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Worth County High School BasketBall All-Region Rams



WCCHS Basketball All-Region Rams

Congratulations to the following Rams Varsity basketball players! These guys were picked out of all Region 1-AA players based on their performance this season to be a part of the All-Region 1-AA team. Congratulations to all! We are proud of your dedication and hard work this season!

1st All-Region Team:

Elijah Smith

2nd All-Region Team:

Tayshaun Shipp

Honorable Mention:

Jordan Curry
Anthony Davis
Christopher McGill

Pictured L-R: Tayshaun Shipp, Christopher McGill, Jordan Curry, Anthony Davis, and Elijah Smith

Source: WCSD



Links

www.facebook.com/WCHSiRambots/
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Email: irambots7470@gmail.com



Infinite STEMZ

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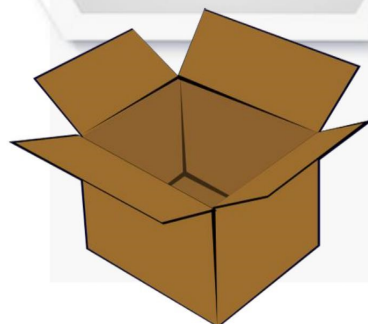
Each month, we offer two kits. You may choose to purchase both kits for **\$15** or choose just one for **\$10**.

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
- April Bean Kit
- April Sparks Flying Kit
- April Build a Website Kit
- May Personality Quiz
- May Ecosystem Kit
- June Among Us Kit
- June Climate Kit
- August Weather Kit
- August Transportation Kit
- September Rocket Kit
- September 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.

17TH ANNUAL Champions of Hope Sporting Clays Tournament



BENEFITTING

Ruth's Cottage & the Patticake House



Saturday, April 17

BIG CREEK PLANTATION, 2349 GA HIGHWAY 32 WEST, OCILLA

TWO SHOOTING SESSIONS 9:30AM AND 1:30PM

15-Station Course, Beautiful Scenery, Game Tower

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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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17th Annual Champions of Hope Sporting Clays Tournament

Tifton, Georgia – March 2, 2021 – Ruth’s Cottage and The Patticake House announces the date for the 17th Annual Champions of Hope Sporting Clays Tournament to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Big Creek Plantation in Irwin County. This event benefits Ruth’s Cottage and The Patticake House in support of their victim assistance programs for those who have been harmed by family violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Formed in 2002, the organization is a state certified triple program, the only one in South Georgia and only one of three in the state. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for the organization and to also honor an entity that has gone above and beyond in its support of its programs and services. The Champions of Hope Award is presented at each event with past awardees being: The Ricky Justice Family; Bowen, Phillips & Carmichael CPAs; Ashley Johnson/Ashley’s Business Solutions; Tift Regional Medical Center; Georgia State Patrol Post #13; The Tifton Exchange Club; Chicago’s Pizza/The Roy Funk Family; Tift County Board of Commissioners; First Presbyterian Church of Tifton/Mrs. Janie Hopwood; Turner County Board of Commissioners; Georgia Power Company/C. Lynn Lovett; Green Lakes Hunting and Fishing Club/Allen Green and Tammie Harper. The 2021 awardee will be named midday during the April 17th tournament. This year’s event will be held at a new location of Big Creek Plantation. This property of Clark and Lisa Gey has just been built and is a private property not open to the public. The 15 station sporting clays course has never been used and the 17th Annual Champions of Hope event will be the inaugural shoot for the facility. There will be a morning and afternoon shoot limited to 22 teams per session, so early registration is recommended. The cost is \$400 per team or \$100 per person. A complimentary breakfast and lunch will be included, and each shooter will receive a goody bag. Top prizes will be cash and secondary level awards will be items to please any winner! Protocols for participation in the event regarding COVID-19 will include a temperature check and health questions as vehicles arrive on the property. Masks are required when distancing is not possible, and all food and drinks will be prepackaged. Washing stations will be provided through the course. For more information on Ruth’s Cottage and The Patticake House and the 17th Annual Champions of Hope Sporting Clays Tournament, please visit the organization’s website: www.StopTheHurtGA.org or contact RCPCCH at 229-387-9697, or email mmcdaniel@rcpch.net.

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Shop & Stroll



March 12th

5 PM Until

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You have to get your sheet stamped/marked at every store on the route to be eligible for the prizes.

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Another way to be eligible is to make a purchase of \$25 or more and bring your receipt and get a ticket to be eligible for the grand prize.

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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

Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

For more information, contact Ebonee Phinazee at 229-352-4275 Ext.
6516 or Ebonee.Phinazee@dph.ga.gov



Congratulations to the following students who won the Jump Rope for Heart competition for their grade level and also for the top fundraiser. The top 10 fundraisers were also treated to a pizza party. As a total, WCES raised \$3,278.41! We almost doubled what we raised last year! Way to go, WCES!! Thank you to all who participated! Source: WCSD



3rd Grade Winner - Shelby Whidden



Top Fundraiser - Elijah Miller



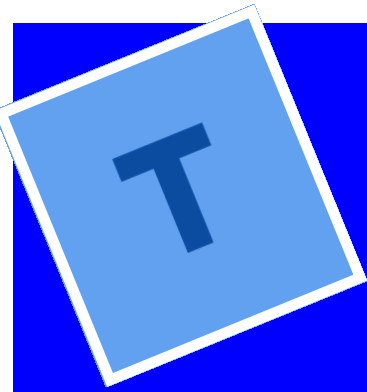
4th Grade Winner - Keegan Abney



Top 10 Fundraisers: Top Row L - R: Elijah Miller, Adalyn Williams, McKinley Clark, Kierra Brown, Obie Johnson, and Coach McConnell. Bottom Row: L - R: Robyn Carr, Jackson Gibbs, Zane Leymeister, Oliver Young, and Kohnor Baker.



5th Grade Winner - Khody Crutchfield



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WCMS Young Georgia Author Winners Announced

Congratulations to the following students for winning their grade-level Young Georgia Author competition. They will represent their grade level and WCMS in the Southwest Georgia RESA Young Georgia Author competition.

6th Grade

Young Georgia Author Winner
Katelyn Stephens
"America"

7th Grade

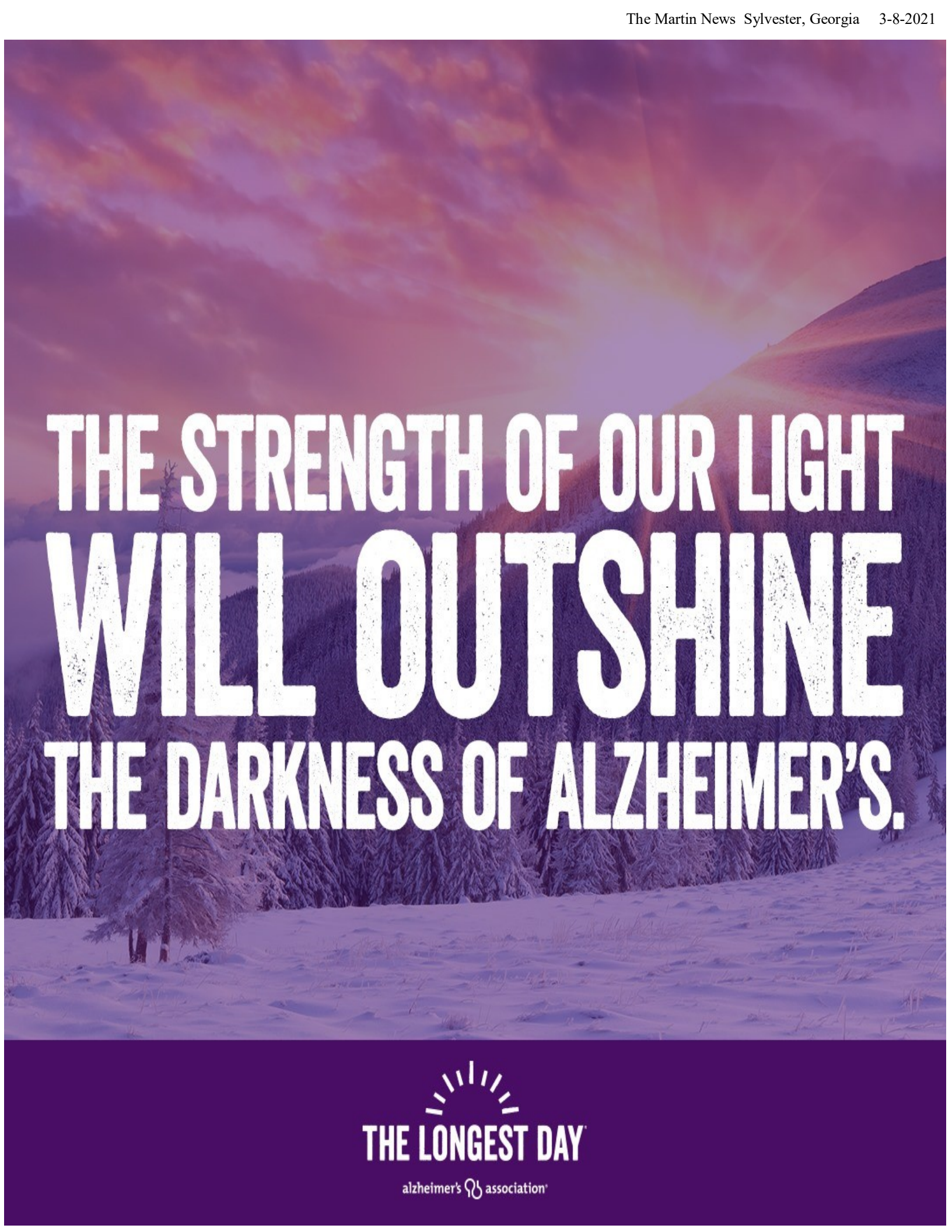
Young Georgia Author Winner
Kira Wilshire
"Dawn"

8th Grade

Young Georgia Author Winner
Emmalee Coleman
"Your Imagination Runs
Wild Sometimes"

Source: WCSD





**THE STRENGTH OF OUR LIGHT
WILL OUTSHINE
THE DARKNESS OF ALZHEIMER'S.**



THE LONGEST DAY

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*Spring
Art
Box*

*Think
Green*



\$30

**Pre-order by
March 12**

Kids Spring Art Boxes are now available for pre-order!

Order Now through March 12, 2021 at www.tiftonmuseum.org/art_boxes.

The Spring Art Box theme is “Think Green!” Boxes are perfect for children ages 5-12. Each box will contain all the art supplies and instructions for eight spring and environmental themed art projects, activities, and a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) project. These hands on activities will keep your kiddos busy over Spring Break and teach them about caring for our planet.

Example Projects Include

- Acrylic Painting - Virtual Class
- Paper Mache Light-up Globe
- Build your own aquarium STEAM Project
- Cookie Decorating from Cole’s Cakery

Please pre-order your Spring Art Box by Friday, March 12, 2021. Only 100 boxes are available. Boxes will be available to pick up at the Museum on Thursday, April 1st.

Pre-order at www.tiftonmuseum.org/art_boxes

For more information about the boxes please contact Joy Yost at joy.yost@tiftonmuseum.org.



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

WCHS Receives Grant to Explore Black Soldier Flies for Local Farmers



WCHS received a \$15,000 grant from Monsanto to explore the practical use of black soldier flies for our local farmers. Students from Environmental Science, Agriculture, Chemistry, and Algebra classes are working together to create habitats to house black soldier fly larvae in order to study their use on the farm. The cross-curricular study is examining the life cycle and sustainable properties of these flies as they break down animal waste in a chicken coop and ultimately become a high protein, nutrient-dense food source for livestock. Through the course of this

experience, students will analyze data such as temperature, weight, protein, and fat in an effort to determine the practical use of these flies for our local farmers. We are excited to see the far-reaching impacts of this study on our local community, and are grateful for the support of our stakeholders and partners, such as The Critter Depot who are generously donating the larvae for our study.

Source: WCSD

Happy birthday Dr. Seuss! For Dr. Seuss week, the Books & Bubbles group at the Margaret Jones Public Library read One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish to celebrate. Fun was had by everyone! If you want to join in for Books & Bubbles weekly at the library, please give them a call or follow them on Facebook for updates at the Margaret Jones Public Library.

Source: MJPL



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Fathers & Daughters To Dance In Ocilla, Tifton

Father-daughter dances are scheduled in the Tiftarea in the coming weeks. On Friday, March 12, the Irwin County Chapter of the American Cancer Society is hosting its Daddy Daughter Dance from 7-9 p.m. at Walters Barn in Forest Estates in Ocilla. Photographs will be taken at 5:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$40 per couple and \$10 for each additional daughter, are available from the Ocilla-Irwin Chamber of Commerce. In Tifton, the Tiftarea YMCA has scheduled its 19th Annual Father Daughter Dance for Friday, April 16, with the theme "Butterfly Kisses." The dance will be at the First Baptist Church Ministry Center on Love Avenue. In order to allow for social distancing, there are several times for couples to attend. Third grade and younger girls may dance from 5 to 6:30 p.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m. Children in fourth grade and older will attend from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per couple for YMCA members and \$50 per couple for non-members. The charge is \$15 for each additional daughter. Refreshments, photo, and prizes are included with tickets, which are limited. They are on sale at the main office of the Tiftarea YMCA on Carpenter Road.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



Thank you so much Dr. Sauls with Dental Partners for donating toothbrushes and notepads to Mrs. Rowland and Mrs. Edwards' Pre-K class at WCPS.

Source: WCSD

USDA Extends Application Deadline For The Quality Loss Adjustment Program

WASHINGTON, March 5, 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the deadline from March 5 to April 9 for agricultural producers to apply for the Quality Loss Adjustment (QLA) Program because of recent winter storms and some clarifications to program rules. This program assists producers who suffered crop quality losses due to qualifying 2018 and 2019 natural disasters. "Because of recent winter storms and some program updates, we want to provide five additional weeks for producers to apply for the program," said Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator of the Farm Service Agency (FSA). "I want to make sure eligible producers have the opportunity to apply and to work with our team members to help with any questions. We recently clarified policy to ensure producers who sold grain to the feed market due to quality issues are adequately compensated." The QLA program assists producers whose eligible crops suffered quality losses due to qualifying drought, excessive moisture, flooding, hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, or wildfires. Eligible crops include those for which federal crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage is available, except for grazed crops and value loss crops, such as honey, maple sap, aquaculture, floriculture, mushrooms, ginseng root, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, and turfgrass sod. Additionally, crops that were sold or fed to livestock or that are in storage may be eligible. Assistance is available in counties that received a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or Secretarial Disaster Designation, or for drought, a county rated by the U.S. Drought monitor as having a D3 (extreme drought) or higher. Producers in counties that did not receive a qualifying declaration or designation may still apply but must also provide supporting documentation. FSA will issue payments once the application period ends. If the total amount of calculated QLA payments exceeds available program funding, payments will be prorated. FSA began accepting applications on January 6 and has received more than 8,100 applications so far. To apply, contact your local USDA Service Center. Additional information is also available at farmers.gov/quality-loss. Producers can also obtain one-on-one support with applications by calling 877-508-8364. While USDA offices are currently closed to visitors because of the pandemic, Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. To conduct business, please contact your local USDA Service Center. Additionally, more information related to USDA's response and relief for producers can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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COVID-19 Testing in Dougherty County

PRE-REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

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Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm

Saturday: 9am-1pm

Pre-register online:

<https://mako.exchange/splash/GAMakotesting/>

or scan the QR code:

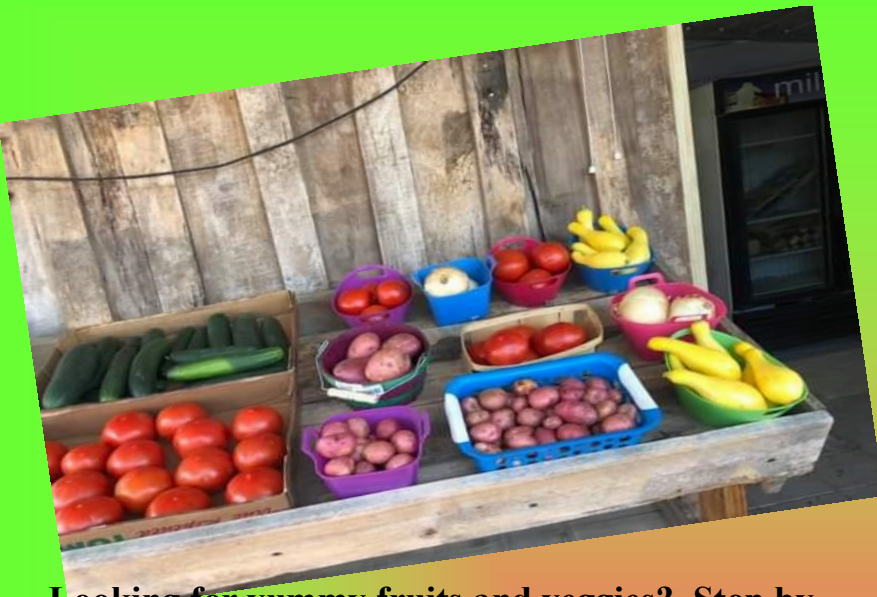


Looking for COVID-19 testing outside of Dougherty County?

Visit: covid19.dph.ga.gov

Call: (229) 352-6567

Look What Lynn Found...



Looking for yummy fruits and veggies? Stop by Golden's Produce Shack located on 82 right before Huff's Chicken Coop. They have great fruits and veggies! We had some over the weekend and they were very tasty. Get yours today!



Look at these adorable Bogg Bags available at Amanda's Clothing Boutique. They are located on Isabella Street. Be sure to stop by and check these out along with all the new Spring items that are coming in.



I don't know anyone that doesn't like the Dollar Tree. I know I love it! Look at these cutesy dishes they have available. Now remember that every Dollar Tree is different so they may not have these exact colors or designs but you definitely want to stop by the Dollar Tree in Sylvester and check it out. I make frequent stops there. I love to add things to my house décor. I decorate for every holiday so I always stop by there and see what they have gotten in. Easter decorating time will be soon for me once St. Patrick's Day is over so I will need to stop by and stock up on great Easter decorating items. Hope to see you there!



Want to add something cute to your house? Stop by The Gift Barn and find something cute for your house just like the above piece. How adorable!



Look at these beautiful boards and this pot of flowers. These items are from The Haute Company. You can find them on Facebook or at thehautecompany.commentsold.com/. I absolutely love to watch their live shows on Sunday nights. The items in the picture above is only a very few of the things they offer. I recently purchased a 2" Carolina Dill Ring which looks like real greenery and I purchased a Natural Bead Hanging Cross that is stunning! Be sure to check them out!



YOU'RE INVITED
OLD MEXICO

GRAND RE-OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING

Join Old Mexico to celebrate their 20th Anniversary & Grand Re-Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, March 11th at 11:00am.

107 Isabella Street
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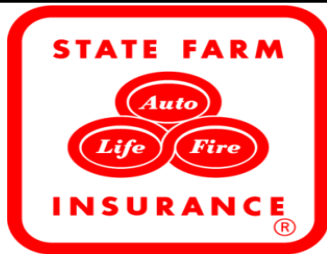
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Ag Week

Worth County 4H will celebrate National Ag Week March 22-26, 2021.

Prepare to join us for:
Monday, March 22nd: Hands-On Garden Day
Tuesday, March 23rd: Buy Georgia Grown Day
Wednesday, March 24th: Ag Hero Day
Thursday, March 25th: Ag Literacy Day
Friday, March 26th: Make My Plate Georgia Grown Day

Stay tuned to Social Media for more detail and activities. Celebrate the whole month of March by writing a thank you note to our local farmers or checking out games and resources on the 4-H website. <https://georgia4h.org/programs/focus-areas/agriculture-stem/agriculture/national-ag-week/>



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3. Must have earned high school diploma or GED at least **1 year ago**.
4. Must **currently** be enrolled in a full or part time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four Year College, university or vocational/technical school.
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 -

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

Applications are due March 19, 2021.

**Interview with
K-LOVE Radio**

Caiden Goldinger, Mallory Burger, Adam Blech and Mrs. Kristen were interviewed for the Closer Look Program on K-LOVE on 106.1 FM. The program aired on February 7th. These three 4-H'ers did a great job promoting Worth County 4-H. Check out our Facebook page for the recording of this interview if you missed it!

Source: Worth County 4H

Celebrate March – National Peanut Month

The Georgia peanut industry joins together to celebrate National Peanut Month in March and donate peanut butter to the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

TIFTON, Ga. (March 5, 2021) - The March is National Peanut Month, a time to celebrate one of America's favorite foods! The Georgia peanut industry kicked off the celebration this week by hosting the 2021 Georgia PB&J Day in Atlanta, Georgia. During the event, the Georgia Peanut Commission and Peanut Proud donated 10,080 jars of peanut butter to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Peanuts and peanut butter were promoted during the event by industry partners serving grilled PB&Js, country-fried peanuts, peanut candy and more. Governor Brian Kemp presented a proclamation recognizing March as National Peanut Month while Sen. Larry Walker III, chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee, and Rep. Robert Dickey, chairman of the House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee presented resolutions recognizing the importance of Georgia's peanut industry. "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," says Armond Morris, chairman of the Georgia Peanut Commission. "Georgia's 4,500 peanut farmers contribute approximately \$2 billion annually to the state and local economy." Sponsors and exhibitors include the Georgia Peanut Commission, National Peanut Buying Points Association, Georgia Agribusiness Council, Georgia Farm Bureau, Georgia Federal State Inspection Service, American Peanut Shellers Association, The Peanut Institute, Premium Peanut, Southern Ag Carriers, The Hershey Company, Peanut Proud, Atlanta Community Food Bank, Loyal Q and Brew and Just Bakery of Atlanta. As part of the celebration, peanut butter valued at \$10,000, was presented to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. The Atlanta Community Food Bank provides food and grocery products to more than 700 nonprofit partner agencies with hunger relief programs throughout 29 counties in metro Atlanta and north Georgia. According to Ben Burgess, corporate relations manager with the food bank, the need for food assistance is not going away. "A recent study of our service area showed that 80,600 people are served each week by programs supported through the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Peanut butter is a very nutritious and important product to those clients because it has a stable shelf life," Burgess says. "One jar can make several meals for a family or individual in need. This donation will help the nearly 20 percent of Georgian residents and the one in four children who are food insecure in the state." Coincidentally, March is National Nutrition Month - a great time to recognize the nutritional value of peanuts. One serving of peanuts is a good source of protein, vitamin E, niacin, folate, phosphorus and magnesium. Peanuts are naturally cholesterol-free and low in saturated fat. For additional details and photos from the 2021 PB&J Day, visit the Georgia Peanut Commission website at gapeanuts.com. The Georgia Peanut Commission has been working on the behalf of Georgia's peanut farmers since 1961 in the areas of promotion, research and education. The Atlanta Community Food Bank works to end hunger with the food, people and big ideas needed to ensure our neighbors have the nourishment to lead healthy and productive lives. Far too many people in our own community experience hunger every day, including children, seniors and working families. Through more than 700 nonprofit partners, we help more than 755,000 people get healthy food every year. Our goal is that all hungry people across metro Atlanta and North Georgia will have access to the nutritious meals they need when they need them. It takes the power of our whole community to make that possible. Join us at ACFB.org.



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Azalea Festival Set For This Coming Weekend



Valdosta/Lowndes County, March 1, 2021—The azaleas are beginning to bloom, and soon the 21st annual Valdosta-Lowndes Azalea Festival will too! On Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14, vendors and patrons will once again fill Drexel Park as our region's premier arts-and-crafts festival resumes. The Azalea Festival is a major regional multi-day festival, providing a boost to the local economy and a way for local businesses to show their support for this beloved community event. "The 20th Annual Azalea Festival in 2020 unfortunately had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the onset of Covid-19. It was a gut-wrenching decision for our Board to make, but after consultation with our local Mayor and emergency health declarations by the President and Governor, it was the right thing to do," said H. Aaron Strickland, Executive Director. "2021 is all about putting the train back on the tracks."

Local vendors, non-profits, and sponsors are still being accepted. "We are aiming to make the 21st Annual Azalea Festival the biggest and best yet," said Strickland. The festival attracts vendors from all over the country with unique arts & craft items. More than 200 vendors from as far away as

Michigan participate in the festival. Vendors range from arts and crafts to homemade candies, cakes, soaps, and jams, and the Azalea Festival is looking to add a few more vendors and variety for the 2021 event. "The vision of the Azalea Festival is to work to showcase the best of South Georgia and more," said Strickland.

In addition to a variety of unique arts & craft vendors, the Azalea Festival also offers six stage areas of live entertainment, a KidZone area for children, a classic car show, VLPR Azalea 5k run, and more during the two-day event which sees more than 25,000 people. The Azalea Festival is able to offset a majority of the costs of its attractions and special events through sponsorships and donations from local businesses, families, and organizations.

Vendors and sponsors interested in participating in the festival are encouraged to visit www.azaleafestival.com, email info@azaleafestival.com, or call (229) 269-9381 for more information. Several sponsorship levels and options are still available.

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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

- 8th ~ Early Voting Sylvester Ward 4 City Councilman
- 8th ~ WCMS Tennis Against Cook Co 4pm Home
- 8th ~ WCMS Soccer Girls/Boys Against Thomasville 4:30pm Away
- 8th ~ WCHS Varsity Hospital 5:30pm Away
- 9th ~ Early Voting Sylvester Ward 4 City Councilman
- 9th ~ Worth the Read Book Club March Meeting at Margaret Jones Public Library
- 9th ~ 3G's Online Auction 6:30pm
- 9th ~ WCHS Tennis 4pm Home
- 9th ~ WCHS Soccer 5:30pm Home
- 10th ~ WCHS Golf 3pm
- 10th ~ WCMS Baseball Against Cook 4pm
- 10th ~ WCMS Soccer Girls/Boys Against Fitzgerald 4:30pm Home
- 10th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 10th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 10th ~ Virtual Learning Day for Worth County Schools
- 10th ~ Early Voting Sylvester Ward 4 City Councilman
- 11th ~ Early Voting Sylvester Ward 4 City Councilman
- 11th ~ Best Friends Humane Society Board Meeting at Shipp Senior Center 6:30pm
- 12th ~ St. Patrick's Day Shop & Stroll 5pm
- 12th ~ Early Voting Sylvester Ward 4 City Councilman
- 13th ~ Pretoria Fields Collective St. Patrick's Day 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run 2pm - 4:15pm
- 13th ~ Azalea Festival in Valdosta
- 14th ~ Azalea Festival in Valdosta
- 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 ~ 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
- 23rd ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 23rd ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connections Meeting
- 24th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 24th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 24th ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 25th ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 26th ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 27th ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 28th ~ Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon
- 31st ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 31st ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon

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
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Movie Filming In Tifton Impacts Local Economy



Local residents may have noticed all the activity in Downtown Tifton during the past week as the latest Bruce Willis-Luke Wilson movie, "Gasoline Alley," is being filmed here. There have been numerous sightings around town of Willis, Wilson, and other actors in the film. But beyond the excitement of Tifton being another movie location is the very real economic impact that a movie has on The Friendly City. "We will be spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in Tift and Ben Hill counties," said Alexander Kane, a producer, actor, and co-owner of Fitzgerald-based TMG Studios One. Kane, a Fitzgerald native, said he brings filming to the area because he loves South Georgia. "I want to create jobs and opportunities," Kane told the Tifton Grapevine. And local officials say the movie business does have a ripple effect in the local economy. "We are thrilled to have the cast and crew of 'Gasoline Alley' in Tifton," said Mayor Julie B. Smith. "Not only

are they great to work with, but the economic impact has been significant. Our visitors are dining in local restaurants, shopping in local stores and staying in local hotels. "The stars of the movie have been very generous to pose for photos with fans. They have also been generous with their compliments of Tifton and the hospitality they've been shown. I'm extremely proud of Tifton's hosting this group and look forward to future collaborations," the mayor said. Abbey McLaren, Tifton's Downtown Development Authority director, said that "filming in Georgia is big economic business, and we are grateful to have a crew and cast of 60 to 70 people out spending money in our downtown. "They've shopped, dined, utilized a local caterer, and rented buildings for sets, and we really want to celebrate those dollars coming in circling back into retaining jobs and into turning our local economy," McLaren said. "On a personal note and as a Tifton born and bred, I am thrilled to see downtown Tifton on the big screen. You may even catch a few local faces in the movie," she added. Among the possible "local faces" is Hayward Fowler of the FUN Channel, who did a small part as a TV reporter reporting on a triple homicide. Fowler said he ad-libbed his 15-second role. Another local face you may catch in the background of some downtown scenes is ABAC student Haley Wathey, who told the Tifton Grapevine that she was in the "right place at the right time" to get chosen as an extra in the film. Wathey, who is in her second year at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College studying natural conservation resources law enforcement, said she was downtown Friday night getting photos of the movie-making when a crew member spotted her and asked her to be an extra. She said she was in a couple of scenes in the background as they filmed at Shady Lane Drive-In, and she got to meet all of the cast and crew. "It's definitely once a lifetime," Wathey said. "I never would expect myself experiencing this, especially in Tifton, Ga.," the Tampa native said. "It's been one crazy ride for the last couple of days." Among the local sites and buildings used in the movie is Mayor Smith's home in Tifton's Historic District. And the mayor's husband, Doug Smith, played golf with Bruce Willis at Spring Hill Country Club. No one is saying who had the better score on the golf course. Among other actors who have been in Tifton during the past week for the film are Devon Sawa, a veteran TV and film actor whose credits include "Hawaii Five-O," "MacGyver," "NCIS: Los Angeles," "Nikita," and the movies "Casper," "Hunter Hunter," "The Fanatic" and many others. Vernon Davis, the former NFL tight end who won a Super Bowl ring with the Denver Broncos and was on "Dancing With the Stars," has also been in town with the movie. Photo by Daniel Shippey Photography: The crew filming the new Bruce Willis-Luke Wilson movie "Gasoline Alley sets up in Downtown Tifton on a recent evening.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Blue Devil Reading Project Launches With Video Library



The Tift County School System launched the Blue Devil Reading Project on Tuesday, which was "Read Across America Day." The Blue Devil Reading Project is a compilation of videos of local adults reading books to children. Superintendent Adam Hathaway announced the initiative Tuesday afternoon and said new videos will be uploaded daily. They are available on a dedicated YouTube channel, [BlueDevilReadingProject.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). "We want all students to read on their grade level by the third grade, Hathaway said. The video library offers students and their parents access to a variety of books that are available at any time to fit each parent's schedule. "We will have something to read to their children every single day," Hathaway said. "This is a resource for our community as a whole." The current books being read are for grades K-5. The superintendent

stressed the "importance of children reading at an early age." The hope is that having books read online will encourage children to get excited about books and offer resources for parents to discuss books with their kids. Current videos have school staff and school board members reading, and Hathaway wants to expand it to parents and anyone who wants to read a book to children. The school system will be setting up a corner in the district offices to film the videos. The project grew out of the pandemic as educators looked at different methods for reaching and teaching students. "We can find a way to reach every single child," Hathaway said.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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When: June 5, 2021

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ABAC Returning To “Normalcy” In Fall



Dr. David Bridges, president of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, says ABAC students can expect a return to normalcy for the 2021 fall semester when it begins Aug. 11. “Our plan is to return to normal operations in the fall,” Bridges said. “I want our existing students to know that, and I particularly want incoming freshmen to know it.” Along with the other 25 institutions in the University System of Georgia, ABAC offered only online classes for the final weeks of the 2020 spring semester and the entirety of the summer term, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students during the 2020 fall

term took a mix of online classes and in-person classes. Now in the middle of the 2021 spring semester, ABAC students take mostly in-person classes with some online classes. “I want students taking in-person instruction in a safe environment this fall,” Bridges said. “We will make available a limited number of online classes for those students who still may not feel comfortable sitting in a lecture hall.” Thinking beyond the classroom, Bridges said “I want students living in on-campus housing, going to club meetings, playing sports, and eating in the dining hall,” Bridges said. “Give our students what they deserve, the total college experience. “ABAC has always been known for its friendly atmosphere and a quality education that prepares students for life. Even during the pandemic, we have not backed off that premise.” ABAC enrolled 3,990 students during the 2020 fall term, the second largest enrollment in the history of the college. Those students came from 155 of Georgia’s 159 counties, 53 of Florida’s 67 counties, 19 states, and 24 countries. A record 2,353 of those students enrolled in the 12 bachelor’s degree programs that ABAC offers.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

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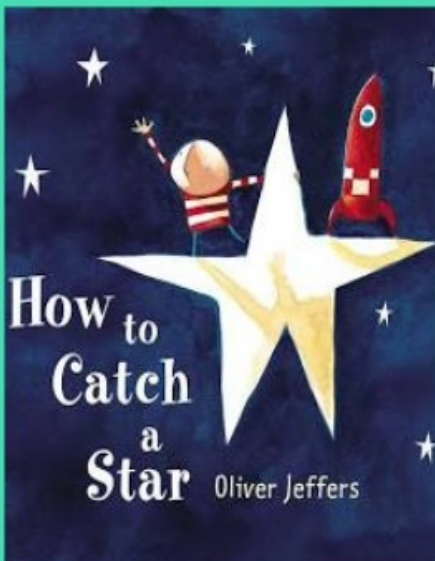
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Purpose: The scholarship is to assist minority students both male and female who have meet the requirements of the scholarship and have a desire to further their education. The scholarship will provide an opportunity for a graduating high school senior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

Day of Remembrance

Community Drive-Thru Luminary Event

Wednesday, March 10

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Phoebe Worth Medical Center has set aside Wednesday, March 10th as a day to commemorate the anniversary, thank the community for continued support, remember the lives lost, honor survivors and healthcare heroes from COVID-19.

Phoebe Worth invites the community to drive through their hospital campus Wednesday night to highlight the region's strength and unity and to show support for their patients and staff. The hospital driveway will be lined with luminaries in memory of COVID-19 victims, and they will illuminate the facility in red to honor healthcare workers.

So, please save the date and join Phoebe Worth. Make signs of support, decorate your vehicles and drive through their campus with flashers on as we come together on the one year anniversary.

New Alzheimer's Association Report Examines Racial and Ethnic Attitudes on Alzheimer's and Dementia Care

- Report also shows latest statistics and information on Alzheimer's prevalence, incidence, mortality and cost of care in Georgia and nationally -
- Statewide deaths attributable to Alzheimer's and dementia spike during COVID-19 -

ATLANTA, GA, March 2, 2021 – Findings from two national surveys appearing in the Alzheimer's Association *2021 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures* report reveal that discrimination is a barrier to Alzheimer's and dementia care. More than one-third of Black Americans (36%) and nearly one-fifth of Hispanic Americans (18%) and Asian Americans (19%), believes discrimination would be a barrier to receiving Alzheimer's care. In addition, half or more of non-White caregivers say they have experienced discrimination when navigating health care settings for their care recipient.

The 2021 *Facts and Figures* report provides an in-depth look at the latest national statistics on Alzheimer's prevalence, incidence, mortality, costs of care and impact on caregivers. New disease-related statistics for Georgia revealed the following:

- Number of Georgia residents aged 65 and older living with Alzheimer's: 150,000
- Estimated number of Georgia residents living with Alzheimer's in 2025: 190,000
 - Percentage change: 26.7
 - Statewide deaths from Alzheimer's disease (2019): 4,221
- Number of Georgia residents serving as unpaid family caregivers: 334,000
 - Total hours of unpaid care provided: 640,000,000
 - Total value of unpaid care: \$9.2 billion

The new Facts and Figures report shows that Alzheimer's disease and other dementias continue to be a significant burden for too many Georgia families," said Linda Davidson, Executive Director of the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. "Georgia is considered one of the top ten states in the country that is projected to see the highest increase of cases over the next five years. We must continue to work toward advancing new treatments that can stop or slow the progression of Alzheimer's, while also continuing to provide care and support services to help all those affected.

For the first time, the accompanying special report, "*Race, Ethnicity and Alzheimer's in America*," examines perspectives and experiences of Asian, Black, Hispanic, Native and White Americans in regard to Alzheimer's and dementia care.

Findings in the report, reveal that non-White racial/ethnic populations expect and experience more barriers when accessing dementia care, have less trust in medical research and are less confident that they have access to health professionals who understand their ethnic and racial background and experiences. Among the findings:

- Two-thirds of Black Americans (66%) believe it is harder for them to get excellent care for Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. Likewise, 2 in 5 Native Americans (40%) and Hispanic Americans (39%) believe their own race or ethnicity makes it harder to get care, as do one-third of Asian Americans (34%).
- Nearly two-thirds of Black Americans (62%) believe that medical research is biased against people of color — a view shared by substantial numbers of Asian Americans (45%), Native Americans (40%) and Hispanic Americans (36%) as well. Only half of Black Americans (53%) trust a future cure for Alzheimer's will be shared equally regardless of race, color or ethnicity.
- Fewer than half of Black (48%) and Native Americans (47%) feel confident they have access to providers who understand their ethnic or racial background and experiences, and only about 3 in 5 Asian Americans (63%) and Hispanics (59%) likewise feel confident.

"Despite ongoing efforts to address health and health care disparities in Alzheimer's and dementia care, survey results show there is still a lot of work to be done," said Carl V. Hill, Ph.D., MPH, chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer, Alzheimer's Association. "Clearly, discrimination, lack of diversity among health care professionals and mistrust in medical research create significant barriers to care and demand the country's full attention."

Episodes of discrimination, however, extend beyond Alzheimer's and dementia care, the Alzheimer's Association surveys found that many non-White Americans say they have experienced discrimination in the broader health care system. Specifically, half of Black Americans (50%) report they've experienced discrimination when seeking health care; more than 4 in 10 Native Americans (42%) and one-third of Asian Americans (34%) and Hispanic Americans (33%) likewise report having experienced health care discrimination.

The experiences and views of discrimination expressed by respondents in both surveys are also reflected in their views on clinical trial participation.

Black Americans have less interest in clinical research trials to prevent or slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease. White Americans are most likely to express interest (82%), followed by Native Americans (81%), Hispanic Americans (78%), Asian Americans (73%) and lastly, Black Americans (67%).

The most common reason cited for not participating in clinical trials among all racial/ethnic groups is not wanting to be a "guinea pig." This sentiment was especially strong among Black Americans (69%). In addition almost half of Black Americans (45%) worry that treatments might cause sickness. They are also twice as likely as other groups to say they "don't trust medical research." And they are more than twice as likely as other racial or ethnic groups to say they "might not be treated fairly."

As noted in the *2021 Facts and Figures report*, health and socioeconomic disparities and systemic racism contribute to increased Alzheimer's and dementia risk in communities of color. According to the report, older Blacks and Hispanics are also disproportionately more likely to have Alzheimer's and other dementias. In addition, both groups are more likely to have missed diagnoses than older whites.

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New Alzheimer's Association Report Examines Racial and Ethnic Attitudes on Alzheimer's and Dementia Care

Impact of COVID-19

The report also examines the devastating impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on people living with Alzheimer's. According to the report, there were at least 42,000 more deaths from Alzheimer's and other dementias in 2020 compared with averages over the previous five years – a 16% increase.

In Georgia, there were 1,596 more deaths from Alzheimer's and dementia in 2020 than compare to averages over the past five years – a 39.8% increase.

The report highlights preliminary and anecdotal data indicating the COVID-19 pandemic is also having adverse effects on many family caregivers. It notes that pandemic-related caregiving challenges, including the shutdown of adult day care centers and the inability of families to visit or communicate with relatives in long-term care settings have caused “emotional distress and other negative outcomes among caregivers.”

While more study is needed to understand the exact reasons why deaths attributable to Alzheimer's and dementia during the pandemic have increased so dramatically, we do know individuals living with Alzheimer's, particularly those living in long-term care settings are extremely vulnerable,” said Davidson. “In addition, many caregivers have been unable to visit loved ones in these settings, resulting in social isolation for the care recipient and causing enormous stress for these families. The Georgia Chapter is committed to supporting Georgia caregivers and implementing the safety measures needed to reunite these families.”

2021 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures: At a Glance

Prevalence, Incidence and Mortality

- An estimated 6.2 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's dementia in 2021. More than 1 in 9 people (11.3%) age 65 and older has Alzheimer's dementia.
- Two-thirds of Americans over age 65 with Alzheimer's dementia (3.8 million) are women. Deaths due to Alzheimer's between 2000 and 2019, has more than doubled, increasing 145%.
- 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia.

Caregiving

- In 2020, more than 11 million caregivers of people with Alzheimer's or other dementias provided an estimated 15.3 billion hours of unpaid care, a contribution to the nation valued at \$257 billion.
- Nearly half of all caregivers (48%) who provide help to older adults do so for someone with Alzheimer's or another dementia.
- Approximately two-thirds of caregivers are women, and one-third of dementia caregivers are daughters. Forty-one percent of caregivers have a household income of \$50,000 or less.

Cost of Care

- In 2021, total payments for all individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementias are estimated at \$355 billion (not including unpaid caregiving).
- Medicare and Medicaid are expected to cover \$239 billion or 67% of the total health care and long-term care payments for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias. Out-of-pocket spending is expected to be \$76 billion.
- Total payments for health care, long-term care and hospice care for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias are projected to increase to more than \$1.1 trillion in 2050.
- The total lifetime cost of care for someone with dementia is estimated at \$373,527.

Additional data from the report is included below. Full text of the 2021 *Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures* report, including the accompanying special report, “*Race, Ethnicity and Alzheimer's in America*,” can be viewed at alz.org/facts. The report will also appear in the March 2021 issue of *Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*.

Other Key Findings from “Race, Ethnicity and Alzheimer's in America:”

- Concern about developing Alzheimer's is lower among Native Americans (25%), Blacks (35%) and Hispanics (41%), especially when compared with Whites (48%).
- More than one-third of Native Americans (35%) and nearly 3 in 10 Hispanics (28%) do not believe they will live long enough to develop Alzheimer's or another dementia.
- More than half of non-White Americans believe significant loss of memory or cognitive abilities is “a normal part of aging.”
- Hispanic, Black and Native Americans are twice as likely as Whites to say they would not see a doctor if experiencing thinking or memory problems.
- One in 5 Black (21%) and Hispanic Americans (20%) say they would feel insulted if a doctor suggested a cognitive assessment.
- Nearly 2 in 3 caregivers (64%) across all groups say that caregiving is stressful, but nearly all (92%) say caregiving is rewarding as well.

Updated Alzheimer's Statistics

The Alzheimer's Association *Facts and Figures* report also provides an annual look at the latest national statistics and information on Alzheimer's prevalence, incidence, mortality and morbidity, costs of care and caregiving, both nationally and state-by-state.

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New Alzheimer's Association Report Examines Racial and Ethnic Attitudes on Alzheimer's and Dementia Care

About 2021 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures

The Alzheimer's Association 2021 *Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures* report is a comprehensive compilation of national statistics and information on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The report conveys the impact of Alzheimer's on individuals, families, government and the nation's health care system. Since its 2007 inaugural release, the report has become the preeminent source covering the broad spectrum of Alzheimer's issues. The *Facts and Figures* report is an official publication of the Alzheimer's Association.

About the Survey

Versta Research conducted two surveys on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association: (1) U.S. adults and (2) current or recent caregivers of adults age 50 or older with cognitive issues. Respondents were asked about access to care and support services, trust in providers and the health care system, participation in clinical trials and research, and caregiver experiences. Surveys were conducted October 26 - November 11, 2020. Data was collected by NORC at the University of Chicago via the AmeriSpeak® panel. AmeriSpeak is a probability-based panel of all U.S. households.

The survey included 945 White respondents. Oversamples of Hispanic (n=541), Black (n=515) and Asian Americans (n=412) were weighted back to their true population proportions for statistical analysis and reporting. For full inclusion of Native Americans, the same survey was administered to an additional sample of 406 Native Americans recruited through online (non-probability) panels with sampling stratified and data weighted on gender, age, income and education to match U.S. Census Bureau data. The surveys were offered in both English and Spanish. For complete details regarding survey methodology, see page 73 of the report.

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia – by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. For more information, visit alz.org or call the 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900.

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All About Insects and the Bacteria Inside Them!

Thursday, March 11, 2021
at 4:00PM eastern time

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Visiting Still Pond Vineyard, Winery & Distillery



I love day trips more than overnight trips for sure. And one place that I love to go is Still Pond Vineyard. Driving 30 miles south of Albany, past fields of peanuts, corn, and cotton, you turn on to a road of red Georgia clay. Drive a couple of miles down this road and all of the scenes are those that you would expect to find in rural Southwest Georgia. Then you round a bend in the road and see what some have called Shangri-La... acres and acres of Muscadine vines (also known as Scuppernongs and Swamp Grapes) and the unexpected discovery of Still Pond Vineyard and Winery. Over 130 years ago, during the height of the Civil War, the discovery was just as exciting. Sitting

on the banks of an isolated pond was a still, turning out peach brandy to provide comfort, relaxation, and escape for exhausted Confederate soldiers...thus the name Still Pond. Through the years, the legend of Still Pond was enhanced by other proprietors of the still. Still Pond Vineyard owner Charles Cowart remembers, "When I was growing up the Hunt brothers lived here and were known for the spirits they delivered around. Dad used to pick them up and bring them home. He told about finding one of them under a pine tree one morning with frost on his beard. Evidently the croaker sack of liquor had been sampled too liberally during deliveries and he did not make it home." The Legend Continues... Today, the Legend of Still Pond continues, but with a much more legitimate (and legal!) direction. Charlie Cowart Sr. started over 45 years ago by planting a few muscadines, a grape variety native to the South... Still Pond Vineyard was born. The vineyard did well and Charlie Sr., along with his wife Peggy, continued to expand the vineyard with additional plantings each year. After the deaths of the elder Cowarts, son Charles and his wife Susan took over the operation Still Pond. What started out as a location for weary Confederate troops to gain a little comfort with a bottle of peach brandy has now become one of the largest commercial vineyards in Georgia. Charlie Cowart Sr.'s small planting of muscadines has grown to become a commercial operation that is a reliable supplier of fresh Muscadine juice for a growing list of wineries across the Southeastern United States. Whether you call them Muscadines, Scuppernongs, or Swamp Grapes, this grape, native to the South, is a wonderful source of great taste.

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