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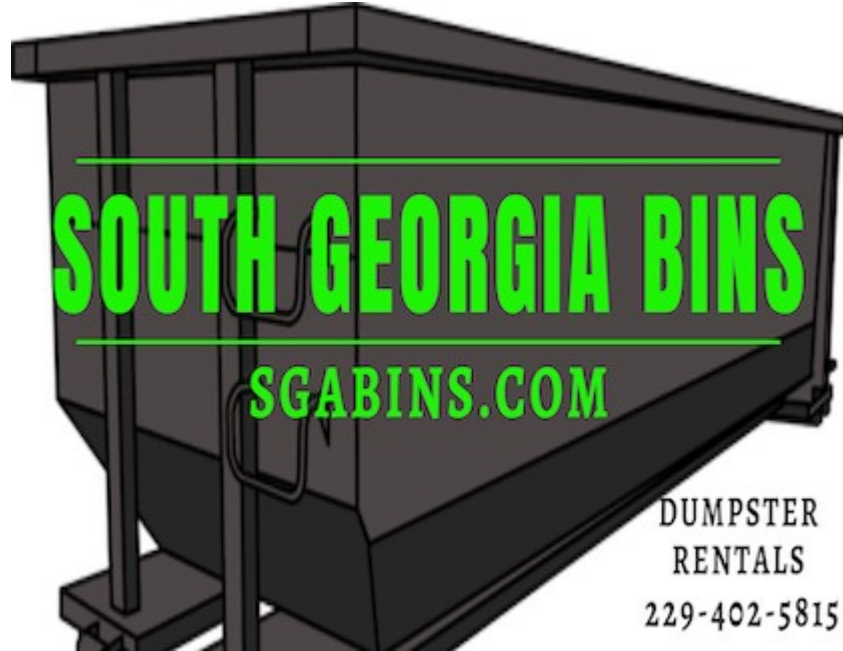
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Welders Among Skilled Workers In Demand, Instructor Tells Rotary



Every hour, 600 people are retiring out of the welding field, and only 10-20% of that number are entering the field, local welding instructor Corey Miller told the Tifton Rotary Club on Wednesday. Miller told of a 20-year-old welding technical college graduate whose starting salary is \$72,000. “Businesses are in need of skilled trade labor,” and technical colleges are in an ideal position to train the students to meet the need, he said. A native of Tift County, Miller is the Rick Perkins Outstanding Teacher of the Year at Southern Regional Technical College (SRTC). “I grew up in a single parent home,” Miller said, seeing his mother work a full-time job and go to nursing school full-time. “It taught me that education is the foundation of success.” A 1999 graduate of Tift County High School, he never thought he would return to a high school. He teaches welding to Worth County High

School sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are dual-enrolled at SRTC. Miller spent years as an air traffic controller for the Navy and believes that people should never stop learning. “We’ve just got to share our knowledge with others,” he said. He teaches students to “change your stars’ and better your lives. We have the opportunity to teach them a skill or a trade.” Miller will head to Atlanta to participate as a finalist for the state Rick Perkins award for the most outstanding teacher at a technical college. Pictured above is Corey Miller, SRTC teacher of the year, left, poses with Tifton Rotary Club President Chris Beckham.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



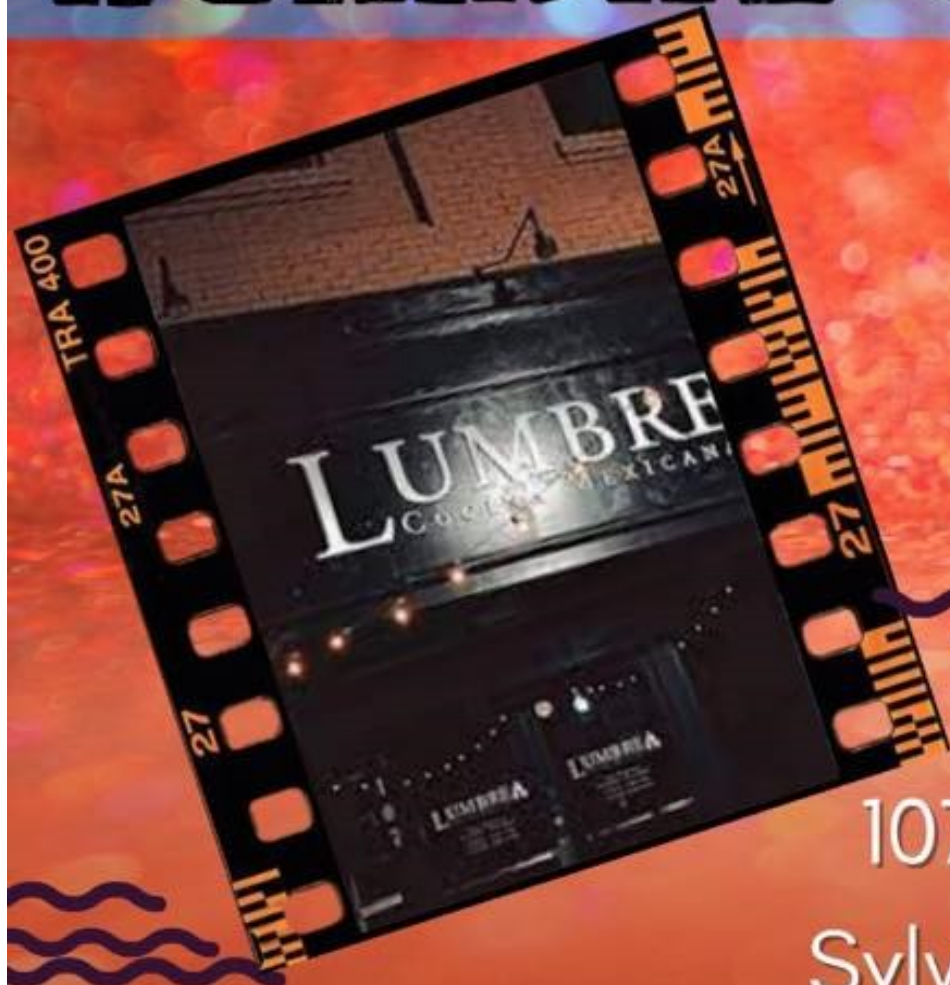
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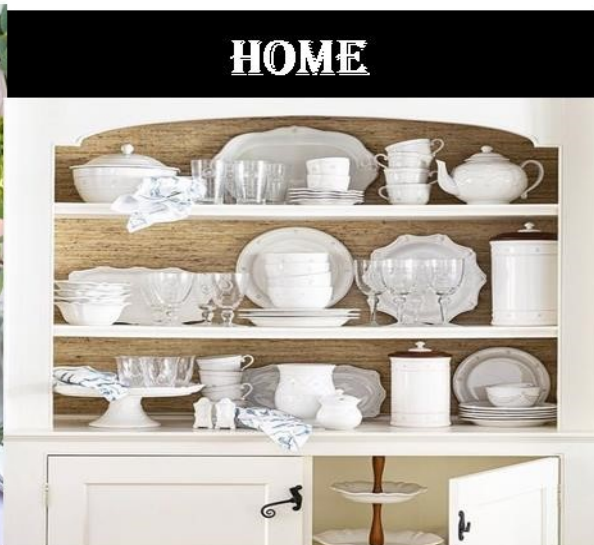
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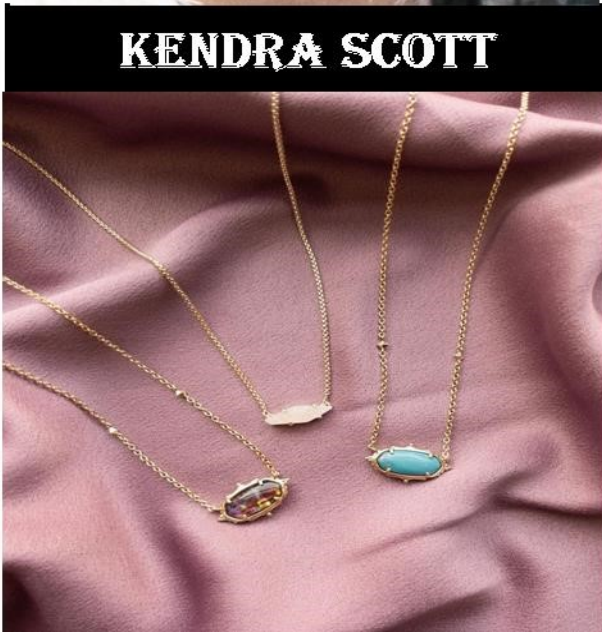
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KENDRA SCOTT

Lady Rams Tennis Team Advances To First Round Of Playoffs

Congratulations to the Lady Rams tennis team! They finished the season as the 2nd place team in the region! They fought hard all day, and we are so proud of them!

- #1 Singles-Easton Cummings
- #2 Singles-Mackenzie Jolley
- #3 Singles- Drew Anne Fitzgerald

Due to these wins, the girls then advanced to the championship round, where they faced Berrien. The girls fell short, but there was one win; Easton Cummings for #1 Singles. The girls will host the first round of playoffs next week. Details will come soon!

Source: WCSD



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Memorial Day
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**You are invited to join
The American Legion and
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Annual Memorial Day Parade
on Monday, May 30th at
10am in Downtown Sylvester**

~ Parade Route is the same as the Peanut Parade ~

Blue Shoe or Black Shoe

Can you believe they celebrate a day called “two different colored shoes” day?? How funny is that? It definitely brings back funny memories to me. When my mother was working at General Motors, there were some early mornings for her. She would have to get up early to get to work long before the sun came up. She would not want to turn on many lights because she didn’t want to wake my daddy up, so sometimes she would turn on a small light. Well that small light did not always lead her to the right colored shoes. She had a pair of shoes that she loved. She had a navy blue pair and a black pair. Well one morning, very early, she grabbed her shoes, put them on and headed to work. Those comfortable shoes always made mama have a great day until she looked down that particular day and had a navy blue one and a black one on. That was so funny to me and daddy but mama did not find it as funny as we did. Always check your shoes on those early mornings!



Thank You To The iRambot Coaches

The WCHS Robotics Team/iRambots Team 7470 & the iRambots Booster Club would like to thank Coach Michelle Smith, Coach Chris Tipper, & Coach Clay Young. This season was successful because of your many months of hard work! We appreciate the tremendous amount of hours that you dedicate to the team. You are appreciated more than you will ever know! “A good coach can change a game. A great coach can change a life”. John Wooden

Source: WCSD



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FRC IRAMBOTS 7470 PRESENTS

STEAM MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for an evening of STEAM-Powered adventure!

APRIL 30, 2022

WCHS GYMNASIUM

WALL-E: 3-5 PM


HIDDEN FIGURES: 6-8 PM

We will be honoring our sponsors during intermission!

Free admission

Concessions will be sold inside!

All proceeds go to the iRambots 7470 Robotics team!



Project Appleseed 2022 Tour

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Events start at 08:30. Please arrive early to allow time for setup and sign in.

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- The Debt We Owe To Our Forefathers
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- The Lessons Of April 19, 1775.
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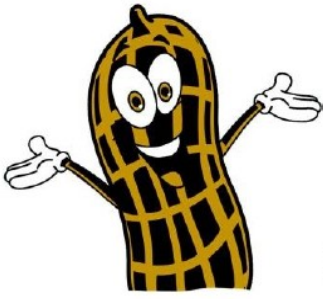
Project Appleseed is a nationwide program that teaches rifle marksmanship skills that have been passed down from generation to generation and reconnects Americans with the people and events of colonial America. Participants are taught skills that allow a Rifleman to be accurate out to 500 yards using a standard rifle with iron sights. This ability is traditionally known as mastering the 'Rifleman's Quarter Mile' and is an American tradition that has been part of this nation from its very first days. So join us and hear some little-known Revolutionary War history, reaffirm your heritage, and make America a better place.

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CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

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

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

See full contest rules below:

2022 Peanut Festival Design Theme Contest Rules:

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



WCHS SOFTBALL VARSITY TRYOUTS

Dates: May 16th, 17th, and 18th

Time: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Where: WCHS Diamond Den

(located behind WCMS)

Questions: amoore@worthschools.net



Please note: All participants must have a physical on file. Athletes will also be required to run one mile in under 8 minutes on May 16th.

Animal Crackers Day
18th April



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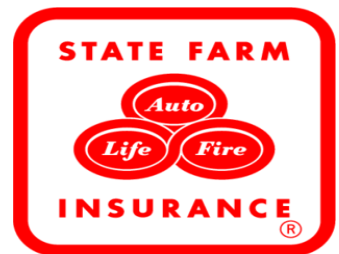
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WCES Holds Family Math Game & GMA's Review Night

Worth County Elementary School would like to thank everyone who attended their Family Math Game Night/GMAS Review Night last week! The turn out was amazing! WCES hoped it helped with understanding math skills more as well as understanding more about the Georgia Milestones Assessment. They look forward to having more nights like this in the future!

Last week was a fun night at the Margaret Jones Public Library for friends and families to join together for a fun night of painting. This month they painted roosters! Every month they have a paint party with Allison Kilcrease. She loves to teach and help others paint. Be sure to follow the Margaret Jones Public Library Facebook page for more pictures of last weeks paint party and for all upcoming events.

Photo Credit: MJPL

Source: WCSD

SRTC Tifton Students Among Winners In State Competition



Students from Tifton were among those who represented Southern Regional Technical College at the recent Georgia Spring Leadership Conference in Atlanta. Hosted by Georgia Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) and Georgia National Technology Honor Society (NTHS), the conference was an opportunity for students and advisors to get leadership training while exhibiting their abilities in PBL competitions. The SRTC-Tifton chapter of NTHS was recognized for having the largest increase in its local membership with an additional 20 members. PBL student members competed in state-level competitions during the conference. From the SRTC-Tifton chapter, Angelia Stone of Tifton placed first in Marketing Concepts and third in Entrepreneurship Concepts; Fellini Smith of Tifton placed second in Organizational Behavior and Leadership. Other SRTC students who placed in competition were from the Bainbridge and Thomasville chapters. Georgia PBL recognized two SRTC advisors for their exceptional commitment and service to PBL: Business Technology Program Chair Susan Davis, who has served as a PBL advisor for 15 years; and Accounting Program Chair Melody Tawzer, a PBL advisor for 10 years. Pictured above left to right is SRTC students Oscar Godinez of Moultrie, Angelia Stone of Tifton, Adam Hunter of Thomasville, Katie Collins of Bainbridge, Clayton Davis of Cairo, and Fellini Smith of Tifton.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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State Lawmakers Address Tift 'T.A.L.K. Students



The 2021-2022 "Tomorrow's Aspiring Leaders: Kids" (T.A.L.K.) class heard from local legislators Tuesday. State Sen. Carden Summers, R-Cordele; and state Reps. Penny Houston, R-Nashville; and Clay Pirkle, R-Ashburn – who all represent Tift County – spoke to the group about topics related to state government. The T.A.L.K. class is an annual program of the Tifton-Tift County

Chamber of Commerce. “We had the opportunity to host a legislative session for them to get updates and learn more about how bills are formed and voted on. They were able to ask questions and talk with our legislators,” said Chamber President and CEO Melody Cowart. “It’s a privilege to have 50 selected students from Eighth Street Middle School, Northeast Middle School, and Tiftarea Academy that were selected by academics and possess leadership skills to participate in our T.A.L.K program.” Summers spoke to the group about how bills get passed and the processes they follow through the Legislature. Pirkle tackled the topic of debating and had the students divide into groups to debate an issue. He told the class that it’s important to debate issues so that all sides can have input. Houston spoke to the class about some of the issues that she and her legislative colleagues have been working on, such as the state budget and legislation to better help Georgians with mental illnesses. Alice Johnson, who works in Congressman Austin Scott's Tifton office, spoke about legislative processes at the federal level and encouraged the class participants to think about how they can make a difference in their community. Pictured is State Sen. Carden Summers, R-Cordele, explains to the class how a bill moves in the General Assembly from an idea to becoming a law. At the wall in front of Summers are state Reps. Clay Pirkle, R-Ashburn; and Penny Houston, R-Nashville.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Friday night, April 15th, the Sylvester Police Department along with many volunteers held the second annual Easter Egg Hunt in Jefford's Park. Sponsors for this events was American Legion Sylvester Post 335, Coca-Cola, Dairy Queen, Men United, Sylvester Family Connections and Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce. Thank you as well to Jessica Curry, District Manager for Dollar General for the generous donation of candy. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the fellowship with one another. We hope everyone had a very Happy Easter!



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“Arts In Black” Returning After 2-Year Pause

The Arts in Black Festival is back in Tifton on May 6 and 7 at Fulwood Park, the first time since 2019, because of the pandemic. The oldest festival in Tifton, it is a celebration of African-American heritage and art, and was first held in February 1986 on the J.T. Reddick school campus. “This year, we’re trying something new,” said Tift County Commissioner Melissa Hughes. “Friday night, we will have Arts under the Stars at Fulwood Park. Starting at 6 p.m., visitors and guests are asked to come out and enjoy live sax music by Harold E. Thomas and DJ G Man. “We are asking family and friends to bring your chairs and enjoy the music.” A table competition will provide awards for wackiest, prettiest and most creative table Friday night, Hughes said. Participants should bring their own tables. The event will continue at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7, in Fulwood Park with a poetry competition for grades K-12, live entertainment, food and arts and crafts vendors, a kids’ zone, and more, Hughes said. With the theme, “Exploring the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Envisioning the Future,” the festival offers folks from different cultural backgrounds the opportunity to experience African American culture and traditions through performances, exhibits, workshops, and foods. The festival was the brainchild of Leroy Bynum, who was assistant director of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College’s Arts Experiment Station. Bynum brought together local citizens to partner with the college, creating what became known as the Arts in Black Committee. Area youth are encouraged to participate in the festival-sponsored talent and poetry competition. To sign up for the competitions, contact Clara Gray, 229-386-1552. The festival sponsors an Artist in Residence at a local school to encourage students' participation in festival activities. A health fair is included as part of the festival activities. Vendors who wish to participate may contact Hughes at 229-326-0241.



Dates to Remember

April

- 18th ~ GA Milestone Assessments at WCMS
- 18th ~ Holloway Jewelers - Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening 9:30am
- 18th ~ WCPS PTO & Stem Family Fun Night 6pm
- 18th ~ City of Sylvester Mayor and Council Meeting 6pm
- 19th ~ GA Milestone Assessments at WCMS
- 19th ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball 6pm Away
- 19th ~ City of Warwick Mayor and Council Meeting 7pm
- 20th ~ GA Milestone Assessments at WCMS
- 20th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 20th ~ Meet with Governor Kemp at Southern Woods Lunch at 12:30pm
- 20th ~ Family Tree Help at Margaret Jones Public Library 1pm-3pm
- 20th ~ Meet & Greet with Kandiss Taylor (Republican Candidate for Governor) at Ed's 1:30pm - 1:45pm
- 21st ~ GA Milestone Assessments at WCMS
- 21st ~ 2022 Business Expo/Job Fair 5pm-7pm
- 22nd ~ GA Milestone Assessments at WCMS
- 22nd ~ Alice in Wonderland at WCHS
- 22nd ~ Rind Rally at Piggly Wiggly 3pm-5pm
- 22nd ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball 4:30pm Home
- 22nd ~ Kollektive Performing at Lumbre Cocina 8pm
- 23rd ~ 1st Annual Sylvester Car Show 8am-4pm
- 23rd ~ Alice in Wonderland at WCHS
- 23rd ~ Strawberry Jubilee at Rutland Farms in Tifton
- 23rd ~ Peanut Palooza in Tifton 10am - 2pm
- 23rd ~ Community Concert Featuring Charlie Wilson 8pm
- 25th ~ Worth County Middle School Spirit and Competition Cheer Tryouts
- 26th ~ Worth County Middle School Spirit and Competition Cheer Tryouts
- 26th ~ WCHS Track Region Meet at Home
- 26th ~ City of Poulan Mayor and Council Meeting 6:30pm
- 27th ~ Worth County Middle School Spirit and Competition Cheer Tryouts
- 27th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 28th ~ Worth County Middle School Spirit and Competition Cheer Tryouts
- 29th ~ WCES Kickball Tournament - 3rd Grade 9am
- 29th ~ WCES Kickball Tournament - 4th Grade 10:30am
- 29th ~ WCES Kickball Tournament - 5th Grade 1:30pm
- 30th ~ Strawberry Jubilee at Rutland Farms in Tifton
- 30th ~ Steam Movie Night at WCHS 3pm-5pm and 6pm-8pm

A Production By Worth County High School Drama Club



Worth County High School Auditorium

Opening Night: Tea Party Edition; April 22

Tickets: Adult - \$10

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Closing Night: Dinner Theatre Edition; April 23

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Senior Citizen - \$10

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CHEER TRYOUTS

Worth County Middle School

Spirit & Competition Cheer Tryouts

are April 25-28

at WCMS Gym

3:30-5:30

Questions? Email Coach Watson

hwatson@worthschools.net

Must have a current physical on file.



WCPS Celebrated Purple Up on Friday, April 15th



Friday, April 15th was “Purple Up” Day and Worth County Primary School showed their support to their military families. The entire month of April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, but April 15th has a special place in that observance. There’s an emphasis in United States military culture on “the total force”, the “whole person concept” and similarly-themed philosophies that hold that troops, their families, and their extended families are more than the sum of their parts. The notion of the “total force” should rightfully include families as they are the lifeline between military service especially overseas and the individual officers or enlisted members. With that in mind, former Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger established the Month of the Military Child as a Department of Defense-wide commemoration in 1986. There’s a tradition in the military referring to the color purple; one use of the color involves the phrase “purple suit” which can refer to a military activity or organization that includes civilians and/or multiple branches of the military. In the context of April 15th, this tradition continues. Purple indicates that all branches of the military are supported. All the service colors are represented including Air Force blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue; said to combine for the mutual benefit of all into the color purple. Worth County Primary School would like to thank all their military families for their service.



You are invited to the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber's

2022

BUSINESS EXPO

21st April 2022 5pm-7pm

The Pedestrian Mall @ 102 N. Main St.

For more info call: 229-776-7718

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Sylvester's 2nd Annual Veteran Suicide Awareness Event

Where:

Worth County Ag Pavillion

When:

June 11, 2022 Gates open at 10am

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

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

We will also have a special guest performing at the event! Details to come!

Classics, Jeeps & Bike Show

Entry Fee:

Early \$20 Late \$25

There will be several entry categories including Oldest & Overall Favorite



For more info. contact

Emma Lynn (229)449-4568 or

Cody Humphrey (229)376-4426

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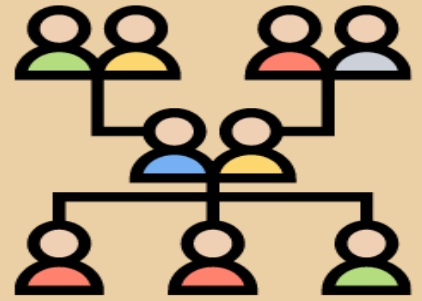
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GEORGIA PEANUTS 

Family Tree Help at MJPL

Members of the Barnard Trail Chapter of the DAR will answer genealogy or DAR related questions.



When: Wednesday, April 20th 1-3pm

Where: Margaret Jones Public Library

Walk-ins are welcome.

Shelby Greer Wins Safety Captain Award Three Consecutive Times For The iRambots!

Food Drive Still Under Way At Alchemy Game Shoppe, Coffee Bar & Eatery

Shelby Greer won the Safety Captain Award at the Columbus competition, Albany competition, and at State Competition! She shared our "unicorn popcorn" (yellow and pink earplugs) to all of the pits, reminding them that ear protection when using power tools is an important step to preventing hearing loss. Congrats to

Alchemy Game Shoppe, Coffee Bar & Eatery in Downtown Sylvester is participating in the 3rd Annual Heroes Against Hunger Food Drive! Drop off your non-



perishable food donations and get a ticket to be entered into the drawing for the sweet swag they have in their gift basket they are giving away! The Westworld figures were donated to their gift basket by The Zone Collectibles & More! Alchemy Game Shoppe, Coffee Bar & Eatery is proud to be a part of this endeavor to help those in need! Donations are being taken now through May 7th! They will stream the giveaway live! Let's help our community and be Heroes in our own way! Local sponsors and partners are welcome to help them with this endeavor! The Martin News will be glad to pick up any donations that you may have and drop them off at Alchemy Game Shoppe, Coffee Bar & Eatery. Let's help them make this the BEST Food Drive they have had.

Shelby and to the team. Thank you to the team and coaches for all of your hard work!

Source: WCSD

**Congrats to the WCHS Robotics Team - iRambots!
iRambots made it to the Semi-Finals at State Competition!**



Worth County High School's robotics team, the iRAMBOTS, brought home the Entrepreneurship Award and placed 6th at the Proctor and Gamble Albany District Event, placing them high enough to qualify for the state championship in Macon, GA. At the Peachtree District Championships, the iRAMBOTS made it to the semi-finals, and they ended their competition season ranked 27th out of 67 teams in the state. This is the fourth year of competition for this young robotics team, and it is the second time they have made it to the state competition. They have brought home 4 awards in that four-year period (past awards are the Rookie All Star, Rookie Inspiration, and the team Safety Award). When interviewed for the Entrepreneurship Award, Hannah Fletcher stated, "This team is

not about using kids to make a robot; it is about using a robot to build up kids." This team counts on support from community leaders and grants, and they offer sponsorship benefits. If you are interested in learning more about this great program, please contact one of the coaches: Michelle Smith (mismith@worthschools.net) or Clay Young (youngclay7@icloud.com). If you are interested in Sponsorship information, please contact: Angel W. Young, iRambots Booster Club, Treasurer/Secretary angelwyoung@gmail.com. Team Members: Hannah Fletcher, Gavin Young, Tayshaun Adams, Shelby Greer, Anna Melvin, En'ya Touze, Emiliano Torres-Guerrero, Johnathan Barry, Timothy Spieker, Noah Kirby, & Ike Beanblossom. Coaches: Michelle Smith, Clay Young, & Chris Tipper.

Source: WCSO



WCHS Made & Packaged Dog Treats For BFHS

Students in Mrs. Tillery and Ms. Braswell's class at Worth County High School made and packaged dog treats for the upcoming yard sale hosted by Best Friends Humane Society. As part of the WCHS Ram Works program, the students volunteer at BFHS every Tuesday and Thursday. They will be volunteering at the yard sale on May 6th and can't wait to share their homemade dog treats with the community to support the amazing work being done at BFHS!

Source: WCSO



Larry Johnson Way Named In Sylvester

Saturday was named Larry Johnson Day. The City of Sylvester named a street after the Late Councilman Larry Johnson, called Larry Johnson Way. The Mayor and Council gathered on Saturday, April 16th to present this proclamation to his family. Citizens from Ward 4 came out to acknowledge all of his great service to our community.

Source: City of Sylvester



Worth County Schools 2022 – 2023 Calendar

Planning (no students)	Holiday (no students or staff)	Last Day of 9-Weeks	1 st Day of School
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- 8/3 First Day of School
- 9/5 Labor Day
- 10/7 & 10 Fall Break
- 11/21-25 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/16 Half-Day
- 12/19-30 Christmas Break
- 1/16 MLK Day
- 2/20 President's Day
- 3/10 & 13 Winter Break
- 4/3 7 Spring Break
- 5/24 Last Day of School
- 5/24 Half-Day
- 5/27 Graduation

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Please join and help us celebrate this huge success at

The Rind Rally!

Date - Friday April 22, 2022
Time - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location - Piggly Wiggly
Address- 631 East Franklin, Sylvester GA 31791

The "Peg Leg" Howell BBQ & BLUES FESTIVAL

**Saturday, May 7, 2022 | 2:00pm - 10:00pm
Eatonton City Center Stage**

Performances by:

**John Dunn and
the Jazzman Band**

Red Sugar Blues

Hughes Taylor

The Stonewall Willie Band

Stan Butler and the 478 Band



**Celebrate Eatonton native &
Blues Legend "Peg Leg" Howell!**

**Food Trucks!
Vendors!
and Fun!**

**Coolers &
Lawn Chairs
are welcome!**

Georgia Peanut Commission Hosts Peanut Palooza on April 23

TIFTON, Ga. (April 14, 2022) - The Georgia Peanut Commission plans to host Peanut Palooza on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at the Georgia Peanut Commission office in Tifton. The GPC office is located at 445 Fulwood Blvd. Tifton, GA 31794. Members of the public are invited to attend this free event. The family friendly event will have free boiled peanuts, fried peanut samples, peanut butter cupcakes and peanut butter shake samples. The event will also include opportunities to plant your own peanut plant, live music, face painting, prizes and giveaways, as well as photo opportunities for kids to sit inside of a tractor. The event will also include the Georgia Foundation for Agriculture Mobile Ag Experience which is a STEM based mobile classroom that showcases Georgia's diverse agriculture. This state-of-the-art agricultural learning experience is designed to give third through fifth-grade students and the public a chance to learn more about Georgia agriculture. The 36-foot trailer includes colorful farm photos, interactive technology and displays of products made from the various ag commodities. The mobile classroom will be displayed at Peanut Palooza event by the Georgia Foundation for Agriculture. In addition to the outside activities, the GPC office will be open for attendees to visit the gift shop and take a tour of the building. For more information about the event and programs of the Georgia Peanut Commission visit www.gapeanuts.com.



Holloway Jewelers Now Opened In Sylvester

Monday, April 18th was the grand opening and ribbon cutting of Holloway Jewelers located 104 East Kelly Street in Sylvester. A crowd turned out to welcome the Holloway's to Sylvester. The first 100 people received a free piece of jewelry and everyone that visits this week will be entered in a drawing for a piece of jewelry valued at \$5,000. Holloway Jewelers are a family owned jewelry store that does everything in house. Holloway Jewelers offers jewelry repair, ring sizing, stone setting, appraisals, CAD design, rendering, 3D printing, laser welding, and casting. Be sure to visit them this week and get registered for the giveaways and see all the nice things they have to offer you



Poster Contest Winners Recognized At City Of Sylvester Council Meeting

Monday night at the City of Sylvester Council Meeting, the following 5th Grade Students were recognized as winners of the Sylvester Clean and Green Poster Contest that will be an annual event. The Clean and Green Poster Contest was held by the City of Sylvester - Code Enforcement. Congratulations!

Mayor's Award:
Ada Long

Best Theme:
1st Place - Sara Speiker
2nd Place - Jackson Gibbs
3rd Place - Josie Parten
3rd Place - Lourie Pritchard

Most Creative:
Jada Fitzgerald
Nick Frye

Honorable Mention:
Kailey Grace Worn
Ayah Ramadan

Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide



Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2 1/2 years behind! All children, whether from low, middle or upper income families, may fall victim to the "summer slide" if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the summer slide-or even accelerate reading growth? Here are a few ideas:

- 1** Visit your local library! Help your child find "right fit" books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. You can use the five finger test to determine if the book is too difficult for your child. Open the book to a page with many words. Have your child begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, the text may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Feel free to still check out the book! It just may be a book you want to read with your child.
- 2** Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That's huge! If reading isn't one of your child's top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program.
- 3** Set a good example. When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book or a newspaper article, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.
- 4** Read to your child. When you read to your child, he/she hears the rhythm of language. Be sure to read with expression! Changing your voice for different characters and increasing your volume during exciting parts are only a few ways to keep children engaged.
- 5** Read with your child –explore different types of reading such as poetry. For our little ones, poetry is a great way to improve phonemic awareness skills as poetry often incorporates rhyme. For our older children, poetry is a means of improving fluency.
- 6** Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.
- 7** Play games with words. Commercial games such as Apples to Apples improves vocabulary. You can easily turn a game of hopscotch or 4 square into a game that incorporates learning letters or sight words. Be sure to check out the "8 Super Summer Sight Word Activities" on the Make, Take & Teach blog.
- 8** If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.

Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate reading growth.



For more teaching ideas and activities be sure to visit our blog! www.blog.maketaketeach.com



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