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Your Legacy

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The month of August is known for many different days to recognize and celebrate and one of them is "What will be your legacy" month. Have you ever thought about what type of legacy you will leave behind when you are gone? Have you thought about what you want your legacy to be? I have and have not thought about it, meaning I have thought about it at times but not put so much thought in to it. However lately I have thought about it. I don't plan on going anywhere anytime soon but as I age I think

about the things I am doing now will live long after I am gone. So when I am gone, I want my legacy from my son's stand point to have been a mother that always put him first and always helped his friends when they needed it. Both of those things I feel I have definitely accomplished. So I know without a shadow of a doubt I have left a legacy that I feel my son will continue to carry on and his life as well. One other legacy that I would like to leave behind is that I care for my community and will never forget where I came from. I may not agree with everything that is being done in the community but the only way I can make a difference is to be involved and that is exactly what I try to do. I am proud of my community and will always represent it with honor. So what is your legacy that you would like to leave when you are gone?

Worth County School Nutrition

Dr. Shannon Norfleet, Superintendent

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Worth County School Nutrition Program will provide a weekly meal box for WCSD students to pick up during the month of August. The box will contain breakfast and lunch for 1 week. Parents are allowed to pick up a box for each student in their household.

Meal Pick Up Box dates are:

Wednesday, 08/12/20

Wednesday, 08/19/20

Wednesday, 08/26/20

WCSD will have 12 pickup sites throughout the county. The refrigerated truck will remain at each site for 30 minutes. The two delivery routes and their schedule is listed below:

ROUTE 1

Henry Hall Woolard Center	709 W. Wallace Street, Sylvester, GA	10:50 – 11:20
Boulder Trail Trailer Park	Moen Drive & Calvin Street Sylvester, GA	11:30 – 12:00
Pope Park	Pope Park Sylvester, GA	12:10 – 12:40
Hamilton & Jackson Circle	Seabrook Drive @ Entrance	12:50 – 1:20
Poulan Post Office	120 Broad Street, Poulan, GA	1:30 – 2:00
Sumner Post Office	501 Main Street, Sumner, GA	2:15 – 2:45

ROUTE 2

Football Stadium	Parking lot by Home Side	10:50 – 11:20
GA 112/GA 133 Intersection	GA 112/GA133 Behind Store	11:40 – 12:10
First Baptist Acree	County Line Road US 82	12:25 – 12:55
Worthy Manor	Hass & Worthy Street	1:05 – 1:35
Oakfield	408 Whitehall St, Oakfield, GA	1:55 – 2:25
Warwick Post Office	121 Dogwood St. SW, Warwick, GA	2:35 – 3:05

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Gift Basket Raffle from WCMS Competition Cheer Parents

The Worth County Middle School Competition Cheer Parents are having a drawing to win this amazing gift basket! Included in the basket is \$100 cash, \$50 Lime Life Gift Certificate and bath bomb from Brittany Ward, \$25 Bless Boutique Gift Card, \$25 Amanda's Clothing Boutique Gift Certificate, \$25 Barnyard Creations Gift Certificate, \$20 Ed's Truck Stop Gift Certificate, \$22.50 Deb's Curbside Cupcakes Gift Card, \$15 Lizzy B's Children Consignment Gift Card, \$10 Starbucks Gift Card, Free 10" Ice Cream Cake from Dairy Queen, Free Pacifier Clip from Oakley and Me, Yeti Colster Can Insulator, Pink 10oz Stainless Steel Cup and reusable straws and 2 vinyl decals by Twisted Designs, Color Street Nail Packets from Kay Harris, 8 pairs of earrings from Lynn Manley with The Thaxton Turner and a Gift Certificate from Pritchard and Popham Photography. Tickets are only \$5 each. If you'd like to purchase a ticket- please see Coach Judy or any middle school competition cheer parent! Drawing is September 1st. They sincerely appreciate your support and go RAMS!



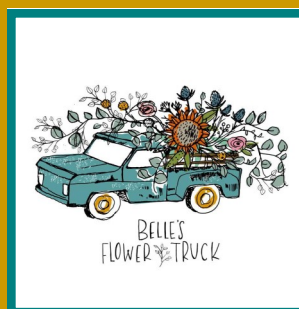
GEORGIA AGRICULTURE BINGO

Take a picture of you doing the activity then color in the box so you know you completed that activity. When you have BINGO (5 across, down or diagonally) you will receive a bookmark that will tell you how to enter to win a prize from Georgia Farm Bureau. Each BINGO is an additional entry!

 Plant a flower seed that is beneficial to pollinators. Visit https://gfb.org/Bingo-Flower for plant suggestions.	 Listen to the book "Right This Very Minute" on Youtube. https://gfb.org/Bingo-RTVM	 Create a sign thanking farmers for producing your food, then post a picture of you holding the sign on social media using #GeorgiaFarmBureau and/or tagging @Friends of Georgia Farm Bureau on Facebook.	 Eat your favorite Georgia grown vegetable. (GA ranks 3rd in the nation in fresh market sweet corn production.)	 Science Activity: Compost in a Bag. For directions visit: https://gfb.org/Bingo-Compost
 Read a book under a tree. (GA's forested land covers about two-thirds of the State's 37.1 million acres, about 24.8 million acres.)	 Go on a picnic for lunch that includes a Georgia grown commodity. (Georgia is 1st in the nation in peanut production.)	 Color a commodity coloring page from GFB. To find a page visit https://gfb.org/Bingo-Coloring	 Plant a vegetable. https://gfb.org/Bingo-Vegetables to learn how to plant a vegetable garden.	 STEM Challenge-build a barn using toothpicks and marshmallows. For directions visit https://gfb.org/Bingo-Marshmallow
 Eat your favorite Georgia grown fruit. (Georgia ranks 3rd in the nation in watermelon production.)	 Dig for earthworms. (Earthworms help improve soil structure, and they create tunnels in the soil for air, water, and plant roots.)	FREE SPACE	 Find a bee outside and/or watch a video. For the video visit https://gfb.org/Bingo-Bee . (Bees are responsible for 1 in every 3 bites of food we eat.)	 Make a no bake recipe. Visit https://gfb.org/Bingo-Recipes to find lots of recipes!
 Help make supper with a Georgia grown commodity. (Cattle are raised in all 159 counties of GA. 1 cow will provide over 400 lbs of beef.)	 Draw your favorite farm animal. (3 out of 4 counties in GA are involved in poultry and GA ranks 1st in the nation for broiler production.)	 Play an educational online farm game. Visit https://gfb.org/Bingo-Games to find a game.	 Play outside. (Kids and teens should get at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily.)	 Eat your favorite dairy product. (GA currently has over 120 dairy farms and is home to over 72,000 dairy cows.)
 Go to the grocery store and find a GA or American grown fruit or vegetable.	 Visit a Certified Farm Market. Visit https://gfb.org/Bingo-CFM to find a CFM near you.	 Look at the tags inside your shirts to find one that is 100% cotton and wear it. (Georgia ranks 2nd in the nation in cotton production.)	 Write a letter to your family or friends. (Georgia ranks 1st in the nation in annual timber harvest volume.)	 Help make breakfast with a Georgia grown commodity. (Georgia ranks 5th in the nation in table egg production.)

Bingo with our friends at the Georgia Farm Bureau is going on all summer long. When kids complete a "bingo" (vertical, horizontal, diagonal), they earn the chance to win a FREE age appropriate book from the Farm Bureau. More information can be found here https://www.gfb.org/ag-in-the-classroom/other_contests.cms.

Source: Margaret Jones Public Library



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Senior Citizens Play An Important Role

Friday is a day for the Seniors! Senior Citizens that is! Seniors play a very important role in the lives of everyone. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed this holiday to raise awareness about issues that affect senior citizens and their quality of life.

Seniors played a huge role in my life as a child and a teenager. They are very intelligent and full of information and history. I always enjoyed listening to my grandmothers and their friends. Their stories were from the "old" days but so funny. I hope that when my child has children that I am that Senior that children want to hear from. I am sure I will have good stories to tell as well. Things sure were different from my grandparents childhood compared to mine and they sure are different from my childhood compared to the children growing up today.

With COVID-19, many Seniors are staying in their homes and if they do go out they are very limited to where they are going so please check in on the seniors that you know and make sure they have everything they need. Just a phone call can cheer them up as well.

Be sure you say "thank you" to any senior citizen that you see on Friday for they are truly a blessing to us all. They paved the future that we are living and we are paving the future for today's children.

Happy Senior Citizens Day to all the precious seniors out there. Have a wonderful week!

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We all believe in the transformative power of the arts to lift spirits and change lives, even in the darkest of times. Please help the Tifton Museum of Arts and Heritage meet their goal to raise \$15,000.

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the Tifton Museum of Arts and Heritage have been forced to cancel months' worth of art classes, event rentals, their beloved Celebrate Creativity arts festival, and their annual gala, which is their biggest fundraiser of the year.

The best way you can help fuel their mission right now is to purchase a \$100 raffle ticket and share this raffle with your friends and family. The Tifton Museum of Arts and Heritage miss you all and wish they could be together to celebrate and see your faces in person at the Gala like they normally do, but they are still here and working hard to promote the arts in South GA! Thank you for your support!

Source: Weekly Newsletter - Tifton Museum of Arts and Heritage



County Approves Rezoning For Development Clears Way For 77 Single/Multifamily Housing Units



The Tift County Commission this week approved a controversial rezoning request that will allow construction of 77 single-family and multifamily housing units on Rainwater Road. The planned housing development is on 6.865 acres at 2819 Rainwater Road. Some residents near the property are concerned about possible adverse effects of the proposed development on traffic, property values and green space, among other concerns. A petition signed by

more than 150 residents opposed Timberstone Investments' rezoning request. The petition read that the "urban planned development" by developer Chris Brooks would "destroy wetlands, woods and orchards," and "replace them with 77 housing units and at least 154 parking spots." Commissioners voted 5-1 Monday night to rezone the property from medium-density residential to multi-family residential, thereby allowing the development to proceed. Voting in favor were Chairman Grady Thompson and Commissioners Stan Stalnaker, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester and Paul Webb. Commissioner Melissa Hughes voted against the rezoning; Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon was absent.

Source: Tifton Grapevine





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GA National Fair Canceled But Livestock Shows Will Be Held

The Georgia National Fair in Perry, scheduled Oct. 8-18, has been canceled for the first time in its 30-year history. "This difficult decision was driven by the impact of COVID-19 and the desire to do what was best for staff, volunteers, fairgoers and all vested parties," fair officials said in a press release. The youth livestock shows – FFA and 4H livestock exhibitions – will continue with a modified schedule, with the events private to exhibitors and their immediate family members only. The livestock shows schedule and guidelines will be available within the next few weeks. Registration for the livestock shows will remain open online until Sept. 1 online at www.georgianationalfair.com. "We have looked at every factor that plays a part in what makes the Georgia National Fair great. From the rides, vendors, concessionaires, live entertainment and concerts, it is nearly impossible to make our event safe for all members involved due to the recent COVID outbreak," said Chairman Foster Rhodes.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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SRTC Foundation Awards Over \$58,000 In Scholarships

For the fall semester beginning Aug. 18, the Southern Regional Technical College Foundation awarded scholarships to 66 students totaling more than \$58,000. The funds assist students with education-related costs such as tuition, fees, books, classroom and lab supplies. Since the pandemic, students have also been permitted to use their funds on technology costs associated with remote learning. Area students receiving scholarships include Kathleen Whiddon of Ashburn, Emily Boyd of Nashville, Hannah Watts of Norman Park, Tiffany Bennett of Omega, Laura Hill of Sylvester, Anastasia Davis, Laura Herrera, Kimjuana Ivey, Tiffany Jones, Taylor Jordan, Savannah Maton, Reagan Pate, Kayla Powers, and Kalonty Walker of Tifton.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

Worth County Board of Education Work Session and Called Meeting

The Worth County Board of Education will hold a Work Session on Monday August 17, 2020 at 6:30pm. Immediately following, the Worth County Board of Education will hold a Called Meeting. Both Meetings will take place in the Boardroom located at the Worth County Board of Education at 103 Eldridge Street Sylvester GA. Both of these meetings have agenda's located on the Worth County Schools website.

Source: WCSD

Open House Scheduled for Worth County Elementary School



3rd Grade Open House has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 1 from 3:00 - 5:00. WCES does ask that only the parents/guardians attend with their child. All those entering WCES will come through the

temperature scanner at the main entrance. No one with a fever will be permitted entry. Hand sanitizer will be provided. Masks are strongly encouraged. Only the 3rd grade hallway will be open for visitors. 4th and 5th grade students will be able to see their homeroom teacher assignment in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal the week of Open House. A school visit for 4th and 5th grade students new to WCES can be arranged by emailing Dr. Rouse at srouse@worthschools.net.

Source: WCSD


Welcome back FAMily! 

Open House Information
(Homeroom assignments will be released to Infinite Campus prior to open house.)

Wednesday September 2, 2020
6th grade (in person)
Mykonos 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
St. Lucia 4:35 PM - 5:05 PM
Anguilla 5:10 PM - 5:40 PM

Thursday September 3, 2020
7th grade (virtual)
Maui 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Cayman 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Fiji 4:00 PM - 4:30

Friday September 4, 2020
8th grade (virtual)
Haiti 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Galapagos 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Jekyll 4:00 PM - 4:30

 Just a reminder...upon entering WCES, you will have to: sanitize your hands, have your temperature taken, and practice social distancing.

New Open House dates and times have been set for Worth County Middle School. They are excited to see their students again, whether it's in person or virtually. Students, they have missed you!

Source: WCSD



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College Expected To See Nearly 4,000 Enrollment

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College begins its fall semester on Wednesday, Aug. 12, opening classrooms to nearly 4,000 students for the first time since March 13 when the pandemic moved all instruction online. “There’s nothing like the excitement of the first day of fall classes: Seeing the seniors, some of them only months away from graduation, and watching the freshmen as they find their way around campus,” said ABAC President David Bridges. “I love having the students back.” But Bridges adds that “there’s nothing normal about the classrooms they are returning to. Masks, social distancing, and many hand-sanitizer stations give the ABAC campus a whole new look.” Social distancing extends to apartment-style student housing at ABAC Place and ABAC Lakeside. For the first time, every student living on campus has a private bedroom, limiting the housing capacity to 1,200 students. Rental property in Tifton is a hot commodity as a result. ABAC students will see a compact calendar for the fall term because of the pandemic. Classes will end Nov. 19, and all final examinations will be over by Nov. 24. When students go home for the Thanksgiving holidays, they will not return until just before the start of the spring semester on Jan. 11. “Our primary concern was students going home for Thanksgiving and then coming back with the virus,” Bridges said. “Those extra weeks will give us time to thoroughly clean classrooms, the residence halls, and the dining hall.”

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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