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### Frank McGill, 95, Helped Save Georgia Peanut Farms



J. Frank McGill overhauled peanut production in Georgia and beyond, his impact increasing the income of peanut farmers across the state by billions of dollars over the last 50 years. His innovations revamped struggling farms and helped the state's peanut productivity to explode by more than 2,000 pounds per acre in less than two decades. He shaped federal farm legislation, worked with 21 countries on five continents to establish peanut research and education programs, and he helped developing countries grow peanuts to fight famine and disease, all while investing in people he met along the way. Former President Jimmy Carter, upon being inducted into the Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2018, recognized McGill for mentoring him in peanut production when Carter took over his family farm in 1953. McGill, 95, died at his home in Tifton on March 3, following a brief illness. A private funeral was held at First United Methodist Church of Tifton. The youngest of five children, he was born in Chula, Ga., in 1925 to a peanut farmer with a seventh-grade education and a dream to see his children finish college. When the oldest son ran out of money during his senior year at the University of Georgia during the Great Depression in 1933, he packed for home. School officials had a better idea. They offered to take produce and meat in lieu of tuition, making a lasting impression on 8-year-old Frank McGill. "I wanted to know more about a place that would reach out to

my brother and make a way for him during the Depression years," he wrote in his autobiography, "From the Mule to the Moon." He accompanied his father to Athens to deliver sweet potatoes, butchered hogs and homemade syrup. His brother finished his degree. McGill graduated from Tift County High School in 1942. He got a draft deferment because he had two brothers serving in World War II and served instead from 1945 to 1947 as a radio operator in the United States Air Force. After the military, McGill completed an agronomy degree in two and half years, graduating from UGA in 1951. He became the Georgia extension agent at the Coastal Plain Experiment Station, now the UGA Tifton Campus, where he pioneered the role of peanut specialist. He earned a master's degree in agronomy at UGA in 1962. With his science training and people skills, McGill bridged the gap between research labs and peanut farms. He taught classes on every aspect of peanut production, visiting farmers to give hands-on assistance. "What he did was revolutionary," said Donald Chase, board member of the Georgia Peanut Commission and chairman of its research committee. McGill's contributions led to a combined income boost for Georgia peanut farmers of more than \$250 million a year since 1952, he said. Chase, a third-generation peanut farmer in Oglethorpe, Ga., credits McGill with transforming his family's farm. Chase's father and grandfather were struggling with their crops in 1969, when they sought McGill's help. Their yield increased 100 percent in one year. McGill devised the "package approach," an integrated best-practices system that starts at ground preparation and ends with marketing the produce, which is now used by most peanut farmers in Georgia and taught by the UGA Extension Service. After 31 years as an extension agent, he worked more than 20 years as a consultant for clients including Mars Inc. and the National Peanut Laboratory. He served as technical advisor to the National Peanut Growers Group and the U.S. Senate Agriculture Commission, helping craft the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981. He received the United States Department of Agriculture Award for Superior Service in 1977, Georgia Peanut Hall of Fame induction in 1982, Georgia Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1996, Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Peanut Council in 1999, and the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Medallion of Honor in 2019. Accolades did not overshadow McGill's humility, humor, or interest in others. He paid tuition for needy students, gave devotionals at nursing homes, sought out the homeless for hiring, and sent friends and coworkers handwritten notes of encouragement. His "Up with Peanuts" Scholarship at UGA has provided financial assistance for more than 100 agriculture students since he established the fund in 1984. "He brought together good science with being a good person," said Chase. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Janet Reed McGill of Tifton; son Mark McGill of Tifton; daughters Becky McGill Barber of Marietta, Ga., Laurie McGill Bolen of Tifton, and Kelly McGill Dean of Sandy Springs, Ga.; 15 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. McGill left handwritten instructions that memorials be made as "random and unexpected expressions of love and compassion to others on a continuing basis."



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# Infinite STEMZ

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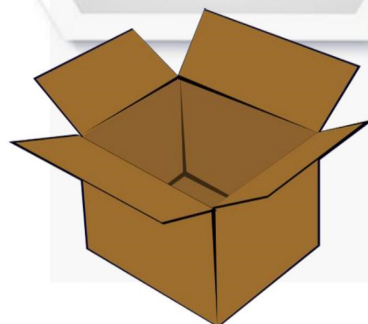
Each month, we offer two kits. You may choose to purchase both kits for **\$15** or choose just one for **\$10**.

### How it Works

Once the kits have been picked up on the scheduled time from Worth County High School, students will read instructions and watch the youtube tutorial to complete labs. Parents are expected to watch over the students to be sure safety is a number on priority. If any question arise feel free to Contact either Mrs.Smith or the video host, Hannah Fletcher (229 733-5542). There will also be a scheduled zoom meeting for each lab.

## Infinite STEMZ Kits

- March Physics Kit  
Bean Kit
- April Sparks Flying Kit  
Build a Website Kit
- May Personality Quiz  
Ecosystem Kit
- Jone Among Us Kit  
Climate Kit
- August Weather Kit  
Transportation Kit
- September Rocket Kit  
Escape Room Kit



## Why Infinite STEMZ?

Due to COVID-19 many students have chosen to learn virtually. The downside to virtual learning the lack of hands-on activities. The Infinite STEMZ box allows students to get hand-on experience in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) related topics.

## Who are We?

We are the iRambots - also known as the WCHS Robotics Team. Our mission is to stimulate interest in STEAM using hands-on learning and real-life experiences, while encouraging creativity, communication, critical thinking skills, and collaboration to prepare students for their future. Supporting our team helps us be able to fulfill this mission.



# 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Champions of Hope Sporting Clays Tournament



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## Saturday, April 17

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2021 Spirit & Competition

# CHEER TRYOUTS



**MANDATORY Parent Meeting April 1st**

**WCHS Tryouts:  
April 19th - 23rd**

**WCMS Tryouts:  
April 26th -30th**

**\*\*\* Girls interested in making the Competition Squad should enroll in Muscle Train Fitness tumbling classes in Albany.**

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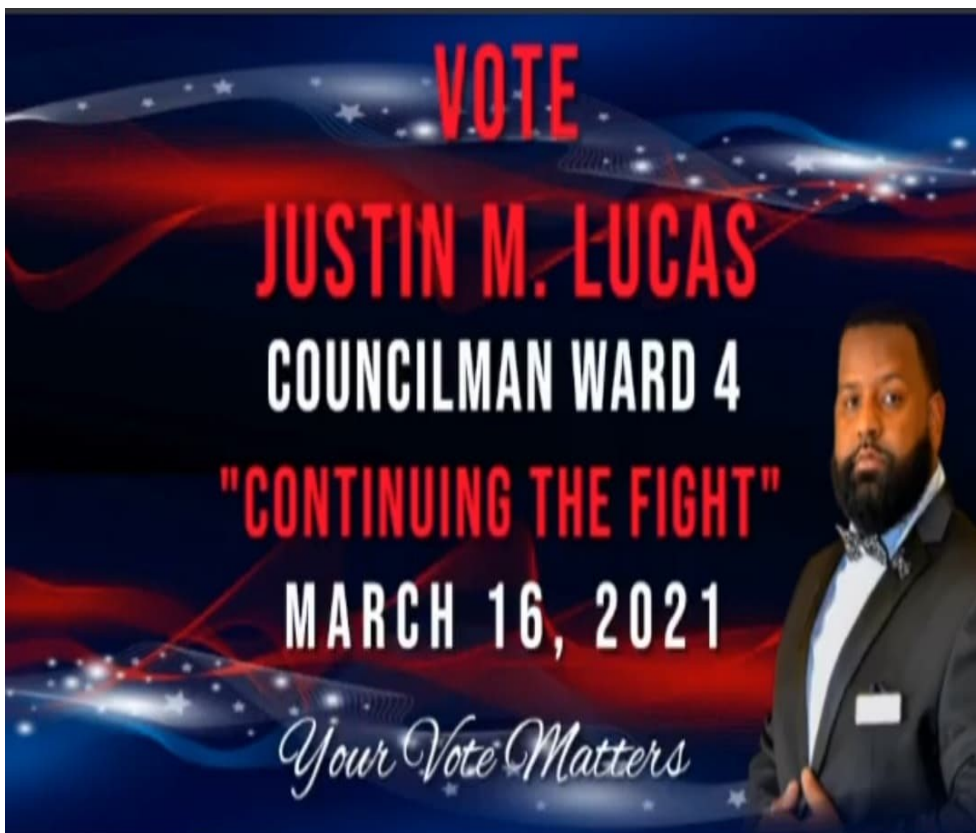


## It's Time to Organize!

Organization doesn't just happen—it's a result of conscious actions. Practice this method until it becomes second nature reports All You magazine. Start by tackling a particular room armed with a trash bag, a giveaway box, a box for items you want to sell and a box for things that belong in another room of your home. Make quick, unemotional decisions: If it's broken, obsolete or redundant, get rid of it. Sort through all the items that will stay in the room, matching like with like. Cluster books together with other books, DVDs with DVDs and outerwear with outerwear. Don't comingle dissimilar things—it makes it hard to find what you need and creates visual chaos. Make inventory of what you're holding on to, then determine how the items should be stored and what types of furniture and containers you'll need. For example, "To keep these stacks of sweaters and T-shirts separate, I can use shelf dividers. Now that I've counted my CDs, I know I need a CD organizer with eight shelves." Find solutions that work with your personal habits. For example, if you're a no-fuss type, just grouping things together might be enough, so store pictures in photo boxes marked by year. If you are more detail focused, use photo albums. Don't stop until every object or type of object has a place where it lives all the time—be it a tray on your desk for your cell phone or a hook for your keys. Then, commit to returning each item to its home after every use. Soon, putting items away will become a habit. Getting organized is a great March task! It is always great to clean up and out after each season. Keep things packed and organize which will make it easy to find when you need it and it makes it easy to store. And always remember when packing things up that you label all the boxes and containers!

## Gov. Kemp: Over 900k Seniors Vaccinated, Georgia Ahead of National Average in Senior Vaccinations

MARCH 06, 2021 - Atlanta, GA – The Georgia Department of Public Health's COVID-19 vaccine dashboard reported Sunday afternoon that over 900,000 Georgia seniors had received at least one vaccine dose and 81% of all state-controlled doses had been administered. According to American Community Survey population estimates, with a total of 1.4 million people over the age of 65, Georgia has vaccinated 64% of its senior population. The national average of seniors receiving at least one dose, according to CDC and American Community Survey data, is 58%. "Georgia continues to beat the national average when it comes to vaccinating our most vulnerable citizens," said Governor Kemp. "Due to those over the age of 65 accounting for 77% of Georgia deaths due to COVID-19, our vaccination distribution plan prioritized them early - before the CDC recommended doing so - in order to save more lives with the limited doses the state received from the federal government. "Starting tomorrow, given the expanded supply of vaccines and the significant progress we have made in protecting our most vulnerable, more high-risk Georgians will be eligible to receive the vaccines. Please go to [myvaccinegeorgia.com](https://myvaccinegeorgia.com) to register for an appointment with one of our four state-operated mass vaccination sites, connect with your local public health department, or view appointments offered by over 2,000 private healthcare providers at [dph.georgia.gov](https://dph.georgia.gov)."





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DATES:

March 4, 2021 March 11, 2021, March 18, 2021, March 25, 2021, April 1, 2021,  
April 8, 2021, April 15, 2021, April 22, 2021

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For more information, contact Ebonee Phinazee at 229-352-4275 Ext.  
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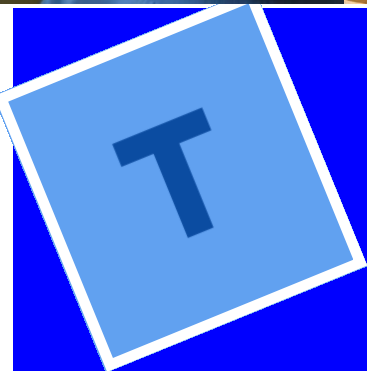
### Glow In The Dark Paint Fun Was Had on Friday

Books and Brushes presented Glow Art fun with Rockets on Friday evening. Allison Kilcrease Art helped all the children have so much fun while helping others. All proceeds from the paint night went to Corin Gibson "Little Maui Man" who loves space and the planets. Corin is going for his 5th round of chemo. Margaret Jones Public Library and Allison Kilcrease Art along with Corin and his family are so thankful for all the families that came out to a special Books and Brushes. The glow in the dark art was out of this world fun and best of all, Corin was able to face time to see all the smiling painters with their glowing rockets. We are all praying for Corin and his family.

Source: MJPL



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## Springin' Up The Yard!





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**TUESDAY MARCH 16**

**First Show 5:30 PM**

**Second Show 7:15 PM**

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## One Movie Ends Filming In Tifton As Another On Way

**Movie crew  
filming recently  
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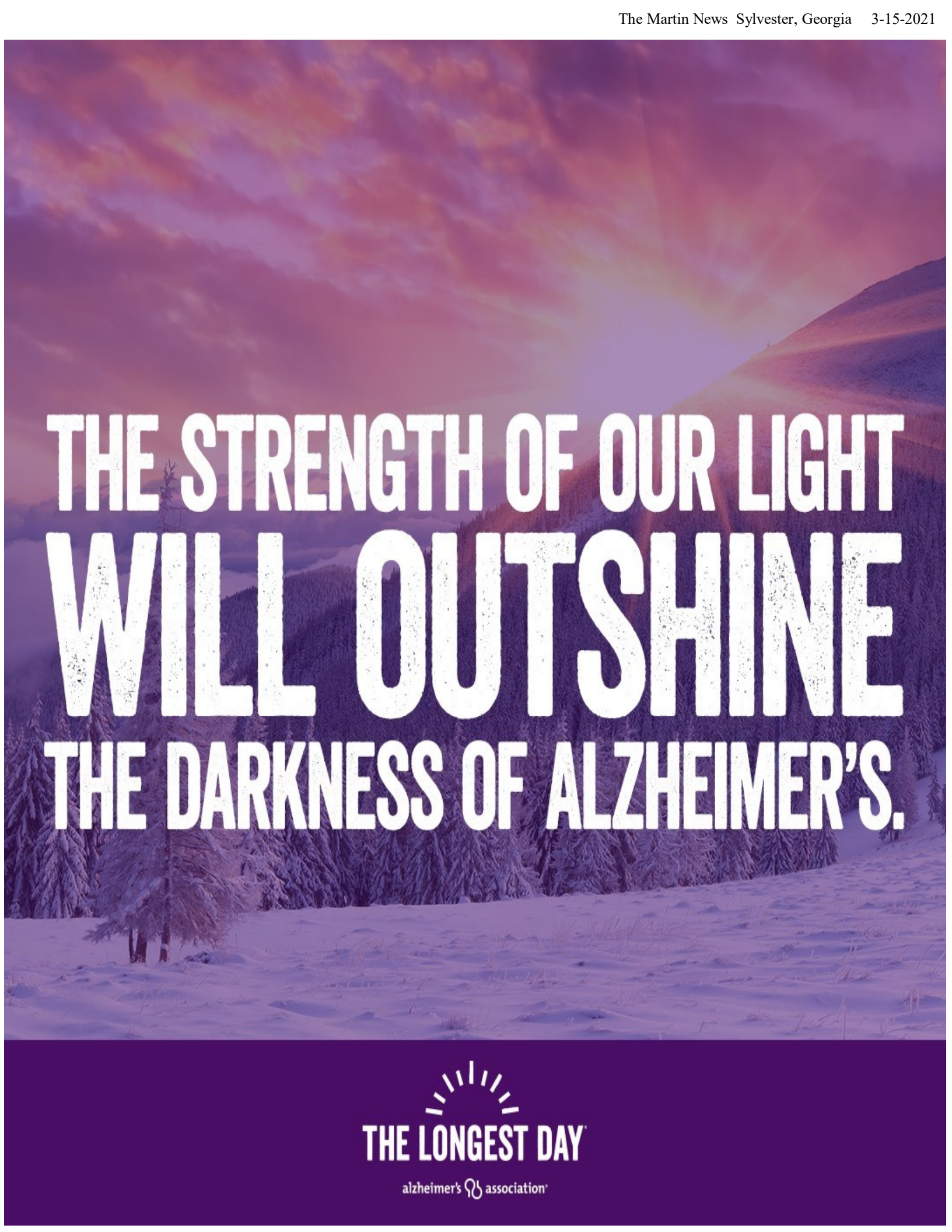


Just as the movie "Gasoline Alley," starring Bruce Willis and Luke Wilson, wrapped up filming this week in Tifton, Alexander Kane with TMG Studios One announced that another film with the same caliber of actors will start filming here in early April. The working title of the next film is "Purple Hurricane," which also happens to be the name of the Fitzgerald High School sports teams. In the synopsis of the movie, "a very successful aging mob-enforcer is getting ready to retire," said Kane, a Fitzgerald native. "A final job goes horribly wrong, and he finds himself wanted by the very cartel he worked for." Filming begins April 5 or 6 and will take place again in Tifton and Fitzgerald. "We are lining up a dozen films for the area, as Hollywood and the big-time shot callers in the industry have realized the value of shooting in our little part of the world with the amazing team we have assembled," Kane said. Kane said he had as many as 100 people working on the recent film at any given time. "Many of them will be sticking around (Tifton and Fitzgerald), preparing for the next film," he said. Several have even moved here, such as Austin Taylor, an actor, writer and assistant camera operator, and Tyler Eckles, director of photography, writer and director. Both are from Tennessee, but live in Fitzgerald now. "I need to acknowledge my wife," Kane said. "Brittney Roberts is a founding member of (Fitzgerald-based) TMG and she works as a 'second second.' She handles the talent, 'cause they all love her." Kane said the whole film crew and actors, including Willis, "wear the Fitzgerald logo with the word FAMILY, because we are proud that we are a film family, and it's not just a job to us. "Everything went amazingly with our shoot as the

people of Tifton, Fitzgerald, and Valdosta helped out and supported us beyond expectations," Kane said. "Gasoline Alley' is the story of two seasoned detectives who lean in on a suspect they feel is involved in a triple homicide only to find out nothing is as it seems," he said. The film release is likely in early 2022. "Everyone loved the experience of filming in South Georgia and specifically Tifton," Kane, a producer of the film, told the Tifton Grapevine.

Source: Tifton Grapevine





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# Tifton Museum of ARTS & HERITAGE

## MARCH CLASSES



### Chocolate & a Canvas

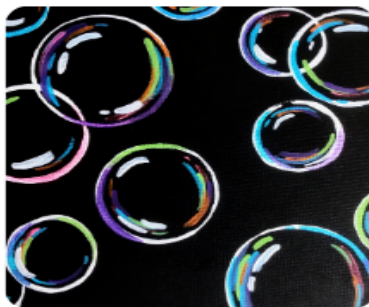
*"Liquid Gold"*

Tuesday, March 9

6:30pm

Registration: \$30

Supply Kit: \$3-8



### Kids at Art

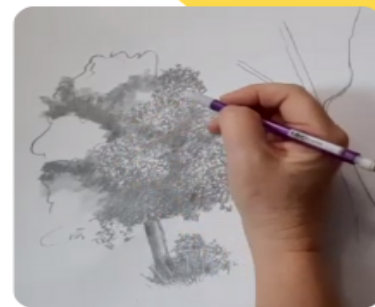
*"Bubble Trouble"*

Saturday, March 27

11:00am

Registration: \$30

Supply Kit: \$3-8



### Intro to Drawing: Landscapes

Ages: 12 - 112

Thursday, March 18

6:30pm

Registration: \$30

Register at [www.tiftonmuseum.org](http://www.tiftonmuseum.org)



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**What a beautiful day it was last week! The students in Ms. Hannah and Ms. Taylor's Classroom at Backyard Buddies was all enjoying the nice weather. They all had a great time playing ball, swinging and sliding. Source: Backyard Buddies**



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**The Mint Boutique & More at the Tifton Mall has many things that you need to add to your Spring and Summer wardrobe. Be sure to stop by and see them this week and they will help you find everything that you need.**

**How adorable are these bags? I absolutely love them! Fletcher Yearta has these bags and other items that you can not live without. They are getting in new things for Spring and Summer that are so adorable. They have clothes, accessories and jewelry so stop by and see them soon and let them help you pick out some beautiful things.**



**Who enjoyed the weekend? It was such a beautiful, warm and sunny weekend. Spring is in the air. And who doesn't need new clothes for the Spring and Summertime that is on the way. Look at this cutesy outfit that Bless Boutique has to offer. They are getting new clothes in every week so be sure to stop by and see them. You can find many different clothes, shoes and accessories to stock up for the Spring and Summer.**



**Going to Tifton? Need somewhere to eat while you are over there? I have the best place in mind for you to visit! Look at the scrumptious meal that you can have from Fresco Italiano. They have many different meals to choose from along with appetizers and desserts. Make plans to grab something to eat while you are in Tifton or just plan a date night to go and enjoy!**



## Pin Wheel Ceremony To Highlight Child Abuse Prevention



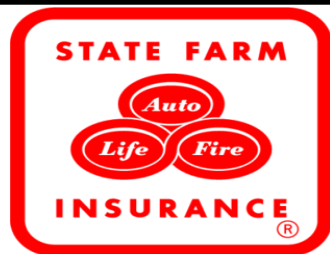
*Tift County Council on Child Abuse*  
A UNITED WAY AGENCY

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the Tift County Council on Child Abuse is holding its annual "Voices for All Children" pinwheel ceremony at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 1, in front of the Tift County Recreation Department Special Programs Building. Pinwheels are placed in the ground to represent the past year's number of reported child-abuse cases. Attendees are asked to wear face masks and practice social distancing. Tift County's "Wear Blue Day" is also April 1. Folks are asked to wear blue to make a visible commitment to preventing child abuse and supporting strong families and healthy children. Wearing blue began with a blue-ribbon campaign in 1989, started by a grandmother in Virginia as a tribute to her grandson, a three-year old who died at the hands of his mother's abusive boyfriend. Since then, concerned citizens all over the country have worn blue as a symbol of the need to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

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5. Must "NOT" have previously been awarded a GAHRA scholarship.
6. Please have your housing authority e-mail and mail hard copy to:  
[dhousing@bellsouth.net](mailto:dhousing@bellsouth.net) -

Dublin Housing Authority  
c/o Brenda Smith  
500 W. Mary Street  
Dublin, GA 31021

**Applications are due March 19, 2021.**



The Nature Study Area at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will get a new boardwalk thanks to a \$2,097 Wildlife Viewing Grant to the ABAC Foundation from the Ga. Department of Natural Resources. "The Nature Study Area on the ABAC campus is one of only two public nature trails in Tift County," said Dr. Mark Kistler, dean of ABAC's School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. "This grant will allow our students in natural resource management, under the supervision of the faculty and staff in the Department of Forest Resources, to make needed repairs and improvements to the boardwalk along the nature trail." The grants program, funded by the Georgia Nongame Wildlife Conservation Fund, helps develop and enhance wildlife viewing options with an emphasis on state Wildlife Action Plan species and habitats. Georgia's Wildlife Action Plan is a comprehensive strategy to conserve and preserve animals, plants, and places before they become more rare and more costly to restore.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

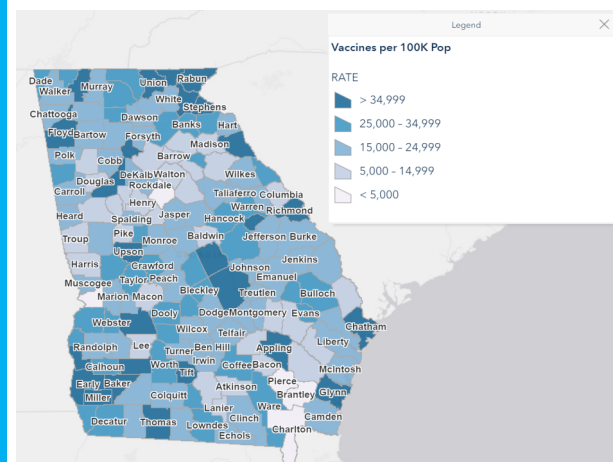
**More Vaccinations Start on Monday**

Starting tomorrow, March 15th, Georgians aged 55 and older and individuals with disabilities and certain medical conditions will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Georgia. A complete list of health conditions that qualify for vaccination effective March 15th can be found on the Georgia Department of Health's (GDH) website. Other groups currently eligible to receive a vaccine in Georgia include:

- Health care workers (physicians, nurses, lab technicians, EMS)
- Law Enforcement, Fire Personnel, and First Responders
- Residents and staff of long-term care facilities
- Individuals aged 65+ and their caregivers\*
- Educators and staff (Pre-K, K-12, DE-CAL licensed or exempt childcare programs)
- Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their caregivers\*
- Parents of children with complex medical conditions

(\* Caregivers provide care to people who need assistance with everyday tasks. Care recipients can live in residential or institutional settings, range from children to older adults, and have chronic or disabling conditions.)

While our state is on the right track towards the number of vaccinations, it is important that Georgians continue to follow CDC guidelines and practice social distancing, hand washing, and wearing a mask. I also am continuing to encourage each Georgian to consider getting the vaccine when it becomes available to them. You can see statistics on vaccines in the graph below.



Source: Representative Austin Scott



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# **SURGI-KIDS SURGERY CAPS**

*For Children Hospitals  
World Wide*

This started off as a dream of mines but after consulting with my parents they helped me get things in motion. With the help and leadership of my Pastor and Co-Pastor Sanders we have officially launched "Surgi-Kids" Surgical Caps! Thank you so much to my employees, family, and supporters as we launch Surgi-Kids.

I launch this in honor of my parents Legacy and hope you all will join support in keeping their legacy alive through helping the children.





# Dates to Remember

## March

- 15th ~ WCMS Soccer Tift Co 4:30pm Home
- 16th ~ WCHS Tennis 4pm Away
- 16th ~ WCHS Soccer 5:30pm Home
- 16th ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball 5:30pm Away
- 16th ~ Voting for Sylvester Ward 4 City Councilman
- 17th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 17th ~ Happy St. Patrick's Day from The Martin News
- 17th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 17th ~ WCMS Soccer Girls/Boys Thomasville 4:30pm Home
- 18th ~ WCHS Golf 2:30pm
- 18th ~ WCHS Tennis 4pm Home
- 18th ~ WCMS Tennis Marion Co 4pm Away at Lee County
- 18th ~ WCMS Soccer Girls/Boys against Cook Co 4:30pm Away
- 18th ~ WCMS Track at Colquitt
- 18th ~ WCHS Soccer 5:30pm Home
- 18th ~ Board of Education Meeting 7pm
- 19th ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball 4:30pm Away
- 19th ~ WCHS Soccer 5:30pm Away
- 19th ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball Away 7pm
- 19th ~ Wild Chicken Festival in Fitzgerald
- 19th ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 20th ~ Wild Chicken Festival in Fitzgerald
- 20th ~ WCHS Track & Field 9am Away
- 20th ~ Manna Drop at Unity Baptist Church
- 20th ~ Presidential Flyer Excursion Train at Georgia Veterans State Park
- 20th ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 21st ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 22nd ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 22nd ~ Book Fair at Worth County Middle School
- 22nd ~ WCMS Tennis Against Crisp Away
- 22nd ~ WCMS Soccer Girls/Boys Fitzgerald Away
- 22nd ~ WCHS Soccer Away
- 23rd ~ WCHS Tennis Home
- 23rd ~ WCH Soccer Home
- 23rd ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball Away
- 23rd ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 23rd ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connections Meeting
- 23rd ~ Book Fair at Worth County Middle School
- 24th ~ Book Fair at Worth County Middle School
- 24th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 24th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 24th ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 24th ~ WCMS Tennis Tournament All Day Away
- 24th ~ WCHS Track & Field Away
- 24th ~ WCMS Soccer Girls/Boys Against Cook Home
- 25th ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 25th ~ Book Fair at Worth County Middle School
- 25th ~ WCHS Tennis Away
- 25th ~ WCMS Track at Fitzgerald
- 25th ~ WCHS Soccer Away
- 26th ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball Home
- 26th ~ Book Fair at Worth County Middle School
- 26th ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 27th ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 27th ~ WCHS Track & Field Away
- 28th ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 29th ~ WCMS Soccer Girls/Boys
- 29th ~ WCHS Golf
- 29th ~ WCMS Baseball Against Fitzgerald
- 30th ~ WCHS JV Baseball Home
- 30th ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball Home
- 31st ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 31st ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 31st ~ Easter Egg Hunt at Unity Baptist Church 6:30pm



# **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.**





## Peanuts Important Part Of Tiftarea



**Tifton crew Melody Cowart, Victoria Whiddon, Angela Elder and Warren Elder serve grilled PB&J sandwiches in Atlanta.**

Consider the peanut. It is part of our daily lives, especially here in South Georgia. "Georgia grows over half of the U.S. peanut crop with a farm gate value of over \$600 million. The economic impact of the Georgia peanut farmer to the state's economy is about \$2 billion to our local communities in South Georgia where peanuts grow," says Don Koehler, executive director of the Georgia Peanut Commission. March is National Peanut Month, an observance to "celebrate the bounty of peanuts," Koehler tells the Tifton Grapevine. "Peanuts are heart healthy; they are high in protein; they have a positive influence on other health issues like Type 2 Diabetes and some types of cancer. Because of these and other factors, peanuts are considered a 'Superfood.'" Armond Morris, a Tifton peanut farmer and chairman of the Georgia Peanut Commission, says that "peanuts are Georgia's official state crop, and the state boasts the largest share of peanut production in the U.S. at nearly 53 percent for the 2020 crop." In honor of National Peanut Month and the impact of Georgia's peanut industry, the General Assem-

bly proclaimed March 1 as "Peanut Butter & Jelly Day" at the Georgia state capitol. As usual, the National Peanut Buying Points Association office based in Tifton – Tyron Spearman is the executive secretary – grilled PB&J sandwiches at the capitol last week. "It was actually held across the street in what they call the Sloppy Floyd Building due to Covid," says Angela Elder in Spearman's office. "We did about 500 sandwiches, which is down from our normal, just due to the change in location." During the event, the Georgia Peanut Commission and the Peanut Proud organization donated 10,080 jars of peanut butter to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Georgia is not only No. 1 in peanut production but also in peanut butter production. According to the General Assembly, the peanut industry supports the livelihoods of more than 150,000 Georgians. The state has approximately 4,500 peanut farmers in 76 counties who harvested 800,000 acres of peanuts last year, yielding an average of 4,100 pounds per acre.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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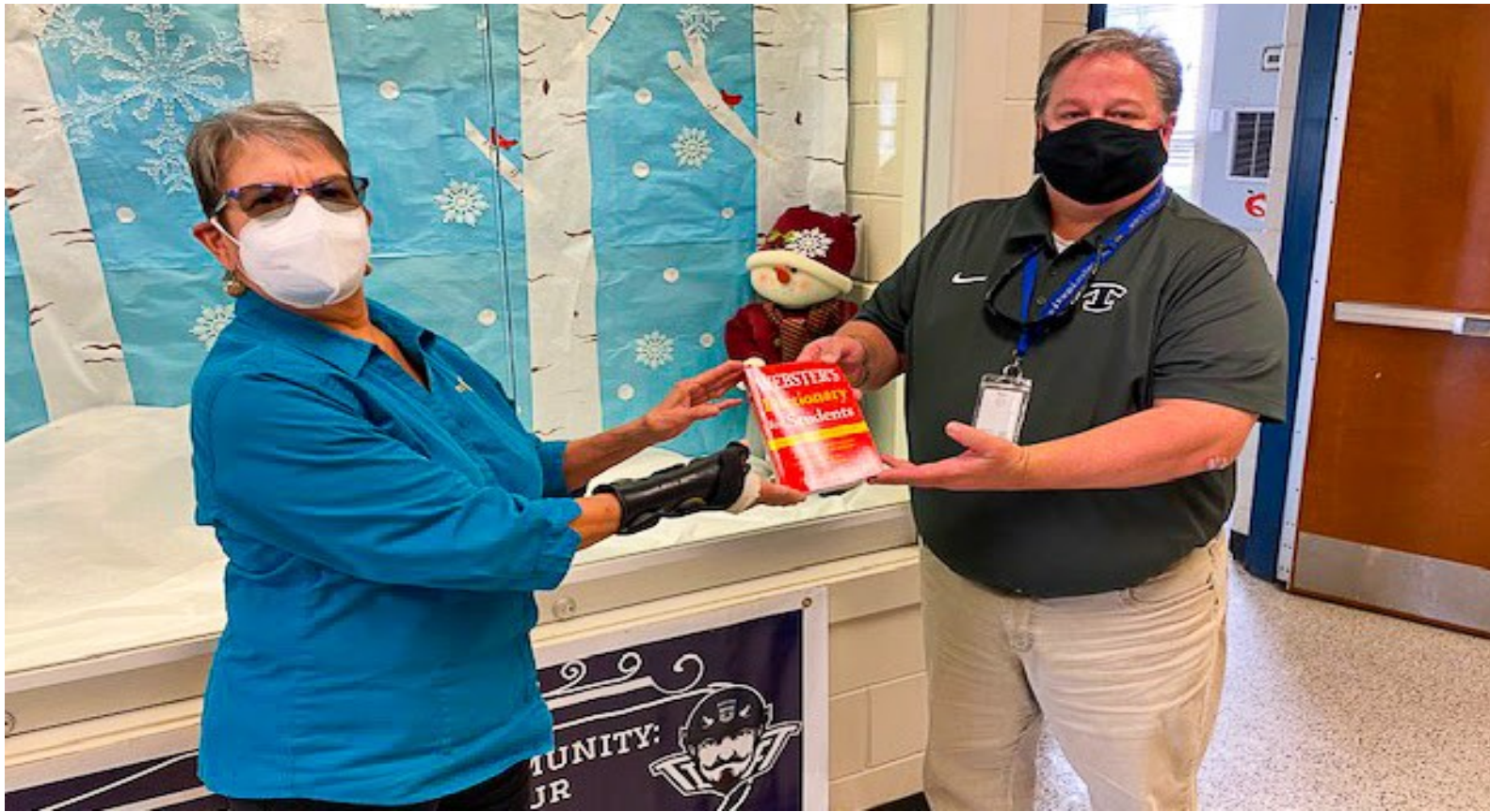
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## Tifton Rotary Distributes Dictionaries To Third Graders



Members of the Rotary Club of Tifton recently distributed dictionaries to third-grade students in Tift County schools. Local Rotarians have long been advocates of developing the skills of young people. Among other activities, the Rotary Club is also promoting its Young Authors Initiative that will allow some Tift County youths to become published authors. The Rotary Club and the Tift County Foundation for Educational Excellence will publish a book of selected writings by Tift County youth in grades ninth through 12th. Students may generate an original story of up to 3,000 words in any genre. All submissions should be in Microsoft Word format and emailed, by April 19, to: [tiftonwrites@gmail.com](mailto:tiftonwrites@gmail.com). Rotarians continue to meet at noon each Wednesday via Zoom. Rotarian Marion Curry, left, distributes dictionaries to Omega Elementary School. Principal Jim Byers accepts the books for the students.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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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

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Pre-Registration \$15  
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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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alzheimer's association

# APRIL 8

# 6PM - 6:30 PM

All registered The Longest Day participants who raise or make a self-donation of \$100+ between February 22 and March 5 receive a special invitation to this virtual private event!



## J.W.Holley High Class of 1970 Scholarship

Email direct [Jamesnelson49@gmail.com](mailto:Jamesnelson49@gmail.com)

**Purpose:** The scholarship is to assist minority students both male and female who have meet the requirements of the scholarship and have a desire to further their education. The scholarship will provide an opportunity for a graduating high school senior to continue their education at the post-secondary level.

**Eligibility criteria:**

- 2.5 GPA
- Graduating High School Senior
- Minority student
- Plan to enroll in a college/university
- Community service involvement

**Award:**

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the recipient upon confirmation of enrollment into a college/university.



## Georgia Peanut Farmers Donate Peanut Butter To DC Central Kitchen Chairman Bishop Recognizes Ag And Nutrition Partnership



TIFTON, Ga. (March 11, 2021) - To celebrate National Peanut Month, Georgia's 4,500 peanut farmers are donating 10,080 jars of peanut butter to DC Central Kitchen. The donation is made possible by the Georgia Peanut Commission through Peanut Proud, which is the peanut industry's humanitarian relief organization. Georgia based truckload carrier, SouthernAG Carriers, graciously donated their truck carrier service to deliver the peanut butter. "As a farmer, we are proud to begin this partnership with DC Central Kitchen by donating peanut butter which can be used to make more than 141,000 sandwiches," says Armond Morris, chairman of the Georgia Peanut Commission. "Peanut butter is one of the most requested food items at food banks due to its shelf life. Peanuts are a nutritional superfood which contain more protein than any other nut, as well as a good source of vitamin E and folate." DC Central Kitchen (DCK) is an iconic nonprofit and social enterprise that combats hunger and poverty through job training and job creation. The organization provides hands-on culinary job training for individuals facing high barriers to employment while creating living wage jobs and bringing nutritious, dignified food where it is most needed. DCK's social ventures include serving scratch-cooked farm-to-school meals in DC schools, delivering fresh, affordable produce to corner stores in neighborhoods without supermarkets, and operating a fast-casual café. "We're grateful for the continued support of the Georgia Peanut Commission as we fight hunger together during this crisis and beyond. While COVID-19 has exacerbated food insecurity and health disparities in our communities, these issues did not begin last March, and they won't end when the last vaccine is distributed. That's why DCK's commitments to job training, job creation, and building a sustainable food system are so important," says Mike Curtin, DC Central Kitchen's CEO. "We appreciate GPC's engagement with our root cause approach to fighting hunger and look forward to counting them as a partner in our work into the future."

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, DC Central Kitchen has distributed more than 3.3 million meals and grocery bags at 200 locations across our nation's capital, responding to a 60 percent increase in food insecurity in Washington, D.C. U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop represents the 2nd Congressional District in Georgia where the majority of Georgia peanuts are grown within the state of Georgia. Seventy-six counties in Georgia grow peanuts and some of the top ten producing counties located in Congressman Bishop's district include Mitchell, Decatur, Early and Miller counties. "I am always happy to see the Georgia peanut industry work to help others. The donation of peanut butter from the Georgia Peanut Commission today to the D.C. Central Kitchen is a wonderful example of how agricultural producers can partner with nutrition advocates to reduce hunger in our nation and across the world," say Bishop, chairman of the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies. Peanuts are Georgia's official state crop, and the state boasts the largest share of peanut production in the U.S. at nearly 53 percent for the 2020 crop. Georgia's 4,500 peanut farmers contribute approximately \$2 billion annually to the state and local economy. Additional information about DC Central Kitchen is available online at [www.dccentralkitchen.org](http://www.dccentralkitchen.org) and the Georgia Peanut Commission is available at [www.gapeanuts.com](http://www.gapeanuts.com).



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