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## Happy Birthday to The Martin News



The Martin News is turning 7!! We are so excited. We love birthday parties! I started the Martin News the same week of my birthday so how cool is that .... I get two cakes.... YUM-MY! I am just as excited today about The Martin News as I was starting it seven years ago. I had been in the medical field for 18 1/2 years before deciding to take this adventure on. It has been amazing and the best decision I made. I love it that every year we are blessed to be able to add something new to it and we are able to take away what didn't work for us. We begin in 2014 with The Martin News publication that included photography especially for fundraising efforts. The newsletter goes out weekly on our Facebook Page, The Martin News and on our

website themartinnews.org. The photography allows me to be able to take pictures of which I love to do and give half the proceeds back to the group that we are volunteering with. Due to COVID, we have had to slow down on that but will hopefully start back soon. It helps an organization or group out and allows us to be involved in the community of which we love. In 7 years, the number of viewers has quadrupled in size. Another part of the business that I love is doing the special additions periodically through out the year that we include in the publication. One coming up very soon is the graduation edition. We also do a Ram edition, a Thanksgiving and a Christmas edition. They are all so much fun to do. Thank you to everyone for making these seven years very successful for The Martin News. We truly could not do it without you.

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MAY 3RD, 2021

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**Tuesday, May 4, 2021**  
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# SPRING GAME



The Rams Track team went to Fitzgerald yesterday and showed out! We put our foot down, y'all! We are so very proud of each of you and your determination this season!

Here are your Ram Track Region 1-AA Champs:

Za'Liah Howard 100/300 hurdles

Ja'Kerria Walker long jump

Hunner Folsom pole vault

Tayshaun Shipp triple jump

Conner Mullen 1600/800/4x800

Brooke Hall high jump

4x800 relay David Singletary, Leavon Legree, Eyan Zupko, and Conner Mullen

Ana Resendez 1600

A special shout out to Conner Mullen for bringing home a team-high of 3 gold medals from Region 1-AA! Both teams took 2nd overall!

The following students will advance to Sectionals in Dublin next weekend:

Bralyn Griffis -3rd 1600

Alexia Sokolowski -2nd 3200

Zymyia Dent- 2nd 100/300 hurdles and high jump

Madison Kent -2nd pole vault

Josey Young- 3rd pole vault

Za'Liah Howard-3rd triple jump

Zoe Burrell and Sophie McCard -2nd and 4th discus

Xavier Wilcher-2nd 100

Eyan Zupko-2nd 3200 & 3rd 1600

Ra'Sean Mathis-4th 110 hurdles

Tayshaun Shipp-3rd 300 hurdles

Jordan Curry-2nd long jump & 3rd high jump

Tucker Parrish & Chace Weeks-2nd & 3rd pole vault

Girls 4x100-2nd place-Za'Liah Howard, Josey Young, Aalyhia Gille, Ja'Kerria Walker

Girls 4x800-2nd place- Ana Resendez, Bralyn Griffis, Alexia Sokolowski, and Stevie Lewis

Boys 4x100-3rd-Jordan Curry, Xavier Wilcher, Tayshaun Shipp, Javen Jackson

Girls 4x400-3rd Adrianna Downs, Shundria Mills, Lakeydra McGuire, Destiny Simon

Source: WCSO



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## Seniors Staying Fit

Getting into shape and staying fit is important for any age person but especially as we age, it is very important. When we are younger we want to stay fit and have that great body everyone dreams about but as you age health becomes the real factor instead of just the great looking body. Exercise can help prevent excess weight gain or help maintain weight loss. When you engage in physical activity, you burn calories. The more intense the activity, the more calories you burn. You don't need to set aside large chunks of time for exercise to reap weight-loss benefits. If you can't do an actual workout, get more active throughout the day in simple ways — by taking the stairs instead of the elevator or revving up your household chores. Worried about heart disease? Hoping to prevent high blood pressure? No matter what your current weight, being active boosts high-density lipoprotein (HDL), or "good," cholesterol and decreases unhealthy triglycerides. This one-two punch keeps your blood flowing smoothly, which decreases your risk of cardiovascular diseases. In fact, regular physical activity can help you prevent or manage a wide range of health problems and concerns, including stroke, metabolic syndrome, type 2 diabetes, depression, certain types of cancer, arthritis and falls. These are just a few of the ways that the Mayo Clinic suggests we do and why to do it to get fit and stay that way. Staying healthy is a very important subject and you are never too old to exercise. My mother, who is 77, likes to walk. With it beginning to get warmer, a little too warm at times, she will be starting the gym again. She loves being a part of the Silver Sneakers.

**Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 PM to 10 PM**  
 Downtown Sylvester at the Depot

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**WCMS**  
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**PARENT/PLAYER INTEREST MEETING**

**MAY 3, 2021 | 3:45 PM**  
**WCMS CAFETERIA**

Important information about tryouts, expectations, paperwork, etc. will be shared at the meeting.

A current physical is due by May 21, 2021.

**Coach: Courtney Hamilton**  
**chamilton@worthschools.net**





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# Infinite STEMZ

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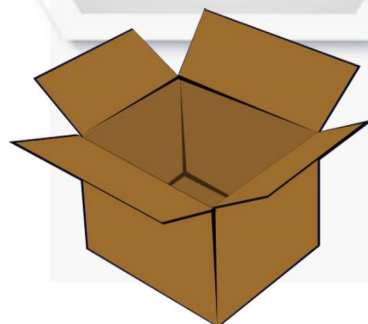
Each month, we offer two kits. You may choose to purchase both kits for **\$15** or choose just one for **\$10**.

## How it Works

Once the kits have been picked up on the scheduled time from Worth County High School, students will read instructions and watch the youtube tutorial to complete labs. Parents are expected to watch over the students to be sure safety is a number on priority. If any question arise feel free to Contact either Mrs.Smith or the video host, Hannah Fletcher (229 733-5542). There will also be a scheduled zoom meeting for each lab.

## Infinite STEMZ Kits

March	Physics Kit
April	Bean Kit
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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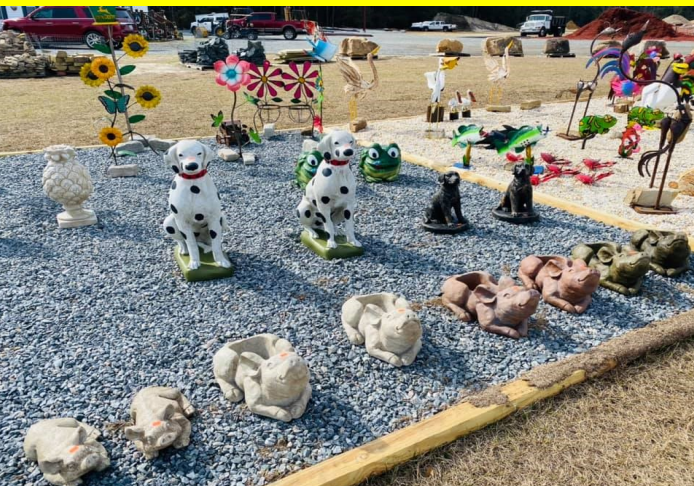
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## **Prater Music Fest Adds "Soul Man" BBQ Contest**

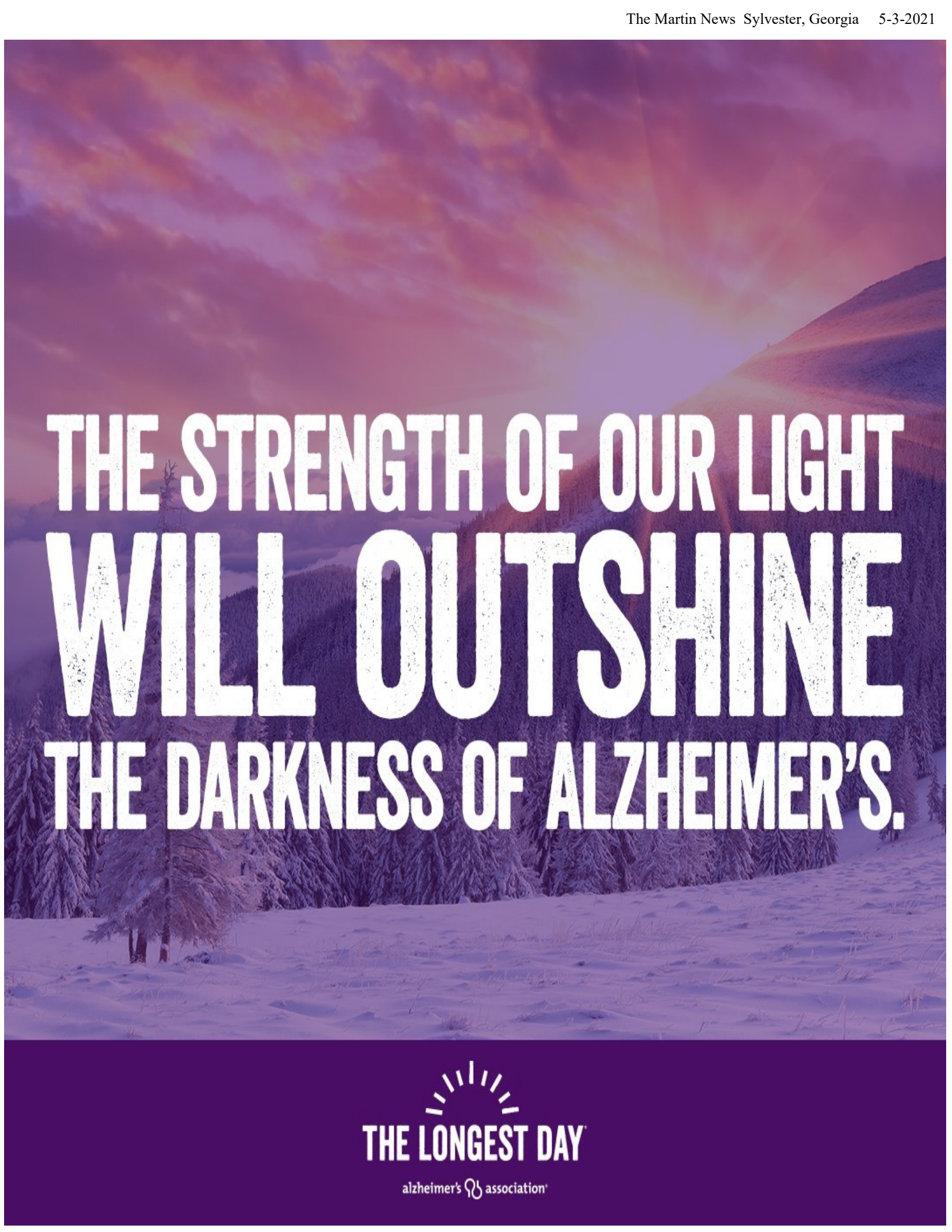


The City of Ocilla and the Ocilla Downtown Development Authority are finalizing plans for the Prater Music Fest and its first Soul Man BBQ Competition sponsored by the Georgia BBQ Association. The event is scheduled May 6-8.

The Music Fest honors the late Dave Prater, Ocilla native and one-half of the Grammy-winning soul/R&B duo Sam & Dave, who had such hits as "Soul Man" and "Hold On, I'm Comin'." "We put a new twist on it this year; we're having live music on Friday night (May 7) featuring the Southern Soul Band and the Irwin County High School Jazz Band. We're going for a family atmosphere and will have vendors selling BBQ, hot dogs, hamburgers, assorted beverages, and providing activities for the kids," said Roxie Seale, chair of the Ocilla Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Seale said activities will include train rides around the walking track and a rock-climbing wall. "We have also added the BBQ competition and competitors will be preparing for Saturday's big showdown. The winner of the Prater Music Scholarship will be announced during Friday night's activities. He/she will perform with the band," Seale said. Activities continue at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8, with live music by Anna Beth Gay and the Page Brothers, among others. Winners of the BBQ competition will be announced at 4 p.m.; the event ends at 5 p.m. Alcoholic beverages will be available for adults at least 21 years old, but a commemorative cup and wristband must first be purchased from DDA volunteers. Ice chests or other open containers will not be allowed onto the festival grounds.

Source: Tifton Grapevine





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# 2021 WORTH CO. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



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**AUGUST 20TH**  
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**AUGUST 27TH**  
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**SEPTEMBER 10TH**  
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**SEPTEMBER 24TH**  
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**OCTOBER 8TH**  
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**OCTOBER 15TH**  
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WORTH CO. STADIUM

**OCTOBER 22ND**  
**BERRIEN**  
RAYMOND JONES MEMORIAL STADIUM

**OCTOBER 29TH**  
**EARLY CO.**  
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## RAISE THE STANDARD



The entire month of April is designated as the Month of the Military Child. This is an observance among military families, military family support communities, and others worldwide in the form of Purple Up! For Military Kids Day. Each year we wear purple to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Worth County Primary School observed this on Friday, April 23rd! These are just a few of the pictures from that day. Please visit Worth County Primary School on Facebook to see all the pictures.

Source: WCSD



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# STEAM FEST

May 15th  
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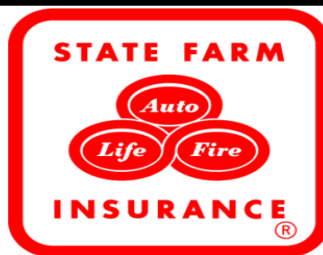
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### Start Your Engines... National NASCAR Day

Annually celebrated on the third Friday in May is National NASCAR Day. This day is a celebration of NASCAR drivers, celebrities, corporate partners, media, and millions of fans coming together to raise fund for charitable causes. NASCAR believes their greatest asset is the power and passion of their NASCAR fans: passion both for the sport and for giving back. NASCAR Day is an annual celebration of the NASCAR spirit. If you are a NASCAR fan you have a favorite driver for sure. My driver was and still is Dale Earnhardt Jr. My son's favorite driver was and still is Jimmy Johnson but is pulling for some new ones this year too. We love to watch NASCAR. My favorite races are Saturday Night Races and my favorite track is between Daytona, Talladega and Atlanta. Who is your favorite driver?

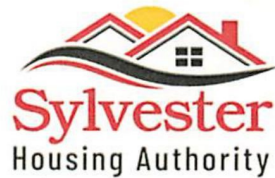
### National Learn to Swim Day

National Learn to Swim Day is the perfect opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of teaching children to swim. With summer right around the corner, learning this invaluable life skill is even more essential for fun as well as for safety. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drowning is the second-leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages one to 14. If we work together to promote the importance of swimming, we can improve this scary statistic and make water wonderful for everyone. If you do not know how to swim or you do not feel like you can teach your child to swim, please contact your local YMCA in Tifton or Albany for swimming lessons or to see if they know of anyone local in Sylvester that can teach your child to swim. It will be the best money you ever spend. I know I sure am ready for the Summer and swimming! We hope you all have a great Summer.

### Drinking Water Week

Drinking Water Week is an annual observance sponsored by the American Water Works Association in May to recognize the critical role drinking water plays in our daily lives. This year's theme, "Protect The Source", highlights the work water professionals do around-the-clock to ensure high-quality drinking water is always available at your tap, right when you need it. There's many people that do not care for water but it is very good for us. Drink your water today!





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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](http://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

The Sylvester Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer



## 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.



## ***New Library Hours***

**Monday 9am-5:30pm**  
**Tuesday 9am-7pm**  
**Wednesday 9am-5:30pm**  
**Thursday 9am-7pm**  
**Friday 9am-5:30pm**  
**Saturday 9am-1pm**

*Evening hours are back starting in May*



## **Poulan Lions Club Set to Hold Mop and Broom Sale**

The Poulan Lions Club is holding a broom and mop sale on Saturday May the 8th at the parking lots of Piggly Wiggly and Colony Bank from 9am until 11am. Please stop by and see them if you will.

## **Tiftarea Panthers Win Region Baseball Title**



The Tiftarea Academy Panthers took down Southland Academy in a baseball double header Wednesday to clinch the region championship. Tiftarea defeated Southland 4-2 and again, 5-1, for the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) Region 3-AAA title. State playoff action will begin this week.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



## **SRTC Recognizes Graduating Veterinary Techs**

Southern Regional Technical College on Thursday pinned its graduating veterinary technology class of 2021 in recognition of their achievements – Elizabeth Delk, Yadira Flores, Savannah Maton, and Hannah Watts. All four graduates have already secured employment in their field: Delk in Tallahassee; Flores in Cairo; Maton at Quailwood Animal Hospital in Tifton; and Watts at a veterinary center in Moultrie.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

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# **Georgia 4-H Watermelon Growing Contest**

**Who: K-12<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Weighed by Extension Office:  
Tuesday, July 27, 2021**

**Winners Announced:  
Tuesday, August 3, 2021  
National Watermelon Day**

**Cash Prizes for State Winners!**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> place</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>
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# Dates to Remember

## May

- 3rd ~ WCHS Golf Away
- 4th ~ Bingo at Ed's
- 4th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Margaret Jones Public Library
- 5th ~ Happy Birthday to The Martin News
- 5th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 5th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 6th ~ Public Prayer Gathering for our Nation at the Court House 12noon
- 6th ~ Trivia at Pretoria Fields 7pm
- 7th ~ Fridays on the Flint with The Bo Henry Band 6pm
- 7th ~ Chehaw Cubs Program
- 8th ~ WCHS Track & Field Away
- 8th ~ Poulan Lion's Club Mop & Broom Sale at Piggly Wiggly & Colony Bank 9am-11am
- 9th ~ Happy Mother's Day from The Martin News
- 10th ~ Toes in the Sand Paint Party at Margaret Jones Public Library
- 11th ~ Bingo at Ed's
- 12th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 12th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 13th ~ WCHS Track & Field Away
- 13th ~ Trivia at Pretoria Fields 7pm
- 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
- 19th ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 20th ~ Worth County Board of Education Meeting
- 20th ~ Trivia at Pretoria Fields 7pm
- 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 ~ Brews & Bingo at Pretoria Fields 6pm-8pm
- 26th ~ WCHS Fast Pitch Varsity Softball Tryouts
- 27th ~ Trivia at Pretoria Fields 7pm
- 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

July '21						
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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.

For more information, call 776-2096.



## Think Tifton

### Lights, Camera, Tifton.... Another Movie Is Being Filmed In Friendly City



It's no secret that another Bruce Willis movie is currently being filmed in Tifton. The "Die Hard" actor has been spotted around town again in recent days, including having dinner at a local restaurant. And the film crew has been conspicuously at work inside and outside buildings downtown, among other locations. In a message to downtown businesses and property owners, the Downtown Development Authority office said that "Tifton is again serving as a film location for a movie production. Some scenes will occur in Downtown Tifton and will

include outdoor filming. The filming plans discussed over the next few weeks should not disrupt you or your businesses." Local residents will recall that Willis just wrapped up another movie, "Gasoline Alley," last month in Tifton. And just a few days ago, he finished filming "A Day to Die" in Jackson, Miss. Some of Willis' co-stars in the current Tifton film have also been seen around town. Michael Rooker, perhaps best known for his roles in the movie "Guardians of the Galaxy" and TV series "The Walking Dead," was spotted this week. And former "Bond girl" Olga Kurylenko, who co-starred with Daniel Craig in the James Bond movie "Quantum of Solace," is also said to be in the current film. The production team is being tight-lipped about details. Crew members have said that the film's working title is "White Elephant." However, an indie comedy of that name by producer Corey Moss was just released last fall. As the Tifton Grapevine reported in March, the working title of the next Tifton film was said to be "Purple Hurricane" about a successful, aging mob-enforcer getting ready to retire. "A final job goes horribly wrong, and he finds himself wanted by the very cartel he worked for," the Grapevine was told. It's unclear whether or not that is the current film being shot in the Friendly City, including at some local private residences. Monty Veazey says the movie crew has been filming at his place. "They turned my barn into a hospital," Veazey told the Tifton Grapevine. Several local residents have been hired as extras in the current Tifton film, which is among the film projects noted by the Georgia Film Crew social media group based in Atlanta that posts jobs on movies being made in the Peach State. Andi Douglas, who had attended ABAC and lives in Scooterville, said on social media that she spent 12 hours Monday as an extra on the Tifton movie set alongside Willis and Rooker. "Such a fun and cool experience to have," she said.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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## YMCA Donates Part of Tour de Tifton Proceeds To TRMC Foundation



The Tiftarea YMCA recently donated a portion of the proceeds from its 11th annual Tour de Tifton and Ilse Boyette Memorial Bike Ride to the Tift Regional Medical Center (TRMC) Foundation. The donation will benefit the Ilse Boyette Book Scholarship made possible through the TRMC Foundation. Two \$500 scholarships are awarded on a yearly basis to non-traditional students who need assistance with obtaining textbooks. The late Boyette was an avid bicyclist who helped organize, volunteer and participate in the first Tour de Tifton in 2009. She was also a dedicated registered nurse at Tift Regional, where she spent more than 20 years making an impact on others. Her family established the scholarship in an effort to help nursing students obtain a college education. Tour de Tifton was held March 27 with 161 cyclists participating in the bike ride. The route included scenic routes between 11 and 100 miles long for beginner and experienced riders. At the check presentation of Tour de Tifton proceeds are, from left, Dr. Bret Wagenhorst; Paul Horst; Jason Bishoff, Tiftarea YMCA CEO; Mandy Brooks, TRMC Foundation executive director; Dustin McAlpin; and Joe Gray.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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### Living With Asthma

Asthma is one of the most common lifelong chronic diseases. One in 13 Americans (more than 25 million) lives with asthma, a disease affecting the lungs and causing repeated episodes of wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing. On World Asthma Day (May 5, 2020) and throughout May, people with asthma and organizations dedicated to asthma control and education join together to increase awareness about asthma and improve the lives of all people with asthma. Everyone with asthma needs his or her own Asthma Action Plan. Work with your health care provider to create a plan that works for you. Your goal is to prevent and control your asthma attacks. Be sure to include the three zones created by the National Institutes of Health in your plan: Green for when you're doing well, Yellow for when your asthma is getting worse, and Red for a medical alert.

#### Doing Well

I don't have cough, wheezing, chest tightness, or trouble breathing at any time.

I can do all the things I usually do.

When I use a peak flow meter my peak flow is more than 80 percent or more of my best peak flow.

Continue taking your long-term control medicine.

#### Asthma Is Getting Worse

I have some cough, wheezing, chest tightness, or trouble breathing.

I wake up at night because of my asthma.

I can't do some of the things I usually do.

When I use a peak flow meter my peak flow\* is half to three quarters of my best peak flow.

Add your quick-relief medicine and continue your long-term control medicine.

If your symptoms get better after an hour keep checking them and continue your long-term control medicine.

#### Medical Alert!

I have a lot of trouble breathing.

My quick-relief medicines don't help.

I can't do any of the things I usually do.

I was in the yellow zone for 24 hours and I'm not getting better.

When I use a peak flow meter my peak flow\* is less than half of my best peak flow.

Add the other medicines your doctor has prescribed and call your doctor.

If your symptoms don't get better and you can't reach your doctor, go to the hospital.

Margaret Jones Public Library's

## STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE

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used stuffed animals to be  
used as Bingo prizes for  
our Tails and Tales  
Summer Reading Challenge

For more information, please call 776-2096





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

# YOU ARE NOT ALONE



## 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**



**Patriotic Art Silent  
Auction**  
Any local or South  
Georgia artist are  
invited to donate a  
patriotic piece to be  
silent auctioned at the  
event!  
Any ages are welcome!



### Classic Car/Truck show

- **Oldest Around**
- **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  
Raffle Items  
\$1 per ticket**



There will also  
be live music  
from local  
artist and  
bands



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**AWARENESS IS THE ANSWER**



**All profit from this  
event will go directly  
to a well researched  
veteran focused  
local charity**

**If you would like to sign up for any of these  
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## Alzheimer's Association Offering "Dementia Decoded" – Free Education On Understanding Differences In Specific Dementia Diseases

ATLANTA, GA. – April 28, 2021 – In May, the Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter will offer a free education on understanding the difference between vascular dementia, Parkinson's dementia, Lewy body dementia, and frontotemporal degeneration. Experts will answer frequently asked questions and share helpful resources for families impacted by dementia. Event scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. "Learning the difference between all dementia, including Alzheimer's, is important and can empower individuals with Alzheimer's or another dementia, their families and their caregivers with necessary knowledge", added Rebekah Davis, Program Lead, Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter. "Dementia is a general term for symptoms like memory loss or reasoning skills. Specific dementias like Alzheimer's or Lewy body dementia are specific brain diseases", Davis added. Panelists for the Dementia Decoded program include Annie Long, Parkinson's Foundation, Brandi Hackett, Lewy Body Dementia Association, Sharon Hall, Frontotemporal Dementia advocate and Dr. Whitney Wharton, Emory University. To register for "Dementia Decoded", visit <https://bit.ly/3tfcHtp> or call 1-800-272-3900. The Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter continues to offer free virtual education programs and online support groups to help all Georgia caregivers and their families. Launched in early April 2020, in response to the impact COVID-19 was having on those affected by dementia, the Alzheimer's Association now offers a number of education programs that can help those living with Alzheimer's and their families understand what to expect so they can be prepared to meet the changes ahead.

Other free education programs in May include:

Sexuality & Dementia: Let's talk about it

Special guest, Dr. Regina Koepp, board certified Clinical Psychologist, Gerontologist and creator and host of the Psychology of Aging Podcast. Wednesday, May 5th 10:00am-11:30am

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Wednesday, May 5th 11:00am-12:30pm and Wednesday, May 12th 10:00am-11:00am

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

Friday, May 7th 12:00pm-1:00pm (with yoga) and Thursday, May 20th 2:00pm-3:00pm

Advancing the Science: The Latest in Alzheimer's and Dementia Research

Tuesday, May 11th 2:00pm-3:00pm and Friday, May 28th 3:30pm-4:30pm

Drugs, Sex, and Driving and Other Conversations We Avoid: Dementia Conversations

Thursday, May 13th 6:00pm-7:30pm

Each virtual education program is approximately one hour to one and one half hours and allows the audience to ask questions and engage with others going through the journey online. More than 16 million family and friends, including 330,000 in Georgia, provide unpaid care to people with Alzheimer's or other dementias in the United States. To help family caregivers navigate the current complex and quickly changing environment, the Alzheimer's Association has also offered additional guidance to families at [alz.org/covid19help](http://alz.org/covid19help). For more information, visit [alz.org/georgia](http://alz.org/georgia) or call the 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900.

Additional Facts and Figures: (<http://www.alz.org/facts/>). Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States. More than five million Americans are living with the disease, including 150,000 Georgia residents — a number estimated to grow to as many as 190,000 by year 2025. More than 16 million family and friends, including 540,000 in Georgia, provide unpaid care to people with Alzheimer's or other dementias in the United States. In 2019, friends and family of those with Alzheimer's in Georgia provided an estimated 615 million hours of unpaid care, a contribution valued over \$8 billion. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's® and all other dementia.

## Field's Funeral Home Weekly Live Show

We are sorry to say that Field's Funeral Home was not able to have their weekly live show this past Wednesday due to technical difficulties however they will be live this coming Wednesday. You can see it on Field's Funeral Home Facebook Page and on The Martin News Facebook Page. 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. Thank you so much for your support.

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