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#### Happy Father's Day

The countdown is on to Father's Day 2021. You have until Sunday, June 20th to come up with something memorable for dad. I no longer have my daddy to buy and give a gift to however I do shop with Cindy's Flower Shop at special occasions and at times for no occasion at all to buy beautiful flower arrangements for the cemetery. They help us to make things so beautiful and we appreciate that! However if your daddy is here, then let us help you to find the coolest gift ever. One idea is a "Lucky to have you as a Dad" basket. You can fill this basket with lottery scratch off tickets. They will love that!! And they just may win lots

of money. Another idea is a BBQ Grill Basket. You can fix a basket full of spices, cook ware, a cool apron and even a gift card to a great place to buy meat and let them enjoy grilling. Need another idea? I have just that! How about a Fishing Basket? Most men love to fish so what a cool basket to make. You can fill it with a new rod and reel, so great lures, snacks to have while fishing, a cooler and even a cool fishing shirt. I know plenty of guys that will like that! These are just a few ideas of what you can get for your father. While you are deciding what to get for him, please try and shop local. There are so many places right here in Sylvester that will help you get that perfect gift together or you can even get a gift card. Whatever you decide, I know they will love it. The Martin News wishes all dad's a Happy Father's Day!

## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 335 PRESENTS**



## 5K, 10K, 1 MILE WALK/RUN

June 26, 2021 Jeffords Park, Sylvester, GA

<u>Pre-register online</u> runsignup.com Register Day of Race 6:30 am <u>Cost</u>: \$30 5K/10K preregistered, \$35 day of race| \$15 1 Mile preregistered, \$20 day of race

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June 19th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Watermelon Days Car & Truck Display @ Georgia Veterans State Park Sponsor: Cordele Cruisers Car Club Gene Arnett 229-322-1621

June 19th 12:00 noon - 5 pm Watermelon Days Entertainment @ Georgia Veterans State Park Sponsor: The Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club Contact: Linda Hawkins 229-401-1205

> June 19th 1:00 pm Watermelon Chunking Contest @ Georgia Veterans State Park Sponsor: Waste Management 229-271-8718

June 19th 8:00 pm Acoustic on the Patio @ Cypress Grill Luke Martin Sponsor: Cypress Grill 229-276-1004

July 4th 9:30 pm \$\$ Fireworks on the Flint @ Georgia Veterans State Park 229-276-2371 or 229-273-1668 Parking Fee \$5

#### Fireworks Sponsors:

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## 72nd Annual Watermelon Days

#### Festival

in

Cordele, Georgia

#### June 2021



#### Watermelon Capital of the World



\$5 PARKING FEE at Georgia Veterans State Park



June 19, 2021 FREE Shuttle Rides to Ga. Vets State Park from Southgate Shopping Center 9am-5pm compliments of RMS Transit of Cordele & Vienna

May 22nd 6:00 pm (Ages 0-24) \$\$ Watermelon Capital Queen Pageant @ Crisp Co. Middle School Auditorium Sponsor: Kristen Card 229-322-7001

<u>May 28th—June 12th</u> Glider Practice Days & Contests @ Crisp County Airport Sponsor: Cordele-Crisp Tourism 229-273-1668

June 10th 10:00 am Watermelon Days Ribbon Cutting @ Cordele Farmers Market (Front Gate) Speaker: Ag Commissioner Gary Black 229-273-1668

June 10th 7:00 pm \$\$ Kiwanis Club Annual Talent Showcase @ Crisp Co. Middle School Auditorium Sponsor: Cordele Kiwanis Club 478-718-2735

June 11th 10:00 am \$\$ Crisp County 4-H Dog Show @ Community Clubhouse Sponsor: Crisp Co. 4-H 229-276-2612 \$\$ Pre-registration required by June 4th

> June 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27th \$\$ Day Out With Thomas @ Georgia Veterans Depot Info Call: SAM Shortline 229-276-0755

June 12th 8:00 am-10:00 am Kiwanis Fishing Rodeo @ Buford Pond on Kelly Road Sponsor: Cordele Kiwanis Club

June 12th TBA \$\$ Watermelon Classic Races @ Crisp Motorsports Park 229-938-8814

June 14th-19th 11:00 am Virtual Reading With The Queens (Virtual) 11:00 am daily Facebook Live Sponsor: Cordele Carnegie Library 229-276-1300

June 15th 10:00 am

Downtown Taste of Melon @ Cordele Main Street Office 229-276-2902

June 15th 10:00 am

WALB Noon Show (Filmed) @ The Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club Aired: June 17th @ 12:30 pm Sponsor: WALB, Tourism & Chamber 229-273-1668

#### June 17th 7:00 pm

\$\$ This Is Your Life Honoring Susan Leger-Boike @ The Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club Sponsor: Chamber 229-273-1668

June 18th 7:30 am Watermelon Walk @ Perry G. Busbee Walking Track Sponsor: Crisp Regional Health Services 229-276-3284 June 18th 6:00 pm Food Trucks, Cypress Grill, Cordelias @ Georgia Veterans State Park

June 18th 7:00 pm Watermelon Gospel Sing @ Grace Baptist Church 1997 Royal Road GoodBread & Co Kenny Croft Band Sponsor: Arlene & Charles Holmes 229-322-6333

June 18th 8:00 pm

Accoustic on the Patio @ Cypress Grill Soulshine Band Sponsor: Cypress Grill

229-276-1004

June 18th, 19th & 20th \$\$ Hot Air Balloon Festival Weather Permitting

Fri-Sun mornings flying over Cordele @ sunrise Fri & Sat 5:00 pm balloons flying from GA Vets Park Fri & Sat evenings Balloon Glows 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm @ GA Vets State Park (no tethers or rides due to COVID) Ben Drennan 229-322-2275 \$5.00 parking fee

June 19th 9:30 am

\$\$ Watermelon Festival Parade Route: 15th Avenue from 6th St.- Owens St. Cordele-Crisp Chamber & Cordele Lions Club Line Up 8:30 am @ Southgate Shopping Center 229-273-1668

June 19th 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$\$ Watermelon Days Arts & Crafts & Food Booths/Trucks

@ Georgia Vets State Park—Park Fee \$5 Sponsor: The Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club Linda Hawkins 229-401-1205

Unless guidelines have changed, masks and social distancing will be required at some events.



#### WCHS Competition Cheerleader Mini Cheer Camp July 26<sup>th</sup> - July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 12pm Worth County High School Gym \$45.00/ child by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 \$55.00/ child after June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

World Sickle Cell Day



World Sickle Cell Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2008 in order to increase the awareness about the sickle cell disease and its cure among the common public. It was celebrated first time on 19th of June in 2009. Sickle cell disease has become a common and foremost genetic disease worldwide which is a must to cure through the fast awareness campaign, curable activities, early diagnosis and management. Sickle cell disease (SCD) is the most common inherited blood disorder. That means it's passed down through families. You're born

with SCD. It is not something you catch or develop later in life. The disease gets its name because when you have SCD, your red blood cells look like a sickle, which is a C-shaped farm tool. Red blood cells contain a molecule called hemoglobin, which carries oxygen throughout the body. In a healthy person, hemoglobin is smooth, round, and flexible. That allows red blood cells to glide easily through your bloodstream. But if you have SCD, the hemoglobin's shape is abnormal. It forms rods that clump together. That causes red blood cells to become rigid and curved. The odd-shaped cells block blood flow. It's dangerous, and can cause extreme pain, anemia, and other symptoms. About 100,000 people in the United States have sickle cell disease. Most of them are African-Americans. Please wear fuchsia/purple in support of Sickle Cell on June 19th.

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#### Southwest District 4-H Junior/Senior Project Achievement By: Kristen Ford – 4-H Agent



District Project Achievement, or as 4-Her's call it DPA, is an opportunity for students to pick a project area of interest, complete project work in that area throughout the year, research a specific topic, write a presentation, develop visual aids, and present their presentation to a judging panel. The topics 4-Her's have to choose from range from arts and health to target sports and agricultural awareness. The possibilities are endless! The students also complete a portfolio which includes activities in their project area, community service opportunities, leadership responsibilities, and 4-H activities throughout the year. The student's portfolio and presentation are judged to create their overall score. DPA provides opportunities for 4-H members to develop and enhance qualities of integrity, sportsmanship, cooperation, poise, self-confidence, and help members develop skills in leadership and communication.

During the weekend of June 4-5 2021, the Southwest Junior-Senior District Project Achievement was held at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center, in Eatonton, GA. The Worth County 4-H Club was well represented by ten competing 4-Her's. Senior 4-Her's were Stephanie Bass, Annika Blech, Mallory Burger, Caiden Goldinger, Gloria Laster, Alexia Sokolowski, and Khris Still. To be eligible to

compete as a Senior 4-Her, participants must be attending classes in the 9th through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Junior 4-Her's were Mandy Burger, Dakota Farmer, and Taylor Isdell. Junior 4-H members must be in the 7th grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Stephanie Bass, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at WCHS competed in the Arts and Crafts project and received 4<sup>th</sup> place. She presented on how art affects physical properties of our brains, mood and bodies; chemical balances of our brains; healing properties, and how art can help develop many positive skills.

Annika Blech, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade homeschool student competed Wildlife project and received 1<sup>st</sup> place. This 1<sup>st</sup> place finish qualifies Annika to compete at the state level in July at 4-H State Congress in Atlanta. She discussed how to rescue and transport injured wildlife. This topic comes with personal experience of helping many animals including a snapping turtle which she uses as an illustration in her speech.

Mallory Burger, a  $10^{th}$  grader at WCHS competed in the communications project and received  $2^{nd}$  place. She discussed the forms of communication we experienced during the global pandemic. Mallory even joked about "Zooming" into her presentation.

Mandy Burger, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at WCMS competed in the Engineering and Mechanics project. Her portfolio had many mentions of working on her families' drag racing cars. Mandy placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in her project area.

Dakota Farmer, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at WCMS competed in the Workforce Development project and received 2<sup>nd</sup> place. She discussed the positive and negatives of teenagers working. Dakota spoke about her experience working at Ed's.

Caiden Goldinger, a graduating senior of James Madison High School competed in the Health Project Area. She discussed the spine condition Spondylosis and how is has affected her and her family. Caiden placed 4<sup>th</sup> in her project area.

Taylor Isdell, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at WCMS competed in the Entomology project and received 1<sup>st</sup> place. She discussed bumblebees: their looks, diet, hibernation habits, nests, and how they are great pollinators.

Gloria Laster, a graduating senior at WCHS competed in the Computer Information Technology project area. She discussed Pokémon Go and careers you can have to create video games. Gloria placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in her project area.

Alexia Sokolowski, a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at WCHS competed in the Food for Health and Sports project and placed 4<sup>th</sup>. She discussed different the positive and negatives of fad diets, keto diet, and vegetarian diets for athletes. Alexia used her own experience as a Cross Country and Track runner to stress the importance of healthy eating.

Khris Still, a  $10^{th}$  grade student at WCHS competed in the History Project and placed  $3^{rd}$ . He spoke all about Albert Einstein. Einstein's famous achievements were the Quantum Theory of Light,  $E=mc^2$ , Brownian Movement, Special Theory of Relativity, General Theory of Relativity, Manhattan Project, and Einstein's Refrigerator.

Congratulations to all the Senior and Junior 4-Her's that attended District DPA. They did a wonderful job and represented Worth County well. We know Annika will continue representing us well at State Congress. If you have a child between the ages of 9 to 18 and they are currently living and attending school in Worth County they are eligible to be a member of the Worth County 4-H Club. The Worth County 4-H Club Office is located behind the public library at 204 East Franklin St. #9. Office hours 8:00 am -- 5:00 pm and our phone number is 229-776-8216.



The Worth County Rams Touchdown Club Presents:

#### Three Man Scramble

#### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, August 7, 2021

Pine Knoll Country Club 409 Pineknoll Road Sylvester, GA 31791



Registration:12pm

Tee-off:1pm

Cost: \$300 per team

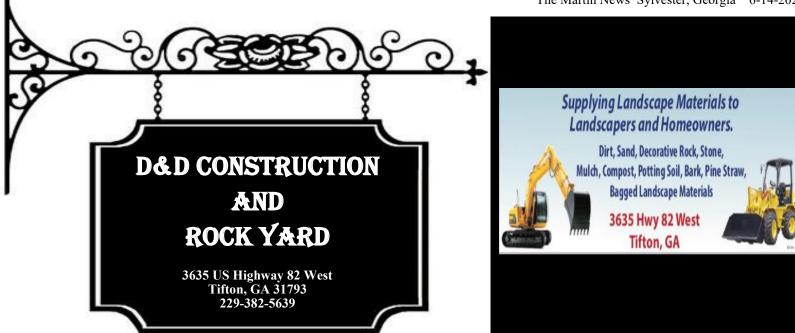
This includes entry into all events, 18-holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, and chance to win various prizes!

Longest Drive - Closest to the Pin – 4 mulligans per person

#### Hole Sponsorships are available

To Register Contact: Will Peacock (229) 881-9921

All proceeds will benefit the Worth County Rams Touchdown Club which is for Middle School and High School Rams



## Springin' Up The Yard!













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#### June is Lane Courtesy Month

One of the most frustrating problems that drivers face is poor lane courtesy — drivers blocking the left lane. The idea of slower moving traffic keeping right seems simple, but it is often forgotten. In order to promote this safe driving practice, the National Motorists Association (NMA) has designated June as Lane Courtesy Month. Better lane courtesy will improve traffic flow, prevent accidents, and can even save motorists money on gas. The Summer Driving Season is upon us. People want to get out there and enjoy themselves. Lane Courtesy is a part of that for sure. The NMA wants driving to be safer and more pleasurable for all motorists. That's why we promote Lane Courtesy Month. Ignoring the principle of lane courtesy increases congestion and frustration. The instances of

tailgating, weaving in-and-out of traffic, and speed fluctuations increase — all of which reduce safety and waste fuel. When motorists yield the left lane, these situations diminish and accidents are avoided. Everyone benefits when driving is more efficient and enjoyable. Fuel conservation is a significant benefit of lane courtesy. Your vehicle consumes the most fuel when you are accelerating. It burns much less when you are able to achieve a consistent speed. Lane courtesy, when properly obeyed, promotes the smooth flow of traffic and helps drivers maintain an even pace. With gas prices at record highs, fuel economy improvements are doubly important. Safety and gas savings are not the only reason motorists should yield the left lane; most states also have laws requiring them to do so. Government agencies spend billions of dollars to promote speed limit compliance, seatbelt usage, and construction zone safety, but little attention is paid to lane courtesy. The majority of motorists agree on the need for lane courtesy, so a small investment to promote it would be very worthwhile. For more information concerning Lane Courtesy Month contact the National Motorists Association at (608) 849-6000.



READ 10 BOOKS TO EARN A LIBRARY BAG BETWEEN MAY 6TH AND JULY 30TH. THE FIRST BOOKMARK AND EVERY ADDITIONAL BOOKMARK OF 10 WILL BE ENTERED IN THE DRAWING FOR A GRAND PRIZE.



All bookmarks must be submitted at the Margaret Jones Public Library by July 30th.

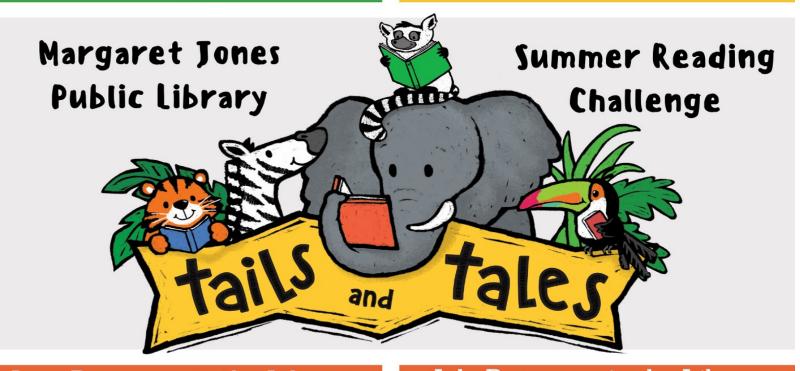
For more information, please contact us at 776-2096 or at worthlib.org.



Sign up begins in May. Pick up a book tracker at the library. Print books or digital books count towards your reading goal.



Kids, teens and adults are invited to read for prizes this summer! Kids win a water bottle and a ticket to the party. Teens and adults win a bag.



June Programs in the Library Toddlers on Tuesdays, 10:30 am 6/14 Live Animal Show, 2 pm 6/20-7/2 Book Fair, daily 6/22 Magic Show, 2 pm 6/24 Purr-fect Pet Care with Best Friends Humane Society, 2 pm 6/30 Stuffed Animal Bingo, 2 pm July Programs in the Library Toddlers on Tuesdays, 10:30 am 7/3, 7/5 Library closed 7 /8 Critter Tales, 2 pm 7/14 Unicorn Paint & Story, 2 pm 7/20 End of Summer Party, 2 pm

> For more information, call 776–2096 or visit worthlib.org

#### FDA Approves Aducanumab For Alzheimer's Disease

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) today approved aducanumab (Biogen/Eisai) to treat Alzheimer's disease.

This is the first drug that slows Alzheimer's disease. And, this is the beginning of a completely new future for Alzheimer's treatments. This is a new type of Alzheimer's treatment; it addresses the disease in a way that has never been done before, compared to currently approved drugs.

Alzheimer's Association spokespeople are available to discuss:

- The impact of this decision on treatment, care and living with Alzheimer's.
- Alzheimer's Association efforts to ensure access to the drug.
- The status and future of Alzheimer's research.
- What it is like to live with Alzheimer's or another dementia, and to provide care.

Alzheimer's — a progressive, degenerative and fatal brain disease — is the most common cause of dementia. For *Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures*, an annual report by the Alzheimer's Association, visit alz.org/facts.

#### Quotes from the Alzheimer's Association

#### Harry Johns, Alzheimer's Association president and CEO

On behalf of those impacted by Alzheimer's and all other dementia, the Alzheimer's Association welcomes and celebrates today's historic FDA approval of aducanumab for Alzheimer's disease. This approval is a victory for people living with Alzheimer's and their families.

It is a new day. This approval allows people living with Alzheimer's more time to live better. For families it means being able to hold on to their loved ones longer. It is about reinvigorating scientists and companies in the fight against this scourge of a disease. It is about hope.

#### Joanne Pike, Dr.P.H., Alzheimer's Association, chief strategy officer

This therapy will be of great interest to many, but it is not the only important element of Alzheimer's treatment and care. The Alzheimer's Association has made it a priority to partner with health care systems, physicians, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ensure early and accurate diagnosis, and access to treatment, care management and care planning.

The Alzheimer's Association will do everything in its power to ensure access to the drug and FDA-required diagnostic testing for all who will benefit. Eliminating barriers to access is our highest priority.

#### Maria C. Carrillo, Ph.D., Alzheimer's Association, chief science officer

This FDA drug approval ushers in a new era in Alzheimer's treatment and research. History has shown us that approvals of the first drug in a new category invigorates the field, increases investments in new treatments and encourages greater innovation. We are hopeful and this is the beginning — both for this drug and for better treatments for Alzheimer's.

We are proud of what the Alzheimer's Association has done to accelerate the drug development process, so individuals will have access to more effective treatments faster. This new drug approval, and sustained progress in the research field, is due to years of investment, unrelenting dedication, and our vision of a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

### **202I WORTH CO. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

AUGUST 13TH PELHAM WORTH CO. STADIUM

AUGUST 20TH TURNER CO. WORTH CO. STADIUM

AUGUST 27TH MITCHELL CO. Worth Co. Stadium

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SEPTEMBER 24TH TIFT CO. BRODIE FIELD

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OCTOBER 22ND BERRIEN RAYMOND JONES MEMORIAL STADIUM

> OCTOBER 25TH EARLY CO. WORTH CO. STADIUM

## **RAISE THE STANDARD**

Rams

RAMS

It was a roaring good time at the Books and Bubbles this past week at the Margaret Jones Public Library. Fun was had reading Dino-mite stories. Don't miss all the fun this Summer at the library. Be sure to follow them on Facebook for a listing of all the events.

**Source: MJPL** 





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#### What Some Good Ole Country Cooking That Was

It's country cooking month and boy does that bring back some good ole memories! I use to love to eat my granny Louise's cooking along with my Granny and Papa Meeks' cooking. The homemade biscuits from my Granny Meeks and fried corn bread from my Granny Louise and the fresh veggies and fruits were to die for! They beat fast food any day of the week. When I was growing up, cooking and eating at home was what you did. Going out to eat was a treat for sure. My favorite foods they cooked was cream corn, my Papa Meeks' macaroni and cheese, fried okra, squash, boiled potatoes, fried corn bread, biscuits and peach cobbler. Those sure were the days! What were some of your favorite foods from your grandparents?

#### Lightning Strikes... The Thunder Rolls

Lightning strikes the United States about 25 million times a year. Although most lightning occurs in the summer, peo-

ple can be struck at any time of year. Lightning kills an average of 49 people in the United States each year, and hundreds more are severely injured. There are many tips to know about lightning safety. There is NO PLACE outside that is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!! If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you. When you hear thunder, immediately move to safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up. Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder. Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity. Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets. Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches. Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls. If you are caught outside with no safe shelter anywhere nearby the following actions may reduce your risk: Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks. Never lie flat on the ground, never shelter under an isolated tree, never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter, immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water and stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.). Safety from lightning is talked about mostly during the summer months but please stay prepared anytime during the year.



## 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! 1<sup>st</sup> place 2<sup>nd</sup> place 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100 \$50 \$25

> Worth County Extension Office/4-H 204 East Franklin St. #9 Sylvester, GA 31791 229-776-8216





## Dates to Remember

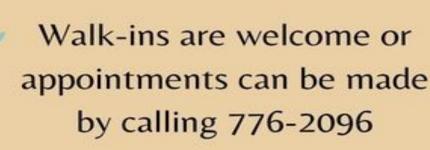
## June

14th ~ Animal Tales and Tails at the Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm 14th ~ VBS at Terrell Baptist Church 6pm-8pm 14th ~ VBS at Unity Baptist Church 15th ~ Books & Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library 1030am 15th ~ Bingo at Ed's 6pm 15th ~ VBS at Terrell Baptist Church 6pm-8pm 15th ~ City of Warwick Council Meeting 630pm 15th ~ VBS at Unity Baptist Church 16th ~ Field's Funeral Home Live on FB Show 10am 16th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at 12Noon 16th ~ VBS at Terrell Baptist Church 6pm-8pm 16th ~ VBS at Unity Baptist Church 17th ~ Worth County Board of Education Meeting 17th ~ VBS at Unity Baptist Church 20th ~ Happy Father's Day from The Martin News 21st ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 21st ~ Red, White & Blue Paint Night at the Margaret Jones Public Library 6pm 21st ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 7pm 22nd ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connection Meeting 22nd ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 22nd ~ Books & Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library 1030am 22nd ~ Ken Scott Magic Show at the Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm 22nd ~ Bingo at Ed's 6pm 22nd ~ City of Poulan Council Meeting 630pm 23rd ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 23rd ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at 12Noon 23rd ~ Field's Funeral Home Live on FB Show 10am 24th ~ Purr-fect Pet Care with Best Friends Humane Society at Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm 24th ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 24th ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart 25th ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 25th ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart 26th ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart 26th ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 26th ~ Georgia Peanut Festival 5K Run 7am 27th ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart 28th ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart 28th ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 29th ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 29th ~ Books & Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library 1030am 29th ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart 30th ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart 30th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at 12Noon **30th** ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 30th ~ Field's Funeral Home Live on FB Show 10am **30th** ~ Stuffed Animal Bingo at the Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm

# FAMILY TREE HELP AT MJPL

Members of the Barnard Trail Chapter of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) will be at the library to answer genealogy or DAR related questions.

> When: Wednesday, June 16th 1-3pm Where: Margaret Jones Public Library









**ABAC Again Tops Southeast In Ag Education Grads** 

For the third consecutive year, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College produced more graduates with a bachelor's degree in agricultural education than any other college or university east of the Mississippi River. Forty agricultural education students graduated from ABAC at the recent commencement ceremony. "The spring 2021 ABAC cohort was by far the largest graduating class from any institution in Georgia in the history of agricultural

education," said Dr. Frank Flanders, agricultural education program coordinator. "These graduates will help with the severe nationwide shortage of Ag Ed teachers that has existed for over 40 years." The Ag Ed graduates were inducted into the profession in a special pinning ceremony following graduation. Graduates received the ABAC Agricultural Education pin, and many received awards for outstanding leadership and student teaching. The ABAC Ag Ed program continues to thrive with increased enrollment as well as new programs. Current enrollment is at 217 students, which makes ABAC one of the largest producers of Ag Ed graduates in the nation. During the past year, an elementary agricultural education teacher program was established at ABAC, the first of its kind in the nation. ABAC also established a partnership with Murray State University to encourage graduates to continue their education in a master's degree program. A total of 40 Agricultural Education students graduated from ABAC under the guidance of faculty members, front row front left: Dr. Sallie McHugh, Dr. Frank Flanders, Dr. Mark Kistler, Dr. Andrew Thoron, Dr. Farish Mulkey, and Ridge Harper.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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#### City Considers "Parklet", One-Way Street Along Commerce Way



As Commerce Way continues to be developed with new businesses and eateries, the City of Tifton is considering making the street one way heading north and creating a "parklet" with an outdoor eating area. The proposal was formally presented to Tifton City Council at its workshop Monday night, and council members voiced no initial opposition to the concept. The Downtown Development Authority is in "full alignment

with that," said City Manager Pete Pyrzenski. "This seems to be the best approach for Commerce Way." Mayor Julie B. Smith said that Commerce Way is "a very visible corridor for our downtown," and that converting the block to one-way traffic would be "a lot safer coming off Highway 82." Trey Gavin, senior vice president with ESG Engineering, made the presentation based on extensive study. He said the concept would make the area more handicapped accessible, would slow and limit traffic, improve esthetics and would be "a major enhancement for every business" on the street. The current sidewalk on Commerce Way is a "two-tiered sidewalk with irregular steps," Gavin said, noting that the sidewalk has a "four-step different elevation." The plan would convert the sidewalk to a two-step elevation. The parklet would take over three current parking spaces to create the space for sitting and dining. Gavin said converting the street to one-way would allow reclaiming some of these spaces on the other side of the street. City Manager Pyrzenski added that storm water issues along the street would also be addressed with the proposed project. Because City Council was in a workshop meeting, no action was taken on the proposal. It will be brought back at a full City Council meeting. This artist rendering depicts what a "parklet" and outdoor dining area could look like on Commerce Way.

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