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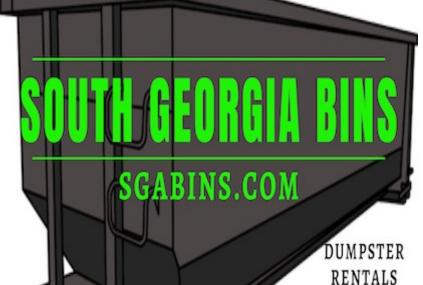


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# Remember and Honor

#### **Chamber Scholarship Recipients**

On Tuesday May, 17th, 2022, The Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce and Committees were able to present \$5000 worth of scholarships to 6 Worth County High School Class of 2022 Seniors.

#### Farmers Appreciation and Sylvester-Worth County Agriculture Committee Scholarship Application 2022 Recipients: (\$1000)

This scholarship is for students who are a child/grandchild of a Worth County Farmer OR an FFA student, in the 4-H program in their junior and senior year of High School, and/or current College student and pursuing an Agricultural related field in college AND must have maintained a minimum of a 3.0 average throughout the 11-12 grades. This year's recipients were Rylan Bozeman and Collin Souter.

#### CTAE Scholarship Recipients: (\$500)

This Scholarship is provided by the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce and is only available for students who attend Worth County Schools. The funds for this scholarship come from our 50/50 raffle. This year's recipients were Key'Andrea Crapp, Sandra Garcia, MaKaila Jones, Jordan Kent, Grant Smith, and Collin Souter.

On behalf of the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, Ambassadors, and Staff we would like to congratulate these scholarship recipients and wish all of the Class of 2022 the best of luck!



#### CTAE Scholarship Recipient



#### MaKaila Jones

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#### **CTAE Scholarship Recipient**



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The Martin News Sylvester, Georgia 5-30-2022

#### Congratulations To The Worth County High School Class Of 2022



What a beautiful, sunny Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> brought for the big day that the Senior Class of 2022 at Worth County High School had been patiently waiting for. It was not near as hot as it had been in years past and the stadium had a packed house in celebration of the Class of 2022! If you were not able to attend, Worth County High School had the ceremony live of Facebook which was amazing. My mother is 78 and was not able to attend but was able to watch her last grandchild graduate via Facebook live. We appreciate WCHS for going live for this special event. The ceremony was beautiful, and the speeches were amazing. A very touching part of the ceremony was having the late Mrs. Sylvia Spraggins recognized. She was a teacher that passed away earlier this year as well as the mom to a 2022 Graduate, Alex Spraggins. Another part of the ceremony that was precious was leaving an empty chair with his attire in memory of Aaron Entrekin. He would have graduated as well but lost his battle to cancer almost two years ago. Be sure to go watch the event on Worth County High School Facebook page if you missed it. Congratulations again to the Worth County High School Class of 2022.

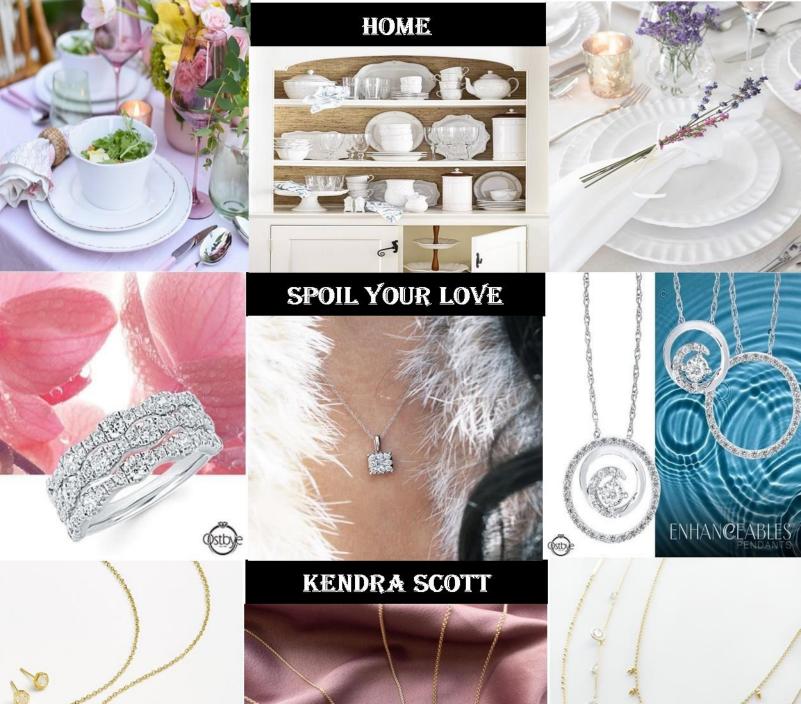


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Mental Health Awareness Luncheon Held For Sylvester Housing Authority

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) commemorated the month of May as Mental Health Awareness month. On Wednesday May 25, 2022, at the Azalea Place Community Room and Isabella Station Community Room, the Sylvester Housing Authority residents attended a breakfast and lunch Stress Management Workshop. Guest Speaker: Marlisa Bailey; A GA Recovers Billboard Ambassador and Champion, a Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist, Certified Peer Specialist for Addictive Disease, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Team Facilitator and Director at Aspire. The Sylvester Housing Authority would like to thank their residents for attending this workshop and Mrs. Bailey for educating our residents on Mental Health and more.

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#### Reading Is So Much Fun And The Margaret Jones Public Library Helps To Make It Even More Fun!

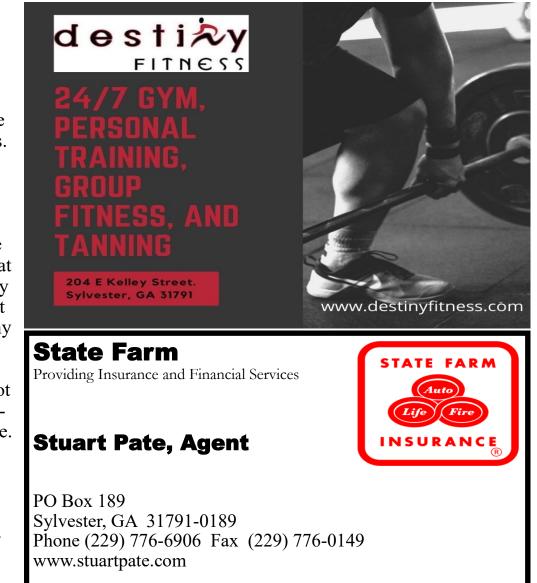


The Margaret Jones Public Library recognizes the connection between reading to young children early, library use and educational success. The National Commission on Reading concluded that, "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children." The Margaret Jones public Library is committed to fostering a love for reading in every child by encouraging parents to begin reading to their children as early as possible. The library has a 1,000 Books B4K program that promotes reading one thousand books to children before they enter kindergarten. Children need to hear words spoken for language development and the easiest way to hear words is to read aloud to kids. They also have Books and Bubbles, which is storytime for children ages zero to five, and is presented on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am. They sing songs, use flannel stories and rhymes, and read books of course in this

30 minute storytime. Then they have a time of play. Preschool storytime is for children ages three to five and is held on Thursday mornings. In this 60 minute story time they read books, sing songs, and create crafts all related to a theme. Books and Barks is a great way for new readers to practice reading aloud. Once a month, Jim McCleary and his trained dogs come to the library. His dogs listen to young readers and help them gain confidence and build reading skills. During the summer months when school is out, the library offers the Summer Reading Program. Research has shown that reading over the summer break helps prevent students from losing ground and helps prepare them for the next school year. Participating in the library's Summer Reading Program is a great way to stop the "summer slide". Each year there is a new theme. Check the library's event calendar for more details. Whether your family needs help locating a good book to read or information to complete a school project, the Margaret Jones Public Library staff is there to help.

#### **Eat Your Veggies**

June is National Vegetable Month so why not focus on eating more veggies. I know some people that like only vegetables. I know some that like absolutely NO vegetables. Which are you? It is funny how picky people are. For example, I love broccoli. I love it raw or cooked however my 18 year old son will only eat broccoli raw. He will dip it in ranch dressing but that is it. He will eat it cooked but only mixed in rice. Another veggie that I love is greens but I will not in any form or fashion eat turnips. I will eat collard greens and mustard greens all day long but you will not catch this girl right here eating turnips. See how picky people can be. Well be sure to focus on veggies this month and maybe not be as picky as I am. Don't forget to go every Saturday to the Farmer's Market and pick up all the vegetable's that you will need or want. Thank you to all the farmer's for the hard work you do to provide such great fruits and veggies for our families!



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#### For Immediate Release

Project Appleseed Rimfire Pistol Clinic Offered at Red Hill Range in Martin, Georgia – June 12<sup>th</sup> (One Day Event)

In today's world of 24-hour news cycles, changing technologies and push-button gratification it is a challenge to stay connected to the values that our great country was built on. Ideals such as integrity, commitment and personal responsibility are what founding fathers relied on to win our independence and to then make America a great nation. At Project Appleseed<sup>™</sup>, we are dedicated to keeping these timeless values alive. We promote civic responsibility through the teaching of colonial history and the American traditions of rifle marksmanship. Even after all of these years, there is much to be learned from our forefathers' examples of perseverance, commitment and civic virtue. With a full calendar of shooting clinics and events Project Appleseed<sup>™</sup> is here to make sure these timeless principles live on for generations to come.

The cost for our one day pistol clinics is \$75 for adults. No youth allowed. There are discounts for law enforcement, active and retired military and guard and more\*. And just a \$10 range fee per day.

Project Appleseed<sup>™</sup> is a fast-growing, 501(c) (3) non-profit educational community of dedicated volunteers.

The Project Appleseed pistol marksmanship clinic will be held on June 12th at Red Hill Range, at 2208 Toms Creek Rd, Martin, GA 30557.

Registration begins at 8am. The clinic starts at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until 5:00 p.m.

We are pleased to offer Appleseed Pistol Clinics. Our pistol clinic is a fun challenge for everyone, even those who have qualified with pistols in other programs. The program is beneficial for folks who have no pistol experience or have some experience shooting pistols but want more instruction on use for personal defense. It can be offered on either indoor or outdoor ranges depending on location. This class focuses on defensive techniques such as rapid target acquisition and engaging multiple targets but stops short of teaching drawing from the holster and firing. It's a challenging course of fire and we think it's a lot of fun. Although most locations permit pistols of any caliber, many shooters choose to bring a .22 caliber pistol for initial instruction and for practice. Of course, an Appleseed Pistol Clinic includes history. The history shared will include stories you won't hear at traditional 25m and KD events.

Please bring your own ear/eye protection, a rifle with sling, ammunition, rifle mat, bug repellent, hat, sunscreen, a packed lunch, snacks, drinks, and plenty of water to stay hydrated.

To register online, go to <u>www.appleseedinfo.org</u>. Or for more information, contact the Georgia State Coordinator, <u>GA@appleseedinfo.org</u>.

#### **Think Tifton**

#### Tiftarea Academy Marks Students' Achievements During Past Year



An official with Tiftarea Academy (TA) in Chula briefed the Rotary Club of Tifton on Wednesday about some of the students' achievements during the past academic year. "In the most recent and biggest news, our literary team won the state championship as a team," said Heather Fletcher, TA's director of development and marketing. "These kids from Chula went up and competed against pretty big schools from Atlanta, Augusta, and Macon." The local students also won many individual state championships in areas such as speaking, essay writing, and dramatic interpretation. Among other student honors, Meredith Morgan, a Tiftarea Academy senior, was named the Tifton Exchange Club's overall Tift County Youth of the Year. "Our class of 2022 (only 38 graduates) won over \$2 million in merit scholarships," Fletcher said. "That is excluding HOPE or Zell Miller scholarships." Many were awarded full or nearly full scholarships, she said. One student achieved a perfect ACT score of 36. Many students completed more than 40 hours of community service during the year, working with such local nonprofit agencies as Peanut Butter & Jesus, Operation Christmas Child, and Called to Care. "It just shows the commitment to community service that these kids have," Fletcher said. "We try to do our best in teaching the whole child. Having them excel in the classroom is fantastic, but we also want them

to be able to go out into the real world and have a commitment to the community." Eighth- and ninthgrade students participate each year in Job Shadow Day on Groundhog Day and report findings about career paths. And, she said the school's Fine Arts Department has grown, with Sheri Wyles leading an upper school band with more students than they've ever had. The upper school art program has really taken off, with a senior art show at the Tifton Museum of Arts and Heritage, Best in Show at the Kiwanis Art Show, and the top three placings in the congressional art competition, Fletcher noted. In athletics, the school experienced state runner-up and region championships in softball, and the baseball region championship four seasons in a row. One of their senior athletes signed with Auburn University, and six out of 38 have received athletic scholarships. "We have classes of a total 20 students per class, with an average of 17 per class," Fletcher said. Tuition is \$5,000-\$7,500, and scholarships are available. Tiftarea Academy had an enrollment of 642 students this past year and can handle up to 700 to 725 students, based upon their grade levels, headmaster Stacey Bell added.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Tifton Gets Upgrade In Fire Protection Rating; Residents May See Savings In Insurance, City Says City's ISO Rating Moves From Class 3 to Class 2



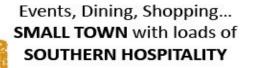
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The City of Tifton Fire Department's fire protection rating, after a recent inspection, has improved from a Class 3 to a Class 2, which could result in insurance savings for homeowners in the city, officials said Tuesday. "This is very exciting for the City of Tifton residents as this improved rating may be used by insurance companies as a criterion in establishing rates for property insurance. It is recommended that each homeowner check with their own insurance carrier to see how this may affect their policy," the city said in a press release. "The Fire Department has worked diligently to seek a reduction in our score, and we are excited about the positive reflection it has on our city, but, more importantly that it may provide

a reduced insurance benefit to property owners throughout the city," said Fire Chief Bobby Bennett. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) rates municipal fire protection services on a scale from 1 to 10, with one being the highest and 10 the lowest. All fire departments are inspected regularly to evaluate the departments' capabilities, readiness, training, and records. The ISO rating determines how well a fire department can protect a community and its property. Insurance companies use the score to help set home insurance rates, as a home that is less likely to be severely damaged or destroyed by fire is less expensive to insure. The impact of an ISO score on homeowners' insurance policies varies by insurer. "This is a monumental day for Chief Bennett and the entire Fire Department team who have

worked tremendously hard over the last year to achieve such a score," said City Manager Pete Pyrzenski. "This is proof that each member of this department takes great pride in the level of service provided to our citizens and demonstrates their level of commitment from all involved."

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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### Suicide Awareness Event

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#### Worth County Ag Pavillion When:

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## Congratulations to the Worth County High School Class of 2022

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# Dates to Remember May

**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

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1st ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon 2nd ~ Ken Scott Magic Show at Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm 3rd ~ Debra Snipes and the Angels in Concert in Downtown Sylvester 7pm 4th ~ Rugged Shoal Grand Opening 11am 6th ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm 6th ~ Sail Away Paint Party at Margaret Jones Public Library 6pm 7th ~ Self Defense Class 7th ~ Summer Stem Camp 9am-3:30pm 7th ~ Worth County Commissioners Meeting 7pm 8th ~ Summer Stem Camp 9am-330pm 8th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon 9th ~ Animal Bingo at Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm 9th ~ Summer Stem Camp 9am-3:30pm 9th ~ BFHS Monthly Meeting 6:30pm 9th ~ Board of Education Meeting 7pm 10th ~ Sip & Stroll in Downtown Sylvester 5pm-7pm 10th ~ The Tams in Concert in Downtown Sylvester 7pm 11th ~ Sylvester 2nd Annual Veteran Suicide Awareness Event 13th ~ Doc Magic Fun Time Variety Show at Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm 13th ~ Town of Sumner Council Meeting 7pm 14th ~ BFHS Bingo Night at Ed's 6pm-8pm 14th ~ Poulan Council Meeting 6:30pm 15th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon 16th ~ Books & Brushes at Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm 20th ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm 21st ~ 4-H2O Camp 21st ~ Margaret Jones Public Library June Book Club Meeting 5:30pm 21st ~ Warwick Meeting 7pm 22nd ~ 4H2O Camp 22nd ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon 22nd ~ Animal Tales at Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm 23rd ~ 4H2O Camp 23rd ~ AARP Safe Driver Course 9am - 4pm 28th ~ Sea Mobile at Margaret Jones Public Library 10am 28th ~ Poulan Council Meeting 6:30pm 29th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon 30th ~ Ocean in a Jar at Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm



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#### 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!

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# AARP Smart Driver Safety Course

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- 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.
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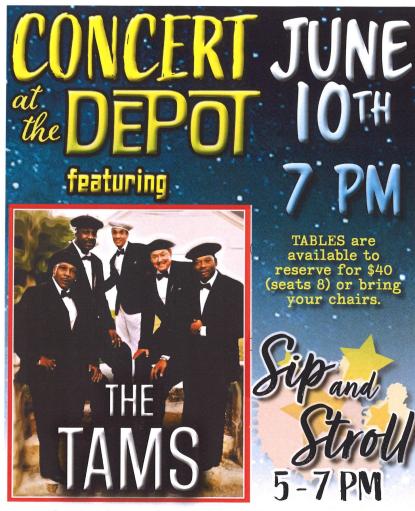
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Colquitt EMC service area. Applications must include high school or college transcript, proof of college enrollment, and two letters of recommendation. To apply, <u>Click Here!</u> For more information, contact Sonya Aldridge or Shelby Cloud at 229-985-3620. The scholarship program began in 2006 after Georgia legislators passed a law allowing electric cooperatives to use unclaimed capital credit refunds for education in the communities they serve. Since its founding, Colquitt EMC has awarded more than \$3.5 million in scholarships. Colquitt EMC is a not-for-profit electric membership cooperative serving Georgians in Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Lowndes, Tift, and Worth counties.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

#### June is Skin Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Awareness Month

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. In fact, more skin cancers are diagnosed in the US each year than all other cancers combined. The number of skin cancer cases has been going up over the past few decades. The good news is that you can do a lot to protect yourself and your family from skin cancer, or catch it early so that it can be treated effectively. Most skin cancers are caused by too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays. Most of this exposure comes from the sun, but some may come from man-made sources, such as indoor tanning beds and sun lamps. You don't need x-rays or blood tests to find skin cancer early – just your eyes and a mirror. If you have skin cancer, finding it early is the best way to make sure it can be treated with success. What Is Skin Cancer? Skin cancer starts in the cells of the skin. Some other types of cancer start in other parts of the body and can spread to the skin, but these are not skin cancers. There are 3 main types of skin cancers: Basal cell skin cancers (basal cell carcinomas), Squamous cell skin cancers (squamous cell carcinomas) and Melanomas. Basal and squamous cell skin cancers are by far the most common cancers of the skin. Both are found mainly on parts of the body exposed to the sun, such as the head and neck. These cancers are strongly related to a person's sun exposure. Basal and squamous cell skin cancers are by far the most common cancers of the skin. Both are found mainly on parts of the body exposed to the sun, such as the head and neck. These cancers are strongly related to a person's sun exposure. Basal and squamous cell cancers are much less likely than melanomas to spread to other parts of the body and become life threatening. Still, it's important to find and treat them early. If left alone, they can grow larger and invade nearby tissues and organs, causing scarring, deformity, or even loss of function in some parts of the body. Some of these cancers (especially squamous cell cancers) can spread if not treated, and can sometimes even be fatal. These cancers are discussed in more detail in Basal and Squamous Cell Skin Cancer. Melanomas are cancers that develop from melanocytes, the cells that make the brown pigment that gives skin its color. Melanocytes can also form benign (non-cancerous) growths called moles. (Your doctor might call the mole a nevus.) Melanomas can occur anywhere on the body, but are more likely to start in certain areas. The trunk (chest and back) is the most common place in men. In women, the legs are the most common site. The neck and face are other common places for melanoma to start. Melanomas are not as common as basal cell and squamous cell skin cancers, but they can be far more serious. Like basal cell and squamous cell cancers, melanoma can almost always be cured in its early stages. But if left alone, melanoma is much more likely to spread to other parts of the body, where it can be very hard to treat. There are many other types of skin cancers as well, but they are much less common: Merkel cell carcinoma, Kaposi sarcoma, Cutaneous (skin) lymphoma and Skin adnexal tumors (tumors that start in hair follicles or sweat and oil glands). Together, these types account for less than 1% of all skin cancers. It's important for doctors to tell the types of skin cancer apart, because they are treated differently. It's also important for you to know what skin cancers look like. This can help you find them at the earliest possible stage, when they are easier to treat and most likely to be cured. For more information like this, please follow cancer.org.



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