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A New Edition To WCHS

Worth County High School would like to thank the Ram Tech welding students and Mr. Miller for the beautiful new benches in the courtyard! It is a strong tradition at WCHS for the outgoing senior class to leave a gift behind for the school. The class of 2020 invested in these custom benches (4 total) as their gift for current and future students to enjoy for years to come. Thank you, students, for making this even more special by designing and constructing them right here on campus.

Source: WCSD

TikToker Adam Hart Helps One Of Our Own in Sylvester Georgia



I hear many people say they don't do TikTok, or they think TikTok is a waste of time but I totally disagree. TikTok can be used for great things. There are many people on TikTok that have become "TikTok Famous". And by "TikTok Famous" that simply means they have hundreds of thousands of followers and are doing great things for the TikTok community. I bet you may be asking what great things they are doing. Many of them simply make funny videos to make someone laugh. Some sell merchandise and then use some of their proceeds to give back in the community. Let me tell you about a "Famous TikToker" named Adam that helped someone in OUR community.

Mackenzie (Mack) Bridges, the five year old daughter of Kyle and Whitney Bridges, is on TikTok under the direction of her mother. Her TikTok name is macncheese2015. I follow her because she posts some of the cutest and funniest videos. If you don't follow her, you definitely need to! One of her videos was about her selling chicken eggs for \$4 a dozen to help her purchase a show pig for this upcoming show season. Because she shows pigs and my Famous TikTok Friend, Adam shows chickens, I tagged him. I knew he would love it! Well guess what Adam did? He did a duet to the video and asked his TikTok followers to either help by purchasing some of the eggs if they were close by or donate to Mack to help her purchase the pig that she was striving to buy.

The total amount donated was \$340! \$340!! That is awesome! In the video on TikTok where Mack is thanking Adam also known to her as "Mr. Dear Hart", she told him that she would be able to buy a mighty fine pig with the money donated. The show pig she wanted to buy is around \$300 and she will use the remaining amount to go toward her some new boots or maybe a few snacks for her brother, Spindel. You see, Spindel is 3. He is not at all interested in showing pigs but he is very happy to help his sister with all the "dirty work" that comes along with taking care of a pig. He also loves to help his sister make commercials as you will see on TikTok. He thanks Adam on TikTok in Mack's video by simply saying "thank you for helping my seeester". Mack and Spindel are absolutely precious!



For the 2020/2021 season, Mackenzie showed a 185 pound gilt pig. In her last show which was the county show, she won first in her weight division. This was Mack's first year. They were asked to consider showing with hopes to help grow the FFA Swine Division in Worth County. She competed in only three shows this past season due to many being cancelled because of COVID.

Because of TikTok, Adam Hart from Alabama was able to help Mack with getting the money together to buy her show pig. This is what TikTok is all about. It brings TikTokers together with the community. Helping others is what many TikTokers desire to do. We should all remember the words of the Lord "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35. Thank you Adam for all you did to help Mack.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

As we cautiously move back into our lives post-COVID, children are also entering back into schools and extracurricular sports and activities. This allows greater opportunities for children and youth to share about abuse they may be suffering.

What will YOU do if a child tells you that they are being hurt by someone?



Child Abuse doesn't report itself!

If you suspect that a child is being neglected or abused, be a voice for that child. Call the Child Abuse Hotline with the Department of Family and Children's Services at 1-855-422-4453.

You should call 911 if you suspect a child is in immediate danger.

**This message is brought to you by:
The Patticake House Child Advocacy Center.**

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Cooper #3



5.14 | 7:00 PM
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WORTH GO. VS. DOUGHERTY SPRING GAME

Ice Cream Shop Time

Mrs. Carlisle and Mrs. Wilson's students at Worth County Primary School have been learning about Goods and Services. They celebrated by transforming their classroom into an Ice Cream Shop! Students did fun ice cream activities all day, including spending tickets on ice cream toppings!

Source: WCSD



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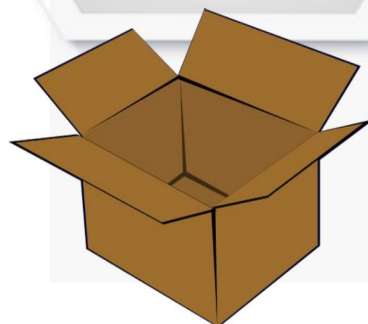
Each month, we offer two kits. You may choose to purchase both kits for **\$15** or choose just one for **\$10**.

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
	Weather Kit
	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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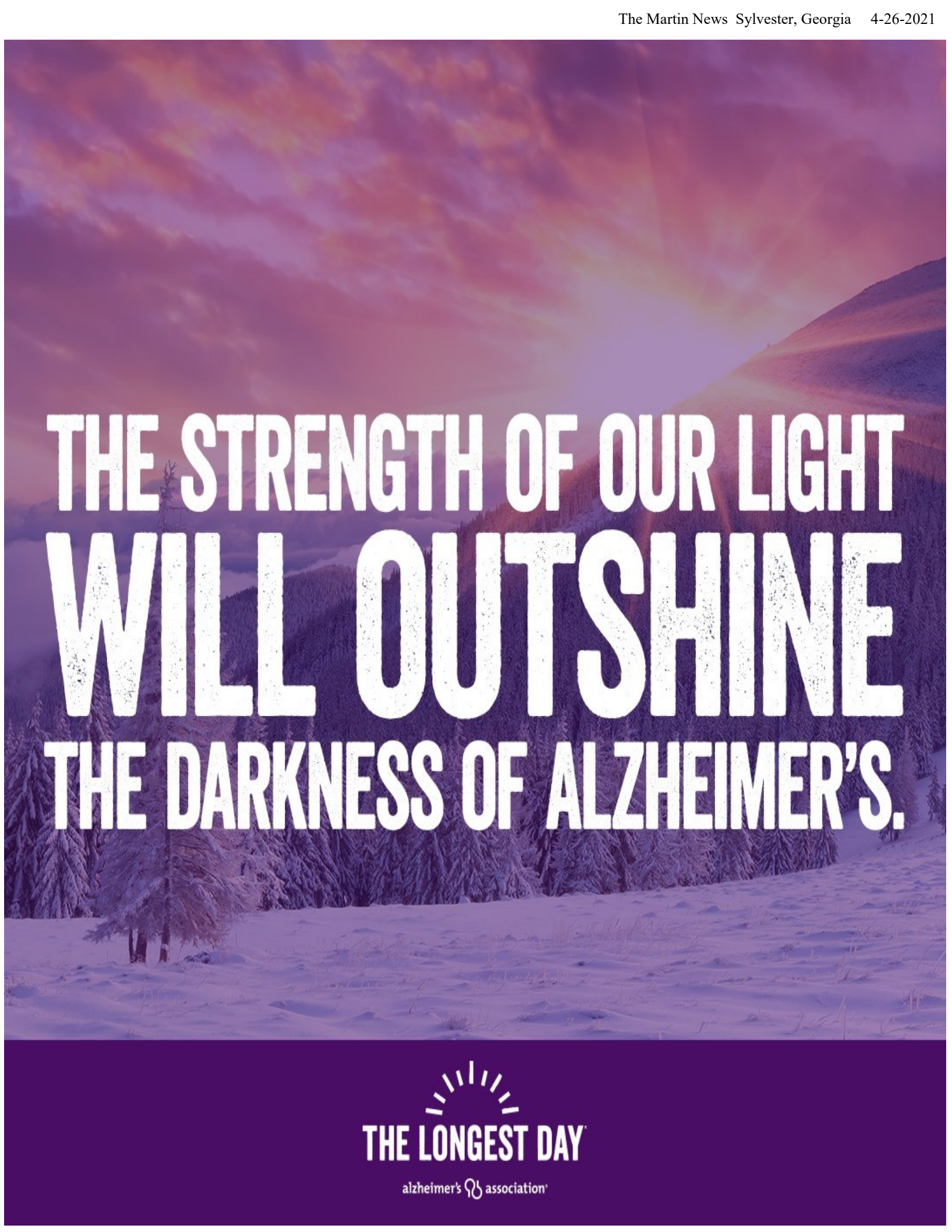
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Skin Cancer Awareness: Protect Yourself!

Spring has sprung! Birds are chirping and flowers are blooming. The warmer weather welcomes fun in the sun. The seasonal shift also is a great time to shed light on skin cancer. Skin cancer is the most common cancer impacting Georgians. In most cases, skin cancer is caused by ultraviolet (UV) rays, an invisible type of radiation that comes from the sun, tanning beds, and sun lamps. Basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas are the most commonly diagnosed skin cancers. Melanoma is the third most common, and deadliest, form of skin cancer. Anyone can develop skin cancer! People with lighter skin face a higher risk of developing skin cancer; however people with darker skin tones may often be diagnosed with skin cancer at a later stage, making it more difficult to treat. In fact, legendary reggae musician Bob Marley died at 36 years old from melanoma that had started under one of his toenails. The following tips may help to reduce your chances of developing skin cancer:

1. Wear sunscreen. It is important that sunscreen be worn year round. Be sure to select sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher and both UVA and UVB protection.
2. Cover up. Wear clothing that covers your arms and legs, sunglasses, and wide brimmed hats.
3. Avoid tanning. Stay away from tanning salons! Tanning bed use can lead to skin cancer.
4. Stay in the shade. This is extremely important during midday hours.

There are currently no routine preventive screenings available to check for skin cancer. Follow the tips shared above to reduce your risk. Also, regularly observe your body – all over – for changes! Remember: If you notice any changes to your skin, see a dermatologist (doctor who specializes in skin diseases). When caught early, skin cancer is treatable.



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



THE LONGEST DAY
alzheimer's  association

2021 WORTH CO. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



AUGUST 13TH

PELHAM

WORTH CO. STADIUM

AUGUST 20TH

TURNER CO.

WORTH CO. STADIUM

AUGUST 27TH

MITCHELL CO.

WORTH CO. STADIUM

SEPTEMBER 3RD

AMERICUS-SUMTER

ALTON SHELL STADIUM

SEPTEMBER 10TH

RUTLAND

WORTH CO. STADIUM

SEPTEMBER 24TH

TIFT CO.

BRODIE FIELD

OCTOBER 1ST

COOK

COOK HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 8TH

THOMASVILLE

VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM

OCTOBER 15TH

FITZGERALD

WORTH CO. STADIUM

OCTOBER 22ND

BERRIEN

RAYMOND JONES MEMORIAL STADIUM

OCTOBER 29TH

EARLY CO.

WORTH CO. STADIUM



RAISE THE STANDARD

At Books and Bubbles this past week, they talked about the seeds they planted! They can't wait to see the zinnias. If you want to join them weekly, please visit the Margaret Jones Public Library Facebook page for their calendar.

Source: MJPL



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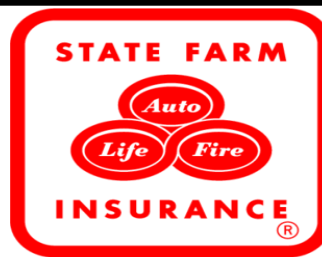
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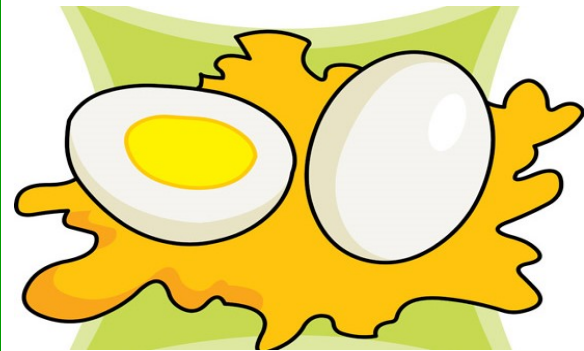
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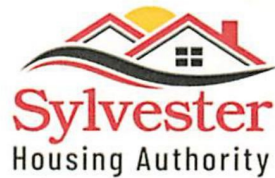
May I Borrow Your Straw Hat?

Isn't it funny how a word or phrase, a holiday or a day to celebrate can remind you of a simple memory? I was reading just the other day about April being the month to celebrate different hats and I saw where they mentioned a straw hat. It took me back to Gordy. My daddy loved to do yard work and always wore a ball cap but as he got a little older, he bought him a straw hat. He was the cutest thing ever with his straw hat on. He would wear it when he was picking up pecans out at our home in Gordy. He loved picking up pecans but wanted to make sure he kept the sun off his head and neck. When Larry was about three months old, he loved to hold that straw hat and my daddy thought he was so sweet wanting to hold the hat that was about the size of him. After daddy passed away, we now have the straw hat that hangs on a chair in the living room. We love to look at that hat everyday. Who knew a simple hat would bring so much joy.

Anyone Seen My Eggs?



I am telling you here lately the stories that mother tells me are hilarious. So mother was telling one day about something that happened to her friend Soupie a few years back. I laughed so hard... Soupie was a friend of my mother's. They worked together at General Motors for 20 years. His last name was Campbell so they nicknamed him "Soupie". Well Soupie decided one day to put on some eggs to boil. When he did so, he thought about his car needed washing so he went to wash the car. When he came back into the house, he remembered the eggs. He went to check on them but they were NOT in the pot. All the eggs were missing! He looked around on the stove but NO eggs. He looked up and all the eggs were on the ceiling. YES on the ceiling. All the water had boiled out and they blew up on the ceiling. Well he knew the next step was to get them off the ceiling so he grabbed a stool..one that rotated! YES rotated... So he gets on the stool and tries to get the eggs off the ceiling. The stool turns around and around until it throws him off into the corner! He wasn't hurt, Praise the Lord, but that story made me laugh and laugh. I can just see it happening. I wish that had been caught on camera because it definitely belongs on America's Funniest Home Video's. Moral of this story... DO NOT boil eggs and wash cars at the same time!



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Vacancy Announcement

April 8, 2021

The Sylvester Housing Authority is now accepting applications beginning Wednesday, April 8, 2021, for an Administrative Assistant. Applications may be picked up and returned to the Administrative Office located at 411 N. Jefferson Street Sylvester, Georgia, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or you can visit our web site at www.shauthority.com Open until filled.

Administrative Assistant

Under the direction of the Chief Operation of Housing, this staff support position performs a variety of administrative and clerical duties for the agency. Some functions include those of a receptionist, secretarial and clerical assignments, and others include some accounts payable and payroll functions. This position provides coordination and oversight of all payments for the purchase of goods and service and other related general accounting tasks, as required. This position shall also serve as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer and from time to time, shall provide backup and other support services to the Property Manager as needed. This position is covered under Section 3 of the HUD act of 1968; HUD recipients and Section 3 residents are encouraged to apply. A Valid Georgia Driver's license, Drug Testing and Criminal Background check is required.

Starting pay: DOE

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Sylvester Housing Authority

Job Description

Position Title: Multi-Family Housing Occupancy Specialist - RAD

Job Status:

Reports To: Director of Housing Services

Grade:

Position Summary

This is a highly responsible administrative position performing duties of admissions and clerical operation of the Agency. Duties include but are not limited to processing applications determining eligibility notifying applicants of status, housekeeping inspection, maintaining tenant information on the database, coordinating vacancies., move-ins, ect. with Maintenance and Housing Management. Performance of the duties requires thorough knowledge of HUD Multi-Family Housing Programs, and related policies governing admissions and the exercise of tact and independent judgement. The employee also answers the telephone, greets visitors, and maintains all files and reports for the Director of Housing Service office. Performance of duties requires excellent typing, filing, and customer services skills.

Essential Functions

The following functions are examples of duties that are required for this position. Other related or non-related duties may be assigned or added either on a temporary or permanent basis without modification of the description in itself.

1. Performs eligibility verification of housing applicants; ensures that the application process functions in accordance with established Federal and other guidelines.
2. Resolves complex matters involving housing applications or individual applicants while working within established policies and procedures outlined by relevant HUD Multi-Family Housing Programs.
3. Responsible for maintaining the official waiting list of eligible applicants for public housing and Multi-Family Housing RAD.
4. Ensures that all data (transfers, move-ins, move-out, etc.) entered into the computer database is correct and timely.
5. Perform monthly housekeeping inspections, move-in inspections, and move-out inspections.
6. Responsible for the taking of applications and the collection of rents from tenants.
7. Determines verifications needed to accurately evaluate applicant's eligibility; prepares and submits verification forms to appropriate agencies; confers with employers of applicants and other organizations to confirm information on

applicant's eligibility; also runs police reports to ensure that applicant has no prior felony convictions.

8. Processes applications, including verification of income and family composition; gathers and verifies data relation to other aspects of applicant eligibility; determines eligibility and notifies applicants of status.
9. Selects residents for housing based on HUD Multi-Family Housing and Housing Authority policies and guidelines; determines apartment size and rent at initial occupancy; re-verifies eligibility at admission; performs all necessary calculations, collects security deposits, collects charges owed from tenants at move-out, updates waiting list, prepares deposit slips, and ensure nondiscrimination in admission through adherence to applicable policies and regulations.
10. Initiates admission process, including offering apartments, coordinating with Maintenance and processing required documents necessary for admissions.
11. Maintains files on pending applications, with supporting data and changes. Purges files of inactive and rejected applications as required.
12. Responsible for scheduling yearly reexaminations for all properties. Performs annual reexaminations and interim changes for residents. Computes resident income and other charges; prepares and/or deposits daily receipts.
13. Compiles move-out reports and submits to the Director of Housing Services and the Maintenance Supervisor.
14. Show vacant housing units to all prospective tenants.
15. Maintains positive relations with residents, applicants, agencies and others.
16. Screens calls and visitors; responds to inquiries; routes calls and provides information as requested or required.
17. Performs other duties as assigned.

Related Duties and Activities

1. Act as Rural Development Occupancy Specialist in the absence of the Rural Development Occupancy Specialist.
2. Coordinates the prompt and timely renovation of vacant units for re-occupancy with the supervisor.
3. Assist with the preparation of the short and long-term priorities/goals of the Housing Authority.
4. Follows up on each legal action concerning Leasing and Occupancy and may testify in court cases.
5. Responsible for coordination and enforcement of the lease.
6. Performs other related duties as assigned by the supervisor.

Knowledge and Skills

1. Thorough knowledge of HUD Multi-Family Housing and Authority regulations, policies and procedures on resident selection and continued occupancy as well as the required forms and reports.
2. Thorough knowledge of the principles of office management and standard records maintenance procedures.
3. Ability to make routine decisions in accordance with administrative rules, regulations and policies.
4. Ability to concisely explain selection rules and procedures to applicants in an objective, impartial and sensitive manner.
5. Ability to maintain complex clerical records and prepare accurate reports from varied accounting and/or statistical information.
6. Ability to understand and interpret terms and specifications of leases and to enforce provisions with firmness, tact and impartiality.
7. Ability to communicate both orally and in writing with persons from diverse economic and social backgrounds.
8. Ability to maintain an effective working relationship with superiors, residents, vendors, coworkers and social service agencies.
9. Ability to type 45 words perminute.

Education

Graduation from an accredited High School or possession of a GED.

Experience

Four years' experience in Public Housing or Multifamily Housing management with demonstrative accomplishments on previous jobs. Any equivalent combination of education and experience to meet the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

Physical Requirements

1. Must be physically able to access all housing units, common areas, and grounds as required for inspection and other related purposes.
2. Must be able to lift and carry up to 25lbs on a periodic basis.
3. Must be able to sit and stand for periods of time necessary to carry out the functions of the position.

Other Requirements

1. Must possess a valid State of Georgia Driver's License.
2. Must be certified as a Multifamily Housing Specialist or obtain certification within 12 months of employment.
3. Must qualify for coverage under the Housing Authority's fidelity bond policy.

Take Your Bicycle For A Spin

National Bike Day is approaching and I couldn't help but get tickled about this day to celebrate! I love to ride bikes...well I love the thought of riding bikes. I have such bad equilibrium problems that I can not stay on the bicycle. I start going and I guess I get dizzy and bam over I go. It's actually a funny sight to see they tell me. I don't even try anymore. At the age of almost 43, I am afraid if I try and fall as I usually do, I might break something and I can not afford to break anything, not even a pinky finger! But this week all you bike riders get out and enjoy your day on your bicycle.

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With Teacher Appreciation Week fastly approaching, be sure to call or post and say "Thank You" to a teacher. They have a job like no other and we need to be sure we say thank you. We all have teachers that make us mad, some we can't remember their names over time and some we barely pass their class but then there are those that touch our lives and we never forget. Teachers teach our children and touch their lives like no other. They spend the most time with them during the week and we are so thankful for what they do. One teacher that I remember and love dearly is Ms. Ruth Lumpkin. She taught me Reading. I absolutely disliked reading to the fullest. I would have rather read the first couple of lines to a book and then create the rest of the story myself. We learned to write stories as well. Now I was good at that and I loved it too but she would always go back to the fact that even though I liked to write the stories I had to make sure that people would like to read them. That is when I learned that learning to love to read was very important. Ms. Lumpkin loved her students and she would correct each and every one of us when the time arose but that never stopped her from loving and caring for us. She taught us the true meaning of tough love and for that I will forever be grateful. So Ms. Lumpkin, thank you for all that you did to make me who I am today. I now love to read and still love to write, write and write some more. I had many great teachers throughout my years but you Ms. Lumpkin became a dear friend to me and I will always love and respect you. Thank you for all that you did as an Educator. I will forever love and adore you. I truly thank God for you!



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Who: K-12th graders

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**Winners Announced:
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National Watermelon Day**

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Dates to Remember

April

- 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

May

- 1st ~ Sly Town's 1st Annual May Day Sip & Stroll
- 2nd ~ Homecoming at Gordy New Bethel Baptist Church
- 3rd ~ WCHS Golf Away
- 4th ~ Bingo at Ed's
- 5th ~ Happy Birthday to The Martin News
- 5th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 8th ~ WCHS Track & Field Away
- 9th ~ Happy Mother's Day from The Martin News
- 11th ~ Bingo at Ed's
- 12th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 13th ~ WCHS Track & Field Away
- 14th ~ WCHS Track & Field Away
- 14th ~ Worth County Rams Spring Scrimmage Game 7pm
- 14th ~ Grapevine Band Concert Downtown 7pm
- 15th ~ WCHS Track & Field Away
- 17th ~ WCHS Golf
- 18th ~ WCHS Golf
- 18th ~ Bingo at Ed's
- 19th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 20th ~ Worth County Board of Education Meeting
- 24th ~ WCHS Fast Pitch Varsity Softball Tryouts
- 25th ~ WCHS Fast Pitch Varsity Softball Tryouts
- 25th ~ Bingo at Ed's
- 25th ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connections Meeting
- 26th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 26th ~ WCHS Fast Pitch Varsity Softball Tryouts
- 31st ~ Happy Memorial Day from The Martin News
- 31st ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Holiday



Worth County Schools 2021-2022 Calendar

Planning (no students)

Holiday (no students or staff)

Last day of 9 weeks

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9/6 Labor Day
 10/8 & 11 Fall Break
 *11/11 Veterans Day celebrations
 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

Approved 3/18/21



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.

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Tift Schools Names New Athletic Director



Chris Martin, principal at Northeast Middle School, has been named Tift County Schools athletic director. Martin succeeds Rusty Smith, who is retiring at the end of this school year. Martin has spent his professional career in Tift County. After teaching and coaching for five years at Tift County High's former Northeast Campus, Martin became the assistant principal of the school. He then moved to Eighth Street Middle School as assistant principal before returning to Northeast as principal. Rusty Smith has more than 30 years as a coach and educator, spending the past decade as Tift County's athletic director after handling those duties at the middle-school level.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Cindy Evers, Northside Baptist Get "Champions Of Hope Award"



Cindy Messick Evers and Northside Baptist Church are recipients of this year's Champions of Hope Award presented by Ruth's Cottage & The Patticake House, a non-profit organization combatting domestic and sexual violence, and child abuse. The organization said Evers is one of the original seven founders of Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House has "spent over 20 years in doing all in her power to advocate for women and children. ... The bonus is that she brought her entire church along with her on this journey and partnership with us." Evers and Northside Baptist have supported numerous Ruth's Cottage projects through the years and have opened the church to "host trainings for those who work child abuse cases." "Our recipients have thrown a 'shower' for supplies for our shelter, answered numerous calls for help as the program had needs, and last year she and her late husband put on their masks and came to our shelter to work with a terminally ill resident who wanted to find God, later baptizing her at their church," the organization said. Evers has also served on the Ruth's Cottage board, including as president. The award was announced as part of the organization's 17th Annual Champions of Hope Sporting Clays Tournament fundraiser last Saturday. This year's event raised a record \$50,000 in net funds to support local programs.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Peanut Farmers Approve the Georgia Peanut Commission by 94 Percent

TIFTON, Ga. (April 23, 2021) - The Georgia Peanut Commission's referendum received reaffirmation with a vote of 94.43 percent, the highest the commission has received in its nearly 60-year existence. The 2021 referendum was held March 15 through April 16, 2021. "I am thankful our board and staff have been able to work in the areas of research, promotion and education of peanuts, as well as support efforts in Washington to maintain legislation that is helpful for peanut farmers, which in turn, continues to allow us to provide a healthy, nutritious product for consumers," says Armond Morris, chairman of the Georgia Peanut Commission. As required by Georgia state law, the state's peanut farmers vote on the commission every three years. The ballots were mailed to peanut growers the week of March 15 and the Certified Public Accounting firm of Allen, Pritchett and Bassett counted the ballots returned on April 23. "Our staff is humbled by the support of peanut farmers in Georgia," says Don Koehler, GPC's executive director. "We will continue to seek opportunities through programs in research, education and promotion to enhance profit opportunities on the farm." Georgia peanut farmers invest \$2 per ton annually to the commission to be used in the program areas of research, promotion and education. For additional information on the Georgia Peanut Commission and its activities, visit www.gapeanuts.com.

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For more information, please call 776-2096



Co-Hosted by American Legion Post 335 and The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 335

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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
Works LLC**



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Any local or South
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event!
Any ages are welcome!



Classic Car/Truck show

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- **Overall Favorite**
- **Farthest Traveled**
- **Abi's Choice**

**Pre-Registration \$15
Late Registration \$20**

**Surprise Guest Speakers
and special guest
on Veteran Suicide
Awareness**



**Big Ticket
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\$1 per ticket**



There will also
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from local
artist and
bands



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**All profit from this
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**If you would like to sign up for any of these
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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

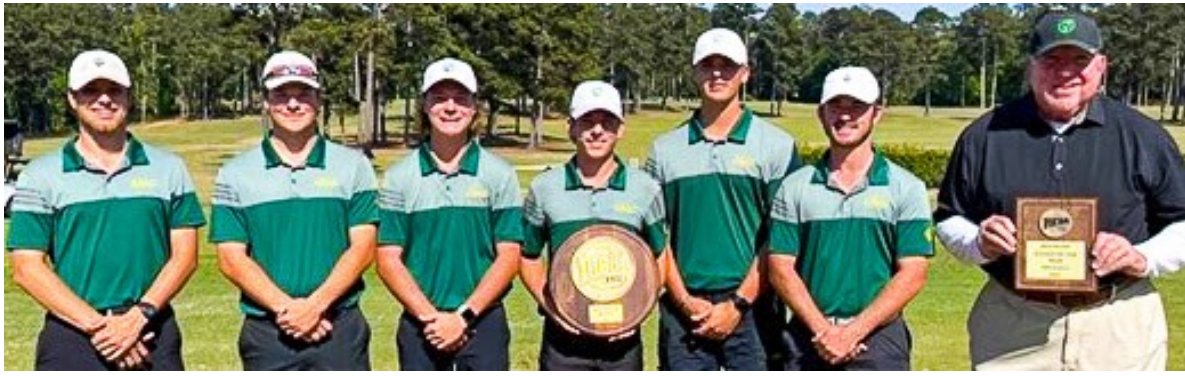
>Tryouts will be held
@WCMS gym
April 27-30, 2021
3:30-5:30

Questions:

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ABAC Golf Team Wins Again, Captures GA Championship



With an invitation to the national tournament already secure, the Golden Stallions of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College added to their wins Monday, capturing the Georgia College

giate Athletic Association golf championship at the Twin City Country Club in Tennesse. "Give all the credit to the guys," ABAC Coach Larry Byrnes said. "They are hard-working players. It was a windy and cold day plus the course played extremely tough. I am proud of them." With a score of 624, ABAC finished ahead of Georgia Military College and Andrew College for the title in the 36-hole event. ABAC's Brock Barber from St. Cloud, Fla., tied for second in the individual standings with rounds of 83 and 72, and ABAC's Ian Arnold from Blackshear wound up fourth in the tournament with rounds of 75 and 80. Both golfers were named to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-Region 17 team. Byrnes was selected as the NJCAA Region 17 Division II Coach of the Year. He has now guided the Golden Stallions to the national tournament five times since he took the reins of the golf team in 2015. There was no tournament in 2020 because of the pandemic. Only a week ago, Byrnes' Golden Stallions won the NJCAA Division II Southeastern District golf tournament, securing their spot next month in the national tournament in Plymouth, Ind. The ABAC conference championship golf team includes, from left, Assistant Coach Hunter Dokey, Brady Kotkiewicz, Hagen Marion, Brock Barber, Ian Arnold, Gabe Lewis, 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 Worth County Rams Head Coach, Phillip Ironside. The live show will be every Wednesday morning at 10am and this week's guest will be Mrs. Karen Singletary, Main Street Manager. 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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