

### Eight Students participate in Future Educators Signing Day at Ram Tech College & Career Academy at Worth County High School



May 4, 2022 – In an effort to build excitement around the teaching profession and encourage students to pursue a career in education, Ram Tech College & Career Academy at Worth County High School participated in Georgia's Future Educators Signing Day, a statewide initiative sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education, on May 3, 2022. The event celebrated eight graduating seniors, Key'Andrea Crapp, Mallory Williams, Collin Souter, Kanijah Crump, Easton Cummings, Tahneya Davis, Kevin Harris, and Madison Jaques from the class of 2022 who have made the decision to pursue a career in education. Albert Einstein once said "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." We

look forward to the amazing educators these young adults will become in the future and hope they will return to Worth County to make a difference in our community. Georgia Future Educators Signing Day, held each year during Teacher Appreciation Week, is sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education's Division of Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education in partnership with the Georgia Early Childhood Education Foundation (GECEF) and Georgia's colleges and universities. "Students cannot succeed without great teachers in the classroom," State School Superintendent Richard Woods said. "We know, however, that teacher recruitment and retention is a serious issue in our state, as it is nationwide. Part of our comprehensive approach to addressing teacher recruitment and retention is elevating the teaching profession. Future Educators Signing Day allows us to celebrate those students who answer the incredibly important calling of becoming an educator."



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### Beating the Summer Heat and Staying Safe While Enjoying the Water

When the weather turns warm, everyone wants to be in or around the water. Hanging out at the pool or the beach on a hot day is a great way to beat the heat but with social distancing. Between having fun and checking out the lifeguards, most people don't think much about water safety — but they should. For people between the ages of 5 and 24, drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death. It doesn't have to be that way, though. Most water-related accidents can be avoided by knowing how to stay safe and following a few simple guidelines. Learning how to swim is essential if you plan on being on or near water. Many organizations provide swim instruction to people of all ages, check to see what classes are available in your area. "Buddy up!" That's what swimming instructors say. Always swim with a partner, every time — whether you're swimming in a backyard pool or in a lake. Even experienced swimmers can become tired or get muscle cramps, which might make it difficult to get out of the water. When people swim together, they can help each other or go for help in case of an emergency. Get skilled. Speaking of emergencies, it's good to be prepared. Learning some life-saving skills, such as CPR and rescue techniques, can help you save a life. A number of organizations offer free classes for both beginning and experienced swimmers and boaters. Check with your YMCA or YWCA, local hospital, or chapter of the Red Cross. Know your limits. Swimming can be a lot of fun — and you might want to stay in the water as long as possible. If you're not a good swimmer or you're just learning to swim, don't go in water that's so deep you can't touch the bottom and don't try to keep up with skilled swimmers. That can be hard, especially when your friends are challenging you — but it's a pretty sure bet they'd rather have you safe and alive. If you are a good swimmer and have had lessons, keep an eye on friends who aren't as comfortable or as skilled as you are. If it seems like they (or you) are getting tired or a little uneasy, suggest that you take a break from swimming for a while. Swim in safe areas only. It's a good idea to swim only in places that are supervised by a lifeguard. No one can anticipate changing ocean currents, rip currents, sudden storms, or other hidden dangers. In the event that something does go wrong, lifeguards are trained in rescue techniques. Swimming in an open body of water (like a river, lake, or ocean) is different from swimming in a pool. You need more energy to handle the currents and other changing conditions in the open water. If you do find yourself caught in a current, don't panic and don't fight the current. Try to swim parallel to the shore until you are able to get out of the current, which is usually a narrow channel of water.



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Downtown Tifton



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~ Parade Route is the same as the Peanut Parade ~

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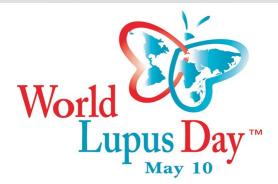


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Dates: May 16th, 17th, and 18th Time: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Where: WCHS Diamond Den (located behind WCMS)

Questions: amoore@worthschools.net

Please note: All participants must have a physical on file. Athletes will also be required to run one mile in under 8 minutes on May 16th.



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## **Recognizing Older Americans Month**

May is recognized as Older Americans Month. Let's give a SHOUT OUT to getting older. You may ask, "So what's so great about getting older?" Well, ponder on these seven reasons to celebrate:

1. You're nearing the top of a mountain which gives you perspective. As the years go by, you gain a perspective not found in younger years. Mysteries of why things happened years ago start to clear up. You begin to see how the pieces of life fit together. The older you become, the more life makes sense.

2. You care less and less about what people think. There was a time when you put a lot of pressure on yourself worried about what people thought about you. Not anymore. Growing older rescues you from that kind of thinking.

3. You learn what's really important. In your formative years, life centered on building a career. Maybe you put a lot of things on the back burner in your younger years, thinking 'I will do that later.' With every year that passes, I learn that life is all about relationships. Nothing is really more important.

4. You realize the need to make every day count. Focus on what you can do for the day, realizing that none of us are guaranteed the next day. Every choice counts and every day needs to be lived to the fullest.

5. You are morphing into the role of a sage. In many cultures, older people are held in high esteem for good reason. Life is the best teacher. Believe it or not, you may begin to have people seek you out for wisdom and guidance.

6. You get to see your kids and grandkids grow up. One of the joys of getting older is you get to watch the next generations grow into adulthood. You get the privilege of being a part of their journey.

7. At the close of every year, you've written another chapter in your book of life. When you die, your legacy is the life you have lived. Now is the time to work on your legacy. Make it count.

## **Project Appleseed 2022 Tour**

### is coming to

## Martin, GA

Red Hill Range 2208 Toms Creek Rd

## **Marksmanship and History Events**

April 2-3, April 16, May 14, May 15, June 12, September 10-11, November 5, November 6 Events start at 08:30. Please arrive early to allow time for setup and sign in.

## Heritage

- · The Debt We Owe To Our Forefathers
- The Duty We Owe To Our Posterity
- The Story Of Our Nation's Birth
- The Lessons Of April 19, 1775.

## Marksmanship

- New Shooters Learn fundamentals and make quick progress
- Experienced Shooters learn new techniques
- Experts polish skills and become an RWVA Instructor in Training
- Master the Riflemans Quarter Mile

Project Appleseed is a nationwide program that teaches rifle marksmanship skills that have been passed down from generation to generation and reconnects Americans with the people and events of colonial America. Participants are taught skills that allow a Rifleman to be accurate out to 500 yards using a standard rifle with iron sights. This ability is traditionally known as mastering the 'Rifleman's Quarter Mile' and is an American tradition that has been part of this nation from its very first days. So join us and hear some little-known Revolutionary War history, reaffirm your heritage, and make America a better place.

Learn More, Find Directions and Register at: www.appleseedinfo.org/search-states-location.php?locationid=755

For more information contact: GA State Coordinator GA@appleseedinfo.org

Attendees are responsible for determining applicable firearms laws.

Sponsored by the Revolutionary War Veterans Association, a 501(c)(3) organization

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### For Immediate Release

## Project Appleseed Rifle Marksmanship Clinic Offered at Red Hill Range in Martin, Georgia – May 14<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 clinics is \$60 for adults and \$25 for youth under 18\*. 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 rifle marksmanship clinic will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

Participants are taught fundamental rifle marksmanship skills that are to allow a rifleman to be accurate out to 500 yards, with iron sights or a scope, a standard rifle and surplus ammo. Most of the instruction at a Project Appleseed event is conducted on the firing range at 25 yards, at reduced size targets to simulate 100 to 400 yards. Students will learn rifle shooting from the standing, sitting, kneeling, and prone positions, sight alignment, and breath control, along with safe gun handling, proper use of a sling, and Revolutionary War history.

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.

A .22 caliber rifles and centerfire rifles are both acceptable. About 250 rounds of ammunition will be needed per day.

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



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A RKD (Rimfire Known Distance) is just like a Centerfire Known Distance. Except you're using a 22LR. About 250 rounds of ammunition will be needed per day. Most of the RKDs are done at a 100-yard range. The stages are at 25, 50, 75, and 100 yards. Just how much drop will a bullet have at 100 yards if it's zeroed for 25? And how much will the wind affect a 22LR at 100 yards? So, all the principals involved in a 400-yard KD apply here. And it's just plain fun and a bit of a challenge.

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.

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#### **Think Tifton**

#### Tift County's Seniors of Year Three Receive Awards At Older Americans Month Kickoff Luncheon On Tuesday



A retired educator, a church/community volunteer, and a hospital benefactor/community leader were named Tift County's Senior Citizens of the Year at the kickoff luncheon Tuesday for Older Americans Month. And even "Elvis" made an appearance. Rosalyn Ray Donaldson, associate professor emerita at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; Alice Wallace, a leader at Union Church and local volunteer; and Anita Stewart Stovall, a community leader and namesake of Tift Regional Medical Center's Anita Stewart Oncology Center, all received the George A. Wright Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to the community. The award recognizing seniors was begun in 1980 as a memorial to George A. Wright, who was a Tift County business-

man, civic leader, devoted family man, and church leader. Donaldson, who taught in the classroom for more than 35 years, has created several endowments at ABAC. For 38 years, she has taught Sunday School at Tifton's First Baptist Church. Donaldson holds degrees from Mercer and Vanderbilt universities. Wallace, who volunteers with numerous community organizations, is called an "unsung hero around her community." She is a devoted Christian and a leader among those at Tifton's Union Church. She attended Florida Junior College and Moultrie Technical College. Stovall has had several careers – as a real estate company owner and broker, a New York City model, a modeling and charm school operator, a TV fashion commentator, and has been a longtime volunteer "pink lady" at Tift Regional Medical Center, a member of the TRMC Board and the TRMC Foundation Board of Directors, and a major financial contributor to the Tifton hospital. The Anita Stewart Oncology Center is named in her honor. At age 96, Stovall still manages her own finances and investments. For entertainment at the Older Americans Month luncheon, Elvis was in the building ... well, it was Elvis tribute artist Jordan Poole. The 21-yearold from Sylvester won the non-pro division at last summer's Images of The King World Championship in Memphis, Tenn. At Tuesday's luncheon, Poole/Elvis had the seniors on their feet hoping to snag a scarf from the performer. Pictured above from left to right is Rosalyn Ray Donaldson, Anita Stewart Stovall, and Alice Wallace are honored as Tift County Senior Citizens of the Year.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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## Regents Make It Official, Name Tracy Brundage As ABAC President



As expected, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (USG) on Tuesday formally named Dr. Tracy L. Brundage president of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, effective Aug.1. Brundage, 53, was named the sole finalist for the position last week. Since 2018, she has been president of Keystone College, a private institution in La Plume, Pa., with an enrollment of 1,364 students. Brundage previously was the college's provost and vice president for academic affairs. "I'm excited to welcome Dr. Brundage to ABAC and know she will bring a sharp focus on student support and workforce development to an institution that's so critical to communities, especially in South Georgia," said USG Chancellor Sonny Perdue. "Her skills and experience will build on the good work done by Dr. Bridges, and I appreciate the efforts of the campus search committee to find such a strong candidate to lead the students, faculty and staff of ABAC into the future." Dr. David Bridges is retiring as president after 16 years. "I'm grateful for the board's and Chancellor Perdue's confidence in me to lead a college that takes such pride in its students and the opportuni-

ties to learn hands-on in everything from agriculture to healthcare," Brundage said. "I understand the role ABAC and its students, faculty, staff, and alumni play in local communities and across the state. I can't wait to join them and get started." A Scranton, Pa., native, Brundage has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Gettysburg College, a master of education in training and development, and a doctorate in workforce education and development from Penn State University. As president of Keystone College, she has overseen development of high-demand, career-based majors to help meet workforce needs, expanded internships and experiential learning for students, and opened a Professional Development Institute and student-centered facilities. Under her leadership, Keystone has a success rate of placing 94% of its students in jobs, with some programs having a 100% placement rate.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Congratulations to the grade level kickball champions from Worth County Elementary School!

3rd grade - Mrs. Willis' homeroom 4th grade - Mrs. Dunn's homeroom 5th grade - Mrs. Whitman's homeroom

All teams showed great sportsmanship! We are proud of our WCES students!

**Source: WCSD** 





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Miss Hamilton's class at worth county primary school had a fun filled morning using shaving cream to spell CVC words and words using blends! We are proud of these students and their efforts to become strong readers and writers!

**Know the Facts about High Blood Pressure** 

Sponsored by the CDC, National High Blood Pressure Education Month raises awareness about the impact high blood pressure can have on health. Written as two figures, blood pressure is measured as the pressure when the heart has pumped (systolic) and when the heart is in between beats (diastolic). When the heart pumps blood, blood pressure is higher than when it is in between beats. The systolic measurement will be higher than the diastolic measurement. Normal Blood Pressure Levels: Systolic < 120mmHg Diastolic > 80mmHg At Risk Blood Pressure Levels: Systolic 120-139mmHg Diastolic 80-89mmHg High Blood Pressure Levels: Systolic 140mmHg or higher Diastolic 90mmHg or higher. Also know as hypertension, high blood pressure increases the risk of serious diseases and conditions such as heart disease and stroke. In the US, heart disease is the most common form of death whilst stroke is the third leading cause. Other risk factors of high blood pressure include congestive heart failure & kidney disease. In the US, approximately 1 in 3 adults has high blood pressure, however most people are not aware they have this condition due to a lack of signs or symptoms. High Blood Pressure Education Month encourages people to look at various lifestyle factors which may be contributing to high blood pressure. It is well documented that high levels of sodium (salt) is linked to high blood pressure. In the US, the majority of people consume more than twice the level of recommended sodium intake. Guidelines recommend up to 2,300mg of sodium per day for an adult. Those at higher risk should consume even less (up to 1,500mg of sodium a day). Higher risk groups include those who have diabetes, kidney disease, existing high blood pressure and African American people. It is also recommended that people eat potassium rich foods which help lower blood pressure. Potassium rich foods include fish, green leafy vegetables, bananas, citrus fruits and potatoes. Lifestyle changes which can help reduce blood pressure, include maintaining a healthy body weight, regular exercise, quitting smoking and following a healthy low sodium diet rich in fruit and vegetables. There are many affordable blood pressure monitors available for the consumer making it convenient to monitor your blood pressure at home. If you have any concerns about your blood pressure, please check with your local physician.



## Suicide Awareness Event

Where:

Worth County Ag Pavillion When:

June 11, 2022 Gates open at 10am Event will begin with presentation of colors, live national anthem, dual taps, and a prayer.

We will also have a special guest performing at the event! Details to come!

Classics, Jeeps & Bike Show Entry Fee: Early \$20 Late \$25

There will be several entry categories including Oldest & Overall Favorite

For more info. contact Emma Lynn (229)449-4568 or Cody Humphrey (229)376-4426 Big ticket

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## 50/50 Raffle

# Dates to Remember May

9th~ Book Fair at WCES 9th ~ Happy Place Nutrition Ribbon Cutting 11:30am 9th ~ Floral Paint Party at the Margaret Jones Public Library 6pm 9th ~ Town of Sumner Mayor and Council Meeting 7pm 10th~ Book Fair at WCES 10th ~ Books & Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am 10th ~ BFHS Bingo Night at Ed's Truck Stop 6pm - 8pm 10th ~ City of Poulan Mayor and Council Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm 11th ~ Book Fair at WCES 11th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting 12 Noon 12th ~ Book Fair at WCES 12th ~ BFHS Monthly Meeting 6:30pm 12th ~ Worth County Board of Education Meeting 7pm 13th ~ BFHS Murder Mystery 6:30pm - 10pm 13th ~ Concert - Head Games Band A Foreigner Tribute Band 7pm - 9pm 13th ~ Book Fair at WCES 14th ~ Wiregrass Ball Farm to Table Dinner at ABAC 6:30pm 16th ~ WCHS Softball Varsity Tryouts 4pm-6pm 16th ~ City of Sylvester Mayor and Council Meeting 6pm 17th ~ Books & Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am 17th ~ WCHS Softball Varsity Tryouts 4pm-6pm 17th ~ Worth the Read Book Club May Meeting at the Margaret Jones Public Library 5pm 17th ~ City of Warwick Mayor and Council Meeting 7pm 18th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting 12Noon **18th ~ WCHS Softball Varsity Tryouts 4pm-6pm** 23rd ~ Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 23rd ~ Awards Day at WCPS (see info in The Martin News) 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 ~ City of Poulan Mayor and Council Meeting 6:30pm **25th** ~ Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 25th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting 12Noon **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 30th ~ 2nd Annual Memorial Day Parade in Downtown Sylvester 31st ~ Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library

31st ~ Books & Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am



## Worth County Schools 2022 – 2023 Calendar

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Approved 3/10/2022

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#### **Memories of Older Ones**

With it being Older Americans Month, it has me thinking of times with older people that have now gone on to their Eternal Home. It's amazing what we learn from older people that we remember our whole lives. It's also the simple things we do with our older friends and family members that leave us with memories that will last a life time. I could seriously write a book but I will share some of my great memories. I was blessed with two grandmothers that quilted quilts and I have quilts in my house that they both quilted through their lives. I have some on our beds and then I have some on a quilt rack that my daddy built while he was living and then I have some hanging on my daddy's ladder that he used for many, many years. I have always loved to write but one thing I did when all the little ladies were still living in my church was send them cards for every occasion. And I do mean every. Whether it was Valentines, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, or any of the other holiday's or even if it was just to say hello, I sent out cards. I loved to do it and they loved to get them. It was the simple things to them that meant the world. A funny memory I will never forget was an older couple that I loved dearly saw my sister was getting married in the local newspaper however they didn't know she was divorced so they just assumed it was me and gave me a wedding present. How sweet was that?? They were no longer with us when I did get married so that early wedding gift was meant to be. Oh how I loved them!

#### Keeping Our Children Safe on Bicycles

May is the perfect time for enjoying the outdoors and bike riding with your family. Riding a bike is a great way to get kids outside and encourage them to stay active, but without precautions in place, it can be a cause of serious injury. Here are some simple rules to follow to keep the little ones safe:

- 1. Make sure your child's helmet meets the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's standards.
- 2. A helmet should sit on top of the head in level position, should not rock forward, backward, or side to side.
- 3. Helmet straps must always be buckled, but not too tightly.
- 4. When the helmet is positioned on your child's head, the rim should be one to two finger-widths above the eyebrows.
- 5. The straps should form a "V" under the ears when buckled.
- 6. A helmet should hug the head when the mouth is opened wide.

If you ever have any questions, please visit safekidsgeorgia.org.





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!

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Titles for pre-k to 4th grade

Anything you read counts toward your reading goal. Print books, audio books, magazines, eBooks, or comic books. Just read whatever you like to earn a prize.

## Borrow ebooks & audiobooks



The library reading app Titles for 5th grade to adults

## SELF DEFENSE **Community Safety Cla** PPER- TAEKWONDO INSTRUCTOR~ TIPPER MARTIAL ARTS SYLVESTER GA PART 1 -SELF DEFENSE-JUNE 7TH TUESDAY 6-8PM **FREE CLASS** 109 W. Wallace St. Sylvester Ga H. H. Woolard Community Center **FREE CHILD CARE** FREE FOOD DOOR PRIZES Name & phone Number Name & phone Number Serge & Nicole Phillips ave self-defense items for sale Spray Tasers Stun Guns **VFREE FOOD Alternative Actions Defend Youself/Family** Will have self-defense items for sale Pepper Spray Tasers Stun Guns ✓ Improve Self Confidence Personal Alarms key Chains Organized By: √ practical Self Defense Sharon Lyles & Don Whitaker "CancerAwareness365" CancerAwareness365 Worth Co. Sherriff Sharon Lyles Sponsors Family Connections The Martin News incerAwareness365®yahoo.com

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

Lynn Meeks Manley

Lisa Dylinski



Any questions please contact Karen Singletary 229-773-7716

## WCMS FFA Members Attended The 94th Georgia State FFA Convention



Worth County Middle School FFA members attended the 94th Georgia State FFA Convention April 28th – 30th. After a long time attending virtual contests and conventions due to the pandemic, WCMS FFA members enjoyed a trip to Macon for the FFA State Convention. Over 5,800 students and guests were registered for the convention. Through classroom instruction and hands-on learning, agricultural education and FFA are making a positive difference for members every day. FFA members have opportunities to attend leadership contests, develop a supervised agricultural experience project, learn life skills and serve

their communities with civic engagement. FFA members are our future engineers, scientists, teachers and producers. One of every five Americans is employed in the food, fiber and natural resources industries of agriculture, and Worth County Middle School FFA members are the future of these important industries. The Worth County Middle School FFA Chapter has over 100 members. While membership on the national level is over 750,000 strong, Georgia has 374 Chapters and is currently third in membership with over 77,000 members. Attending were WCMS FFA Members L-R: Caleigh Lowery, Katie Matthews, Emilyn Willis, Hudson Booth and Tucker Gray.



Earth Day Contest

In recognition of Earth Day 2022, the WCMS Green Team held a schoolwide poster contest. Students created posters that included an environmental issue, three tips to improve the issue, and a creative design. All the submissions were great and it was hard to choose winners. Everyone did a fantastic job. Winners and their prizes are listed below.

1st place – Kayli Adams won a gift bag filled with Green Team goodies and a \$50 Walmart gift card courtesy of the Sylvester Worth County Chamber of Commerce.

2nd place – Kynsley Roach won a gift bag filled with goodies and a copy of The Lorax.

3rd place – Stephanie Resendiz won a gift bag filled with goodies and a copy of The Lorax. Congratulations students!

Source: WCSD

# WIREGRASS BALL

# FARM TO TABLE DINNER

Celebrating Tifton's 150 years of agricultural heritage

## **DINNER & LIVE MUSIC**

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Saturday, May 14, 2022

Cocktails 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm

The Peanut Museum at ABAC's Georgia Museum of Agriculture

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## Worth County Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

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 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 - Bludworth, Cochran, Crowe, Hampton, Hill, Popham

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

#### Angel Williford-Young donates \$5,000.00 Bayer Grant to the Worth County High School Robotics Team/ iRambots for the third consecutive year.

Bayer Fun Teams With Farms To Direct A \$5000 Donation To The WCHS Robotics Team

In 2022, Bayer Fund doubled America's Farmers Grow Communities individual donations from \$2,500 to \$5,000

•Bayer Fund's America's Farmers Grow Communities program partnered with farmers to provide donations to local nonprofits and schools across the United States.

• The America's Farmers programs have given nearly \$65 million to rural America since 2010.

•Farmers will once again be able to enter for a chance to direct an America's Farmers Grow Communities donation on August 1, 2022.

SYLVESTER, Georgia (April, 2022) – In 2022, Bayer Fund's revamped America's Farmers Grow Communities program will direct \$5,000 donations to several nonprofit organizations and schools across the country. In addition to making it easier for farmers across the country to find and fund the organizations and institutions that keep their communities thriving, Bayer Fund doubled the individual donations to \$5,000, up from \$2,500 in previous years to provide a greater impact to local rural communities. The funds provided by the Grow Communities program support a variety of programs and organizations that contribute to their communities' health and vibrancy, such as food banks, schools and youth agriculture programs. The WCHS iRAMBOTS in Worth County received a \$5,000 donation from the Grow Communities program and plans to use the farmer-directed funds to pay for registration fees for the next competition season. "These funds are essential to the growth of our team and our ability to compete. I am



very grateful to Mrs. Young for her generous commitment to our team as she has donated the Bayer Fund Grant to our team for three years in a row," said Hannah Fletcher, WCHS iRambots Team Captain. Since the America's Farmers programs began in 2010, the initiatives have awarded nearly \$65 million to local nonprofits, schools and youth agriculture programs. "Each year we hear from several nonprofit leaders and farmers about the ways Grow Communities has made a difference," said Al Mitchell, Bayer Fund president. "Bayer Fund is proud to work side-by-side with farmers to identify local nonprofit organizations and schools that are improving rural communities in the areas of health and wellness, food and nutrition, and STEM and ag education." Farmers can enroll for the opportunity to direct a 2023 Grow Communities donation starting on August 1, 2022. To learn more about the enrollment process and how America's Farmers programs are making an impact, visit www.Americasfarmers.com. About Bayer Fund Bayer Fund is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, education and community development projects.



# **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

#### May Days on the Midway



For Immediate Release... The Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter along with the Reithoffer Show Company is pleased to announce the second annual May Days on the Midway beginning May 19 – May 30, 2022 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter in Perry, Ga. This carnival brings to town rides, games and some of your favorite foods that you typically see in October. May Days admission is just \$5 and kids ten and under are free. Opening day, Thursday, May 19th, teachers will receive FREE admission. Friday, May 20th all EMT and First Responders will receive FREE admission. Memorial Day, Monday May 30th, all active and retired military will receive FREE admission. We invite everyone to come and enjoy May Days with friends and family. During May Days on the Midway you will be able to enjoy over 40 carnival rides, ranging from the kiddie favorites to those adult spectaculars. A few of the crowd favorites include the Indy 500, Stinger,

Galaxy, Sky Flyer, Music Express, Super Himalaya and of course Speed, just to name a few. Ride armbands can be purchased online at https://reithoffertickets.saffire.com/tickets. You can also purchase your rides armbands or tickets at the Carnival Midway upon entering the West Gate Entrance. Ride Armbands are \$25 on weekdays and \$30- \$35 on weekends. Individual ride tickets can also be purchased for \$1.50 per ticket, 11 tickets- \$15, 22 tickets- \$25 and 55 tickets- \$55. Cash and card accepted. No bills larger than \$20 will be accepted at the admission gate. Some of the fan favorite food items will be here for you to come and enjoy for 11 days as well. Funnel cakes, turkey legs, lemonade, sirloin tips, gyros, cinnamon rolls and smoothies, candy apple, pineapple whip, macaroni bowls, handmade pretzels, bacon dogs and hot dogs, just to name a few. All of these food vendors can be found around the carnival midway, so make plans now to bring the family to enjoy lunch, dinner or a snack at your home away from home. Parking and admission will be granted at the West Gate Entrance only. This entrance is located alongside I-75. Hours of operation vary so be sure to visit the May Days on the Midway information page located on the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter. For more information please visit www.gnfa.com or follow us on social media for daily updates. The Georgia National Fairgrounds and Reithoffer Family welcome you all to May Days on the Midway and look forward to seeing you May 19 – May 30 at your Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter where we take pride in Family, Traditions and Memories. Located in Perry, Georgia, the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter is one of the foremost event venues and livestock facilities in the nation. It is home to the Georgia National Fair, the Georgia National Rodeo, and hundreds of annual livestock events, trade shows, exhibitions, conventions, and meetings. As an authority of the state of Georgia, the GNFA's mission is to effectively promote Georgia's agriculture/agribusiness contributions and to encourage education and participation in the field.



## Manuel Signs Letter Of Intent To Georgia Military College

Worth County High School Senior, Christopher Manuel, signed a letter of intent to attend Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Georgia, as a student-athlete on May 6, 2022. He will be joining the Bulldogs this fall to further his education as well as play football. Congratulations, Christopher! We are very proud of you and know you will continue to shine in all that you do!

Source: WCSD

## National Day Of Prayer Held At Worth County Court House

National Day of Prayer was held on Wednesday, May 5th at the Worth County Court House. What an amazing day of prayer we had today" expressed Tabetha DuPriest "Each one saying a prayer for our leaders, our schools, our families and our military". The message was "Heaven's not on lockdown". The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

Photo Credit: Tabetha DuPriest/Reid

## 30<sup>th</sup> Food Drive Will Help Feed Needy Families in All 50 States

WASHINGTON, April 22, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct its annual national food drive on Saturday, May 14. NALC's food drive, which was first held in 1983, helps feed millions of Americans. The Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive, the country's largest one -day food drive, provides residents with an easy way to donate food to those in need. Customers simply leave their donation of non-perishable food items next to their mailbox before the delivery of the mail on Saturday, May 14. Letter carriers will collect these food donations on that day as they deliver mail along their postal routes, and distribute them to local food banks, pantries, shelters and churches. The Letter Carriers' food drive is held annually on the second Saturday in May in 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. Hunger affects 1 in 8 Americans, including millions of children, senior citizens and veterans. In the 30 years since it began, the food drive has collected about 1.82 billion pounds of food for struggling residents. The need is as great as ever, given the pandemic-caused economic dislocations of the past two years. The traditional food drive is returning this year after a two-year hiatus because of the coronavirus pandemic. In 2020 and 2021, it was replaced by NALC's donor drive, in which those wishing to help made online donations to local food pantries. "Letter carriers are a part of every neighborhood in the nation," NALC President Fredric Rolando said, "and we see the growing need for food assistance in our communities. On Saturday, May 14, NALC invites everyone to participate in the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Together, we can help stamp out hunger in America." The timing is important, with food banks, pantries and shelters running low on donations from the winter holidays and with summer approaching, when most school meal programs are suspended. On May 14, as they deliver mail, the nation's 200,000 letter carriers will collect the donations that residents have left near their mailboxes. People are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, canned meats and fish, pasta, rice or cereal next to their mailbox before the regular mail delivery on Saturday. The food donations stay in each community, going to help local residents. Did you get our yellow bag to donate food in? We got ours and we are working on getting it together for Saturday. Get yours ready too!



### Cinco de Mayo Held At Lumbre

Cinco de Mayo brought a crowd to Lumbre Cocina Mexicana in Downtown Sylvester on Thursday, May 5th. We all love Mexican but we especially love it on Cinco de Mayo. The crowds enjoyed drink specials, great food, great singing with Corey Sumner and give-a -ways. Be sure to follow Lumbre on Facebook for all of their upcoming events, specials and more. They are opened Wednesday and Thursday from 11am - 2pm and 5pm -9pm and Friday and Saturday from 11am - 2pm and 5pm -10pm. Be sure to stop by and enjoy a great meal. They are located at 107 North Isabella Street.

Photo Credit: Lumbre

#### **Check Donated To Katie Giddens**



Not too long ago, on a wet and chilly Friday in February, our little town of Sylvester gathered with the American Legion Sylvester Post 335 to walk for our girl Katie Giddens. She was awaiting a heart transplant. That same weekend due to some health changes, she had to be removed from the list but OUR God is

amazing and it wasn't long before she was back on the list, received her transplant of a heart and kidney and is home! PRAISE THE LORD! The funds raised from the walk has been awaiting her return home so they could present it to her in person and that they did on Thursday, May 5th. Mr. Ray Humphrey, Commander and Mr. Jim Hamsley, Sr. Vice Commander, both of the American Legion, Sylvester Post 335 were tickled to get to meet her for the first time on Thursday and present her with a check to help her. Katie is doing great! She is excited about next year's walk and has voiced that she will lead the walk and help another family. Thank you Sylvester for always coming together for those in need.



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