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Do You TikTok?



Last year was a different year for everyone! When the pandemic hit and the country basically closed down for a few weeks, people turned to Social Media for entertainment and a way to feel connected to the world that we literally were being banned from.

Launched in September 2016, TikTok has exploded in popularity over the past five years. The latest TikTok statistics show that, as of January 2021, the platform has 689 million monthly active users worldwide. Many of those users were acquired during the year 2020. TikTok is a video-sharing social networking service. According to TikTok, the social media platform is used to make a variety of short-form videos, from genres like dance, comedy, and education, that have a duration from 15 seconds to one minute.

I joined TikTok during quarantine however I do not post videos at this time but I absolutely love watching the videos. There are some GREAT

TikTok users on the app. I have several favorites that I have watched and learned so much about. They have great platforms that they stand for.

Recently I was thinking about how much tragedy is going on in our world then I thought about what The Martin News stood for. We are a news source that shares all the great news possible every week. With that being said, great news and TikTok goes hand in hand. Every week, The Martin News will be interviewing and sharing TikTok users that are doing great things for others and making a difference in world that was turning so dark for a while. We will be covering first the Ride Along Crew and it's members over the next few weeks. If you have not started following them on TikTok, hurry along and do so! You will NOT regret it!



Taking A Ride With The Crew

If you TikTok, you are bound to know this crew. If you don't TikTok, now is your time to join. These guys are GREAT! I consider them my friends. I have had the privilege of interviewing the crew and including them in The Martin News. In the coming weeks, I will be interviewing each one of them individually and you will be able to learn about them and their platforms. They, as a group, are known as the Ride Along Crew. So let me introduce you to my friends.

The Ride Along Crew is a group of eight friends that perform their comedy shows live. If you will be so kind as to look at the following pages, you will see their event ads. If you are close by, you will not want to miss their show. Be sure to tell your friends and family too! The Ride Along Crew first got together in November of 2020. There are eight original members but only seven was able to make the first Ride Along Get Together. The members are Officer Eudy, Doyoueventaco, Officer Kingery, Officer Scales, The Georgia Landscaper, Jimmy Jones III, Kevin Lawson and TR Jones also known as Content Violation. These are their TikTok names if you want to look them up and follow them.

I love the story on how the Ride Along crew started. On October 1, 2020, Paul known as Doyoueventaco did a video otherwise known to him as "vidja" showing his interest in riding with a cop. His video was full of laughs. On October 2, 2020, Officer Kingery duetted him back and there is where it all began. The guys along with their other friends had their first ride along get together a month later. The name "Ride Along Crew" is because Doyoueventaco simply wanted a ride along with a cop. However, the name of the comedy show is Content Violation. Content Violation came about after a lot of the guys content got removed because they are unapologetically real. I have watched so many of their videos. They are great, but they are real! To be completely honest, if you get offended easily, I would probably just skip it. But, if you are not easily offended, then you will definitely want to invest your time. You will have great laughs for sure!

The mission of the Ride Along Crew is to reach others through love and laughter. When asked of the group if they felt like faith plays an important role in the success of the Ride Along Crew, they simply responded that they felt God brought them together so faith has a huge role among the members personally. Although they are not out there preaching to people, they feel that God is the glue that holds their group together.

My interest in the group came from watching videos of Jimmie Jones III and his girl friend, Brianna. They have a relationship like none other and they both have such inspiring videos. I also was attracted to the videos from Officer Scales, Officer Eudy and Officer Kingery. They all three have different content, but I back the blue for sure. My daddy worked in law enforcement for ten years, so I feel the connection they have to helping the community and keeping us all safe. I have started watching the others as well and they are all so funny.

When not on stage, the crew likes spending time with family and doing a combination of what they do on stage which is motivating others, laughing and just loving people.



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News From WCMS

Mark your calendars! Coach Courtney Hamilton will hold a parent/player interest meeting for the 2021-22 school year Lady Rams Softball Team. The meeting is on May 3, 2021, at 3:45pm at the Worth County Middle School Cafeteria. Important information about tryouts, expectations, paperwork, etc. will be shared at the meeting. A current physical is due by May 21st. Email questions to Coach Hamilton at chamilton@worthschools.net.

Source: WCSD



Purple Up for Military Kids

Worth County Elementary School appreciates the sacrifices that military families make, especially children from military families. WCES is happy to have these military family students attend their school! This past Friday, students and faculty dressed in purple to honor those families.

Source: WCSD

News From WCHS

The Worth County High School Roarin' 20s Prom will be held on Saturday, May 8th, from 7 PM to 11 PM in WCHS Gymnatorium. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased in the WCHS Media Center. See the flyer on Worth County High School Facebook page for additional information on ticket sales for each month. Also linked on their Facebook page is the 2021 Prom Court Requirements as well as dress code information. Guest verification forms can be picked up in the Media Center. This form is required for any guest that is not a WCHS student. Due to COVID, the Senior Walk will take place at the football stadium at 5:00 PM the same day. Social distancing and face masks are expected. Sunblock is recommended. Additional Senior Walk information is available on their Facebook page as well.

Source: WCSD



Top Cookie Dough Fundraisers

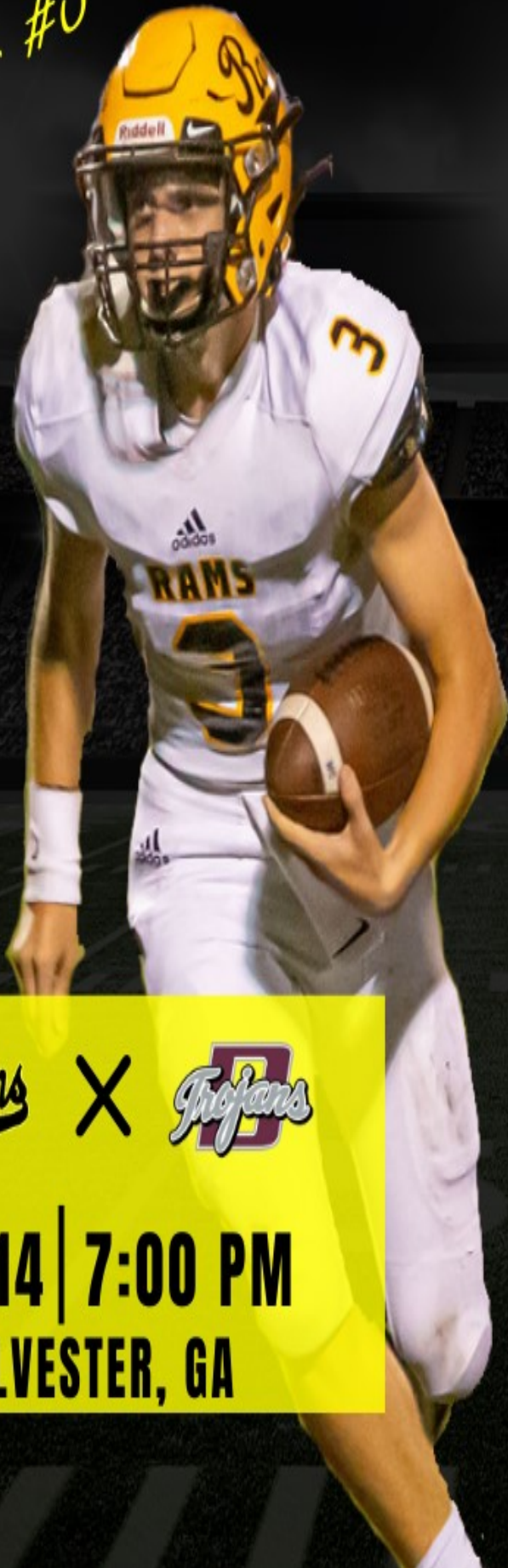
Congratulations to the top cookie dough fundraisers at Worth County Primary School.

- 1st Place - Colton Tucker, Kindergarten, Stewart's class
- 2nd Place - Rylee McCloud, 1st Grade, Little's Class
- 3rd Place - Ashton Williams, 1st Grade, Carlisle's Class (not pictured)
- 4th place - Ryver Booth, Kindergarten, Oncale's Class

Thank you to each student and family that participated in the cookie dough fundraiser and thank you to every one in the community that purchased.

Source: WCSD

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WORTH GO. VS. DOUGHERTY SPRING GAME

WCHS Rams Tennis Team Secures Spot in the First Round of State Playoffs

Worth County High School wants to celebrate their girls' tennis team. They won their first round of the region tournament and advanced to face the #1 team, Berrien County. They fell short 2-3 in the second round, then had to play Early County and again fell just a little short. They are now #4 in the region, which has secured the WCHS Rams Tennis Team a spot in the 1st Round of State Playoffs! WCHS is so proud of these girls! They started at 9:30 AM, played three matches, and ended at 6:00 PM with only a few breaks throughout the day!

Special shout-out to the following players on their outstanding performance!

#2 Singles - Mackenzie Jolley won all of her matches.

#1 Singles - Belle Pritchard won both matches against Fitzgerald & Berrien.

#3 Singles - Drew Anne Fitzgerald won the first match against Fitzgerald.

#1 Doubles Savannah Gay and Anisha Patel won the match against Fitzgerald.

A special shout also goes to Darby Mauldin and Princy Patel for fighting hard in all of their matches!

We are so proud of these Rams!

Source: WCSD



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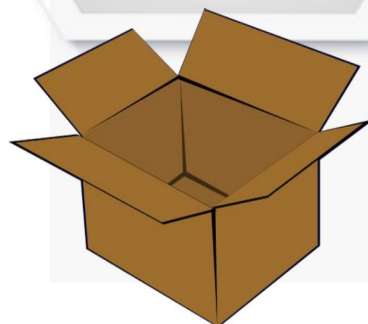
Each month, we offer two kits. You may choose to purchase both kits for **\$15** or choose just one for **\$10**.

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
May	Sparks Flying Kit
June	Build a Website Kit
August	Personality Quiz
September	Ecosystem Kit
	Among Us Kit
	Climate Kit
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	Transportation Kit
	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.



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April 8, 2021, April 15, 2021, April 22, 2021**

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APRIL 20

Earth Day 2021 begins with a global youth climate summit led by Earth Uprising, in collaboration with My Future My Voice, OneMillionOfUs and hundreds of youth climate activists. The global youth summit will consist of panels, speeches, discussions, and special messages with today's youth climate activists including Greta Thunberg, Alexandria Villaseñor, and Licypriya Kangujam. In the evening on April 20, the Hip Hop Caucus and its partners will present the "We Shall Breathe" virtual summit. This digital event will examine climate and environmental justice, connecting the climate crisis to issues of pollution, poverty, police brutality, and the pandemic, all within a racial justice framework.

APRIL 21

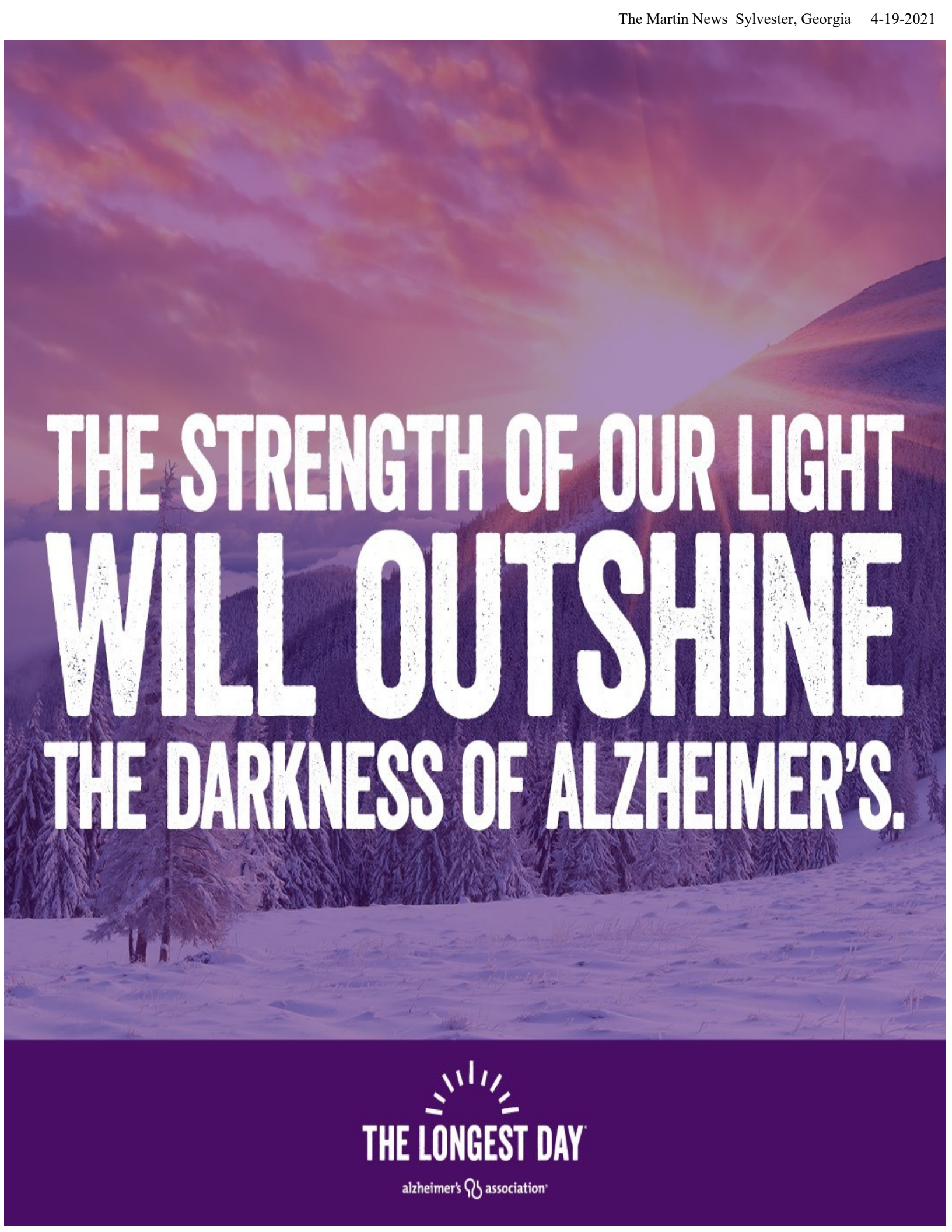
Education International will lead the "Teach for the Planet: Global Education Summit." The multilingual virtual summit will span several time zones and feature prominent activists from every continent, focused on the crucial role that educators play in combating climate change and why we need transformative climate education now.

APRIL 22 | EARTH DAY

Parallel to the Biden Administration's global climate summit, earthday.org will have its second Earth Day Live digital event, right here. The global show begins at 12 PM Eastern Time. Workshops, panel discussions, and special performances will focus on Restore Our Earth™ — we'll cover natural processes, emerging green technologies, and innovative thinking that can restore the world's ecosystems.

More topics will include:
Climate and environmental literacy
Climate restoration technologies
Reforestation efforts
Regenerative agriculture
Equity and environmental justice
Citizen science
Cleanups, and more.

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2021 STAR Student and Teacher



Samantha Foerster



Mr. Josh Miller
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STAR Student and Teacher Named

Congratulations to the 2021 Worth County High School STAR Student, Samantha Foerster, and STAR Teacher, Mr. Josh Miller! Every year, a STAR student from each high school in Georgia is selected. To obtain the STAR nomination, high school seniors must have the highest score on any single test date of the SAT taken through the November test date of their senior year and be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average. Nominees' SAT scores must be equal to or be higher than the concorded mean scores on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math sections. Each high school STAR Student is asked to name his/her STAR Teacher. "We are so proud of you, Samantha! This is quite an accomplishment. Mr. Miller, thank you for the work you do day in and day out for our students. It is clearly evident to more than just your administration and colleagues. Well done to both of you!"

Source: WCSD

WCHS Literary Team Competes at Region Literary Competition



The Worth County High School Literary Team competed in the region competition on April 13, 2021, in Thomasville. As a team, they placed 3rd in Region 1-AA. They also had several students excel in the following categories! Awesome job, team!

Personal: Kinsley McKenny - 5th
 Rhetorical: Talley Powell - 2nd
 Argumentative: Emily Spainhour - 5th
 Extemporaneous Speaking - International: Malachi Jennings - 4th
 Extemporaneous Speaking - Domestic: Savannah Pritchard - 4th
 Dramatic: Jocelyn Milner - 3rd
 Humorous: Jonathan Barry - 3rd
 Solo: Faith King - 2nd
 Trio: Faith King, Sydney Powell, and Regan Brooks - 2nd

Congratulations to all of these students! We are very proud of each of you

Source: WCSD

2021 WORTH CO. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



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AUGUST 20TH
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OCTOBER 15TH
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OCTOBER 22ND
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OCTOBER 29TH
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Books and Bubbles had a great time during their time at the library. They planted zinnia seeds and read “Plant the Tiny Seed”. The Margaret Jones Public Library has many thins going on for your children. Be sure to follow them on Facebook and plan a visit. They would love to have you!

Source: MJPL



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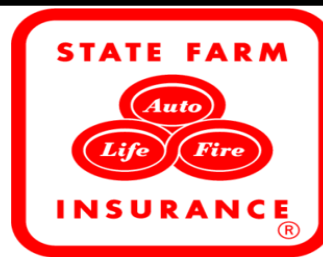
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Can you believe they celebrate a day called "two different colored shoes" day?? How funny is that? It definitely brings back funny memories to me. When my mother was working at General Motors, there were some early mornings for her. She would have 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!



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Tuesday, April 20
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Registration: \$30
Supply Kit: \$3-7



**Intro to Drawing:
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Ages: 12 - 112
Thursday, April 22
6:30pm
Registration: \$30

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National Pool Opening Day is set for April 27th this year. It is always the last Saturday of April however in South Georgia I believe that day varies. People have already been swimming this year. Now it was probably cold when they went swimming early I am sure but people looked to be having a blast. It will soon but hot enough to swim everyday so if you have a pool start getting it ready for the hot Summer days ahead. If you are thinking about getting a pool, now is the time to start making plans whether it is an above the ground pool or in the ground pool, it is time to start getting it all ready. If you don't have a pool or access to one, be sure to enjoy the splash pads offered in several cities including Sylvester. Sylvester's Splash Pad plans to open on May 1st. Check others before going to make sure they are open and what their specific rules are during COVID-19. Happy swimming days from The Martin News!

2021 Boston Marathon Date Set

The Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) has announced that if road races are allowed to take place as part of the Massachusetts reopening plan, the 125th Boston Marathon will be held on Monday, October 11, 2021. "We announce the 2021 Boston Marathon date with a cautious optimism, understanding full well that we will continue to be guided by science and our continued collaborative work with local, city, state, and public health officials," said Tom Grilk, President and C.E.O. of the B.A.A. "If we are able to hold an in-person race in October, the safety of participants, volunteers, spectators, and community members will be paramount." "Massachusetts continues to fight COVID-19 and distribute vaccines across the Commonwealth, and with brighter days ahead, we are looking forward to getting back to a new normal in 2021," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We will continue to work with local partners and the B.A.A. to monitor the situation and remain hopeful that the 125th Boston Marathon can take place this October." "While it was of course the right thing to do, canceling the 2020 Boston Marathon for the first time in its 124-year history was one of the hardest announcements to make," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "Today, I'm filled with hope, as we set our sights on October for the running of the 125th Boston Marathon. We have a ways to go before we're out of the woods, but guided by sound judgment and the advice of our public health experts, I am hopeful that we'll get to enjoy the return of one of Boston's most storied traditions this fall." In celebration of the 125th Boston Marathon, the B.A.A. will also offer a virtual race option. Additional details including field size for the in-person race, registration dates, safety measures and protocols, and participant requirements that will be in place will be forthcoming. The event plan will be pending future approval from the eight cities and towns that comprise the marathon route. Road races are currently not permitted until Phase 4 of the Massachusetts reopening plan. The Commonwealth reverted to Phase III, Step 1 of the reopening plan on December 13, 2020.

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Who: K-12th graders

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Dates to Remember

April

- 19th ~ WCMS 8th Grade Transition to WCHS
- 19th ~ 5th Grade 4H Meeting During Science Class at WCES
- 19th ~ WCHS Golf Home
- 19th ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 7pm
- 19th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Northside Baptist Church of Tifton 3pm-7pm
- 20th ~ City of Warwick Council Meeting 7pm
- 20th ~ 5th Grade 4H Meeting During Science Class at WCES
- 20th ~ Worth County 4H Shotgun Team Fishing Raffle Drawing
- 20th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Tifton Methodist Church Noon - 6pm
- 20th ~ Bingo at Ed's 6pm
- 20th ~ WCMS 8th Grade Transition to WCHS
- 20th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Deerfield - Windsor School 11am - 3pm
- 21st ~ WCMS 8th Grade Transition to WCHS
- 21st ~ 5th Grade 4H Meeting During Science Class at WCES
- 21st ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball Home
- 21st ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 21st ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm
- 22nd ~ WCMS 8th Grade Transition to WCHS
- 22nd ~ Earth Day
- 22nd ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Byne Memorial Baptist Church 1pm-6pm
- 22nd ~ 5th Grade 4H Meeting During Science Class at WCES
- 22nd ~ Trivia at Pretoria Fields 7pm
- 23rd ~ 5th Grade 4H Meeting During Science Class at WCES
- 23rd ~ WCHS Varsity Baseball Home
- 24th ~ Party for the Plant at Chehaw 10am-2pm
- 24th ~ Big Top Circus at the American Legion Fairgrounds 4pm
- 24th ~ Strawberry Jubilee at Rutland Farms 10am-6pm
- 25th ~ Big Top Circus at the American Legion Fairgrounds 3pm
- 26th ~ Diabetes Support Group at Tift Regional Medical Center 7pm
- 27th ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connection Meeting
- 27th ~ Bingo at Ed's 6pm
- 27th ~ City of Poulan Council Meeting 6:30pm
- 27th ~ WCMS Cheerleading Tryouts
- 27th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Tiftarea Academy 10am-2pm
- 27th ~ Cancer Support Group at Anita Stewart Oncology Center 6:30pm
- 28th ~ WCHS Track & Field Away
- 28th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm
- 28th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 29th ~ WCHS Track & Field Away
- 29th ~ Trivia at Pretoria Fields 7pm
- 29th ~ Zoom into Science with 4H - Don't Put Your Phone Down... Use It For Science 4pm
- 30th ~ WCHS Track & Field Away



Worth County Schools 2021-2022 Calendar

Planning (no students)

Holiday (no students or staff)

Last day of 9 weeks

July '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August '21						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

September '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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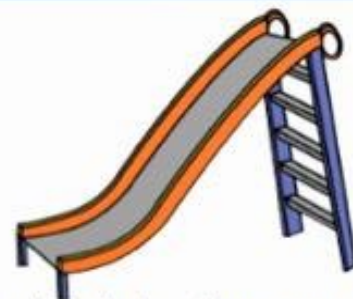
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9/6 Labor Day
 10/8 & 11 Fall Break
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 will occur at each school.
 11/22-26 Thanksgiving Break
 12/17 Early Dismissal
 12/20-31 Christmas Break
 1/17 MLK Day
 2/21 President's Day
 3/11 & 14 Winter Break
 4/4-8 Spring Break
 5/25 Last Day of School
 5/25 Early Dismissal
 5/28 Graduation
 5/30 Memorial Day

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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

Think Tifton

Tifton Woman's Club Begins "Pull Tab" Collection Drive



The Tifton Woman's Club on Tuesday kicked off a "pull tab" collection drive for the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Central Georgia by collecting items on the house wish list and hearing a talk by Dawn Barr, an RMHC advocate. When RMHC recycles donated pull tabs from cans, the funds are used to pay the electric bill at the Ronald McDonald House. Barr said her twins Drew and Kaylea Pridgen were born 13 weeks premature 17 years ago and spent 101 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon. She spent 101 nights at the Ronald McDonald House, which charges just \$15 a night for guests, and meals are fixed and provided by guests. "We could focus solely on the hospital and seeing our babies," she said. "If we had to spend \$85 a night

for a hotel, plus restaurant meals and laundry, we couldn't have done it." She said nationwide, Ronald McDonald Houses are designed for out-of-town families whose children are hospitalized at regional referral children's hospitals. "It's located in Macon, but it isn't for Macon-Bibb County residents," she said. "It's for people like us who come from outside counties. The support there at the Medical Center of Central Georgia for our community is unbelievable." Southwell health system CEO Chris Dorman and his family recently stayed at the RMH of Central Georgia when his newborn daughter (now one month old) had complications. "He will help us collect these," she said, holding up a bag of pull tabs. She said she hoped departments at the hospital will get behind the pull tab drive, and she encouraged the Woman's Club to contact all area schools to get their support. Barr suggested a May 15 deadline, before school lets out May 22, for turning in collected pull tabs, and suggested classrooms use gallon jugs to collect them. She said people may drop off the tabs at her workplace, Universal Engineering Sciences, 1203 N. Central Ave., across from First United Methodist Church, and behind Garvey & Garvey Properties. When she led a collection drive in 2012, the Tiftarea community collected 700 pounds of pull tabs that were donated to the Ronald McDonald House of Central Georgia in Macon. Although the entire aluminum can is recyclable, they are bulky and can be messy, Barr said. "Pull tabs are clean, compact and easy to collect." The Tifton Woman's Club is joining GFWC Georgia (General Federation of Women's Clubs) in a statewide initiative to support Ronald McDonald House Charities and come together with a Day of Service on April 24 to donate collected items from their online wish list. The Tifton Woman's Club donated \$200 to purchase microwave popcorn and other snacks, towels, blankets, laundry detergent, kitchen cleaning products and more, and members brought more donated items to Tuesday's meeting. Club President Genie McCook, left, and Day of Service Project Chair Shirene Daniel, stand amidst items the Tifton Woman's Club donated for the Ronald McDonald House of Central Georgia. They are holding pull tabs already collected.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Celebrating GA's Official State Nut

It's National Pecan Month!

Pecans are ubiquitous in South Georgia; it seems that most everyone has a pecan tree or two in their yard. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, there are more than 129,000 acres of pecan trees in the state with most of the pecan production centered around Albany. And with last fall's harvest at 142 million pounds, Georgia once again is the No. 1 pecan-producing state in the nation. April is National Pecan Month, and Gov. Brian P.

Kemp last Friday signed legislation just passed in the General Assembly making the pecan Georgia's official state nut. Peanuts are Georgia's official state crop, and is a legume and not a nut. But WABE, the National Public Radio station in Atlanta, pointed out that pecans are also, technically, not nuts. Lenny Wells, a professor of horticulture and pecan specialist at the University of Georgia, told the station that pecans are "drupes," a fruit with flesh on the outside and a big seed in the middle, such as peaches. With pecans, you don't eat the outside flesh; you eat from the seed in the middle. "That's news to me," state Sen. Larry Walker, R-Perry, told WABE. Walker was among the primary sponsors of the pecan bill naming the state nut. He said he doesn't plan to seek naming a state drupe. Wells said it's just semantics, "more scientific classification than anything. So for the average person, (pecans) are going to be considered nuts." In honor of the new state nut and National Pecan Month, here are some pecan facts from UGA, the Ga. Department of Agriculture, and the Georgia Pecan Commission: Pecans are the only major tree nut that grows naturally in North America, and pecans are considered among the most valuable North American nut species. The name "pecan" is a Native American word of Algonquin origin used to describe "all nuts requiring a stone to crack." By the late 1800's, farmers outside Savannah had begun producing and marketing pecans; by 1889, there were 97 acres of pecans planted in Georgia. Between 1910 and 1925, thousands of acres of pecan trees were planted in Southwest Georgia with most initially planted as real estate investments rather than for nut production. Thousands of acres were sold in five- and ten-acre units primarily in Dougherty and Mitchell counties. By 1920, Georgia was producing 2.5 million pounds of pecans, and by the 1950s, Georgia was ranked as the top state in the nation for pecan production. Pecans are rich in fiber. They can reduce the risk of heart disease, coronary artery disease, strokes, and some forms of cancer and have been named a "heart healthy food choice" by the American Heart Association. Pecans have more than 19 vitamins and minerals, can help lower cholesterol, and contain more antioxidants than other nuts.

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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.**

**Several Food
Vendors Will be
Present as well as
Veteran owned
Valdosta Kettle
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on Veteran Suicide
Awareness**



**Big Ticket
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There will also
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artist and
bands



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**All profit from this
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MANDATORY PARENT &
STUDENT INTEREST MEETING

WCMS Cheerleading Tryouts

April 1, 2021 at 7:00pm
WCHS Gymnatorium

>Required paperwork
will be distributed at
the meeting.

>Completed paperwork
& current physical due
April 26, 2021

>Tryouts will be held
@WCMS gym
April 27-30, 2021
3:30-5:30

Questions:

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LIBRARY PASS

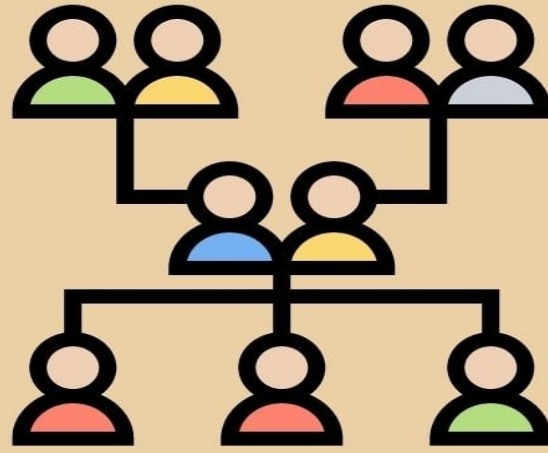
2021 Changes

Checkout the Zoo dvd and receive a voucher for free admission for 3 people.

Pass is valid Monday - Friday. Blackout dates are April 5-9, May 31, July 4, Sept. 6, Oct. 11, Nov. 25 and Dec. 25.

For more information, call 776-2096.





FAMILY TREE HELP AT MJPL

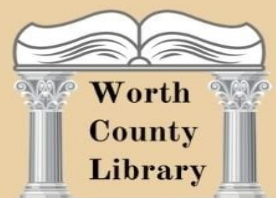
Members of the Barnard Trail Chapter of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) will be at the library to answer genealogy or DAR related questions.

When: Wednesday, April
21st 1-5pm

Where: Margaret Jones
Public Library



Walk-ins are welcome or
appointments can be made
by calling 776-2096



ABAC Wins District Golf Tourney



Roaring back from a nine-stroke deficit heading into the final round, the Golden Stallions of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College won the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Southeastern District golf tournament Tuesday in Spartanburg County, S.C. Compiling a 603 score over the 36 holes of the two-day tournament, the Golden Stallions topped favored Walters (Tenn.) State, which finished at 607. Other scores included Cleveland (Tenn.) State at 621, Roane (Tenn.)

State at 635, and Davidson County (N.C.) Community College at 675. "Give all the credit to these kids," said ABAC Coach Larry Byrnes. "They really showed me something in that final round after being nine strokes back. I am so proud of every one of them." ABAC's Brock Barber from St. Cloud, Fla., was the tournament medalist, and ABAC's Brady Kotkiewicz from Buford finished in a tie for second place. Barber shot 71-72—143, and Kotkiewicz shot 70-75—145. Other team members included Ian Arnold from Blackshear, Hagen Marion from Zebulon, and Ben Sanders from Thomasville. With the win, the Golden Stallions secured their spot in the 72-hole national tournament, which will be held May 17-21 at the Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, Ind. ABAC finished 10th in the nation on that course in 2019. There was no national tournament in 2020 because of the pandemic. ABAC will face Georgia Military College and Andrew College in the NJCAA Region 17 tournament Monday at the Twin City Country Club in Tennille. ABAC's Southeastern District golf champions are, from left, Assistant Coach Hunter Dokey, Brock Barber, Brady Kotkiewicz, Ian Arnold, Hagen Marion, Ben Sanders, and Head Coach Larry Byrnes.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

Field's Funeral Home Weekly Live Show

Did you tune in to the live show this past Wednesday at 10am with Field's Funeral Home? If you missed it, don't worry! You can still go back and watch it. You can see it on Field's Funeral Home Facebook Page and on The Martin News Facebook Page. It was a great show. The guest was Sylvester City Manager, Mr. Autron Hayes. The live show will be every Wednesday morning at 10am and many of the live shows will have guests. Be sure to tune in this Wednesday morning or catch the replay after the show. The Martin News is excited to be a sponsor of the show! If your business or organization wants to be a part of it, please contact Fields's Funeral Home.



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