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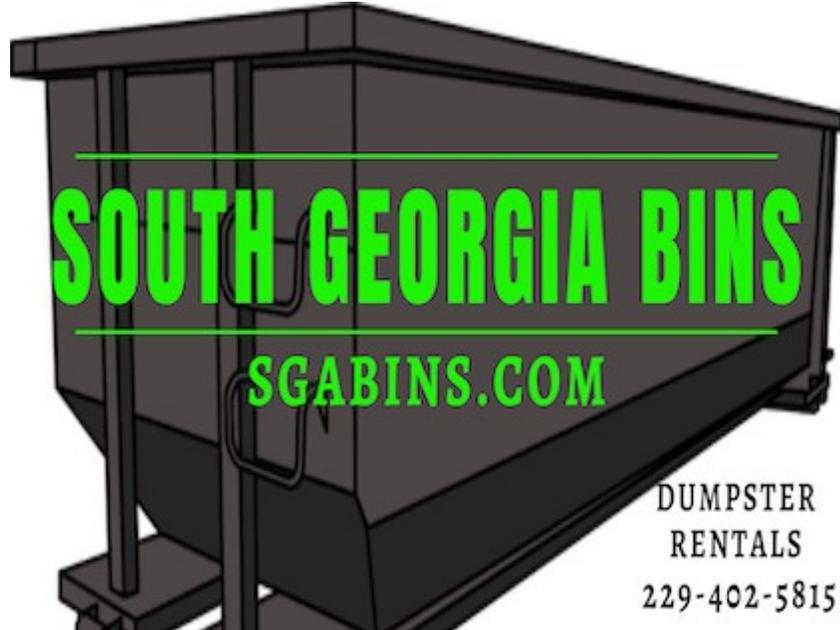
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### A Day Of Celebration In Tifton City Honors Col. Puckett, Marks Tifton's Birthday

Tifton kicked off the holiday weekend Friday by honoring a hometown hero and Medal of Honor recipient and celebrating the city's 150th birthday with a "Rock the Block" event with music, birthday cake, and fireworks. Korean War hero Col. Ralph Puckett Jr., a Tifton native who lives in Columbus, was honored with a city ceremony at First United Methodist Church, receiving a key to the city and a street sign adding his name to Victory Drive. Mayor Julie B. Smith also proclaimed Friday as Col. Ralph Puckett Day in Tifton. Puckett, 95, who received the Congressional Medal of Honor last year from President Biden, is an Army Ranger legend who served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was cited for his efforts and bravery in Korea, where he was severely injured several times but refused to leave his men and continued to lead them even though the enemy outnumbered them 10-to-1. During Friday's ceremony, Jody Redding from Gov. Brian P. Kemp's office and Congressman Austin Scott, R-Tifton, also spoke honoring Puckett. Scott presented him with an American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol in his honor. Col. Robert Choppa, an aide to Puckett, told the audience that "growing up in Tifton, Ralph learned right from wrong. ... Tifton paved a path for him." Puckett's health kept him from talking extensively, so his son Thomas Puckett read a statement from his dad. "When I drive into the City of Tifton or fly in, as I did today, I know I am home. It's as if I can breathe a little freer because I am in a familiar place," Puckett's statement read. "I was shaped by many experiences in my life, but it was my family, friends, and other adults in Tifton who helped me become the man I am today." Puckett noted that his earliest playmate growing up was the late Charles Kent, a former Tift County Commission chairman, and his closest friend throughout his life was the late Charles Massey of Tifton. Puckett did say a few words to the audience himself: "I'm proud of Tifton; I am home." Pictured to the right is Col. Ralph Puckett with members from our American Legion Post 335 in Sylvester. Members of the American Legion Post 335 were honored to get to be a part of the welcome parade for Col. Puckett. Also pictured below is about 85 children from the Tiftarea YMCA child-care site at First Baptist Church line up to wave American flags at Col. Ralph Puckett on his drive from the airport Friday for a city ceremony. Among those in the group waving are Puckett's granddaughter Anna Dorman and his great grandchildren Caroline and Teddy Dorman.

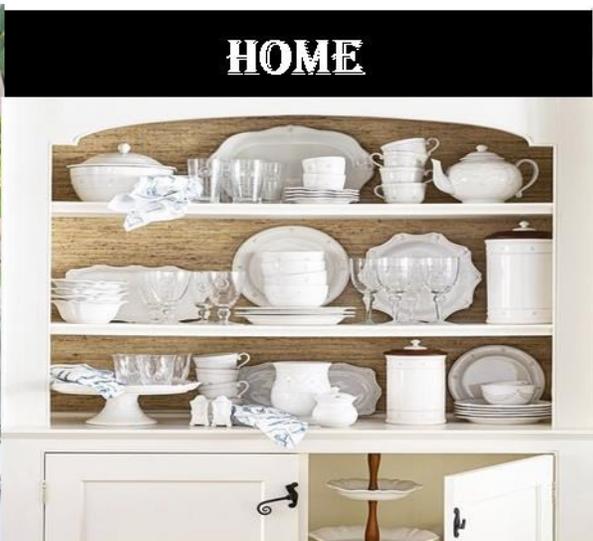


Source: Tifton Grapevine, The Martin News and American Legion Post 335 Sylvester



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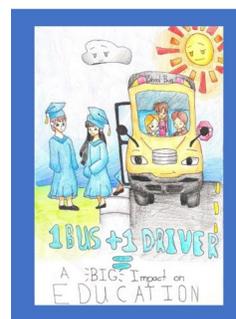
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## Fitzgerald Places 2nd In The District



A big congratulations goes out to 5th grade student, Jada Fitzgerald! As previously posted, Jada entered the 2021-22 School Bus Safety Poster Contest whose theme was 1 bus + 1 driver = a BIG Impact on Education. Jada's artwork was selected as our district winner and was submitted to the state level competition. Jada's drawing was selected by the state as

1 of the 12 finalists for the national competition. We are pleased to announce that our very own Jada finished 2nd place in District 2 of the national contest! Poster contest judges base their votes on safety impact, originality, artistic quality, and visual impact. For winning 2nd place in the division, Jada will receive a check for \$100.00 from the American School Bus Council. Congratulations Jada! We are so proud of you! Pictured below with Jada are WCSD Superintendent, Mr. Nehemiah Cummings, WCSD Transportation Director, Mr. Rusty Parten, WCES Principal, Dr. Steven Rouse, and WCES Art teacher, Ms. Jill Glover.

Source: WCSD



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*Avery Barber & Denzell Gowdy  
December 17, 2022*

*Tonya Webb & Ryan Marchant  
February 25, 2023*



# Worth County High School Competition Cheerleader Mini Cheer Camp 2022

When: July 25<sup>th</sup> - July 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 12pm

Where: Worth County High School Gym

Cost: \$45.00/ child by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

\$55.00/ child after June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

PRE-K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade **ONLY**

**Submit paperwork and payment to WCHS front office or  
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**\*\*\*If unable to attend for any reason, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN!**

**CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: "WC Cheer Parents"**

Name of participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade ENTERING 22-23: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I allow my child's photo to be taken and published on social media / newspaper for advertisement.

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### Wear camp shirt on WEDNESDAY:

Please circle participant shirt size:

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**\*\* Snacks will be provided daily.**

For parent/guardian:

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the Worth County High School Competition cheerleading mini-camp and certify that my child is in good health to participate in jumps, stunts, tumbling, and other activities. I understand that the Worth County High School Competition Cheerleaders, Worth County School System, and Worth County High School are not responsible for any injuries that may occur while my child participates. I also give permission for medical assistance to be given if necessary. I understand that no refunds will be given for any reason.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# WILD ADVENTURES

## THEME PARK

### Wild Adventures Named Third Most Affordable Park in U.S. "Everyone Pays Kids Price" Offer Strengthens Value

VALDOSTA, Ga. – As gas prices and plane tickets continue to increase, families are looking for exciting adventures that will not damage their wallets. A recently published article by Travel + Leisure identified Wild Adventures Theme Park as the third most affordable amusement park in the United States. The article, based on a recent HomeToGo study, ranked 30 United States theme parks on the cost of admission, parking and nearby lodging options and ranked the South Georgia theme park in the top three. The average Wild Adventures admission price of \$53.74 is considerably lower than the national average of \$74.51, and much lower than the average cost per day at well-known parks in Florida and California at \$217.37 and \$256.98, respectively. The park is also named as one of the Top 10 Most Affordable Water and Theme Parks in the U.S. by AOL.com and the Top Theme Park Deal in Georgia by Yahoo! Finance. “We are thrilled to be recognized by Travel + Leisure as one of the most affordable theme parks in the country,” said Adam Floyd, senior marketing and sales manager. “This is the third recognition Wild Adventures has received for its affordability, something our guests and Passholders have been enjoying for more than two decades. We are happy to continue providing memorable, reasonably priced experiences for families.” Wild Adventures Theme Park guests can visit for one day, two days or all season, starting at \$54.99 plus tax. Tickets and Season Passes are available online at WildAdventures.com. “While we are proud to be recognized for our affordable daily ticket prices, the best value we offer is a Wild Adventures Season Pass,” said Floyd. “For as little as \$99.99, our Season Passholders can visit every operating day, enjoy free concert admission, cool down at Splash Island Waterpark, and celebrate with their families during Great Pumpkin LumiNights and Wild Adventures Christmas.” Wild Adventures’ Celebrate America Festival is currently in full swing with free admission for active and retired military, fireworks July 1-4, 8 and performances from The Original Harlem Globetrotters July 8-10. Wild Adventures Theme Park is located at the halfway point between Atlanta, Ga. and Orlando, Fl. off Interstate 75 and is home to more than 40 family and thrill rides, hundreds of exotic animals, dozens of concerts and special events each year and Splash Island Waterpark, named as one of the “Top 30 Waterparks” in the country by U.S. News and World Report. Wild Adventures is ranked as one of the Most Affordable Theme Parks in America by Travel + Leisure, one of the Top 10 Most Affordable Water and Theme Parks in the U.S. by AOL.com and the Top Theme Park Deal in Georgia by Yahoo! Finance.



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### Mac & Cheese Please

July is when they celebrate Mac & Cheese Day. We celebrate it at our house often, but this just gives us another reason to celebrate it! My favorite is mac and cheese shells. Larry’s favorite is white cheddar mac and cheese with bacon. What is your favorite. I could truly just eat mac and cheese with nothing else and make a meal out of it. Could you? Do you have a certain restaurant that you like to eat Mac & Cheese?

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## Staying Safe in the Heat this Summer

With this South Georgia humidity and heat, you can never get too much education on this topic! Extreme heat is defined as summer-time temperatures that are much hotter and/or humid than average. Because some places are hotter than others, this depends on what's considered average for a particular location at that time of year. Humid and muggy conditions can make it seem hotter than it really is. Heat-related illnesses, like heat exhaustion or heat stroke, happen when the body is not able to properly cool itself. While the body normally cools itself by sweating, during extreme heat, this might not be enough. In these cases, a person's body temperature rises faster than it can cool itself down. This can cause damage to the brain and other vital organs. Some factors that might increase your risk of developing a heat-related illness include High levels of humidity, Obesity, Fever, Dehydration, Prescription drug use, Heart disease, Mental illness, Poor circulation, Sunburn and Alcohol use. Older adults, the very young, and people with mental illness and chronic diseases are at highest risk. However, even young and healthy people can be affected if they participate in strenuous physical activities during hot weather. Summertime activity, whether on the playing field or the construction site, must be balanced with actions that help the body cool itself to prevent heat-related illness. Use this website to learn more on how to stay safe in the heat this summer, including how to prevent, recognize, and cope with heat-related illness. Stay safe this hot summer.

## Do You Really Know Your Bell Peppers?

This is more like one of those "did you know moments"? I was recently looking at a Pampered Chef book on a Facebook Pampered Chef Party and saw this life hack that we all need to know but I surely did not know this. I bet my grandmother did, but I did not. Want to know what it is? Sure thing. Before buying a bell pepper, flip it over. The ones with four bumps are females. These are full of seeds but sweeter and better for eating raw. The ones with three bumps are male which are better for cooking. Now when you are shopping for the perfect bell pepper, decide if you plan to eat it raw or cooked. I will watch for this now because I absolutely love bell peppers and I love them raw, just wash them, slice them and eat them up! The Martin News hopes everyone is enjoying the Summer and enjoying your fresh fruits and vegetables that Summer has to offer.



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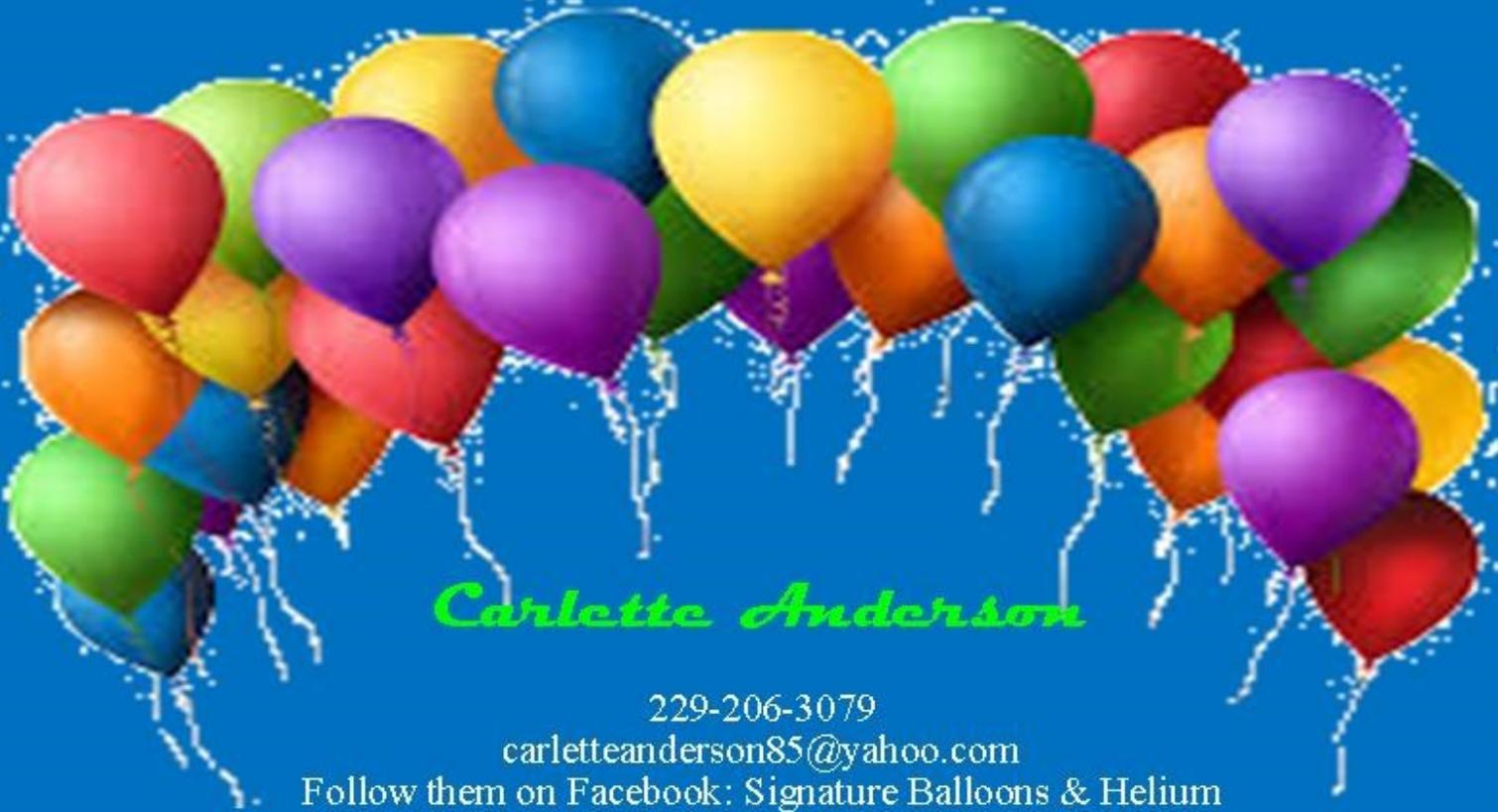
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## **Bicycle Safety Traffic Laws Keeping Cyclists Safe**



Beginning last July, a new bicycle safety traffic law went into effect in Georgia. When passing a bicyclist, a driver must move over into the adjacent lane if it is safe and legal to do so. If unable to move over, the driver must slow down to a speed that is either ten miles below the posted speed limit or 25mph, whichever is higher. As currently required by law, drivers must also allow at least 3 feet of room between their vehicle and a bicyclist when passing

Every bike ride begins with putting on a helmet. But it's equally important that you ensure a proper fit so your helmet can best protect you. Size can vary between manufacturers. Follow the steps to fit a helmet properly. It may take time to ensure a proper helmet fit, but your life is worth it. It's usually easier to look in the mirror or have someone else adjust the straps. For the most comprehensive list of helmet sizes according to manufacturers, go the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute (BHSI) website.

## **Safety Rules For Bicycling**

- Ride a bike that fits you—if it's too big, it's harder to control the bike
- Ride a bike that works—it really doesn't matter how well you ride if the brakes don't work
- Wear equipment to protect you and make you more visible to others, like a bike helmet, bright clothing (during the day), reflective gear, and a white front light and red rear light and reflectors on your bike (at night, or when visibility is poor)
  - Ride one per seat, with both hands on the handlebars, unless signaling a turn
    - Carry all items in a backpack or strapped to the back of the bike
    - Tuck and tie your shoe laces and pant legs so they don't get caught in your bike chain
- Plan your route - if driving as a vehicle on the road, choose routes with less traffic and slower speeds. Your safest route may be away from traffic altogether, in a bike lane or on a bike path

# Think Tifton

## Perdue Meets With Bridges, Students on ABAC Campus



Former Gov. Sonny Perdue, the University System of Georgia's chancellor, visited Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on Monday for a chat with future ABAC students and a long conversation with Dr. David Bridges on his perspective after serving 16 years as ABAC president. "ABAC has always been a great place," Perdue told students on campus for an orientation session. "I don't think I have ever met an ABAC graduate who didn't like it here." Perdue, most recently the U.S. secretary of agriculture, later chatted with students and parents. "It's always a special day when we get to host the chancellor at ABAC," Bridges said. "I believe he realizes the key role that ABAC plays in the University System of Georgia." Bridges, the longest serving president among the state's 26 public colleges and universities, is retiring July 31. Dr. Tracy Brundage will become ABAC's 11th president on Aug. 1. She is completing her tenure as president at Keystone (Pa.) College.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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**Study Says 96% Of Georgia Farmers Feel Moderate To High Stress; 29% Had Suicidal Thoughts**



Georgia farmers are experiencing a lot of stress and nearly a third have considered suicide in the past year, according to a statewide study. The study found that 29% of farmer workers, owners and managers had thought of suicide in the past year. Among first-generation farmers, 60% say they had suicidal thoughts in the past year. These are among findings in “Farmer’s Mental Well-Being Project: Statewide Survey Report” released

by the Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center at Mercer University with assistance from the Georgia Foundation for Agriculture. The survey, conducted Jan. 1-April 30, had 1,651 responses. All but two of Georgia’s 159 counties had responses. “Challenges creating significant stress for farmers have drawn increasing attention in recent years, and the Georgia Foundation for Agriculture was happy to partner with Mercer and the Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center to find out just how widespread the issues are,” said Lily Baucom, executive director of the Georgia Foundation for Agriculture. “While we all agree more examination is needed, we hope this study will help us find ways to improve the landscape for farmers’ mental well-being.” The study quantifies that farming, with many factors outside a farmer’s control, comes with extraordinary stress. The survey showed 96% of farmers are either moderately or highly stressed. Also, according to the study, 40% of farmers felt lonely at least once in the last month, 49% felt sad or depressed, and 39% felt hopeless. In 2018, documentation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention counted 50.7 suicides per 100,000 farmers, more than triple the rate (14.9 per 100,000) measured in all industries.

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**Gulf Specimen Lab brought the ocean to Margaret Jones Public Library on Tuesday, June 28th! The children and their families enjoyed it immensely. The Margaret Jones Public Library staff would like to thank the Worth County Primary School for helping them to bring educational programs like this one to our community this summer. Be sure to follow the library Facebook page, Margaret Jones Public Library, to find out all of the events happening this Summer.**

**Source: MJPL**



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### 2022 SCHEDULE



# 2022 Summer Reading Challenge at Margaret Jones Public Library



**Starts May 2 and runs through July 14**

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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# Dates to Remember

## July

- 1st ~ Rock the Block Fireworks & More in Tifton 6pm
- 1st ~ City of Sylvester Firework Celebration 7pm
- 4th ~ Happy Fourth of July from The Martin News
- 4th ~ Worth County Rams Football Firework Fundraiser at Walmart
- 5th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Margaret Jones Public Library with American Legions Post 335
- 5th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 5th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Dougherty County Community 11am
- 5th ~ Worth County Board of Commissioners Meeting 7pm
- 6th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 7th ~ Books & Brushes at Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm
- 8th ~ Coca - Cola Day
- 9th ~ Community Field Day in Sumner Sponsored by L&H Community Outreach 4pm
- 10th ~ Operation Safe Dive Week
- 11th ~ Operation Safe Dive Week
- 11th ~ Town of Sumner Council Meeting 7pm
- 11th ~ Sand Art at Margaret Jones Public Library 2pm
- 11th ~ July Paint Party at Margaret Jones Public Library 6pm
- 12th ~ Operation Safe Dive Week
- 12th ~ Autry State Prison Hiring Event at Margaret Jones Public Library 10am-2pm
- 12th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 12th ~ BFHS Bingo Night at Ed's 6pm
- 12th ~ Poulan City Council Meeting 6:30pm
- 13th ~ Operation Safe Dive Week
- 13th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 14th ~ Operation Safe Dive Week
- 14th ~ BFHS Monthly Meeting 6:30pm
- 15th ~ Operation Safe Dive Week
- 16th ~ Operation Safe Dive Week
- 16th ~ Guns & Hoses Charity Basketball Game
- 18th ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm
- 19th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 19th ~ City of Warwick Council Meeting 7pm
- 20th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 21st ~ The Atlanta Braves Trophy Display at Tifton Recreation Department 4pm
- 25th ~ Mini Cheer Camp 2022 at Worth County High School Gym 9am
- 26th ~ Mini Cheer Camp 2022 at Worth County High School Gym 9am
- 26th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 26th ~ City of Poulan Council Meeting 6:30pm
- 27th ~ Mini Cheer Camp 2022 at Worth County High School Gym 9am
- 27th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 29th ~ Downtown Sylvester Concert with Kollektive 7pm
- 30th ~ Ma Flora's Helping Hands presents Back to School Supply Drive 10am



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Gymnasium

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### Health Officials Find West Nile Virus In Tift

A mosquito pool in Tift County has tested positive for West Nile virus, according to the South Health District of the Ga. Department of Public Health. “The presence of mosquito-borne illnesses within an area is often identified through testing of mosquito pools, as is the case in this instance,” health officials said. “This is the first positive pool identified in Tift County this season.” “The best protection against mosquito-borne illnesses is to avoid being bitten by mosquitos,” said Chris Calhoun, district environmental health director. “Take precautions like wearing bug repellent and avoiding going outside during peak mosquito times. We also recommend to ‘tip and toss’ any standing water on your property. Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitos.” Among ways to prevent mosquito bites are to use insect repellent containing DEET, picardin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus on exposed skin and/or clothing; wear long sleeves and long pants whenever possible; have secure screens on windows and doors; and empty standing water from flowerpots, buckets, barrels, and other containers.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

### Hometown Heroes Kids Returns To Conger LP Gas on July 21st

Conger LP Gas is so excited to announce their Hometown Heroes Kids event is back! Join them on July 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 am-12 pm at their Conger LP Gas Tifton location for fun for the whole family! Your children can meet all of their local hometown heroes and check out their vehicles and equipment. Heroes will represent the Police Department, the Sheriff’s Department, the Fire Department, the Medical Field, EMS, Air-Evac, Military and so much more. Your children will be able to take pictures with their favorite Paw Patrol Character and Elpie. They will be able to enjoy jumping in a bounce house. Conger LP Gas will even have free Sno-Biz from 10 am - 12 pm! This event is free but they are asking that you bring school supply donations for Coastal Plains CASA. CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children, helping to ensure that their needs are met. Conger LP Gas Tifton is located at 146 Ridge Avenue South in Tifton. If you have any questions, please call them at 229-386-5574. They hope to see you all on July 21st.

Source: Conger LP Gas

# STEM CLUB

Margaret Jones Public Library



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Please contact Michelle Smith if you need help registering or for any questions.

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# Parent to Parent

## Getting Your Child Ready to Read

July 13 at 2 pm



# American Red Cross

## Sylvester Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by American Legion Post 335  
Margaret Jones Public Library  
Sumner Room

**Tuesday, July 5, 2022**  
**2:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Fireworks Held In Sylvester on Friday, July 1st**

Friday afternoon brought a few thunderstorms and rain showers in the area but they came and moved on out to allow the annual Sylvester Concert and Fireworks to carry on at the HH Woolard Community Center located at 709 West Wallace Street.



Many folks gathered for the concert, Stephen Harrell and The Dusty Boots Band. Stephen Harrell was born in Leesburg, Georgia and grew up listening to artists such as Hank Williams, Jr., Merle Haggard, Conway Twitty, and other classic artists. From an early age, he had an appreciation for good country music and the artists behind the music. However, he did not begin singing and playing guitar until his freshman year at Georgia Southern University. "I had actually never played or tried to play a guitar until one of my friends from high school came to visit me and brought his guitar. We sat around the fire one night with that guitar, a small group of people, and some cold drinks. From that point on, I was determined to learn to play," says Stephen. After a few short months of learning to play, Stephen hit the stage at a local club, playing solo acoustic gigs, and later forming the High Cotton Band (HCB). The HCB created a respectable following which transitioned the act from a small group playing in Statesboro to a favorite at bars across college campuses in the Southeastern U.S. After graduation, Stephen moved back to his hometown of Leesburg where he formed an acoustic act playing around the bars of South Georgia and North Florida. After several months, things fell into place and the duet formed the group "Stephen Harrell and The Dusty Boots Band." Over the past 4 years, the band has evolved with old faces moving on to pursue other interests and new faces filling the gaps. The Dusty Boots Band is comprised of a group of musicians with many years of experience across several genres of music. Members of the band have shared the stage with artists such as John Anderson, Jake Owen, Joe Diffie, Little Texas, George Jones, Merle Haggard, Tracy Lawrence, Ronnie Milsap, Charlie Daniels, Johnny Paycheck, Luke Bryan, Brantley Gilbert, Confederate Railroad, and many others. Everyone was able to enjoy all of the food trucks while the band performed. Many danced and sang along with the band.

When dark hit, the firework show began. If you were not there, you missed an amazing show. They were beautiful and many people were there to enjoy the ending to such a spectacular night. Many firework pictures are on our Facebook page, The Martin News. Be sure to check them out.

Thank you to everyone who made this night possible and we hope to see you all next year.

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**The Day The Ocean Came To Life At The Margaret Jones Public Library**



Tuesday, June 28th was another fun day at the Margaret Jones Public Library. The ocean came to the children at the library. They had so much visting with Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory and seeing all the animals. They were able to hold several of them. It was a great experience for everyone that stopped by for a visit.

Established in 1963, Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that provides marine life to schools and research laboratories. They also study endangered species and conduct research in mariculture, farming the edge of the sea. Today they are an integral part of numerous research programs all over the United States, Canada, and Europe. In 1995, due to continued strong growth in interest and attendance, GSML began a program to emphasize educational programs more strongly for regional schools, aquarium display and public visitation. Their sea urchins and sponges have been sent to outer space and have been studied using some of the most sophisticated technology our society has to offer. Yet as modern day "hunter gatherers" GSML employ many of the simple harvesting techniques that Indians, who subsisted on this bountiful Panhandle coast, used thousands of years ago. Whether it's beach combing, digging up creatures on tidal flats, diving, or net fishing, they take only what is needed, strive to keep from damaging the fragile marine habitats, and actively oppose pollution and careless coastal development so that the sea will continue to bring forth. Please help GSML protect the earth which grows such strange and beautiful creatures. Support the preservation and protection of natural area and avoid over consumptive habits.

Thank you Margaret Jones Public Library and Worth County Primary School for bringing this and other educational programs to our children.



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