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It Wasn't Just A Three Day Weekend

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day however Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363). This helped ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee. In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moira Michael replied with her own poem:

We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael. When she returned to France she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Get off the couch and on the road!

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A map of Worth County, Georgia, with various food and activity labels scattered across it. The labels include: 'BUNDT CAKES' (top left), 'Coffee Bar' (top center), 'General Store Bakery Food Truck Dog friendly' (top right), 'CORN HOLE' (left side), 'Bird-Watching' (center left), 'PLANTS IN BLOOM' (center), 'The Blue Goose' (center, with a goose illustration), 'Visit the Historic Union Church' (center right), 'Ice Cream' (bottom left), 'Red Velvet Brownies' (bottom center, in large red script), 'BANANA PUDDING' (bottom center), and 'CHICKEN SALAD' (bottom right). A QR code is located in the bottom left corner with the text 'SCAN ME!' below it.

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Memorial Day Weekend Firework Safety Tips

As we near Memorial Day Weekend, many people will purchase fireworks as part of their celebrations. Some towns or event organizers may have firework exhibits as part of their holiday celebrations. Unfortunately, there will be some people who are injured while using fireworks or enjoying a firework display. According to the National Fire Protection Association, more than 18,500 fires will be started by fireworks each year in the United States. Over 10,500 people were treated in emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries. Sparklers caused a quarter of those injuries. Most of us love fireworks, but we must remember that using fireworks can result in serious injuries. Use these tips for staying safe on Memorial Day while enjoying Fireworks. Obey all local laws. If you are not sure whether you can use fireworks in your area, contact your local government office to verify the laws regarding the use of fireworks. Wear safety glasses. Safety glass can prevent injuries to your eyes when lighting fireworks. In addition, don't wear clothing that can dangle down onto the firework. Don't mix alcohol and fireworks. Never try to light fireworks if you have been consuming alcohol. Use fireworks outdoors. Fireworks should be used in an open space away from buildings and other structures. Never light fireworks inside a structure. Never allow children to light fireworks. Fireworks should only be used by adults. Never relight a firework. If the firework does not work, in other words, it is a "dud," wait 20 minutes before picking the firework up and soaking it in water. Always have a fire extinguisher and water. You need to have a bucket of water or a water hose in case of fires. Having a small fire extinguisher is also a wise idea. Follow instructions exactly as printed. Read all instructions on or with the fireworks and follow those instructions. Do not "experiment" with fireworks! Purchase fireworks from a reputable dealer. Purchasing fireworks from the "back of a truck" can be very dangerous. You do not know if those fireworks are safe. Purchase your fireworks from a dealer. Light one firework at a time. Attempting to light multiple fireworks for a "big finale" can result in a tragic accident. Never point fireworks at others. Fireworks should only be directed up and away from people and crowds. Protect your pets. Many pets fear fireworks. Consider your pets when you are planning your Memorial Day celebrations.

Source: Memorial Day Safety

The logo for 'Sugar Hills Charms' features the word 'Sugar' in a large, cursive font with a purple ribbon-like underline, and 'Hills Charms' in a similar cursive font below it. The word 'UNDERWEAR AND MORE' is written in a smaller, sans-serif font at the bottom. To the left of the logo is an image of a pair of black fishnet stockings with a garter belt. To the right is an image of a pair of purple sunglasses.

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November 12, 2022*



Georgia Surpasses a Million Jobs in Trade and Transportation

May 19, 2022 Atlanta, GA - Georgia Labor Commissioner Mark Butler announced today that Georgia's trade and transportation sector has exceeded one million jobs for the first time in the state's history. Gaining 11,600 jobs in April, the Trade and Transportation sector has rebounded from an 88,500-job deficit in April 2020. More than half a million of these jobs come from the retail trade sector, including Walmart, Kroger, Home Depot, and Publix – the biggest retailers in Georgia. Retail trade was one of the top five sectors hit the hardest during the pandemic losing almost 65,000 jobs at the height of COVID-19. "We have seen a tremendous rebound in the trade and transportation sector here in Georgia with some of our biggest job gains concentrated in the retail trade market," said Commissioner Butler. "Much of that growth stems from strong consumer demand for goods and services, as seen in additional job increases in accommodation and food services and administrative and support services." Job numbers were at an all-time high in Trade and Transportation, 1,012,800, the first sector in the state to break the one million job plateau, including the Retail Trade sector, 519,000, the Transportation and Warehousing sector, 269,500, and the Wholesale Trade sector, 224,300. Job increases also included Financial Activities, 267,500, Professional and Business Services, 788,600, including the Administrative and Support Services sector, 380,700, and the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services sector, 316,700, and the Health Care and Social Assistance sector, 530,300. The sectors with the most over-the-year job gains included Accommodation and Food Services, 37,700, Administrative and Support Services, 37,200, Retail Trade, 24,800, Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, 23,400, Transportation and Warehousing, 22,200, Health Care and Social Assistance, 19,600, and Wholesale Trade, 15,700. Georgia's number of jobs was an all-time high of 4,765,500, up 19,000 from March to April and up 252,000 over the year. The sectors with the most over-the-month job gains included Wholesale Trade, 7,900, Administrative and Support Services, 6,200, Accommodation and Food Services, 3,000, Transportation and Warehousing, 2,000, and Retail Trade, 1,700. There are over 227,000 jobs listed online at EmployGeorgia.com, resulting in a minimum of over 315,000 unfilled positions. Employers with over 1,000 job postings included Price Waterhouse, 2,400, Wellstar Health System, 1,800, United Health Group, 1,600, Walmart, 1,300, Home Depot 1,100, and Anthem Blue Cross, 1,000. Industries with over ten thousand job postings included Health Care, 36,000, Manufacturing, 23,000, Accommodation and Food Services, 19,000, Retail Trade, 18,000, Professional, Scientific & Technical Services, 17,000, Finance and Insurance, 16,000, and Transportation and Warehousing, 12,000. Market salaries for the jobs listed on Employ Georgia range from \$23,000 to \$103,000, showing a median salary of \$43,000. Commissioner Butler also announced today that Georgia's April unemployment rate was equal to the all-time low set in March 2022 of 3.1 percent. Georgia's unemployment rate was five-tenths of a percent lower than the national April 2022 unemployment rate of 3.6 percent. The state set a new all-time high number of employed Georgians of 5,106,584, up 20,516 in April. The labor force was at an all-time high of 5,267,469, up 16,337 over the month, and the number of unemployed was down 4,179 to 160,885, the lowest figure since June 2001. Initial claims were down 1,659 (9%) from March to 17,423 in April. Over the year initial claims were down 115,980 (87%). For personalized assistance, employers can reach Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) staff at <https://dol.georgia.gov/employeremail>. Additionally, by visiting Employ Georgia, employers can manage job openings and access the state's talent pool. GDOL's Career Centers are providing in-person employment services by appointment. Job seekers can reach out to their local career centers for assistance. For more information on jobs and current labor force data, visit Georgia LaborMarket Explorer to view a comprehensive report.

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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 ~

Keeping Children Safe in the Sun

The risk of developing skin cancer will be substantially reduced for children who learn to “Block the sun, not the fun!” Sun Safety for Kids is dedicated to reducing the incidence of skin cancer through teaching and promoting sun protection to children. During the hour, while you are contemplating the subject of sun safety, one more American will die from skin cancer. It remains the most common type of cancer in the United States despite being such a preventable disease. Keep your children safe! Encourage or require the use of Sun-protective hats, long clothing, sun-screen and UV-blocking sunglasses. To complement more reliable methods of reducing skin exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation (such as sun avoidance, clothing, and hats) sunscreen can be very useful. However, limitations to the effectiveness of sunscreen include the following common user errors which are Failure to apply enough, uneven application / missed spots and Failure to re-apply. Because some amount of UV radiation might pass by the sunscreen, unintentional sunburn can occur. Think of these products as a back-up to other, more effective, and sun safety strategies. The sun emits a broad spectrum of radiation that includes harmless visible light as well as ultraviolet radiation. The bands of wavelengths that damage human skin are categorized as UVA and UVB. UVB rays are the main cause of the skin turning red, or exhibiting a sunburn. They can fracture the DNA in skin cells, resulting in mutations. UVA rays penetrate deeper into the skin and are the main cause of wrinkling, and discoloration. They cause the formation of damaging atoms called free radicals, and can inhibit the immune system from doing its job to prevent cancer. It is important to protect the skin from both UVA and UVB. If, and only if a sunscreen effectively filters out UVA rays as well as UVB rays (which is highly desirable) it may be labeled "Broad Spectrum." When shopping for sunscreen, always look for a product labeled "Broad Spectrum SPF" rather than simply "SPF." Certain antioxidants can augment the broad spectrum protection. Look for a mention of antioxidants on the product label but unfortunately there is not yet any rating system to help you compare antioxidant effectiveness between products. Probably the greatest drawback with sunscreen is that most people do not apply a sufficient dose. The SPF number is determined by the manufacturer using a “standard” application amount (required by the FDA) of 2 milligrams of product per square centimeter of skin. For the average adult in a bathing suit this would be a little more than one ounce, or approximately a shot glass full. (That’s one quarter of the typical 4 oz. sunscreen bottle.) When a person applies less than the “standard” amount, only a fraction of the labeled SPF will be achieved. Studies have shown that the average person applies less than half the “standard” amount of sunscreen, which results in an SPF of only about one third of that labeled on the bottle. Spray on sunscreens is particularly subject to under dosing. By contrast, if more than the “standard” amount is applied, the SPF achieved will exceed that labeled on the bottle. UV causes some sunscreen ingredients to gradually deteriorate on the skin’s surface in response to sun exposure. Sunscreen can also dissipate due to sweating, rubbing, and penetration into the skin. To maintain maximum effect, sunscreen should be re-applied every two hours. A single application before coming to school cannot be expected to adequately protect a child for afternoon physical education. These products must be applied liberally and, as with paint, two coats are better than one. Thus, Sun Safety for Kids coined the phrase: “Put on a lot. And don’t miss a spot!”

Information brought to you by sunsafetyforkids.org

Backyard Games With The Family

Who all loves to play games? We play cards, monopoly and more. But do you like to play games outside? With it being National Backyard Games Week I thought I would share some great ideas with you. They have life size games to play outside like Connect Four. This would be so much fun! Mac’s Entertainment rents that one plus others. Let me know if you would like more information on the rentals of these. Think about all the fun your family will have!

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Tifton, Tift County To Get Millions In State Budget, Lawmakers Tell Chamber



Millions of dollars are coming to Tifton and Tift County in the new state budget, state Rep. Penny Houston, R-Nashville, told members of the Tifton-Tift County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday. Houston, state Rep. Clay Pirkle, R-Ashburn, and state Sen. Carden Summers, R-Cordele – all part of the Tift County legislative delegation – spoke to the Chamber about the recent session of the General Assembly. "We hit a home run in rural Georgia," Summers said. "We're even getting the peanut put back up in Ashburn," referring to the large peanut statue that stood along the interstate and was knocked down during a hurricane a few years ago. "It was a great legislative session," Houston said. "I want to tell you how well Tift County and Tifton did in the budget." Among local allocations in the state bud-

get are \$3.7 million for water and sewer upgrades in the City of Tifton, said Houston, whose district covers much of Tifton. She said Tift County schools will receive a total of \$49,655,699 in education funding in the coming fiscal year, including \$1.8 million to restore austerity reductions, \$737,625 for student transportation, and \$152,953 for school nurse services. The General Assembly also approved a \$1.5 million bond package for Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Houston said. She also touted the Georgia Mental Health Parity Act approved in the Legislature requiring health-care insurance plans to provide coverage for mental health treatment and substance-abuse disorders. Houston said that mental health disorders are "a disease and should be treated the same as if you have a broken arm." Pirkle told the Tift Chamber that the Legislature took several initiatives to aid economic development in rural areas of the state, including adding incentives to expand and relocate businesses in rural communities, and increasing the rural hospital tax credit from \$60 million to \$75 million. Pirkle said Georgians can designate their state tax payments toward aiding their local rural hospital. "That one program has saved as many rural hospitals as anything we've done," Pirkle said. "Nobody wants to lose their



hospital." Summers said the state has "put hundreds of millions of dollars in broadband in rural Georgia" to help citizens and economic development, and is looking at ways to extend the gas tax suspension, which ends May 31. The state senator said he and other elected officials are sent to the capital "to have the wisdom and courage to do things" to help Georgians; "we're there to make it better." Summers mentioned several new laws, including allowing parents to be involved in a school's curriculum, prohibiting transgender males from competing in girls' sports, and election reforms that he said strengthen the system. "Last election, drop boxes were everywhere," Summers said. "Now, you're going to have show your ID no matter how you vote. I assure you, we have an extremely tight election process." Summers, who is currently seeking re-election and has opposition for the GOP nomination, apologized for the "dirty politics" he said is coming from some candidates. "I don't like it. We shouldn't be that way; we should focus on how to better help our communities," Summers said.



Source: Tifton Grapevine



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ABAC Recognizes Professor With Top Faculty Award

Dr. Rachael Price, an associate professor in the School of Arts and Sciences, has been selected as the 2022 recipient of the W. Bruce and Rosalyn Ray Donaldson Award for Teaching Excellence at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The award continues a tradition of faculty recognition that began at ABAC in 1965. The award publicly recognizes superior instruction and exemplary service to the college. Price was honored with a recognition plaque and a monetary award. A faculty member since 2016, Price holds bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees in English from the State University of New York, and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Arkansas. One of Price’s references for the award said, “As a teacher, she is creative and thoughtful, with practices, activities, and assignments based on sound pedagogy and an empathy for her students' needs. She has shown a strong commitment to creating an inclusive classroom where students learn with hands-on experiences.” Price was selected by the University System of Georgia as one of three ABAC faculty to be a Chancellor's Learning Scholar and was twice awarded Gail Dillard Faculty Enrichment Funds. At the presentation of the W. Bruce and Rosalyn Ray Donaldson Award for Teaching Excellence at ABAC are, from left, President David Bridges, Associate Professor Emerita of English Rosalyn Ray Donaldson, Dr. Rachael Price, and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jerry Baker.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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June 11, 2022 Gates open at 10am

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50/50 Raffle

Students in each homeroom at Worth County Elementary School had a shoot - off to determine who would represent their class. Students had to pass the Georgia Milestones in order to keep their spot and represent their class. A boy and girl was chosen. Congratulations to the winners from each grade level!

Pictured in bottom picture is: JJ Lamar, Grant Juster, Dr. Rouse, 4th grade girl winner - Carmyn Stephens, 5th grade girl winner - Tiara Walker, 3rd grade boy winner - Jaishaun White, 3rd grade winner - McKenzie Williams, 4th grade boy winner - Zechariah Jackson, 5th grade boy winner - Tanner Whittington, Snipes Piggly Wiggle - Kyle Tomlinson, Cameron Marshall and Ben Jackson.

Source: WCSD



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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

Approved 3/10/2022



WCES Art Show 2022 Winners Announced

Congratulations to the following winners of the WCES Art Show 2022! The judges were very impressed and had a very difficult job!

3rd Grade Winners

Pictured are:

Gavin Judy - 3rd place
Kimber Bass - 1st place
Riley Langdale - 2nd place
Art teacher - Jill Glover.



4th Grade Winners

Pictured are:

Art teacher - Jill Glover
3rd place - Nashonti Nelson
1st place - Ta'Lonna Wilburn
2nd place - Rosie Resendez.



5th Grade Winners

Pictured are:

Art teacher - Jill Glover
3rd place - Colten Rogers
1st place - Jonathon McMurphy

Not pictured
2nd place - Garrett Kevas



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8/19

8/26

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9/23

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2022 SCHEDULE



Dates to Remember

May

- 22nd ~ Annual May Days on the Midway at Georgia National Fairgrounds - Agricenter in Perry
 - 22nd ~ Blippi the Musical at the Civic Center 2pm
 - 23rd ~ Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library
 - 23rd ~ Awards Day at WCPS (see info in The Martin News)
 - 23rd ~ WCMS Field Day
- 23rd ~ Annual May Days on the Midway at Georgia National Fairgrounds - Agricenter in Perry
- 24th ~ Annual May Days on the Midway at Georgia National Fairgrounds - Agricenter in Perry
 - 24th ~ Awards Day at WCPS (see info in The Martin News)
 - 24th ~ Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library
 - 24th ~ Books & Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
 - 24th ~ WCMS Honors Night 6pm
 - 24th ~ City of Poulan Mayor and Council Meeting 6:30pm
 - 24th ~ 17th ~ Trivia Tuesday's at Pretoria Fields 7pm-9pm
 - 25th ~ Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library
 - 25th ~ Last Day of School - Early Dismissal
 - 25th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting 12Noon
 - 25th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 7pm-9pm
- 25th ~ Annual May Days on the Midway at Georgia National Fairgrounds - Agricenter in Perry
- 26th ~ Annual May Days on the Midway at Georgia National Fairgrounds - Agricenter in Perry
 - 26th ~ Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library
 - 27th ~ Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library
 - 27th ~ G & S Experience Concert Downtown 7pm
- 27th ~ Annual May Days on the Midway at Georgia National Fairgrounds - Agricenter in Perry
- 28th ~ Annual May Days on the Midway at Georgia National Fairgrounds - Agricenter in Perry
 - 28th ~ Worth County High School Graduation 8am
- 29th ~ Annual May Days on the Midway at Georgia National Fairgrounds - Agricenter in Perry
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 - 30th ~ Happy Memorial Day from The Martin News
 - 30th ~ 2nd Annual Memorial Day Parade in Downtown Sylvester 10am
 - 31st ~ Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library
 - 31st ~ Books & Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
 - 31st ~ Trivia Tuesday's at Pretoria Fields 7pm-9pm



2022 Summer Reading Challenge at Margaret Jones Public Library



Starts May 2 and runs through July 14

Summer reading through your library can prevent the summer learning slide and help your kids be ready for school in the fall. Reading just 15 minutes per day is all it takes.

Pick up a book tracker to record your books read this summer and earn great prizes.

Earn prizes for books read

Picture Book Readers

Read 10 books = Pencil
Read 20 books = Paint Sheet
Read 30 books = Bubbles
Read 40 books = Clownfish Launcher
Read 50 books = Submarine & Luau Party Ticket

Chapter Book Readers

Read 5 books = Magnetic Bookmark
Read 10 books = Cup
Read 15 books = Hi-Bounce Ball
Read 20 books = Clownfish Launcher
Read 25 books = Ocean Animal Squish & Luau Party Ticket

Teen Readers

Read 10 books = Canvas Bag & Luau Party Ticket.
Every 10 books read earns a chance in the grand prize drawing

Adult Readers

Read 10 books = Canvas Bag
Every 10 books read earns a chance in the grand prize drawing

**Join us at our Finale Luau Party at the Sylvester Splash Pad on July 14 at 2 pm
By ticket only**



Attend Fun Programs for the Whole Family

May 20 - June 2: Scholastic Book Fair
Books & Bubbles on Tuesdays at 10 am
June 2: Ken Scott Magic Show at 2 pm
June 9: Stuffed Animal Bingo at 2 pm
June 13: Doc Magic Fun Time Show at 2 pm
June 16: Books & Brushes - Mermaid at 2 pm

June 22: Animal Tales at 2 pm
June 28: SeaMobile 10 am - 4 pm
June 30: Ocean in a Jar at 2 pm
July 7: Books & Brushes - Mister Seahorse at 2 pm
July 11: Sand Art & Storytime at 2 pm
July 14: Luau Party at 2 pm - ticket required!

Check out *free* eBooks and audiobooks from our digital library with your library card!



Anything you read counts toward your reading goal.

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The library reading app

Titles for 5th grade to adults

Titles for pre-k to 4th grade

SELF DEFENSE



Community Safety Class

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PART 1 -SELF DEFENSE-JUNE 7TH TUESDAY 6-8PM

- ✓ FREE CLASS
- ✓ FREE CHILD CARE
- ✓ FREE FOOD
- ✓ DOOR PRIZES

H. H. Woolard Community Center **709 W. Wallace St. Sylvester Ga**

TO SIGN UP OR QUESTIONS EMAIL: CancerAwareness365@yahoo.com

Name & Phone Number

Alternative Actions

George & Nicole Phillips

Will have self-defense items for sale

Pepper Spray Tasers Stun Guns

Personal Alarms key Chains

ADVANTAGES

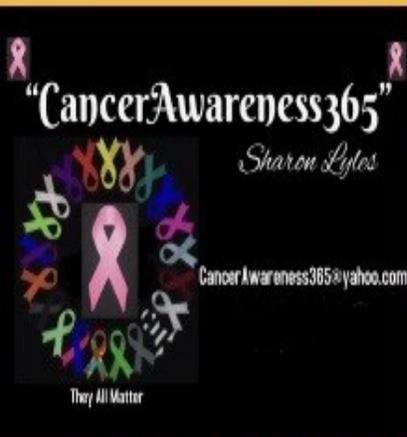
- ✓ Proper Techniques To Defend Youself/Family
- ✓ Sharper Focus
- ✓ Improve Self Confidence
- ✓ practical Self Defense

Organized By:

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 CancerAwareness365 Worth Co. Sherriff

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Part 2-Gun Safety Class (TBA)- Participants Of Part 1 will be given priority slots.

Worth County Primary School



1304 North Isabella Street, Sylvester, Georgia 31791

Phone: 229-776-8660 :- Fax: 229-776-8665

Website: <http://www.worthschools.net>

Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/worthprimary

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

WCPS is excited to announce that we will be having awards day for all grade levels. This year each student will be allowed up to 4 guests to come to the awards day ceremony. Please do not bring school aged siblings to the program. All visitors that come on awards day will park in the back of the school and enter the gym. Parents/guardians will sit in the bleachers during the ceremony. If you plan on checking your child out after the program, please notify your teacher in advance. No parents/guardians will be allowed to go to the classroom after the program. We will have sign out sheets in the gym for you to sign the student out. After the ceremony the parents/guardians will exit the gym. To ensure all parents are able to get a parking place during their child's ceremony, we ask that you not arrive early and that you exit the gym promptly after your child's ceremony. Please see below for the specific day / time your child will have their ceremony.

Awards Day Schedule:

Monday May 23, 2022

9:00 am PreK

10:00 am Kindergarten - Apple (Austin, Edwards, Ford, Griffis, Hamilton, Jackson, Jordan)

11:00 am Kindergarten - Carrot Patch (Douglas, Gaddy, Henley, Isert, Judy, Watson)

Tuesday May 24, 2022

9:00 am First Grade - Fuzzy Bear (Benton, Carlisle, Odom, Oncale, Plair, Ray)

10:00 am First Grade - Balloon (Bryan, Cuffie, Langley, Little, Mensching, Moore)

11:00 am Second Grade - Blutworth, Cochran, Crowe, Hampton, Hill, Popham

12:00 pm Second Grade - Dunn, Hanson, Lavender, Moore, Rucker, Worthy

Jared Worthy
Principal

Kim Pritchard
Assistant
Principal

Jenny Worn
School
Improvement

Tara Miller
Guidance
Counselor

Donna Lagrone
Media Specialist

WCSD Purpose:

Worth County Schools will prepare students to graduate and be productive citizens by providing them with access to high quality programs

Rising 6th Graders

Are you interested in playing WCMS Football?

Practice Begins July 12th

Tuesday through Thursday

WCMS Gym & Practice Field

Athletes must have
a current physical
on file to practice



Questions: Email Coach Popham
japopham@worthschools.net

WCMS Football Remind:
class code > **@wcmsfootb**

Join via app or text class code to 81010 for text updates



AARP Smart Driver Safety Course

AARP Smart Drivers Class will be offered

Thursday, June 23, 2022

9 am to 4 pm with lunch on your own

at Margaret Jones Public Library

205 East Pope Street, Sylvester, GA

Cost \$25 for non-members

\$20 for AARP members

Register by calling 229-776-2096

- Approved for drivers beginning at 16 years of age with valid driver's license, if accompanied by adult. Younger drivers should check with their insurance company to confirm whether the discount will apply before taking the class.
- Each class provides 6 hours of instruction.
- Automobile insurance discount is available for drivers who have had no moving violations or at fault claims for the past three years.
- Certificate for three years is provided when class has been completed. You must turn your certificate into your automobile insurance company for discount to apply.



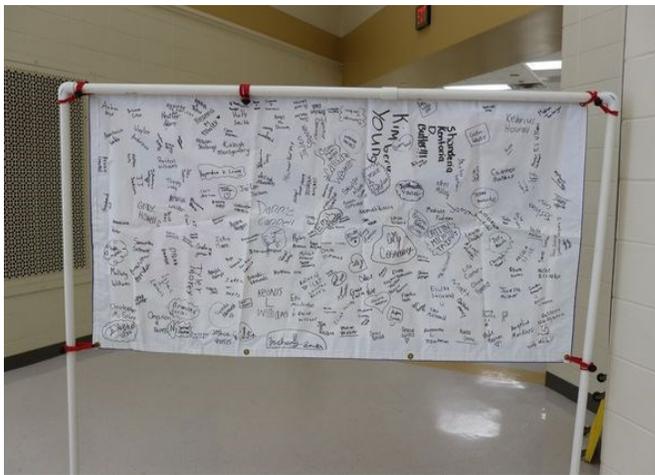
EMPIRE ANTIQUES

Ribbon Cutting

JOIN US WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH, 2022, AT 11:30 AM AT 105 N. ISABELLA ST. IN SYLVESTER FOR THE EMPIRE ANTIQUES RIBBON CUTTING!

For more information call 229-392-2851

Signing The Graduation Banner Is A Tradition At WCES



One of the traditions Worth County Elementary School started back in 2013 was to allow their 5th grade students to sign the graduation banner that they walk under every day of their three years at WCES. On Friday, May 20th, the Class of 2022 got to find their signatures from when they were in 5th grade during the Senior Walkout. Congrats to the Class of 2022! WCES is proud of you!

When I saw this shared on the Worth County Elementary School Facebook Page, it brought tears...

but great tears! Thank you Dr. Steven Rouse and the staff at Worth County Elementary School for sharing this. Even though Larry graduated early, he had signed this banner and it was fun finding his signature. He remembered signing it and remembered drawing a smiley face right under his name.

Having this memory to share with our children is amazing! It takes leadership and teachers like these at WCES to help teach our children and I could not be more thankful for all they did for Larry when he was there. Thank you again!



American Legion Sylvester Post 335 Inc.

Will Host a Memorial Day Remembrance Program

Memorial Day Monday May 30th 2022

At the Sylvester Train Depot

102 South Main Street Sylvester, Ga.

Program Starts @ 3 PM

The Public is invited to honor

Worth County's Fallen Heroes



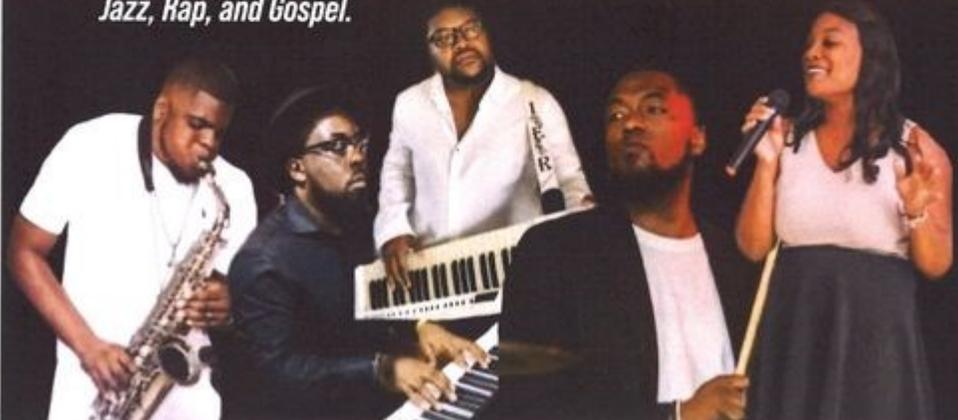
FREE **CONCERT**
at the **DEPOT**

Tables for 8 are available to reserve for \$40

MAY 27
7 PM

Bring your chairs and get ready to have a great time!

Numerous musical styles that include R&B, Soul, Country, Rock, Top 40, Pop, Smooth Jazz, Rap, and Gospel.

Contact City of Sylvester Main Street for more information 229-773-7716

Enjoying Memorial Day And Staying Safe

Memorial Day is a day full of celebration and remembrance for our country. Often, friends and families gather to enjoy the summer sun and each other's company. The grills are hot, the traffic is heavy, and the pool is cool! To get the most out of this weekend, take note of the following tips for your safety:

Getting There:

- Wherever your final destination may be, ensure you get there safely.
- While you may be in a hurry, do not follow other vehicles too closely and use caution in construction zones.
- Be sure to make frequent stops and use multiple drivers if necessary.
- Ensure that your vehicle's gas tank doesn't get too low.
- Let someone know where you're going before you leave, just in case you run into trouble.
- Avoid distractions such as cell phones, and always buckle your seatbelt!

Grilling Out:

- Keep your grill out in the open and away from overhangs, enclosed areas, or anything that could catch fire.
- Make sure that no one gets too close to the grill, such as children or pets.
- Use long-handled tools as to avoid any burns.
- Never add starter fluid if your coals have already been lit.

Diving In:

- Learn CPR in case of an emergency, and ensure that all swimmers are skilled.
- Actively supervise children, and stay within arms reach of new swimmers.
- If you're on a boat, sport a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Remain within eyeshot of a lifeguard and swim with a buddy.
- Keep a life preserver nearby, and in case of drowning, throw it, but don't jump in. Call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency.

Having some fun in the sun is a necessity on Memorial Day, and to ensure you have your best one yet, follow these tips to avoid any unforeseen accidents! Happy Memorial Day!

Source: Memorial Day Safety Tips Online

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USDA to Provide Approximately \$6 Billion to Commodity and Specialty Crop Producers Impacted by 2020 and 2021 Natural Disasters Seeks First Wave of Payments Based on Crop Insurance Data

WASHINGTON, May 16, 2022 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that commodity and specialty crop producers impacted by natural disaster events in 2020 and 2021 will soon begin receiving emergency relief payments totaling approximately \$6 billion through the Farm Service Agency’s (FSA) new Emergency Relief Program (ERP) to offset crop yield and value losses. “For over two years, farmers and ranchers across the country have been hard hit by an ongoing pandemic coupled with more frequent and catastrophic natural disasters,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “As the agriculture industry deals with new challenges and stressors, we at USDA look for opportunities to inject financial support back into the rural economy through direct payments to producers who bear the brunt of circumstances beyond their control. These emergency relief payments will help offset the significant crop losses due to major weather events in 2020 and 2021 and help ensure farming operations are viable this crop year, into the next growing season and beyond.” On September 30, 2021, President Biden signed into law the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 117-43), which includes \$10 billion in assistance to agricultural producers impacted by wildfires, droughts, hurricanes, winter storms, and other eligible disasters experienced during calendar years 2020 and 2021. FSA recently made payments to ranchers impacted by drought and wildfire through the first phase of the Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP). ERP is another relief component of the Act. For impacted producers, existing Federal Crop Insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) data is the basis for calculating initial payments. USDA estimates that phase one ERP benefits will reach more than 220,000 producers who received indemnities for losses covered by federal crop insurance and more than 4,000 producers who obtained NAP coverage for 2020 and 2021 crop losses. ERP covers losses to crops, trees, bushes, and vines due to a qualifying natural disaster event in calendar years 2020 and 2021. Eligible crops include all crops for which crop insurance or NAP coverage was available, except for crops intended for grazing. Qualifying natural disaster events include wildfires, hurricanes, floods, derechos, excessive heat, winter storms, freeze (including a polar vortex), smoke exposure, excessive moisture, qualifying drought, and related conditions. For drought, ERP assistance is available if any area within the county in which the loss occurred was rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a: D2 (severe drought) for eight consecutive weeks; or D3 (extreme drought) or higher level of drought intensity. Lists of 2020 (PDF, 1.8 MB) and 2021 (PDF, 431 KB) drought counties eligible for ERP is available on the emergency relief website. To streamline and simplify the delivery of ERP phase one benefits, FSA will send pre-filled application forms to producers where crop insurance and NAP data are already on file. This form includes eligibility requirements, outlines the application process and provides ERP payment calculations. Producers will receive a separate application form for each program year in which an eligible loss occurred. Receipt of a pre-filled application is not confirmation that a producer is eligible to receive an ERP phase one payment. Additionally, producers must have the following forms on file with FSA within 60 days of the ERP phase one deadline, which will later be announced by FSA’s Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs:

- Form AD-2047, Customer Data Worksheet.
- Form CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan for an individual or legal entity.
- Form CCC-901, Member Information for Legal Entities (if applicable).
- Form FSA-510, Request for an Exception to the \$125,000 Payment Limitation for Certain Programs (if applicable).
- Form CCC-860, Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification, if applicable, for the 2021 program year.

A highly erodible land conservation (sometimes referred to as HELC) and wetland conservation certification (Form AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification) for the ERP producer and applicable affiliates. Most producers, especially those who have previously participated in FSA programs, will likely have these required forms on file. However, those who are uncertain or want to confirm the status of their forms can contact their local FSA county office. For crops covered by crop insurance, the ERP phase one payment calculation for a crop and unit will depend on the type and level of coverage obtained by the producer. Each calculation will use an ERP factor based on the producer’s level of crop insurance or NAP coverage. Crop Insurance – the ERP factor is 75% to 95% depending on the level of coverage ranging from catastrophic to at least 80% coverage. NAP – the ERP factor is 75% to 95% depending on the level of coverage ranging from catastrophic to 65% coverage. Full ERP payment calculation factor tables are available on the emergency relief website and in the program fact sheet (PDF, 813 KB). Applying ERP factors ensures that payments to producers do not exceed available funding and that cumulative payments do not exceed 90% of losses for all producers as required by the Act. Also, there will be certain payment calculation considerations for area plans under crop insurance policies. The ERP payment percentage for historically underserved producers, including beginning, limited resource, socially disadvantaged, and veteran farmers and ranchers will be increased by 15% of the calculated payment for crops having insurance coverage or NAP. To qualify for the higher payment percentage, eligible producers must have a CCC-860, Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification, form on file with FSA for the 2021 program year. Because the amount of loss due to a qualifying disaster event in calendar years 2020 and 2021 cannot be separated from the amount of loss caused by other eligible causes of loss as defined by the applicable crop insurance or NAP policy, the ERP phase one payment will be calculated based on the producer’s loss due to all eligible causes of loss. All producers who receive ERP phase one payments, including those receiving a payment based on crop, tree, bush, or vine insurance policies, are statutorily required to purchase crop insurance, or NAP coverage where crop insurance is not available, for the next two available crop years, as determined by the Secretary. Participants must obtain crop insurance or NAP, as may be applicable: At a coverage level equal to or greater than 60% for insurable crops; or At the catastrophic level or higher for NAP crops. Coverage requirements will be determined from the date a producer receives an ERP payment and may vary depending on the timing and availability of crop insurance or NAP for a producer’s particular crops. The final crop year to purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage to meet the second year of coverage for this requirement is the 2026 crop year. Today’s announcement is only phase one of relief for commodity and specialty crop producers. Making the initial payments using existing safety net and risk management data will both speed implementation and further encourage participation in these permanent programs, such as Federal crop insurance, as Congress intended. The second phase of both ERP and ELRP programs will fill gaps and cover producers who did not participate in or receive payments through the existing programs that are being leveraged for phase one implementation. When phase one payment processing is complete, the remaining funds will be used to cover gaps identified under phase two. Through proactive communication and outreach, USDA will keep producers and stakeholders informed as program details are made available. More information on ERP can be found in the Notice of Funding Availability (PDF, 290 KB). The Milk Loss Program and On-Farm Stored Commodity Loss Program are also funded through the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act and will be announced in a future rule in the Federal Register. Additional USDA disaster assistance information can be found on farmers.gov, including the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet (PDF, 1.5 MB), and Farm Loan Discovery Tool. For FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent. USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.



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