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## Tifton Coca-Cola Facility Plans Spring Opening



Coca-Cola Bottling Co. United's new sales and distribution facility in Tifton is expected to be in operation this spring. The 300,000-square-foot facility on approximately 88 acres on Lamb Loop Road near U.S. Highway 41 South is adjacent to I-75 and will offer more distribution capacity. Coca-Cola United is moving its Valdosta operations to the Tifton facility. The Valdosta center is slated to close May 10, and its 45 employees are being offered jobs in the new center, which is now hiring. The company operates a sales facility in Sylvester, which will also be consolidated in Tifton. The Tifton facility will serve customers and other Coca-Cola facilities throughout South Georgia and the Florida panhandle, distributing about 4.5 million cases of Coca-Cola products annually. Coca-Cola United is the second-largest privately held Coca-Cola bottler in North America. Headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., the company employs approximately 10,000 people in more than 60 facilities spanning Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

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**Guest Speaker:**  
**Mary Haddon, LMSW,**  
*Youth Educator and Advocate,  
Project Safe*

**February 8, 2021 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
Worth County Board of Education Office

**February 9, 2021 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
Tift County High School Lunchroom

**February 10, 2021 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
Turner County Civic Center

**February 11, 2021 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
Irwin County High School Lunchroom

Pizza and Drinks will be served at 6:00 PM each seminar.

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# *Valentines* DINNER MENU

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## *Entrees*

*New York Strip*

*Baked Potato*

*Salad*

*Drink*

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## *Desserts*

*Cheesecake*

**\$45 PER COUPLE**

*Saturday February 13th*





# Valentine's Day Deliveries

**February 12, 2021**

**Time: 8:30 until 1:15**

**Location: WCPS GYM**

Please make sure all deliveries are clearly marked with your child's name and teacher's name. Please do not send glass items.

Balloons and oversized packages are **NOT** allowed on WC Buses. These items will be left at the school and will need to be picked up the following morning.

### The Nation Goes Red in February

The first Friday each February, American Heart Month, the nation comes together, igniting a wave of red from coast to coast. From landmarks to news anchors, neighborhoods to online communities; this annual groundswell unites millions of people for a common goal: the eradication of heart disease and stroke. Like anyone who has had a heart attack, it's natural to feel like no one understands what you're going through. But there's no reason to feel like you're fighting this battle alone. There are many resources available to help you cope and educate yourself about getting on track to a heart-healthy life. When you're living with heart disease, the most important thing to realize is that the future does not have to look grim.

Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's national movement to end heart disease and stroke in women because it's not just a man's disease. In fact, more women than men die every year from heart disease and stroke. The good news is that 80 percent of cardiac events can be prevented with education and lifestyle changes. Go Red For Women advocates for more research and swifter action for women's heart health. The movement harnesses the energy, passion and power women have to band together and collectively wipe out heart disease and stroke. It challenges them to know their risk for heart disease and take action to reduce their personal risk. It also gives them the tools they need to lead a heart-healthy life.

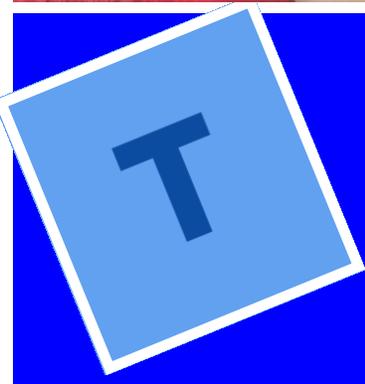
The Martin News partnered with the American Heart Association to encourage people to Go Red For Women Against Heart Disease this past Friday, February 5th. Businesses, Schools and Organizations were invited to participate by wearing red. Thank you to those pictured for wearing red. The top picture is the staff of State Farm - Stuart pate, the middle picture is the staff of the Town of Sumner, the bottom row picture to the left is a representation of Worth County Middle School and the picture to the right is Karen Singletary with Sylvester Main Street. Thank you all for participating in this event and helping the American Heart Association.

The American Heart Association set a goal of 3 million dollars to raise for the Go Red campaign and education dollars for the American Heart Association and as of today they have reached \$2,412,707. If you would like to make a donation, please visit [goredforwomen.org](http://goredforwomen.org).

Source: AHA and The Martin News



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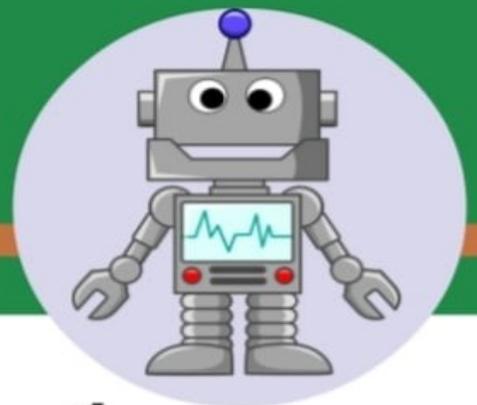
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Rusty Parten Transportation Director

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February 2, 2021

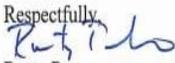
To: All Parents and Students attending Worth County Schools  
From: Director of Transportation of Worth County Schools  
Re: Bus Safety on Valentine's Day

Dear Parents and Students,

We wish to remind you of changes we have made in past years concerning bus transportation and Valentine's Day. Because of safety issues, we will regulate the size of an item/Valentine's Day gift that can be taken on the bus. Items that are large in size or cause visual interference will not be allowed on buses. Items such as balloons and large oversized stuffed animals are examples of things/gifts that will not be allowed on the bus.

We in no way wish to discourage you from sending Valentine's Day gifts to school, but it is important that we keep students safe while at school and while riding the bus. You are more than welcome to send balloons, overstuffed items, etc. but be sure to plan to pick your child up from school on that day. If an item is sent that is not allowed on the bus, we will keep the item/s at the school and you can pick up during school hours of the following school day.

Thank you so much for helping us keep our students and drivers safe!

Respectfully,  
  
Rusty Parten  
Director of Transportation

## 4-H Pen Pals Program

5th - 12th grade 4-H'ers are invited to become a 4-H Pen Pal and learn the art of letter writing! Through the 4-H Pen Pals Program, 4-H'ers will be matched with another 4-H'er from a different county all over Georgia! They will learn about different parts of a letter, letter writing etiquette, safety precautions and gain a new friend! All letters will be mailed though 4-H County Offices. Use the link: [www.tinyurl.com/4HPenPals](http://www.tinyurl.com/4HPenPals) to register. You will receive an e-mail with more information about the program and a training video.

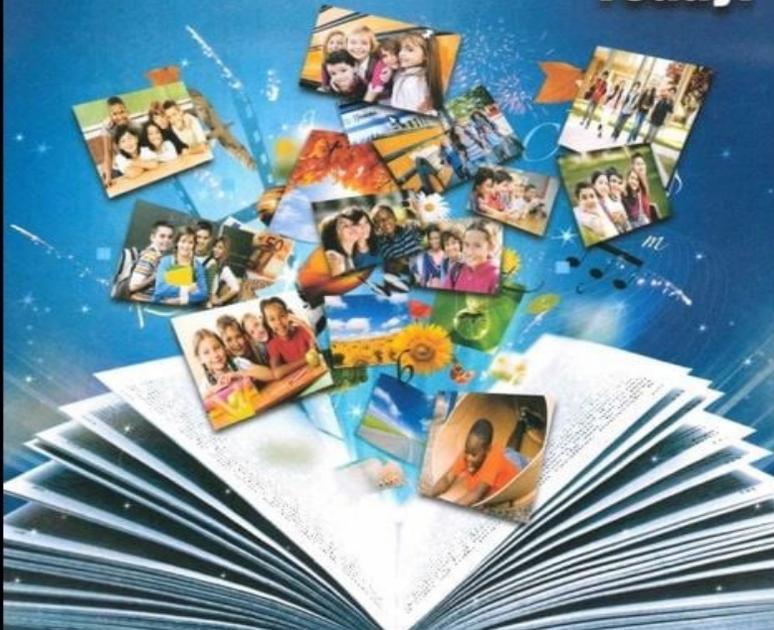
Source: Worth County 4H



### Heart Shaped Cheerios Back For A Limited Time

A heart-healthy lifestyle can be fun, easy, and delicious. For a limited time, General Mills is bringing back happy-heart shapes to Honey Nut Cheerios and original yellow-box Cheerios, along with new additional flavors including Blueberry, Chocolate and Cinnamon. Look for them in stores nationwide in February 2021. What a great month to celebrate the heart shaped cereal and heart month! Stay healthy while eating great food too!

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## 2020-2021

### Tifton Museum Continuing Arts Outreach



What will the Tifton Museum of Arts and Heritage look like in 2021 in this time of COVID-19? Built on the experiences of 2020, the museum will continue its virtual classes and

workshops, "Take-Home Art Boxes," Tifton Strong arts contest, art scholarships, modified exhibits, a virtual fundraiser and more. Joy Yost, museum director, told the Tifton Rotary Club on Wednesday about the many art opportunities available, especially virtual ones. Most of these features can be accessed through the website [tiftonmuseum.org](http://tiftonmuseum.org). For instance, a virtual art store showcases local art and books from local markets. Upcoming online classes for children and adults may be viewed on the website. The supply kits for class may be picked up at the museum the night before the class after registration. "Chocolate and a Canvas" is a class coming up Feb. 9. "Intro to Drawing" is being offered in separate classes for those aged 12 to 112 on Feb. 18, and for children ages 5-11 on Feb. 25. Tracy Wilson, art teacher at Eighth Street Middle School, is leading the classes. "Celebrate Creativity," a community art celebration and market usually held in November, was cancelled in 2020 because of the pandemic. The museum has received a Georgia Council for the Arts grant for the event. "We're determined to make it happen, perhaps in the spring," Yost said. "Its purpose is to celebrate creativity in all its forms." The museum has partnerships with other community organizations, including Tifton Tourism, the Downtown Development Authority, Tifton Main Street, the Tifton-Tift County Public Library, the Tifton Housing Authority and many local businesses, restaurants, banks and others. Volunteer opportunities exist among those who would like to focus on and promote the arts. "One of our goals to make art available to everyone," Yost said.



### WCMS Competition Cheer Wins 1st Place at Last Chance Cheer Classic

On Saturday, January 30, 2021, the Worth County Middle School Competition Cheerleaders participated in the 25th Annual Sue Youngblood Last Chance Cheer Classic hosted at Worth County High School. The cheerleaders brought home 1st place in the small middle school division and ended their cheer season on a high note! Congratulations to these RAM student/athletes for all of their hard work and dedication this cheer season.

WCMS Competition Cheer Coach: Ashley Judy

Source: WCSD

Source: Tifton Grapevine

WORTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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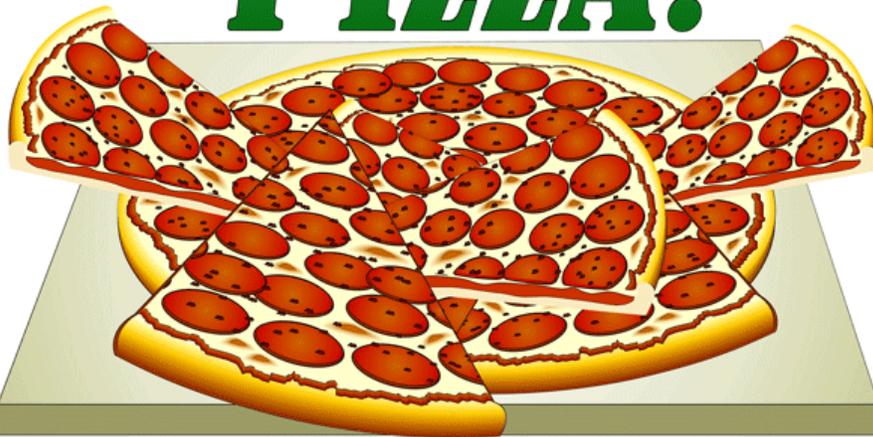
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## National Pizza Day is Tuesday

# PIZZA!



National Pizza Day is Tuesday and I love Pizza, do you? With pizza day coming up, I decided to re-search about the yummy food. I learned a lot maybe you will too. Though flatbreads with toppings were consumed by ancient Egyptians, Romans, and Greeks, the modern birthplace of the pizza is southwestern Italy's Campania region, home to Naples. Founded around 600 BC as a Greek settlement, Naples in the 1700s and early 1800s was a thriving waterfront city. Technically an independent kingdom, it was notorious for its throngs of working poor, or lazzaroni. These Neapolitans required inexpensive food that could be consumed quickly. Pizza — flatbreads with toppings that can be eaten for every meal — fulfilled this need. These early pizzas featured tasty toppings such as tomatoes, cheese, oil, anchovies, and garlic. More well off Italian authors judged Naples' innovation, often calling their eating

habits disgusting. In 1861, Italy finally unified, and King Umberto I and Queen Margherita visited Naples in 1889. Legend says that the traveling pair became bored with their steady diet of French cuisine and asked for an assortment of pizzas from the city's Pizzeria Brandi, founded in 1760. The variety the queen enjoyed the most was called pizza mozzarella, a pie topped with the soft white cheese, red tomatoes, and green basil — much resembling the Italian flag. Since then, this particular choice of toppings has been dubbed the Margherita pizza. However, even with the Queen's love for the dish, pizza would remain little known in Italy beyond Naples' borders until the 1940s. Across the sea, immigrants to the United States from Naples were replicating their flatbreads in New York and other American cities. They were coming for factory jobs, but accidentally made a culinary statement. Relatively quickly, the flavors and aromas of pizza began to intrigue non-Neapolitans and non-Italians alike. After reading all this, are you hungry? We are now and just ordered some pizza! What is your favorite kind of pizza. We love thin and crispy crust. I use to eat that type of crust as a little girl. That is what my daddy loved. We love pepperoni as our topping with cheese. Sometimes I like a veggie pizza with black olives, green olives, green peppers and tomatoes but for the most part I get pepperoni only. Now if I get to have my very favorite pizza, I would have Villa Gargano's. My pizza would be pepperoni and onions, It is the BEST! Now go order your pizza and enjoy lunch or supper whichever it is!

**ATTN: Worth Co. Elementary Heart Heroes!!!**

The Kids Heart Challenge will be here soon and we want to get things started with a Happy Heart bundle raffle.

The **FIRST 20 students at our school that are registered online with at least a \$5 donation** will be entered to win the bundle pictured here. In addition to the chance to win the bundle, you will also get a **FREE red Kids Heart Challenge wristband AND Dash**; one of our newest Heart Heroes!

Register online TODAY

at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/worthelementary> for your chance to WIN the Happy Heart bundle.

Let's help others and learn about keeping our bodies and hearts healthy and strong!

(Bundle will be awarded on 2/10/2021)



Source: WCSD

**Volunteers Needed**

The Tifton Museum of Arts and Heritage depends on their volunteers to plan exhibits, fundraise, and run our events. The Museum is adapting to new changes and challenges in meeting the needs of the community through promoting art activities during the pandemic. With these expanding programs, the need for Museum Guild Volunteers is now greater than ever. If you have an interest in the Museum and the greater purpose it serves to enrich our great community, please consider being a member of our Volunteer Guild! They have many opportunities for your involvement and each volunteer is greatly appreciated. The Museum Guild Volunteers assist the Museum in a variety of ways, such as:

- Addressing Patron Letters
- Assisting with Take-home Art Boxes
- Celebrate Creativity Event Volunteer
- Docenting for Exhibits
- Kids Summer Art Camp Volunteer
- Fundraising
- Planning the Annual Gala
- Planning Receptions
- Writing Thank You Notes/Birthday Cards

If you are interesting in volunteering please contact the Museum Guild chairs for more information.

Source: Tifton Museum of Arts and Heritage

Cap and Gown Picture Day is coming



Worth County Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

**\*REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR SMILE.\***

You do not need to send any money at this time. You will receive a proof of your portrait in approximately 2 weeks.

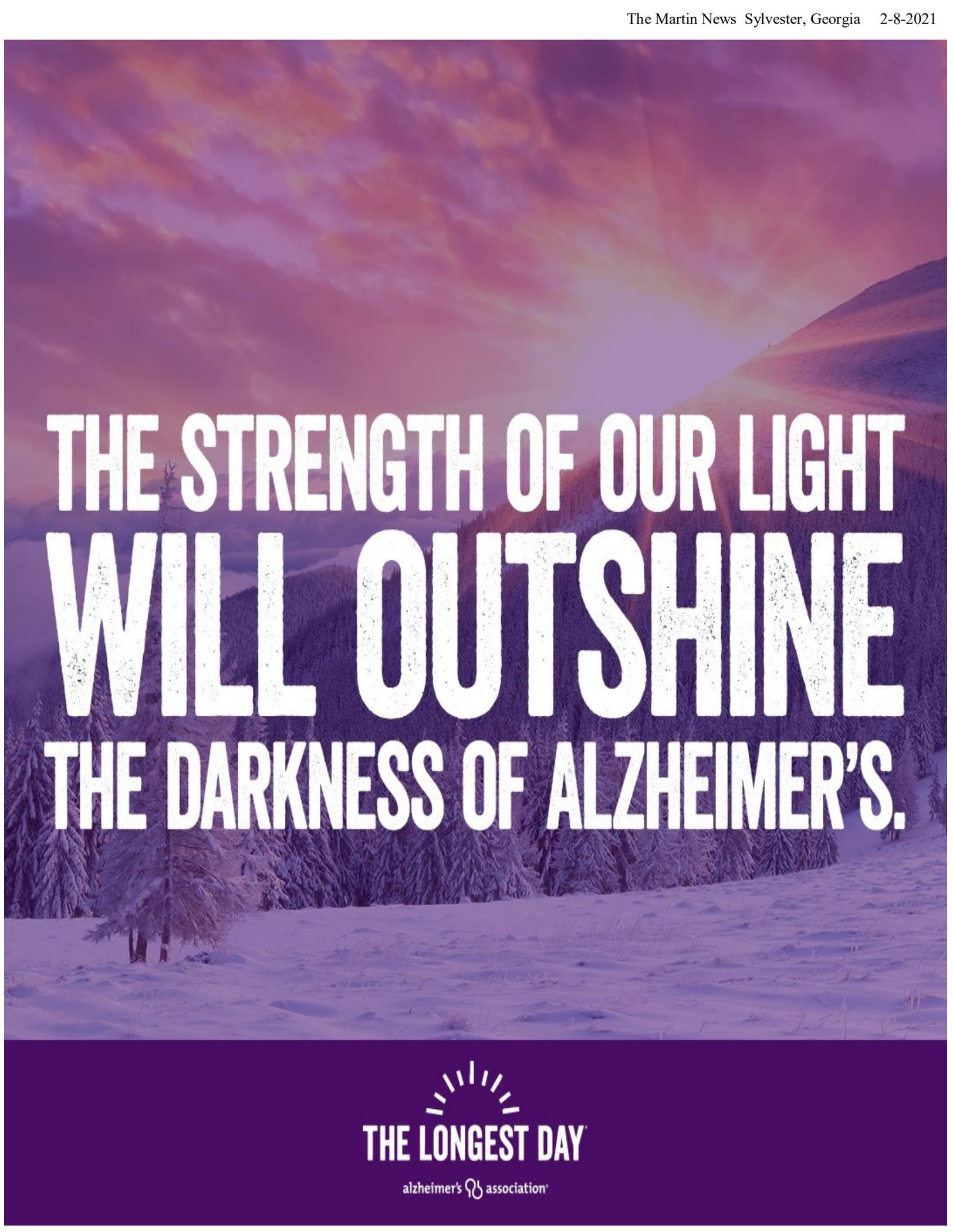
Source: WCSD



**H&R Block Of Camilla Makes Donation To WCES**

Worth County Elementary School says "Thank you" to H & R Block of Camilla, Georgia for your generous donation of school supplies for our students. WCES appreciates you!

Source: WCSD



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**THE LONGEST DAY**

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**Miss Hamilton's Kindergarten class has been working with measurement this week! Today they measured horizontal and vertical lines using Cheerios. They loved being able to count the Cheerios and eat them at the end of the assignment! Source: WCSD**



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the Exchange  
at  
WCHS

Hello! My name is Nancy Burrell and I'm excited to announce an amazing community service opportunity for you and your organization. We are setting up "the Exchange" at Worth County High School. The Exchange will be a clothing and personal hygiene item closet open to all students of WCHS. We are asking for the entire Worth County community to get involved in this exciting venture. We will be accepting new and gently used clothing as well as new personal hygiene products. We would love for you and your organization to get involved. Below is a list of items we hope to be able to stock in the Exchange.

If you would like to donate or have any further questions please contact me at [nburrell@worthschools.net](mailto:nburrell@worthschools.net) or 229-344-1389.

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Soap  
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skirts  
underwear (new)  
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## Federal Register Notice: Wearing Of Face Masks While On Conveyances And At Transportation Hubs

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an Order on January 29, 2021 requiring the wearing of masks by travelers to prevent spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Conveyance operators must also require all persons onboard to wear masks when boarding, disembarking, and for the duration of travel. Operators of transportation hubs must require all persons to wear a mask when entering or on the premises of a transportation hub. This Order must be followed by all passengers on public conveyances (e.g., airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, ride-shares) traveling into, within, or out of the United States as well as conveyance operators (e.g., crew, drivers, conductors, and other workers involved in the operation of conveyances) and operators of transportation hubs (e.g., airports, bus or ferry terminals, train or subway stations, seaports, ports of entry) or any other area that provides transportation in the United States. People must wear masks that cover both the mouth and nose when awaiting, boarding, traveling on, or disembarking public conveyances. People must also wear masks when entering or on the premises of a transportation hub in the United States. This Order will be effective on February 1, 2021 at 11:59 pm (EST).

The following are attributes of masks needed to fulfill the requirements of the Order. CDC will update this guidance as needed.

- A properly worn mask completely covers the nose and mouth.
- Cloth masks should be made with two or more layers of a breathable fabric that is tightly woven (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source).
- Mask should be secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head. If gaiters are worn, they should have two layers of fabric or be folded to make two layers.
- Mask should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face.
- Mask should be a solid piece of material without slits, exhalation valves, or punctures.

The following attributes are additionally acceptable as long as masks meet the requirements above.

- Masks can be either manufactured or homemade.
- Masks can be reusable or disposable.
- Masks can have inner filter pockets.
- Clear masks or cloth masks with a clear plastic panel may be used to facilitate communication with people who are hearing impaired or others who need to see a speaker's mouth to understand speech.
- Medical masks and N-95 respirators fulfill the requirements of the Order.

The following do not fulfill the requirements of the Order.

- Masks worn in a way that does not cover both the mouth and nose
- Face shields or goggles (face shields or goggles may be worn to supplement a mask that meets above required attributes)
- Scarves, ski masks, balaclavas, or bandannas
- Shirt or sweater collars (e.g., turtleneck collars) pulled up over the mouth and nose.
- Masks made from loosely woven fabric or that are knitted, i.e., fabrics that let light pass through
- Masks made from materials that are hard to breathe through (such as vinyl, plastic or leather)
- Masks containing slits, exhalation valves, or punctures
- Masks that do not fit properly (large gaps, too loose or too tight)

Additional guidance on the use of masks to slow the spread of COVID-19 is available on CDC's website.

Source: CDC

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### News From WCHS

Worth County High School Valentine deliveries for February 12th will be stored on the stage in the Gymnasium for a drop off fee of \$2. Parents may drop off items between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM at the parent-student drop off (on the west side of the school). Deliveries will take place during 4th block to prevent disruptions throughout the school day. Students who leave before 4th block should go to the Gymnasium to pick up their items before leaving school.

Source: WCSD

Whether near or far, here or departed, it is never to late to shower one another with tokens of love and gratitude!  
So, Here is our token of love to you.

*The Entire Month of February!!*

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 Love Always, Robert

*From Fields*

**SALE**

**Worth County 4-H Coca-Cola Fundraiser**

20 oz Bottles are packed 24 per case (whole cases of 1 flavor only)

**\$22.00/case**

All proceeds benefit Worth County 4-H Summer Camp Programs

**Orders Due: February 25**  
**Pick up from Ag Pavillion: March 25**

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### Coca-Cola Fundraiser

Worth County 4-H will be hosting a Coca-Cola Fundraiser. This is a great way the 4Hers use to raise money for 4-H Camp! Camp costs are usually around \$350 (they will differ according to the camp) so start preparing now. They will be selling Coca-Cola 20 oz. bottles packaged 24 bottles per case. Each case is \$22/ case. Flavors will include: Coke Classic, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Mello Yello, Fanta Orange, Pibb, Minute Maid Fruit Punch, Minute Maid Lemonade, and Dasani Water. Students earn \$4 per case sold. Orders and Money Due: Thursday, February 25th at 4-H Office Pick Up: Thursday, March 25th 3:00-6:00 at Ag Pavilion.

Source: Worth County 4H

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The 2021 Georgia 4-H Achievement Scholarship Application is now available to all current high school seniors or those still currently attending college. Click the link below to access the application. The deadline to apply is Friday, February 19, 2021.

Please note, in addition to the application, applicants will need to provide an official transcript copy as well as a signed and dated recommendation letter from a 4-H County Staff Member. If you have any questions, please let the 4-H Office know!

<https://georgia4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

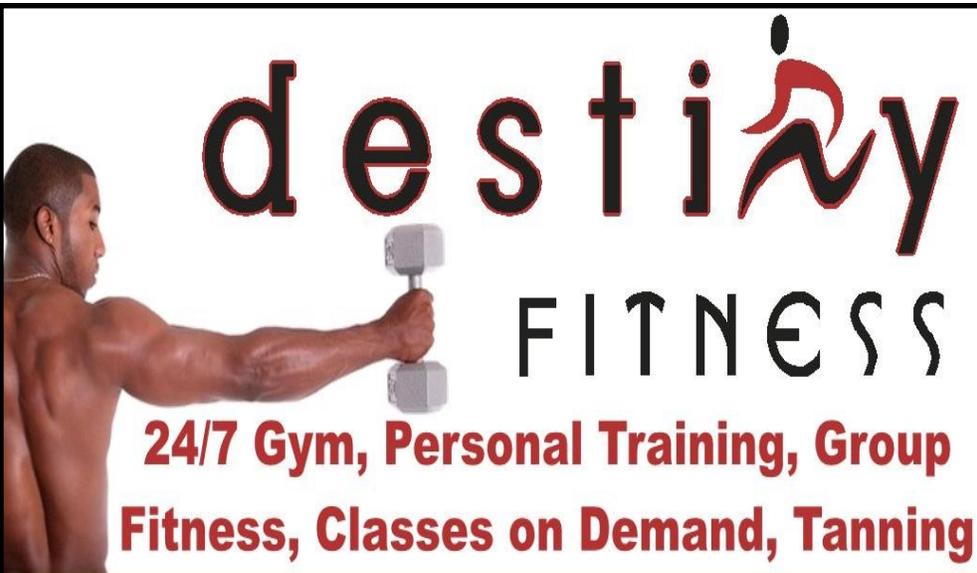
Source: Worth County 4H

**Tift Schools To Return To Daily In-Person Classes**



Tift County Schools will return to "Green" status with daily in-person classes on Monday for the first time since the Christmas holidays. For the past month, Tift schools have been on "Yellow" status, meaning that some students attended in-person classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, and other students on Tuesdays and Thursdays with everyone having online instruction on other days. "We have received and reviewed current data from the Department of Public Health, and based upon the continued improvement of the (COVID-19) numbers, all Tift County schools will return to Green status beginning Monday, Feb. 8," the school system announced Thursday. "We will continue to follow all protocols and procedures, including wearing masks when physical distancing is a challenge." Average daily cases of COVID-19 have continued to decline in Tift County, now averaging 43 per 100,000 population, according to Emory University data. In early January, Tift was averaging 126 cases per 100,000 daily. During the past two weeks, Tift County has reported 111 new coronavirus cases, which is 272 per 100,000 population. The positive testing rate in the county during the period is 11 percent, the Ga. Department of Public Health (DPH) reported. Tift has had a total of 3,292 reported cases and 88 related deaths, the DPH said. Statewide, 4,011 new cases were reported on Thursday along with 141 additional deaths and 294 new hospitalizations. Since the pandemic began, Georgia has seen 763,077 cases and 13,048 deaths of state residents.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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### Valentine's Day Coming This Sunday



What plans do you have for this coming Sunday? There are several restaurants that will have things going on through out the weekend. Be sure to check out the different places. There are things coming up on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Sylvester and surrounding areas. So you can choose the day or even celebrate all weekend.

There will be tons of flowers and candy going to schools and work on Friday. So many happy smiles to come. And then the weekend will be long lines at restaurants but all worth it to have a great night out with your love ones. Be sure to wear your masks, social distance and have a great weekend. The Martin News hopes that everyone has a great Valentine's Day!

### Adel On Track As "Classic Main Street"



Adel is on its way to becoming a Georgia Classic Main Street community. The Cook County city is expecting to receive the designation soon from the Georgia Main Street Program. Classic Main Street programs are designated by the state of Georgia and nationally accredited by the National Main Street Center. As part of the annual accreditation process, all Classic Main Street communities are required to meet standards that emphasize historic preservation education and economic development – which lends itself to an active and vibrant downtown. Brandie Dame, Adel's Main Street manager, says her goal is found in a quotation by Mayor Bill Bell of Durham, N.C.: "A downtown defines a city as a living room defines a home." "My goal is to have a well-defined and relaxing 'living room' that everyone will feel comfortable and will want to live, play, work, shop, and enjoy," Dame said. The Georgia Main Street

Program is housed in the Office of Downtown Development at the Ga. Department of Community Affairs. Main Street is a signature program for community development and revitalization in Georgia's downtowns.

# Dates to Remember

## February

- 8th ~ WCHS Girls Varsity Basketball Away
- 8th ~ Registration for Spring Sports at Sylvester - Worth County Recreation Department
- 9th ~ Chocolate & A Canvas 6:30pm Tifton Museum of Arts & Heritage
- 9th ~ WCMS Baseball VS Lee Co East at Home
- 9th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 9th ~ Worth The Read Book Club February Meeting
- 9th ~ Registration for Spring Sports at Sylvester - Worth County Recreation Department
- 10th ~ Registration for Spring Sports at Sylvester - Worth County Recreation Department
- 10th ~ WCMS Baseball VS Berrien Away
- 10th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 10th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 11th ~ WCMS Baseball VS Lee Co West Away
- 11th ~ Registration for Spring Sports at Sylvester - Worth County Recreation Department
- 12th ~ Registration for Spring Sports at Sylvester - Worth County Recreation Department
- 12th ~ 4H Club Meeting 5th Grade - During Science Class
- 13th ~ 2021 Worth County Swine Show at 10am
- 14th ~ Happy Valentine's Day from The Martin News
- 15th ~ 4H Club Meeting 5th Grade - During Science Class
- 16th ~ 4H Club Meeting 5th Grade - During Science Class
- 16th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 17th ~ WCMS Baseball VS Berrien at Home
- 17th ~ WCMS Soccer Girls/Boys VS Early Away
- 17th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 17th ~ Presidents' Day
- 17th ~ Georgia Junior National Livestock Shows
- 17th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 17th ~ 4H Club Meeting 5th Grade - During Science Class
- 18th ~ 4H Club Meeting 5th Grade - During Science Class
- 18th ~ Intro to Drawing 6:30pm Tifton Museum of Arts & Heritage
- 19th ~ 4H Club Meeting 5th Grade - During Science Class
- 22nd ~ WCMS Baseball VS Thomasville at Home
- 22nd ~ WCMS Soccer Girls/Boys VS Tift Co at Home
- 23rd ~ WCMS Soccer Girls/Boys VS Irwin Co Away
- 23rd ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connections Meeting Noon
- 23rd ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 23rd ~ 4H Meeting for High School Students at the 4H Office 3:30pm-5pm
- 24th ~ WCMS Baseball VS Fitzgerald Away
- 24th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 24th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 24th ~ 4H Meeting for 4th-8th Grade at the 4H Office 3:30pm-5pm
- 25th ~ Intro to Drawing 6:30pm Tifton Museum of Arts & Heritage

# **2nd Annual "Snow Better Time to Read" Adult Reading Challenge**

**Read 10 books between January 11  
and March 16 to be entered into a  
drawing for a prize .**

**Bookmarks/reading lists can be  
picked up at the library's front desk.**

**All bookmarks must be returned to  
the Margaret Jones Public Library by  
March 16th.**



## Tifton May Impose Fines On Repeat False Fire Alarms



The City of Tifton is considering imposing a fine on businesses whose fire alarms repeatedly go off from malfunctions because responding to false alarms is costing the city thousands of dollars. "It took \$15,000 out of our overtime budget last year," Tifton Fire Chief Bobby Bennett told City Council at its workshop Monday night. Out of 166 fire-alarm responses last year, 84 were false alarms, Bennett said. The fire department treats each alarm seriously, even if it comes from a site that previously had several false alarms. "We have to treat every one as real," Bennett said. City Manager Pete Pyrzenski said there are usually overtime costs when alarms come in during the middle of the night. "If we make a run from the fire department, that's \$1,300 for starters," he said. Bennett and city staff recommended charging a \$250 fine for the fourth time that a business has a false alarm and charging \$1,000 for each time thereafter. "I hope we never have to write a citation for this," Bennett said. "It's not what this is about. This is not about fining people; it's about getting them to fix their equipment." Councilman Jack Folk suggested that the fines are not stringent enough. "This is a cost to the taxpayers," Folk said. "I wouldn't wait until the fourth time" to impose a fine. But Mayor Julie B. Smith said that "what is proposed is reasonable. I don't think people realize if this happens, there's a cost associated with it." Council members

said education is needed about the importance of repairing faulty alarms. City Council is expected to further discuss the proposal at its next meeting.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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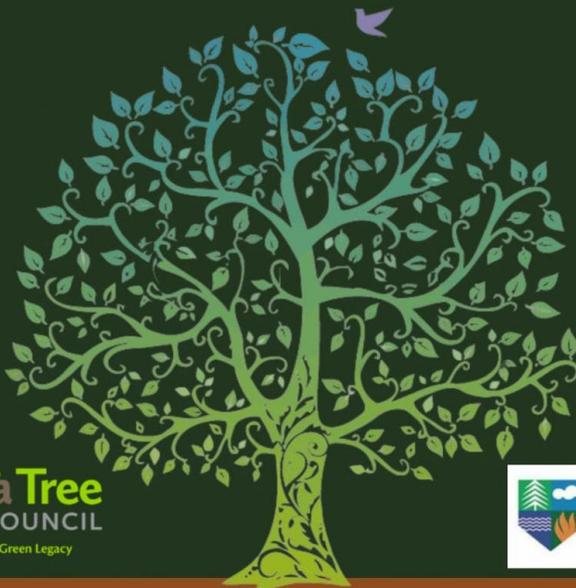
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Tifton Gets Grant To Plant 165 Trees

TIFTON TREE BOARD & CITY OF TIFTON

ADOPT-A-TREE PROGRAM

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.  
REQUEST A FREE TREE TODAY FOR YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS!



The City of Tifton, the Tifton Tree Board and the Tifton Heritage Foundation have been awarded a \$10,000 grant by the Georgia Tree Council's ReLeaf Program to plant 165 native trees along Tifton's right-of-ways and parks. The project, which will help restore the city's street canopy and tree-lined streets, will focus on educating the public on the importance and benefit of trees while encouraging participation. The Tifton Tree Board and the city are asking the public to adopt a newly planted tree to help them survive and get established. Homeowners, businesses, schools, and non-profit organizations may request that a tree be placed in an approved right-of-way adjacent to their property or designated public parks and grounds. The city Public Works Department will determine the locations and appropriate tree species in accordance with Tifton's tree ordinance. "The Tifton Tree Board is excited to partner with the Southwest Georgia ReLeaf Program and other community partners to re-establish the canopied streets that our community was known for up until

recently," said George Vellidis of the Tree Board. "This is a very exciting project for Tifton. Since January 2019 we will have planted 435 trees along our city's streets, and this would not have been possible without the support of the Georgia Tree Council and the Tifton Heritage Foundation." Residents wishing to participate may call 229-391-3937.

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# YOU ARE NOT ALONE



## Sylvester's 1st Annual Veteran Suicide Awareness Event

Where:

Worth County Ag Pavillion  
102 Rebecca Dr, Sylvester, GA 31791

When: June 5, 2021

Event will begin at 10am with presentation of colors, live national anthem, dual taps, and a prayer.



Big Ticket Raffle Items \$1 per ticket

Several Food Vendors Will be Present as well as Veteran owned Valdosta Kettle Works LLC



### Classic Car/Truck show

- Oldest Around
- Overall Favorite
- Farthest Traveled
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Pre-Registration \$15  
Late Registration \$20



There will also be live music from local artist and bands



Patriotic Art Silent Auction  
Any local or South Georgia artist are invited to donate a patriotic piece to be silent auctioned at the event!  
Any ages are welcome!

Surprise Guest Speakers and special guest on Veteran Suicide Awareness



# SAVE 22

## AWARENESS IS THE ANSWER



All profit from this event will go directly to a well researched veteran focused local charity

If you would like to sign up for any of these events or sponsor it please contact:

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### **Morris Elected Chairman Of The Georgia Peanut Commission Burch And Boddiford Re-elected To Serve**

**TIFTON, Ga. (Feb. 4, 2021)** - Armond Morris, peanut farmer from Tifton, Georgia, was elected chairman of the Georgia Peanut Commission during the monthly board meeting in January. This is Morris' twentieth term as chairman of the commission. He has also served as chairman of the board previously in 1996 and 1997, 2003 and every year since 2005. "I look forward to serving Georgia's peanut growers as chairman in 2021. It is a pleasure to serve peanut producers in the state of Georgia and the commission is continually working to serve all peanut farmers in the state through research, promotion and education," Morris says. "This is a critical time for Georgia agriculture and peanut producers as we work to help educate newly elected officials about the peanut program and importance of agriculture within the state and nation." Other officers elected during the board meeting include Joe Boddiford, Sylvania, Georgia, as vice chairman and Rodney Dawson, Hawkinsville, Georgia, as treasurer. Additional board members Tim Burch, Newton, Georgia, and Donald Chase, Oglethorpe, Georgia, represent District One and District Five, respectively. The peanut producing counties of Georgia are divided into five districts in which peanut farmers elect a representative to serve on the Georgia Peanut Commission board. In Dec. 16, 2020, the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation conducted nomination meetings for board member positions in District One and District Three. Board members Tim Burch, Baker County farmer, and Joe Boddiford, Screven County farmer, were both re-elected without opposition and will serve for the next three years. Burch and Boddiford were sworn in during the January board meeting by Chief Judge Bill Reinhardt of the Tifton Judicial Circuit. The Georgia Peanut Commission represents more than 4,500 peanut farm families in the state and conducts programs in the areas of research, promotion and education. For more information on the programs of the Georgia Peanut Commission, visit [www.gapeanuts.com](http://www.gapeanuts.com).

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**HEARTS OF WORTH VALENTINES GIVEAWAY!  
DEADLINE TO ENTER FEBRUARY 11TH BY 11:00PM**

The Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce has been working on something for the last week or so. Who is ready to find out what they have been working so hard on? They have been working with their Chamber members and are excited to share with you the great news! This is so exciting and what a way to bring in February! They are giving away this Valentine's gift basket on February 12th. The estimated value at this time is over \$600 and businesses are still contributing so at the time of give-a-way, they will update.

Thank you to the following Chamber members for donating to this awesome give-a-way!  
Accel Cycling Studio, Alchemy Games & Coffee Shoppe, Barnyard Creations, Bee B and Co. Boutique, Bless Boutique, Bloomers Floral Design, Called To Care Of Worth County, Coca-Cola United Sylvester, GA, Coastal Plain CASA, Inc., Combined Insurance, Dairy Queen, Daughtry's "Empire" Market, Debs Curbside Cupcakes, Defining Figures Body Contouring Studio, LLC, Destiny Fitness of Sylvester, Doug Hughes Pest Control, Ed's Truckstop, Factory Connection, Fat Boy's Backyard BBQ & More, Fletcher Yeararta Jewelers, Jackson Soul Food, Kona Ice of Albany, Lisa Jones Photography, M&M Sales, Signs & Graphics, Margaret Jones Public Library, McDonald's, Medders Associates Surveying, LLC, Nether's Soul & Seafood Cafe, Renasant Bank, Rugged Shoal Outfitters, LLC, Shipp Shape Lawn Service, Short & Paulk Supply Company, Snipes Piggly Wiggly, Southwest Georgia Bank, A Division of the First, Sunbelt Ford in Sylvester, Sylvester Local News, Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce, The Gift Barn, The Looking Glass Salon, The Martin News, Tractor Supply Company, Wal-Mart and Worth County High School - CTAE.

- Here are the rules to enter:
1. Like the Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page
  2. Follow them on Instagram @swcountycommerce
  3. Tag 3 people in the comments of the give-a-way post, and give your favorite business in Sylvester-Worth County a shout-out!

## GA Peanut Commission Honors Tift Schools For Feeding Kids During School Shutdown

*Not All Superheroes  
Wear Capes*

**GEORGIA PEANUTS CELEBRATE SCHOOL NUTRITION**



The Tift County Schools System is one of four school districts in the state being recognized for efforts to continue feeding students when the pandemic shut down schools earlier this year. The Georgia Peanut Commission worked with the Georgia School Nutrition Association to seek entries from school districts highlighting their efforts in the areas of innovation, volume and community engagement. In the “Not All Superheroes

Wear Capes” contest, schools systems in both Tift and Houston counties are receiving the Peanut Butter Usage Award; the Coffee County School System is getting the Engagement Award; and the Glynn County School District, the Most Creative Award. When schools closed their doors in March, Tift County’s school nutrition team knew that some students would go hungry without access to school meals because of the percentage of students who participate in the free and reduced-priced meal program. The school system activated nine drive-through feeding sites as well as eight buses to deliver meals on the first day of the school closure. As time progressed, Tift's school nutrition directors and administrators spent time each day helping to load and deliver meals on the buses, and nearly 250,000 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches were served during that time. Each winning district will receive a trophy, 123 cases of peanut butter to use in their feeding program and a Georgia Peanuts dish towel and spatula for each team member.

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