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Refresh The Rams



Summer Camps are kicking off in Sylvester and Worth County and Steven Danford along with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes could use your help. While the athletes are participating in Summer Camps and practicing for the different sports programs along with the band practicing this Summer, they all need to be refreshed.

Stop by Snipes Piggly Wiggly and help support the "Refresh the Rams" initiative! While you are picking up a few groceries, throw in a bottle or three of water or sports drinks in your buggy and after you check out, be sure to put them in the donation box. Donations will be used for all of the Worth County Athletic Programs as well as the high school band!

If you would like to donate money for the items, you can do that as well. Please use CashApp \$Sld4537 or you can use PayPal sld4537@bellsouth.net. These are for Steven and he will send you a picture of the receipt once drinks are purchased. Thanks in advance for your support!

Source: Steven Danford and FCA

Love Yourself



I know I have asked this question before but here I go again... Do you TikTok? I absolutely love to TikTok! Now as I said before, I don't make personal videos but I LOVE to watch TikTok. I have made so many friends on there. Some TikTokers have great platforms and I love to share them with all the viewers of The Martin News. Please meet my friend Phil.

Phil Godbey, his wife and children are from the great state of Kentucky. Phil said his wife is literally the best person that he knows. Phil said there was a time that he had all but given up on love and she came along, a true God send. Before her, Phil states that he was not positive and was angry at the world. "I built up this wall and she completely tore it down" stated Phil "I would definitely not be the person I am without her". Phil and his wife have two children that is their whole world. Their daughter is 5 which he states she thinks she is going on 15 and a son that is one and such a sweet boy.

Because Phil does videos on TikTok that viewers can see, many people notice that he has an eye issue. I asked Phil during our interview to explain a little bit about this. He has mentioned before on his videos that he was legally blind. My grandmother was legally blind as well due to Macular Degenerative Eye Disease so I found interest immediately. Phil explained that his left eye is legally blind. He had a cataract on it at birth and once it was removed it caused him to lose practically all of his sight in that eye. "It definitely makes for a conversation starter because it's not like I can hide it if I'm not wearing sunglasses" explained Phil "I'm comfortable with it though, it doesn't bother me at all unless I'm driving which I only do around my hometown". Phil has such a positive attitude about his eye situation reminding me so much of my grandmother with his positivity. They both did not let their eye problem define who they were.

Phil had several friends that kept telling him to download the TikTok app. They finally convinced him to do so but never did he think it would kick off like it did. A little about TikTok that people may not know is that you have to have at least 1,000 followers in order to go live. As of now, Phil has 1,360 followers. While that is much less than the number of followers that many famous TikTokers have, Phil is definitely TikTok famous and will continue to grow his numbers and spread his platform to so many.

Even being a TikToker himself, Phil has his own favorite TikToker. He said his favorite TikToker is Adam Hart (adamhart90) because of his positive outlook on life in general. "He just took up with me right away" said Phil "I now consider him a friend". Phil also likes to sing on some of his videos. He made me laugh when I asked him what his favorite song was. He said that was like asking him to pick a day of the week. He explained that music was not only his escape but he just loved music and so many different genres. He explained that his favorite changes by the week but if he had to pick one favorite though, he would say it was "Keeper of the Stars" by Tracy Byrd. That is his and his wife's song. How precious is that!

Many TikTokers have great platforms. I asked Phil what his platform was and it was simple, Positivity. Phil explained that he knew he was not the first person to coin the phrase "Love Yourself" but he uses that phrase at the end of practically all of his vides. Phil just tries to show folks kindness. He desires to build people up. He voices that it is so easy to find negativity and he just wants to help people. Phil hopes to accomplish through TikTok a platform of public speaking. Many TikTokers have goals from TikTok and his is to do public speaking preferably in schools. He feels like our teenagers need more positive influence in their lives. We are working on getting him in some schools so please keep Phil in your prayers for this adventure.

I thoroughly enjoy interviewing people in general. Interviewing TikTokers is becoming one of my favorite. I only know them through TikTok but after speaking with them, I feel like they are my friends. I have learned so much about them and feel honored to know them. One of my questions to Phil during our interview was "If you could tell yourself something 10 years ago to prepare you for today, what would you have told yourself"? Phil explained he would have told himself ten years ok to be open to taking chances. "You are going to help others one day" Phil stated "Use your voice".

Phil is such a humble person and his faith is very important to him. His favorite Bible verse is Roman's 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose". If you would like to send Phil a card, please do. He would love to hear from you. Let him know that you read about him in The Martin News. His mailing address is Phil Godbey PO Box 785, Science Hill, Kentucky 42553. In closing Phil encourages us to remember to live each day with the notion of making it a good day. "You'll go through trials and tribulations, you'll have tough times" expressed Phil "but the good times are worth it". Phil wants us all to love those around us but also love complete strangers and lastly Love Yourself!

Plant The Seed Run Was A Success

This past Saturday was a great morning for a run and that is exactly what took place in Sylvester. Plant the Seed Run hosted by the Georgia Peanut Festival and American Legions Post 335 was a great success with 65 runners to kick off this year's Georgia Peanut Festival. Congratulations to the winners: Sara Mims in the 10K, Eyan Zupko in the 5K and Madison Harris in the Fun Run.

Events like these can not happen without volunteers and sponsors of which the committees are very thankful for. A big thank you to Don Borowski with Tifton's Best Running for setting up at the event to show runners what types of shoes are great for running and he gave away a pair of shoes to two lucky winners. The runners were treated to water, banana's and granola bars donated by Coca-Cola, Field's Funeral Home, Piggly Wiggly and The Martin News.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the event, volunteered and donated. We appreciate everyone! Stay tuned to the upcoming events for this year's Peanut Festival.

Pictures provided by Georgia Peanut Festival





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Leave Fireworks to the Experts

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks. The National Safety Council advises everyone to enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals, and not to use any fireworks at home. They may be legal but they are not safe. In 2017, eight people died and over 12,000 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents. Of these, 50% of the injuries were to children and young adults under age 20. Over two-thirds (67%) of injuries took place from June 16 to July 16. And while the majority of these incidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, homemade or other illegal fireworks or explosives, an estimated 1,200 injuries were from less powerful devices like small firecrackers and sparklers. Additionally, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires.

If consumer fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- Older children should use them only under close adult supervision
 - Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear
 - Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands
 - Never light them indoors
- Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material
 - Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
 - Never ignite devices in a container
 - Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
 - Never use illegal fireworks

Better yet, grab a blanket and a patch of lawn, kick back and let the experts handle the fireworks show.

Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but sparklers are a lot more dangerous than most people think. Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet. According to the National Fire Protection Association, sparklers alone account for more than 25% of emergency room visits for fireworks injuries. For children under 5 years of age, sparklers accounted for nearly half of the total estimated injuries. Consider using safer alternatives, such as glow sticks, confetti poppers or colored streamers.

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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

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



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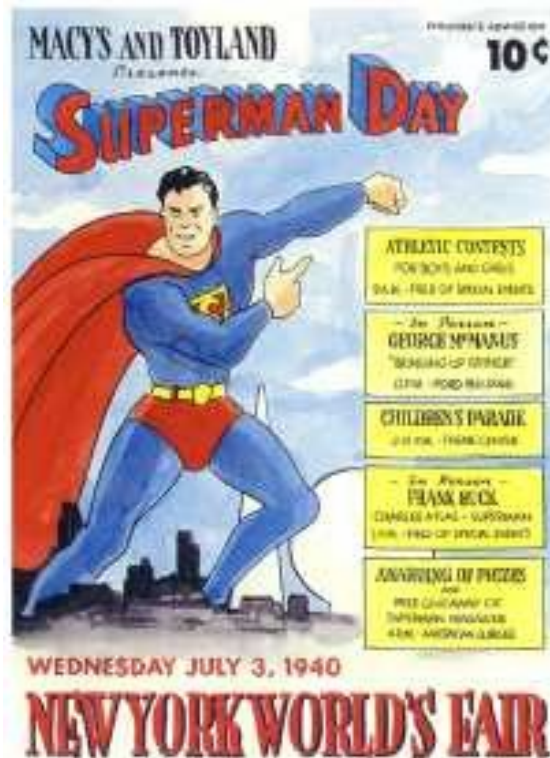
July 26th - July 28th from 9am - 12pm

Worth County High School Gym

\$45.00/ child by June 30th, 2021

\$55.00/ child after June 30th, 2021

What A Super Day Superman Day Is



Superman Day - July 3, 1940. In April of 1939 the New York World's Fair, "Building The World of Tomorrow," opened on what was once a marshy wasteland in Flushing Meadows, just east of the great metropolis. From its inception to its closing ceremonies, the Fair promoted one of the last great metanarratives of the Machine Age: the unqualified belief in science and technology as a means to economic prosperity and personal freedom. Wedged between the greatest economic disaster in America and the growing international tension that would result in World War II, The World of Tomorrow was a much-needed antidote to the depression and confusion of the times. It provided the one saving grace which all of America needed - it provided hope. To go along with the theme of "The World of Tomorrow", DC Comics hosted Superman Day at the fair, featuring the first public appearance of "The Man of Tomorrow", Superman (Ray Middleton) in full costume and a live Superman radio broadcast from the fairgrounds. In this very first Superman costume, the name "SUPERMAN" is inscribed in the top part of Superman's chest emblem and Superman's boots are

the original lace style. Superman Day was the brainchild of publicist Allen 'Duke' Ducovny, held in part to promote the sales of DC's New York World's Fair Comics, a 100-page special edition sold exclusively at the World's Fair.

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Resolution Renewal Day

As I have mentioned many times before in The Martin News, there is a day to celebrate many different holidays. I think it is so funny at all the different holidays there are they celebrate. It gives us all something to talk about for sure. July 1st is known as Resolution Renewal Day. Now that is a good one. How many of us have resolutions that we made on January 1st that we no longer are doing? Can you remember the New Year's resolution that you set?

Attention Worth Residents in the Unincorporated areas:

The new solid waste company, Ryland Environmental, will start July 1, 2021. Your current pickup day will stay the same. Advanced Disposal will continue to pick through June 30th. Please leave your 'Green' Advanced Disposal can at the curb after trash pickup so it can be picked up. Ryland has started delivering their 'Red' cans this past week. If you do not receive your new can by Friday, June 25th, please contact the Board of Commissioners office at 229-776-8200. This does not affect those that live within the city limits of Sylvester, Poulan, Sumner or Warwick. It only applies to those in the County. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we go through this transition. Thank you,
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Source: Mark's Melon Patch

Adult SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2021



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**For more information, please contact us at
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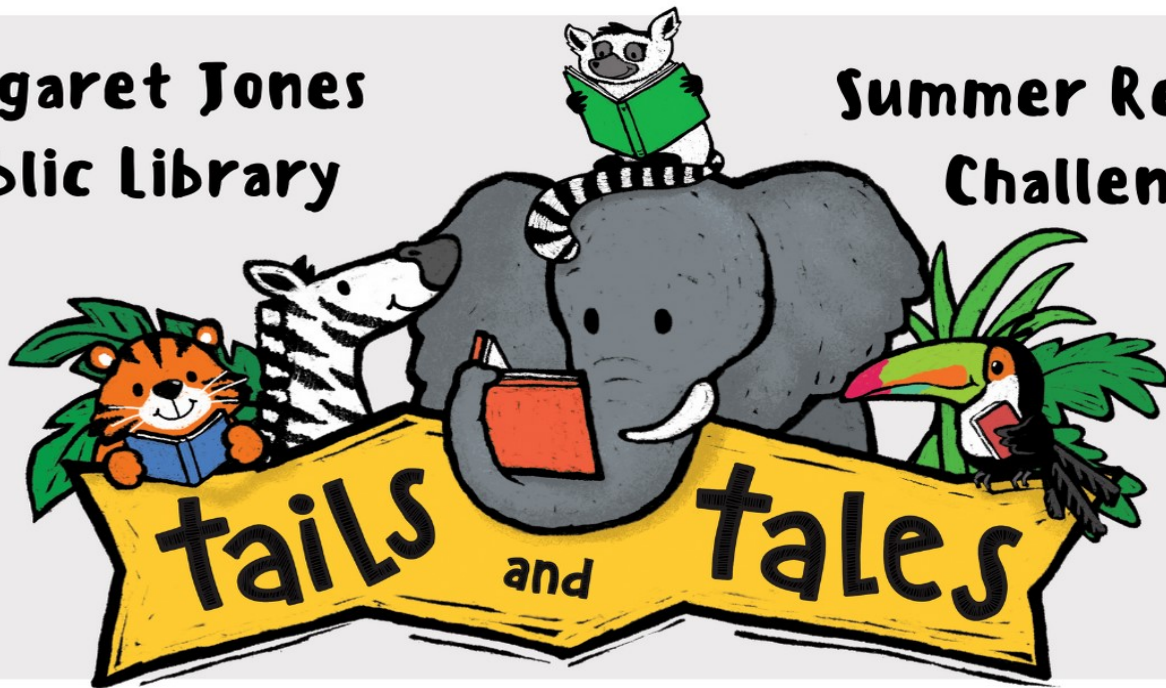
Sign up begins in May. Pick up a book tracker at the library. Print books or digital books count towards your reading goal.



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.

**Margaret Jones
Public Library**

**Summer Reading
Challenge**



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

Corn Give Away Was A Success

The Village Community Garden was part of the approximate 50,000 ton corn give away this past Saturday. From 10am until 11am corn was given away at the 4H Village Community Garden along with a truck delivering in the neighborhoods as well. The Village Community Garden was not the only facility participating in this program but was honored to be a part of the program and was very excited that Sylvester residents were able to receive and enjoy some of the corn. Be sure to follow The Village Community Garden, Sylvester GA Facebook page as they will update when they will be doing another give away. Thank you to the Village Community Garden for all you do for our community.

Source: Village Community Garden

Peanut Pageant Is Set For August

Pageant Beauties mark your calendars for August 28, 2021 for the Annual Georgia Peanut Festival Pageant. They are now accepting applications. You can pick up your application at the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce! The last day to apply is August 20, 2021. Please submit all applications by either dropping them off at the Chamber or mailing them to:

Georgia Peanut Festival
P.O. Box 40
Sylvester, Ga 31791

If you have any questions, please call Teresa Robison at (229) 343-4394 or the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce at (229) 779-7718. You can find application and information at <https://www.gapeanutfestival.org/pageant/>.



Source: Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce

Sylvester Main Street News



It's a busy time for the Sylvester Main Street and we want to keep you up to date on all the information and happenings around town. The Fireworks and Fun show will be this Friday. There are still some tables available for rent. The table sits eight and is only \$50. They are on a first come, first serve reserve basis. The money will go to the Downtown Development Authority for Façade Grants to help beautify downtown Sylvester. Also at the fireworks celebration, on the city property, UTV and Golf Carts will be allowed. Please use with extreme caution. If you have any questions, please contact the Main Street Manager, Mrs. Karen Singletary at 229-773-7716 or email: ksingletary@cityofsylvester.com. The Sylvester Main Street is excited to announce the opening of the Downtown Farmers Market on July 3rd. It will be on the back porch of the Depot. The hours will be 9am to 3pm. Each weekend, there will be homegrown vegetables and from time to time there may be homemade crafts. This weekend, there will be fresh greens and tomatoes for sure and there may be some other goodies as well. Unless there was a prior event scheduled, the Farmer's Market will be opened each weekend. If you are interested in setting up for the Farmer's Market, please call Mrs. Karen Singletary. Be sure to stay tuned to the Sylvester Main Street Facebook page for an update of all events.

Source: Sylvester Main Street

2021 WORTH CO. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



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AUGUST 20TH
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AUGUST 27TH
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SEPTEMBER 10TH
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OCTOBER 8TH
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OCTOBER 22ND
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OCTOBER 29TH
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RAISE THE STANDARD

Summer Fun at Margaret Jones Public Library has been a blast this Summer and there are still more things planned! Ken Scott rocked the library with lots of laughs, music, stories and magic this past week! Fun was had by everyone, children and adults. The staff at the library is so grateful to have everyone back in the library this Summer. Be sure to follow the Margaret Jones Public Library Facebook Page for a list of all the upcoming events.

Source: MJPL



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ABAC Expects "Full House This Fall

With almost every room filled at ABAC Lakeside and ABAC Place campus housing, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College expects a "full house" when fall semester classes begin on Aug. 10.

Dr. Chris Kinsey, college residence life director, anticipates 1,320 students living on campus this fall. "We had about 1,200 students on campus last fall because of limited space during the pandemic," Kinsey said. "I anticipate a full house this fall. We still have a few rooms available, so any student who wants to live on campus needs to apply immediately. We always have a few cancellations for a variety of reasons." ABAC President David Bridges said he is excited about the college "returning to normal this fall." "Our students can expect the full college experience. They will be living in on-campus housing, going to club meetings, playing sports, and eating in the dining hall. Our students deserve the total college experience, and they will get it here at ABAC," Bridges said. A year ago during the pandemic-tightened 2020 fall term, ABAC students took a mix of online classes and in-person classes. In the spring semester, students took mostly in-person classes with some online classes.

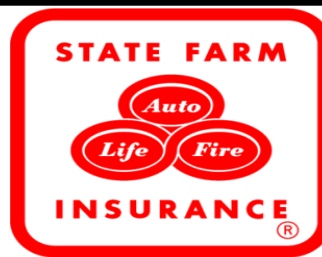
"I want students taking in-person instruction in a safe environment this fall," Bridges said. "We will make available a limited number of online classes for those students who still may not feel comfortable sitting in a lecture hall." Only a few spaces remain in ABAC Place and ABAC Lakeside for students to live on campus during the fall semester, which begins Aug. 10.

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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
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Dates to Remember

June

- 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

July

- 1st ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart
- 1st ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library
- 2nd ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart
- 2nd ~ Scholastic Book Fair at the Margaret Jones Public Library
- 2nd ~ First Friday in Downtown Tifton 5pm-8pm
- 2nd ~ Sylvester's Annual Fireworks & Fun at Woolard Center 6pm-10pm
- 3rd ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart
- 4th ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Stand at Walmart
- 4th ~ First Baptist Church Independence Day Celebration
- 6th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 1030am
- 6th ~ American Legion Post 335 Blood Drive at Margaret Jones Public Library 3pm-7pm
- 7th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 8th ~ Pirate Goodie & The Magic Chest at Margaret Jones Public Library 3pm
- 13th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 1030am
- 13th ~ Worth the Read Book Club July Meeting 530pm
- 14th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 14th ~ Ribbon Cutting for the City Barber at Noon
- 14th ~ Unicorn Paint & Story Time at Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm
- 18th ~ VBS at Gordy New Bethel Baptist Church
- 19th ~ Flamingo Paint Night at Margaret Jones Public Library 6pm
- 19th ~ VBS at Gordy New Bethel Baptist Church
- 20th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 1030am
- 20th ~ VBS at Gordy New Bethel Baptist Church
- 21st ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 21st ~ VBS at Gordy New Bethel Baptist Church
- 26th ~ WCHS Competition Cheerleader Mini Cheer Camp 9am-noon
- 27th ~ WCHS Competition Cheerleader Mini Cheer Camp 9am-noon
- 27th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 1030am
- 27th ~ Family Connection Meeting Noon-1pm
- 28th ~ WCHS Competition Cheerleader Mini Cheer Camp 9am-noon
- 28th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon

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American Legion Post 335 Blood Drive

Margaret Jones Public Library

205 East Pope Street, Sylvester, GA 31791

July 6, 2021

3:00 – 7:00 PM

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Firework Pet Safety

While we enjoy the beautiful fireworks, most pets do not. Without proper supervision and planning, many pets will become frantic and often run away. Here are some tips to help prepare your pets and keep them safe.

Lost pets increase 30% around the 4th of July. On average, only 14% are returned to the owners.




STAY INSIDE

Keep pets inside, and if possible, stay with them



MAKE THEM FEEL SAFE

Make sure they have access to their "safe place"




AVOID THE NOISE


Drown out the noise of fireworks with music



MAKE SURE PETS HAVE PROPER FITTING COLLARS WITH CURRENT ID TAGS



Most importantly **ACT NORMAL**. If pets sense that you are confident and relaxed, chances are, they will be too!



Think Tifton

It's a Wrap! "BANDIT" Finishes Filming In Tifton



The fourth Hollywood movie to be filmed in Tifton during the past two years – the third one this year alone – just wrapped up production, and the movie's writer/executive producer says Tifton is a great place in which to film. "We like Tifton; it's the people," Kraig Wenman told the Tifton Grapevine. "Tifton people are most accommodating. The local people are your biggest asset." Wenman was in town with the cast and crew filming "Bandit," a true story based on a book about Gilbert Galvan, known as the notorious Canadian "Flying Bandit" who successfully got away with approximately 60 bank and jewelry heists during the 1980s. Galvan would fly into a town dressed in a three-piece suit and carrying a briefcase as any other businessman. There, he would put on disguises and wear old work clothes over his suit, rob a bank, dispose of his outer

clothes in a dumpster, and then walk away, heading to the airport and back to his home city. Actor Josh Duhamel is portraying the Bandit; Mel Gibson is a gangster who offers him a loan; and Nestor Carbonell plays the detective leading the chase. Elisha Cuthbert portrays the Bandit's wife. The movie has been filmed in Thomasville, Valdosta and finally in Tifton, which doubles for London, Ontario, and Alberta. While growing up in Canada, Wenman heard stories about the Flying Bandit. "I thought it was an urban legend," he said. When he discovered it was true, "I bought the rights to the book; I kicked off the project on my own. "It's been a passion project since 2017. It's a story of a lifetime." He has gotten to now Galvan, the real bandit, who once showed him how he would go about robbing a bank in Chicago – "if I wanted to." Galvan even does a cameo in the film. "The movie is 'like 'Catch Me If You Can;' it has a lighthearted tone. It's kind of a cat-and-mouse game," Wenman said. "And it's a love story: He's looking for stability." "Every scene that we do in the movie happened in real life. Everything happened; you wouldn't believe it. He robbed one bank and then paid off his credit card at another bank across the street while they were responding to the robbery." This is Wenman's 27th film project. His most successful has been Netflix's "Secret Obsessions." He expects "Bandit" will initially hit 100 theaters sometime in 2022, But "that can always change." Wenman said the cast and crew have enjoyed being in Tifton and visiting local restaurants and live music venues. He said when they left California, everything was still locked down. "I grew up in Canada, and Canadians have a reputation for being nice, but they have nothing on you Georgians," Wenman said. "It's the people that will keep productions coming back to Georgia. Keep being yourselves, and we'll keep coming back." Tifton City Hall becomes a Canadian hotel during a scene for the film 'Bandit' starring Josh Duhamel and Mel Gibson. The movie wrapped up this past weekend after filming in Tifton, Valdosta and Thomasville.

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ABAC Names Baseball Coach



Matthew Williams has been selected as the head baseball coach at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. ABAC Athletics Director Alan Kramer said Williams' experience at the collegiate level makes him a great fit for the job.

"Matthew has a solid background with both Young Harris College and Valdosta State University," Kramer said. "Everyone at ABAC looks forward to seeing him on the field with the Golden Stallions." Williams served as the assistant coach for the Young Harris Mountain Lions and the Valdosta State Blazers, both strong NCAA Division II programs. Young Harris won the Peach Belt Conference title in 2019 for the first time and made the regional tournament. Valdosta State participated in the regional tournament in 2017. Williams also has head coaching experience as the diamond boss for the Waynesboro (Va.) Generals of the Valley League. The Generals won the South Division title under his leadership in 2016 when he was named Manager of the Year. A second baseman, shortstop, and third baseman for the Blazers during his playing

days, Williams received his bachelor's and master's degrees in business education at Valdosta State. He spent two years playing for Middle Georgia before beginning his career with VSU. During that time, he played against the Golden Stallions in conference play. "It's an exciting journey for me," said Williams, a 2006 graduate of Loganville High School. "We were in Valdosta for quite some time before we moved to Young Harris. Looking forward to getting back to South Georgia. Williams will also serve as ABAC's assistant women's soccer coach.

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