. Suggs will tour the high school from 8:30 till approximately 11:30 am.

Thursday, February 24th – Parent Night

This event will be held at 6:00 pm in the Worth County High School Gymnasium. Don't miss this opportunity to tour the high school and hear an informative presentation. Eighth grade students may attend with their parent/guardian.

March 4-7, 2022 – Registration for Electives

Students will select elective courses in Infinite Campus at Worth County Middle School.

If you have any questions, please contact Counselor Smith at 229-776-8620 or email at dsmith@worthschools.net.



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Kicking Off National Nutrition Month

March will be National Nutrition Month and part of leading a healthy life means eating a healthy diet and being physically active. A recent CDC study highlights when, where, and how U.S. adults and children are eating a healthy diet. Those who are not getting enough fruits and veggies can take small steps towards meeting recommended amounts, including adding more fruit to your usual breakfast routine or adding vegetables to your meals. Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables can help reduce the risk of many leading causes of illness and death, add important nutrients to your diet, and help with weight control. The recent study shows that adults get most of their fruit during breakfast and snacking whether they eat recommended amounts or not. Those who are not getting enough could aim to add more at breakfast or through snacks such as eating a small apple or banana. On the other hand, children tend to eat fruit throughout the day. Children who need more could add extra fruit to their breakfast, lunch, or snack routines. Dinnertime tends to be when adults and children eat most of their vegetables. However, for those who are not eating enough vegetables, try adding vegetables to your lunchtime salad or sandwich (e.g., tomato slices or baby carrots) or mixing them into what you are having for dinner (e.g., adding broccoli into your pasta).



National Chili Day
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Fourth Thursday
in February

Dates to Remember

February

21st ~ Worth County Schools Out

21st ~ President's Day

21st ~ WCMS Baseball at Home 4pm

21st ~ Varsity Baseball Away 5:30pm

21st ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm

22nd ~ WCHS Tennis Home 4pm

22nd ~ WCMS Soccer Boys/Girls Away 4:30pm

22nd ~ WCMS Baseball Away 4:30pm

22nd ~ WCHS Soccer Home 5:30pm

22nd ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball Away 6pm

22nd ~ City of Poulan Council Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm

22nd ~ Trivia Night at Pretoria Fields 7pm-9pm

23rd ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon

23rd ~ WCMS Baseball Away 4pm

23rd ~ WCMS Soccer Bys/Girls Away 4:30pm

23rd ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 7pm-9pm

24th ~ Annual Chamber Meeting 11am-1pm

24th ~ WCMS Baseball Home 4pm

24th ~ WCHS Tennis Away 4pm

24th ~ WCHS Soccer Home 5:30pm

24th ~ Sherwood Christian Academy Fine Arts Present: The Little Mermaid at ASU West Campus 7pm-9pm

25th ~ WCHS Soccer Away 5:30pm

25th ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball Home 6pm

25th ~ Sherwood Christian Academy Fine Arts Present: The Little Mermaid at ASU West Campus 7pm-9pm

26th ~ Sherwood Christian Academy Fine Arts Present: The Little Mermaid at ASU West Campus 2pm-4pm

26th ~ Sherwood Christian Academy Fine Arts Present: The Little Mermaid at ASU West Campus 7pm-9pm

26th ~ Pinewood Derby Race Day at First Baptist Church 9am

26th ~ Beekeeping School at Chehaw Park 9am-3pm

26th ~ Hot Wheels Monster Trucks at Albany Civic Center 12:30PM

26th ~ Art Ball 2022:Metamorphosis 6:30pm

26th ~ Rick Stone at Pretoria Fields 7pm-10pm

26th ~ Hot Wheels Monster Trucks at Albany Civic Center 7:30PM

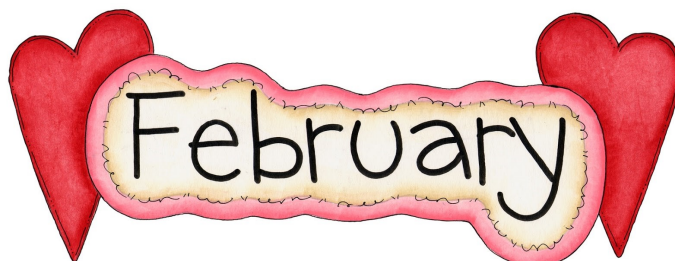
27th ~ Hot Wheels Monster Trucks at Albany Civic Center 2:30PM

28th ~ After School Art Club at Albany Museum of Art 4pm-6pm

28th ~ WCMS Baseball Home 4pm

28th ~ WCMS Soccer Boys/Girls Home 4:30pm

28th ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball Away 6pm



Operation Butterbean

A SERVICE PROJECT BY THE WCHS KINDNESS CLUB (YLC)

The WCHS Kindness Club (YLC) is collecting small items for the local senior adult assisted living community, *Pruitt Health*. Items collected will be used as prizes for monthly activities for their some 100 residents.

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- COSTUME JEWELRY
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- GAMES
- PUZZLES

We are asking the community to partner with us in collecting items. If you would like to donate, please place the items in a bag and label it "Operation Butterbean." Donations can be turned in to the WCHS Front Office. ITEMS DUE March 2nd. THANK YOU for your support!

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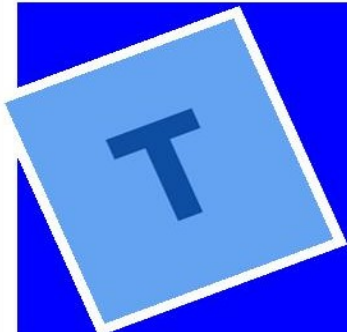
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Please reserve your child's spot by contacting one of the following contacts listed below. We will need your child's name and grade, your name and contact info, and any special needs/concerns (allergies, etc.).

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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, Tornados, 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.

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Parent Meeting

**February 24, 2022
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

IMPROVING MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS

WCHS would like to invite parents to our upcoming Parent Night. Our focus will be improving meaningful partnerships between school and home. Materials and resources will be provided on how to monitor your child's progress as well as how parents and educators can work together to improve achievement of their child. We will also have **The Exchange** open for any parents/students that wish to come take advantage of **FREE**.....

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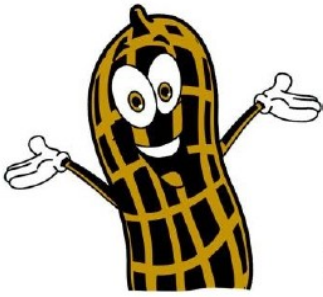
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CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

Designer needed for 58th Annual Peanut Festival T-shirt Theme!

The Peanut Festival Committee would like to invite any student to enter the contest to be the designer of this year's Peanut Festival theme! The winning theme will appear on all promotional and marketing materials including the 2022 t-shirt! So, grab your pen and paper... or crayons, markers, paints, whatever medium you prefer... and enter for your chance to be this year's artist! Winning designer will win a **cash prize of \$100**.

See full contest rules below:

2022 Peanut Festival Design Theme Contest Rules:

1. Contest is open to any student (Grades Pre-k through 12) who is a resident of Worth County.
2. Contest is open to individual students or classes.
3. You may enter as many designs as you wish.
4. Entries will be judged on the following criteria: Originality of Theme, Use of Peanut Festival Mascot, and Ease of marketing production.
5. Entries must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2022
6. Entry must be your own original concept.
7. Designs must be submitted with artist name and contact information.
8. All entries must be submitted by uploading design to the Peanut Festival Design Contest email address info@swcountycommerce.com or submitted in person to the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce.
9. Winning entry will receive a cash prize of \$100, be in the Georgia Peanut Festival Parade, be featured in this year's Peanut Festival Magazine and artists name will be on the T Shirt.
10. All entries may be subject to display, either in digital or original format.
11. Most importantly, have fun! It's WORTH it!



Food Drive

at **WCES**

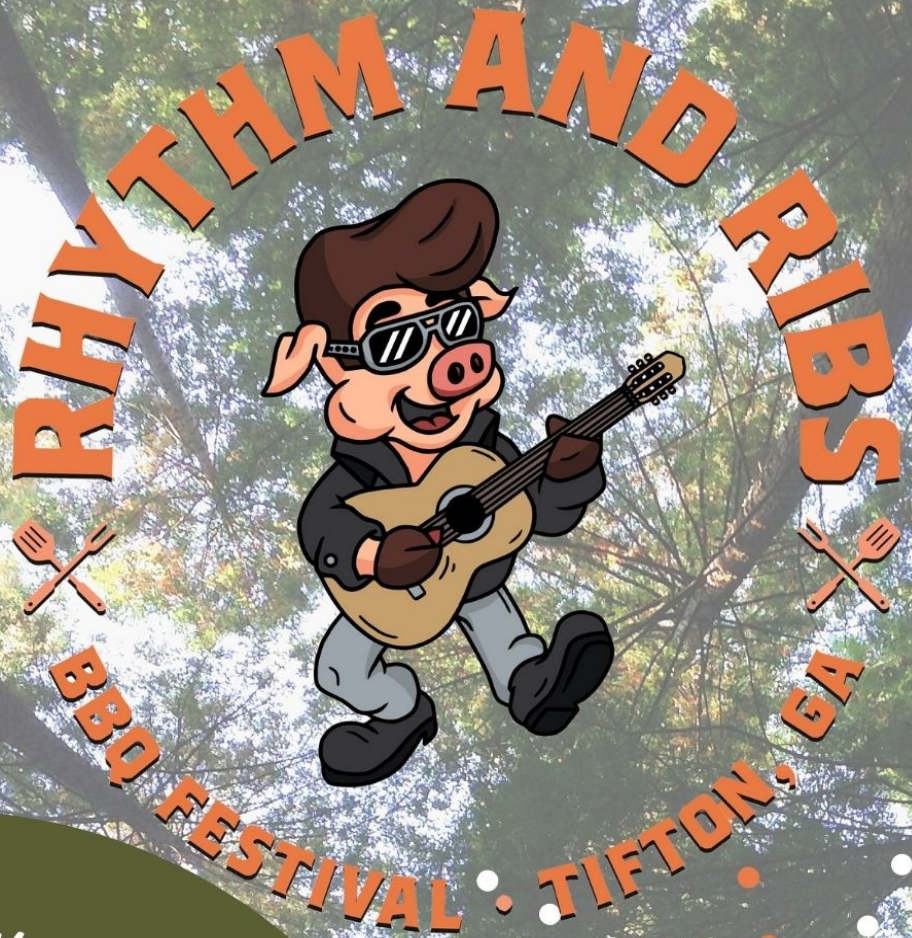
**Show your love for the
Best Friends Humane Society
by donating to WCES the items that
are in the most need:**

- 🐾 kitty litter**
- 🐾 wet and dry kitten food**
- 🐾 wet and dry dog food**
- 🐾 paper towels**
- 🐾 toilet paper**

**All items need to be turned in by
Friday, February 25th.**

**Thank you for supporting WCES and
the Best Friends Humane Society.**





RHYTHM AND RIBS
BBQ FESTIVAL • TIFTON, GA

Saturday

March 5

10 am to 10 pm

Fulwood Park

BBQ COMPETITION | SHOPPING

FOOD & DRINKS | KIDZONE

MUSIC ALL DAY

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LIVE MUSIC ON THE *Coca-Cola* MAIN STAGE

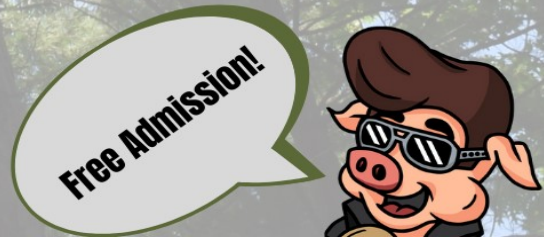


SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH IN FULWOOD PARK

DERRICK DOVE & THE PEACEKEEPERS	10:00 AM
PINE BOX DWELLERS	12:15 PM
SCOTT WARREN & BOOZE MOUNTAINEERS	2:30 PM
LIZZ FAITH	5:00 PM
HANNAH DASHER	6:30 PM
THE LEGENDARY JC'S	8:30 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH KICK-OFF PARTY

WITH MUSIC BY
County Line Band
AT 6:00 PM
&
TYLER NEAL BAND
AT 8:00 PM



Updated 2/15/22



SENIOR WALK



INFORMATION



SENIOR WALK WILL BE HELD AT THE FOOTBALL STADIUM ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH AT 4:00 PM.

GATES OPEN AT 3:30 PM.

SENIORS AND THEIR ESCORTS SHOULD BEGIN LINING UP AT 3:45 PM.

1. Each Senior participating in the walk must have purchased a prom ticket.
2. Seniors will receive 2 free Senior Walk tickets with their Prom ticket purchase.
3. Additional Senior Walk tickets are \$3.
4. Only one escort per Senior is allowed.
5. The escort must be a high school student or older.
6. The escort gets in free of charge (no ticket needed).

GFC Launches Certified Burners' Online Permit System

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FEBRUARY 16, 2022

The Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) has launched a new online system that makes it more efficient for forestland owners and managers to use prescribed fire on their property. Certified burners can now apply for a burn permit up to 48 hours prior to their planned burn. "This is a major modernization of our system," said Georgia Forestry Commission Director Tim Lowrimore. "Certified burners now have all the necessary planning tools at their fingertips, including up-to-date weather information and smoke-modeling maps. The GFC can analyze the data and approve permits when conditions allow, which gives burners more time to adapt to daily circumstances." While certified burners can apply for their permit up to 48 hours in advance of their burn, the request cannot be made later than noon the day before. This time frame allows the GFC ample time to evaluate the permit request. Anything after 12 noon the day before or the day of will still require a phone call to acquire a permit. This system is not intended for leaf and limb pile-type burns that no longer require a permit. Specialized training is required to become a certified burner in Georgia. The GFC offers classes and resources that allow individuals to become certified. The new website creates a way for certified burners to register their credentials and then use the system to log all the particulars of their intended burn. The GFC acts within 24 hours of the burn to grant or deny permits, allowing burners to adjust their schedules and crew assignments based on the latest burning and weather conditions. Data gathered via this new system is considered by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to be of higher quality than previously available. Information documenting latitude and longitude, vegetation type, and moisture levels produce more specific data used for emission calculations. These details provide high-quality data that can be used to model air quality and health for communities all the way up to the regional level, where set standards are required. The Georgia EPD provided support for the Environmental Protection Agency grant that made the creation of the GFC online system possible. Certified burners can register to use the system at <https://georgiafc-burnpermit.firesponse.com/>. For more information about becoming a certified burner go to <https://gatrees.org/fire-prevention-suppression/prescribed-burn-certification/>. To learn more about services of the Georgia Forestry Commission, visit GaTrees.org.



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