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Words From Worth County Elementary School Kickball Style



Congratulations to our former 4th grade all-stars who are now in 6th grade. Due to early closure last year, WCES was not able to have our annual kickball tournament. Thankfully, Dr. Rouse and WCMS were able to make it happen for our last year's 5th grade students who were the 4th grade all-stars who are now in 6th grade. They were too much for our faculty and staff beating them 10 to 4. This group is now 2-0 against the WCES faculty! A great time was had by all!

Source: WCSD

AMERICAN LEGION POST 335 PRESENTS

PLANT THE SEED

5K, 10K, 1 MILE WALK/RUN

June 26, 2021 Jeffords Park, Sylvester, GA

Pre-register online runsignup.com Register Day of Race 6:30 am

Cost: \$30 5K/10K preregistered, \$35 day of race | \$15 1 Mile preregistered, \$20 day of race

T-Shirts for preregistered participants Questions? 229-347-0808 Jim Hamsley







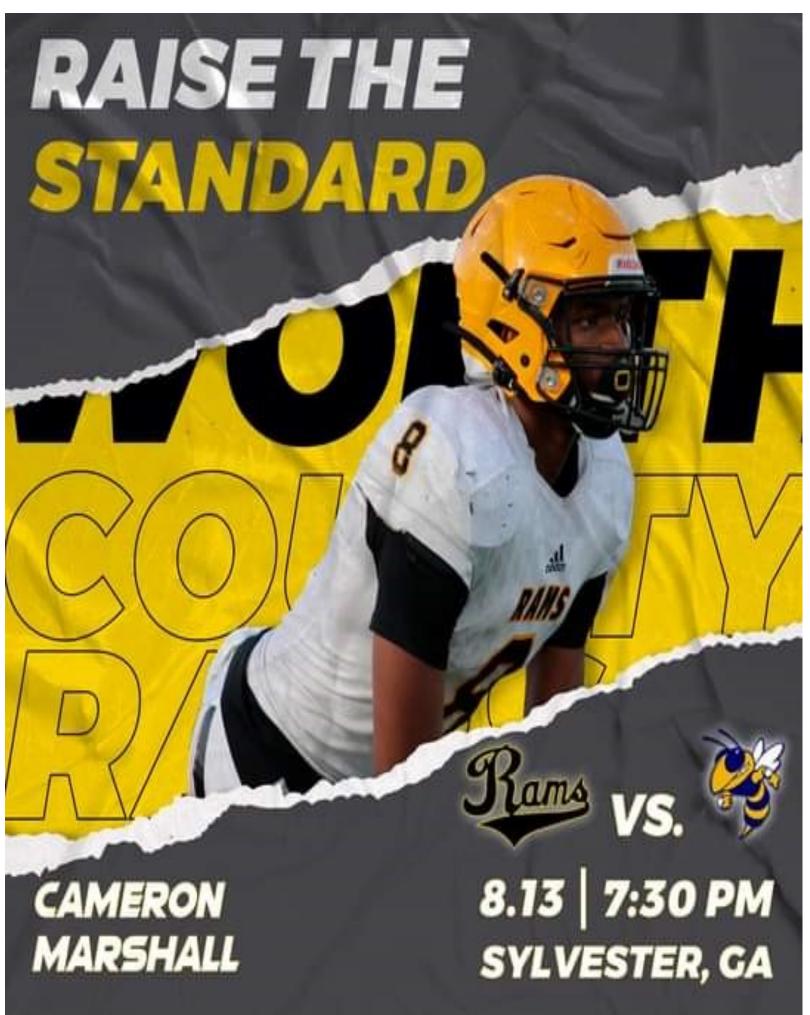
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The Worth County Rams Touchdown Club Presents:

Three Man Scramble

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 7, 2021

Pine Knoll Country Club 409 Pineknoll Road Sylvester, GA 31791



Registration:12pm

Tee-off:1pm

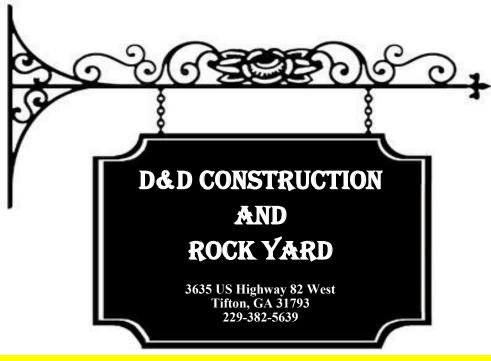
Cost: \$300 per team

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

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





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WCHS Senior, Worth Smith, Set to Attend Mercer University



WCHS Senior, Worth Smith, signed a letter of intent to attend Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, as a student-athlete on Thursday, June 10, 2021. He will be joining the Mercer Bears not only to play baseball but to continue his education. Congratulations, Worth! We are very proud of you and know you will continue to shine bright in all that you do!

Source: WCSD

Worth County Library





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.



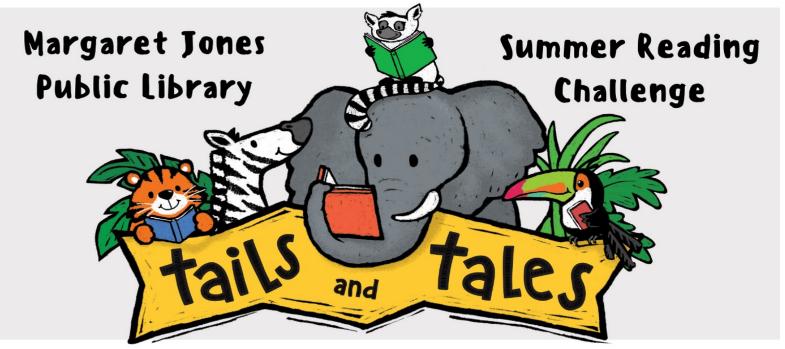
All bookmarks must be submitted at the Margaret Jones Public Library by July 30th.

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



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RAISE THE STANDARD

Tuesday for so much fun at the Margaret Jones Public Library. A big thanks to Jim, Agnes and Sarah Shelton and Scott Sumner for sharing their turtles with the group. Turtle Tuesday was lots of fun to everyone that joined. Be sure to not miss out on all the fun this Summer as the library. Follow them on Facebook for all the events. They have so many great things happening during Summer break!

Source: MJPL





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Always Have Your Sunglasses

Most people know the sun's rays are bad for our skin. But did you know they're just as bad for our eyes? Sunglasses are a great fashion accessory, but their most important job is to protect your eyes from the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays. Some of the sun's effects on the eyes include: Cataracts, a clouding of the eye's lens that can blur vision. An estimated 20% of cases are caused by extended UV exposure. Macular degeneration, resulting from damage to the retina that destroys central vision. Macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness in the United States. Pterygium, a tissue growth over the white part of the surface of the eye that can alter the curve of the eyeball, causing astigmatism. When purchasing sunglasses, look for ones that block out 99 to 100% of both UVA and UVB radiation, so you can keep your vision sharp and eyes healthy. A wide-brimmed hat offers great protection, too!

Granny's Rose Garden

As we wrap up the month of June, I noticed it was National Rose month and it brought me back to a time when I was a little girl. I know I say many times that we didn't have things to entertain us as children do these days. My entertainment was my grandparents. I loved helping my grandmother in the yard with watering her plants. She had the most beautiful roses ever. She made sure they had water and fertilizer just as they needed. Her roses were in all colors and just plain beautiful! She enjoyed her flowers that she had in the yard and the porch and in the yard. Those were the great days!

This is the slogan the American Cancer Society uses as part of it's campaign for skin cancer prevention. This slogan highlights the top four ways to prevent skin damage from the sun. Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat, and wrap on sunglasses to protect your eyes and sensitive skin around them. The society uses this simple message to promote prevention through media and educational activities. Slip on a shirt! Tightly woven long sleeves and long pants are really the best type of protective clothing to wear when ou are going to be in the sun for long hours. However, most of us either choose not to wear or would be uncomfortable in such garb on the beach, by the lake, or anywhere outside on a mid summer's day. The CDC says a t-shirt or beach cover up will suffice, but just know that your run of the mill tee has an SPF rating lower than 15 so be sure to combine this preventative with others as well. Slop on sunscreen! Don't be shy, slather and slop on a high quality sunscreen with at least SPF 15 before you go out into the sun. Sunscreen should even be used on cloudy or overcast days. Be sure to cover you entire body, not just your face, and even parts covered with clothing or bathing suits. While this seems like an obvious tip, the CDC reports that fewer than 15% of men and fewer than 30% of women report regularly using sunscreen when outside for more than an hour. If you're worried about the nasty chemicals and additives some sunscreen brands contain, check out the EWG's 2016 Guide to Sunscreens (@ewg) list for the best and safest sunscreens on the market. Slap on a hat! The best advice here is to choose a tightly woven fabric, such as canvas, for your hat, with a brim that goes all the way around to protect not only your face, but your ears and back of your neck as well. Once again not the most practical, or for that matter stylish, tip when gallivanting on the beach. If you choose fashion over prevention with a cute straw number or a hip ball cap, be sure to make up for your poor decision by either covering the exposed areas with more clothing and/or sunscreen or by relaxing under a nice tree or fancy umbrella in the shade. Wrap on sunglasses to protect your eyes and sensitive skin around them! Finally, a tip that most of us don't have to worry about because we do it regardless of safety. Wear shades! While this may seem completely straightforward, there are some requirements from the CDC on the type of glasses you wear but fortunately they are easy to meet and don't get in the way of vanity. The CDC suggests sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays for the best protection and once again, jackpot, most sunglasses sold in the United States meet this requirement! Even better, for you sporty types, wrap around sunglasses provide the best protection because the harmful rays can't sneak in the sides. So whether you're the Jackie O. type or Bono, rock those shades and protect yourself! In addition to the prevention tips above, the ACS also recommends limiting the amount of time you spend in direct sun, especially between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. when the sun's rays are the strongest. And finally, most skin cancers can be found early on with regular skin exams. It is important to check your skin once a month and you can find out the best way to do this by following the ACS's step-by-step instructions. It is also important for your doctor to check your skin for irregularities. Regular skin exams are especially important for people who are at higher risk of skin cancer, such as people with reduced immunity, people who have had skin cancer before, and people with a strong family history of skin cancer.



Georgia 4-H Watermelon Growing Contest

Who: K-12th graders

Weighed by Extension Office: Tuesday, July 27, 2021

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

Cash Prizes for State Winners!

1st place 2nd place 3rd 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

21st ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 21st ~ Red, White & Blue Paint Night at the Margaret Jones Public Library 6pm 21st ~ Darkness to Light End Child Sexual Abuse Training 6pm-8pm 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 ~ Darkness to Light End Child Sexual Abuse Training 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 24th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Byne Memorial Baptist Church 2p-7p 25th ~ 82nd Annual Miss Georgia Forestry State Scholarship Pageant 25th ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 25th ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart 25th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Dougherty County Community 12p-5p 25th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Tifton Mall 2p-7p 26th ~ 82nd Annual Miss Georgia Forestry State Scholarship Pageant 26th ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart 26th ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library 26th ~ Manna Food Drop at Unity Baptist Church 26th ~ Georgia Peanut Festival 5K Run 7am 26th ~ Tift Park Community Market 9am-2pm 26th ~ Science Saturday at Thronateeska Science Museum 10am-11am 26th ~ Dive Shows at Flint RiverQuarium 2pm 26th ~ David Phelps at Tifton First Assembly 6p-8:30p 26th ~ Movies in the Park at Riverfront Park 830pm-11pm 27th ~ 82nd Annual Miss Georgia Forestry State Scholarship Pageant 27th ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart 27th ~ Dive Shows at Flint RiverQuarium 2pm 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

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Tift County OK's Budget With No Tax Hike; Talk Of Possible Rollback



The Tift County Commission on Monday approved a \$29 million county budget for Fiscal Year 2022 with no tax increase and may even consider a tax millage rate rollback. "There will be no increase in the millage rate. In fact, we anticipate a 0.25 millage rate rollback, but we have to await the final numbers from the Tax Assessors Office before we can finalize the amount of the rollback," Commission Chairman Tony McBrayer tells the Tifton Grapevine. "Since FY (Fiscal Year) 2021 was an anomaly because of COVID-19, we felt more comfortable looking at FY 2020 actual revenue numbers, McBrayer explained. "For our FY 2022 budget, we adopted a conservative approach and budgeted \$400,000 less than FY 2020 revenues." The county had reduced last year's budget by 15%, based upon the state's recommendation for the pandemic. However, county tax collections basically remained on track, resulting in a surplus. In the FY 2022 budget beginning July 1, McBrayer said the county has "allocated monies to improve our recreational facilities, renovate office space for our probate and magistrate courts, and upgrade public safety vehicles, such as cars for the sheriff's department and ambulances." The City of Tifton is scheduled to OK

its FY 2022 budget at its meeting next Monday. During last week's City Council workshop, City Manager Pete Pyrzenski said the proposed \$43 million city budget contains no tax hike and includes monies for a 3% employee raise.



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Think Tifton

State Resolution Honors "Mr. Peanut", Frank McGill



There was an emotional moment last week when a state resolution honoring the late J. Frank McGill of Tifton was presented to his widow, Janet McGill. McGill, known as "Mr. Peanut" for his decades of work to increase peanut production in the state, nation and around the world, died in March at age 95. On Thursday, state Sen. Carden H. Summers, R-Cordele, formally presented the Senate resolution to Janet McGill at the Georgia

Peanut Commission in Tifton. Summers read the resolution, passed earlier this year, as McGill's widow wiped her eyes. The resolution calls McGill one of Georgia's "most distinguished citizens" and notes his work with the University of Georgia Extension Service to increase peanut yields in the state from 955 pounds per acre in 1955 to 3,220 pounds per acre in 1974. Known as the state's peanut specialist, McGill traveled to 21 countries as a peanut consultant and served as a technical advisor to the Georgia Peanut Commission, to the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, the National Peanut Council and the National Peanut Growers Group. His honors include being named president of the American Peanut Research and Education Society and chairman of a special U.S. Senate Agriculture Task Force. UGA named McGill a distinguished professor of agronomy, and Progressive Farmer magazine named him Man of the Year. He received UGA's Medallion of Honor and was honored as an Alumnus of Distinction. McGill was inducted into both the Georgia Peanut Hall of Fame and the Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame, and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Peanut Council, the American/World Agriculture Award from the National County Agents Association, and the Valor Award from the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation. McGill was selected as one of 12 UGA scientists whose work has impacted the world in the past 100 years. The state Senate resolution notes that McGill "was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live." Source: WALB-TV Pictured Janet McGill of Tifton reacts as state Sen. Carden H. Summers, R-Cordele, reads a Seante resolution honoring McGill's late husband, Frank McGill (aka 'Mr. Peanut'). At right is Don Koehler, executive director of the Georgia Peanut Commission.

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Tickets are \$25 and include one Hog-N-Bones Boston butt with sauces.

Proceeds go toward promoting adult literacy in Tift County.

Contact Literacy Volunteers at one of the methods below for more information and to purchase tickets from now through July 4th.

EMAIL: TIFTLV@GMAIL.COM PHONE: 229-391-2527

The Worth County Rams Football Booster Club & TNT Fireworks Wishes You A



Come See Us For All Your Firework Needs This Fourth of July And Help Support The Worth County Rams. We Will Be Located In The Wal-Mart Parking Lot from June 25th - July 4th.









WCHS Competition Cheerleader Mini Cheer Camp

July 26th - July 28th from 9am - 12pm Worth County High School Gym \$45.00/ child by June 30th, 2021 \$55.00/ child after June 30th, 2021

Field's Funeral Home Live On Facebook Weekly

Every Wednesday morning at 10am, Mr. Charles McDonald with Field's Funeral Home has a Live Show on Facebook. It is a great show filled with guests, announcements and so much more. If you are interested in being a guest, please give Mr. McDonald a call and he will get you on the show. The live show is great for the community because it educates the community on upcoming events and things our great community and surrounding communities has to offer. If you would like your business to be a sponsor, please let Mr. McDonald know as well. His contact number is 229-402-7049. Thank you for your support and be sure to tune in Wednesday mornings at 10am.

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