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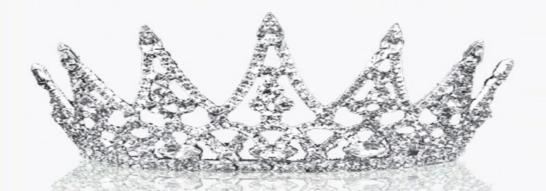
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## Register Now for the Georgia Peanut Festival

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Registration Deadline is August 20, 2021





Applications are available at The Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce or at

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Georgia Peanut Pageant
August 28, 2021 at 5:00 PM
WCHS Gymnatorium
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**WCHS Homecoming Set For September 11th** 

The Worth County High School 2021 Homecoming Dance is scheduled for September 11th from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM in the WCHS Gymatorium. View the attachment for details in this publication of The Martin News. Homecoming tickets will go on sale Monday, August 23rd. Each ticket is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased before school, during both lunches, or after school in the Media Center. WCHS students bringing guests that do not attend WCHS may pick up a Guest Verification Form in the Media Center. Dress code information can be found on the Worth County High School Facebook page.

Source: WCSD



### Where is Georgia

Mrs. Ford's 8th-grade Georgia Studies classes created a bulletin board with a map task they completed. "Where is GA?" was the focus of this task. Students working in small groups created and pieced together world maps displaying the four hemispheres. Maps were presented and discussed in class prior to posting on the board. Students reported finding interesting discoveries in these discussions. Learning + Art + Collaboration = Awesome Product!

Source: WCSD



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### **Need a COVID-19 Test?**

Your Department of Public Heath can help.

The Georgia Department of Public Health has partnered with LTS to offer Free COVID-19 testing sites across Georgia. And there's one in your community!

804 13th Avenue, Albany, Georgia Daily appointments available 7 days a week

### Testing is as easy as

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- 1 Pre-register by scanning this QR code. If you need assistance, please call 1-844-778-2455 or visit http://honumg.info/LTSGA001.
- 2 Show your Registration QR Code and booking ID number at testing site. Please allow at least 30 minutes for completion of testing process upon arrival to the testing site. Delays may occur in the event of inclement weather.
- 3 Get Swabbed! You will receive your results within 1-2 days.



### How to Stay Safe.

### Quarantine if Exposed

If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, monitor your health for 14 days from your last possible exposure and quarantine at home. Individuals who are fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine.

### Isolate if Sick

If you are symptomatic, you should go ahead and isolate until you receive your test results.

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 infection, ou must follow home isolation protocol. If you have questions, please call 866-PUB-HLTH. (866-782-4584)

### **Identify Your Contacts**

Each confirmed case of COVID-19 will work with trained DPH staff to identify everyone they've been in contact with to prevent additional spread of the disease.

### GA COVID-19 Hotline **888-357-0169**

This hotline is for questions about COVID-19 and COVID vaccines only, not for scheduling appointments for vaccination.

For more information, visit dph.georgia.gov



### Stop The Bleed Kids Donated To Camilla Police And Fire Department



Last week, Brandi Fitzgerald, BSN, Trauma Program Manager at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, delivered 12 Stop the Bleed Kits to the Camilla Police and Fire Department. The kits were donated by Phoebe and the Georgia Trauma Commission. The Camilla Police and Fire Dept. were trained in Stop the Bleed in June. STOP THE BLEED® is a national campaign developed by the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The purpose of the STOP THE BLEED campaign is to make our nation more resilient by better preparing the public to save lives if people nearby are severely bleeding. This preparation is being done by raising awareness and teaching people how to learn three quick actions to control serious bleeding.

Source: Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital

### Brown's Seafood In Ashburn Receives First Business District Stabilization and Revitalization Grant



Congratulations to Brown's Seafood on being the first to receive the Business District Stabilization and Revitalization grant presented by the Ashburn - Turner County Chamber of Commerce and the Turner County Development Authority! This grant is made possible by the Turner County Development Authority. Please check out their website at turnerchamber.com to learn more or stop by!

Source: Ashburn - Turner County Chamber of Commerce

Military Night Observed At The Ram Game

Friday Night, August 20th was Military Night at the Worth County Rams Football game to honor our military men and women. It was a beautiful sight. Above is pictured approximately 55 student athletes from Worth County Middle School and Worth County High School Athletic programs whom volunteered to help display the American Flag. The flag was provided by Mr. Steven Danford, Area Representative of Woodmen Life Chapter 172 of Worth County.

Service Flags along with the American Flags were displayed by some of the Ram Football Players. Those flags were provided by the American Legions Sylvester Post 335.

Photo Credit- Curtis Williams Source: Steven Danford and The Martin News

#### Be the Change

Called to Care of Worth County needs our help. The Worth County DFCS Caseworkers and Staff have incredibly difficult jobs. You can help make those tough days a little brighter by writing a note or drawing a picture for them. This is an awesome project for your church, students, youth group, or children's program. We all know how much it means to receive a hand written note. You can Be the Change for our caseworkers! You can drop them off at the Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce and they will all be delivered.

Source: Called to Care of Worth County



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# MJPL's Book Jar



Not sure what to read next? Try a suggestion from our book jar!

Our book jar will have a wide variety of options ranging across various genres and authors







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### **Zero The Hero Visits WCPS**

Miss Edwards' class at Worth County Primary School enjoyed their special visitor, "Zero the Hero", to celebrate the 10th day of school! They can't wait to see him again in 10 days! How much fun is it to have a visitor? And I can't believe it's already been over ten days of school. Have a great rest of the month!

Source: WCSD

### **Cubs Program at Chehaw Park**

Every first Friday of each month, Chehaw Park holds its Cubs Programs. The Cubs Programs are specifically targeted for children ages three and four. These programs are specially tailored to fit the interests and attention span of children ages three and four. Each program includes a hands-on animal experience, a craft, and an animal related story. Join them in the Zoo with your little one from 10:00a.m.-11:00a.m. on the first Friday of each month. Cubs Programs are free with Zoo admission, and as always, free for members. Make plans now to take the little ones and enjoy some zoo time. Chehaw Park is located at 105 Chehaw Park Road in Albany. For more information, please give them a call at 229-430-5275.

## MOBILE OF CONGRESSMAN AUSTIN SCOTT

## WORTH COUNTY MOBILE OFFICE



Staff from Congressman Scott's office will be available to offer constituents assistance with federal issues ranging from Medicare and Social Security to Veterans' benefits.

We encourage those who have questions on various issues to come by during these hours and meet privately with staff.

Please contact Congressman Scott's Tifton office at (229) 396-5175 for more information.

Please be advised that COVID-19 precautions may be in place by our host location, including social distancing and mask wearing.

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### WHAT:

Worth County
Mobile Office

### WHEN:

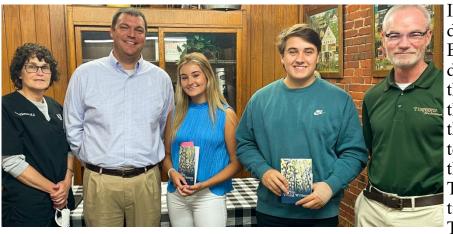
**September 15th 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** 

### **WHERE:**

Margaret Jones
Library-Worth County
205 E Pope Street
Sylvester, GA 31791



### Tift Foundation For Educational Excellence Recognizes Young Writers, Receives Donation From Prince Toyato



In its first in-person meeting since the pandemic began, the Tift County Foundation for Educational Excellence (TCFEE) board of directors met Monday and recognized two of the student-authors who contributed to the "Tifton Young Writers 2021" book that the foundation and the Rotary Club of Tifton recently published jointly. From left in the photo above are Kaylar Howard, past TCFEE president who oversaw the foundation's efforts in the book project; current TCFEE President Nathan Johnson; Ridley

Sims, a student writer from Tiftarea Academy; Michael Gregus, a student writer from Tift County High School; and Rick Register, past Rotary Club president who oversaw the club's efforts in the book pro-

ject. Both Ridley and Michael read excerpts from their stories in the book, which showcases young writers in Tift County and is available for sale in paperback and electronically from Amazon.com. Also during Monday's meeting, Prince Toyota doubled its donation to the Tift County Foundation for Educational Excellence through Toyota Motor Sales dealer match program, making a total \$5,000 donation to the foundation.

The Toyota Dealer Match program was established to support local Toyota dealerships and their community involvement by matching

dealership contributions to qualifying nonprofits. Pictured below, from left, are TCFEE President Nathan Johnson receiving a check from Heather P. Stripling and Heidi P. Massey of Prince Automotive; at right is TCFEE Executive Director Mike Brumby.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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### Chi-Town Transit Authority To Bring Music Of "Chicago" To Tifton, Benefitting Local Library



Chi-Town Transit Authority, a tribute group to the band "Chicago," is coming to Tifton on Sept. 30 for a night of memorable music, fine food and spirited dancing to benefit the Tifton-Tift County Public Library. Sponsored by the Tifton-Tift County Public Library Foundation as a fundraiser for the library, Chi-Town Transit Authority is an 8-piece group dedicated to reproducing the "Chicago" concert experience. Chi-Town achieves this by featuring the powerful horns, dynamic vocal harmonies and rocking rhythm section for which the band Chicago is famous. Chi-Town's emphasis is on the kind of live show that brings down the house and makes the audience get up and dance. All of Chicago's big hits from "25 or 6 to 4" to "Saturday in the Park" to "Colour My World," and "Does Anybody Really Know What Time it Is?" will be covered in this 90-minute concert that offers a fun-filled, live experience. An optional dinner before the show at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center features fine dining and congenial conversation. Reserved sponsor tables are still available for the dinner and show. For reserved seating or for show-only tickets, Click Here! A portion of the dinner-show tickets are tax deductible. This is the only fundraiser for the Tifton-Tift County Public Library Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable organization that supports the local library. The foundation has awarded more than \$80,000 to the library for children's programming, summer reading programs, books, and online initiatives. For more information, call Penny Peters, foundation chair, at 229-392-3366.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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# NEW DATE

SATURDAY 10 AM to 10 PM

**Fulwood Park • Tifton** 

BBQ Competition • Shopping • KidZone Food & Drinks • Music All Day

VENDOR & TEAM APPLICATIONS OPEN!



The Margaret Jones Public Library had their first Story Time with First Baptist Preschool this past week and had a great time. They read An Elephant and Piggie book and made some new friends.

**Source: MJPL** 













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### Healthy, Cute Snacks for the Fall



How incredibly adorable is this little fella? I absolutely love it! On top of it being so cute, it is healthy! Studies show that if you fix fruits and veggies into characters that our children will eat more of the healthy foods. Adults may eat more of it too! While I know it is more work, it seems pretty worth it to me. I would eat everything on this tray but the celery sticks and ranch dressing. I absolutely love raw vegetables. There are times

that I go to the grocery store, buy some veggies, come home and wash them, put them in a bowl and eat them. They are so good and delicious! Which of these veggies would you not eat and which ones could you just eat by the bow full? Happy almost Fall y'all!

### **Secondhand Wardrobes**



How many times have you bought an item of clothing, only to wear it once or twice and throw it away after years of collecting dust in the back of

the closet? According to National Today, sadly the answer is too many times. Thankfully, there's a movement taking place in America that could help save us from our wasteful selves: National Secondhand Wardrobe Day on August 25th. Buying clothes second hand and donating your used clothing creates a positive cycle that is crucial for cutting back our waste. Unfortunately, there's a stigma surrounding secondhand clothing stores, or thrift shops, but it's time to bring this to light and talk about why it's so flawed. Secondhand shopping saves you money, has a positive impact on the environment, and if done correctly, can certainly lead to a closet of some cool new duds. So on August 25, head to your favorite thrift store and get some new, old threads!

### On Live Auction Fun With 3G's Auction



Who doesn't love a good auction? I know I do. 3G's Auction located in Sumner loves holding auctions and loves all of their customers. Since COVID-19 started, they had to change things up. For 2020, they postponed the in-house auctions in hopes they would be able to bring them back in 2021. Because COVID-19 is still around, the 3G's Auction crew decided to postpone the in-house auction that was scheduled for August 7th until further notice. They will continue to do the Facebook live auctions that they have done a few times already in 2021. Is it the same as going to the auction? Well not exactly because we aren't able to sit and visit with everyone, we aren't able to enjoy all the good snacks they offered nor are we able to have the raffles that we all enjoy however we are able to have fun communicating back and forth on the live shows. I absolutely love watching them live on Facebook and I love shopping too.

Mr. Todd and Mrs. Sherry have awesome items that we all love to buy! The next auction is scheduled for September 14th. Be sure to join "3G's On-Line Sales LIVE" on Facebook so that you will get all the notifications for the upcoming auction. Hope to see you on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September!

### Dates to Remember

## August

23rd ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale 23rd ~ Rosy Raccoon Paint Night at Margaret Jones Public Library 24th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale 24th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am 24th ~ WCMS Softball v Cook Away 4:30pm

24th ~ WCHS Softball Double Header Home 4pm

25th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

25th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Tifton Mall 2pm - 6pm

25th ~ Wonderful Wednesday's at Fun Park 1pm-9pm

25th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon

26th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

26th ~ Sylvester – Worth County Business Expo 5pm-7pm

26th ~ WCMS Softball v Thomasville Away 4:30pm

26th ~ WCMS Football vs. Lee East 5pm at Home

26th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Byne Memorial Baptist Church in Albany 2pm - 7pm 26th ~ Tift County Job Fair and Career Expo at Tift County Recreation Dept. Gym 3pm-6pm

26th ~ Succulent Garden Workshop at ABAC 6pm-8pm

27th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

27th ~ Worth County Rams Football Home vs. Mitchell County

27th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Awaken Church in Tifton 11am - 4pm

27th ~ Yoga in the Gallery at Albany Museum of Art 5:30pm

27th ~ Marshall Tucker Band at Albany Municipal Auditorium 7:30pm

27th ~ Armband Special at Fun Park 6pm-10pm

28th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

28th ~ Georgia Peanut Festival Pageant

28th ~ Sylvester Farmers Market 9am-3pm

28th ~ WCMS/WCHS Cross Country Meet in Americus 8:30am

28th ~ Science Saturday at Thronateeska 10am - 11am

28th ~ Armband Special at Fun Park 11am - 10pm

28th ~ 4th Annual Southern Soul Music Festival at the Regional Fair Grounds 3pm

29th ~ Armband Special at Fun Park 1pm - 8pm

29th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

30th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

30th ~ WCMS Softball v Baconton Home 4pm

30th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Dougherty County Community 12pm - 5pm 31st ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

31st ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am

31st ~ WCMS Softball v Fitzgerald Home 4:30pm

31st ~ WCHS Softball v Early County Double Header Away 4pm



Signature (over 18): \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (If under 18) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proceeds from this event support the Best Friends Humane Society in Worth County Animal Shelter and American Legion Post 335



**Constructing 2-D Shapes** 

Mrs. Austin's class at Worth County Primary School constructed 2-D shapes using toothpicks and marshmallows. Having fun and learning at WCPS!

### **Homecoming Dresses Needed**

With Homecoming for Worth County High School just two weeks away, now is a great time to clean out your closets of those fancy dresses that you may not wear any longer. Mrs. Nancy Burrell, Teacher at WCHS, oversees The Exchange. The Exchange is a clothing and accessory closet for those in need of items. If you or anyone you know has any dresses that would be appropriate for Homecoming, please contact Mrs. Burrell at WCHS or drop them off at the front office for her. Homecoming is September 11th. "We want everyone to have the chance to attend the dance and to feel special" stated Mrs. Burrell.

Source: WCSD

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### **COVID Surge Prompts Cancelation Of Some Area Festivals**

The surge in COVID-19 cases has prompted the cancelation of some annual events this year in the Tiftarea. La Fiesta del Pueblo, the largest Hispanic heritage festival in South Georgia, has canceled the silver anniversary of the festival that was scheduled in Tifton's Fulwood Park during September. Organizers said that the performers and volunteers needed could not be secured because of the current number of COVID-19 cases. The festival s rescheduled for September 2022. In Sylvester, the Annual Kids Day in the Park, scheduled Sept. 4 at Jeffords Park, has been canceled. Organizers Men United and Family Connections said they felt it was "the best decision for the community with the rise in COVID numbers." However, plans are still underway to hold the 18th Annual Omega Pepper Festival on Sept. 11 in Omega, and Tifton's Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Festival on Oct. 9 in Fulwood Park.

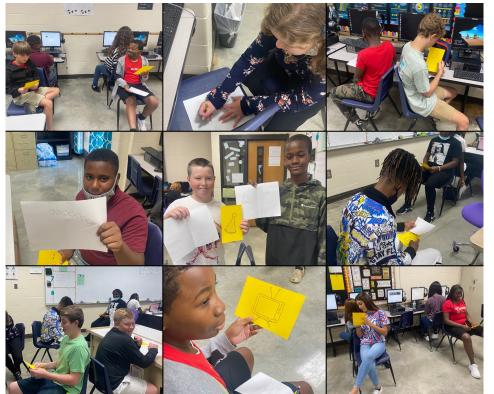
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### Source: Tifton Grapevine

### **Kids' Fishing Rodeo Cancelled**

Due to the rise in Covid cases, the Kids' Fishing Rodeo at Gervaise Lawhorne Park (Duck Pond) has been cancelled. The pond reopened to the public for fishing on August 17th.

Source: City of Sylvester



Learning Employability Skills At WCMS

Mrs. Mitchell's Foundations of Business Management classes at Worth County Middle School are studying employability skills required by business and industry. The lesson focused on different forms of communication used in business. In pairs, one student gave instructions and the partner drew a picture based on the instructions. Neither of the students could look at the work until completed. This activity gave students a great understanding of giving clear instructions and the difficulty in that and how our communication can be misinterpreted or misunderstood.

Source: WCSD



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### Do You Have A Dog

Thursday, August 26th is National Dog Day. Have you had or do you have a dog? I don't actually have a dog anymore however I did have a dog when I was a little girl. I loved her so much. Her name was Brandy and she was a Keeshond. She was such a beautiful sweet girl. She loved tennis balls. Mother and Daddy had an open garage where she and I would play everyday. I would throw the ball against the garage wall and she would catch it. She loved to play that game everyday. My son wants a dog so bad but we can not have one where we live. Seeing pictures of Keeshond's make me want one again however mother and daddy didn't have to pay for her but I see where they run around \$1200 now. WHOA! They are such loving dogs though and Brandy was spoiled rotten. What kind of dog do you have?

### SRTC Foundation Awards Fall Scholarships Of \$45,900

For the 2021 fall semester, which began Tuesday, Aug. 17, the Southern Regional Technical College (SRTC) Foundation awarded scholarships to 53 stude nts totaling \$45,900. The funds assist students with education-related costs such as tuition, fees, books, and classroom and lab supplies. Among the students who were awarded scholarships are: Emily Boyd of Nashville; and Kelly Halstead, Mora Hart, Amelia Hillmon, Chasitie Roberts, Ashley Watkins, and Devin Wimberley of Tifton. During SRTCs past spring semester, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. United and the Rural Development Partners created a scholarship program, committing \$50,000 for the technical education scholarship for students in Colquitt, Tift, Turner, and Worth counties.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

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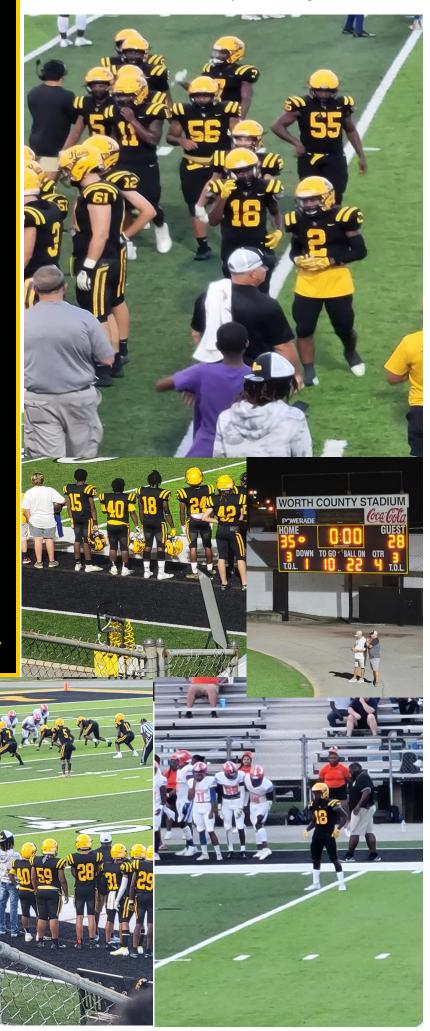
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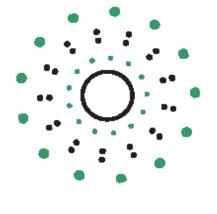


## Holiday Card Contest

Design a December holiday card for the Georgia 4-H Foundation, which will be sent to 4-H supporters to express gratitude and well wishes.

Top prize is \$100! Deadline is Monday, October 4, 2021

Please see your local extension staff regarding contest rules.











### Worth County High School

407 West Bryant Drive Sylvester, GA 31791

Phone: (229) 776-8625 Fax: (229) 777-2075 Website: www.worthschools.net

#### Melissa Edwards

Principal

### Mallory Garwood

Assistant Principal

### Kenyon Sims

Assistant Principal

#### Teresa Sumner

Assistant Principal Director of Career Tech and Ag Education

### Kim Perrin

School Improvement Coord.

#### Purpose

To ensure a quality education for all students leading to graduation and productive citizenship.

### **Homecoming/Prom Dress Code**

#### GIRLS:

### Homecoming & Prom

- Skirt length and slits should be no more than 3 inches above the kneecap.
- The back should not be exposed below the natural waistline.
- Chest if any skin shows beneath your hand when your hand is placed on your chest with your index finger on your collar bone on one side, and your thumb on the collar bone on the other side, your dress is too low cut.

#### BOYS:

### Homecoming

- Dressy Casual
- No Shorts
- Shirts may not be removed during the dance

#### Prom

- Tuxes or suits
- Shirts may not be removed during the dance

Guests must be under 21 years of age for both Homecoming and Prom.

All guests who are not WCHS students must be pre-approved by an administrator for both Homecoming and Prom. Non WCHS student guests must provide a copy of their driver's license (if applicable). (Form may be picked up in the Media Center)

WCHS 9th graders may bring an 8th grader who is approved by the WCMS principal to Homecoming ONLY. 8th graders may NOT attend Prom.

If you have any questions, please see an administrator.

### **UGA Tifton Professors Work With Nigerian Farmers On Integrating Rice-Fish Production**



Two professors from the University of Georgia's Tifton campus have just returned from Southern and Northwestern Nigeria, West Africa, where they worked with farmers on integrating rice and fish production together. Dr. Gary Burtle of UGA's Department of Animal & Dairy Science and Dr. Esendugue Greg Fonsah, professor in the UGA Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, said their research and extension activities covered two major states in Nigeria. Although the integrated rice-fish technology transfer project has been successful in Asia, scientists in the United States, Nigeria and Italy are bringing the technology to

farmers in Nigeria. This grant project is sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development and is a collaboration among UGA, the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa, and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, Italy. The project's primary objectives are to develop integrated rice-fish production technology, develop management practices among farmers and stakeholders, and to determine productivity, profitability margins and the willingness for producers to adopt this new technology along with consumers' willingness to consume fish and rice produced from an integrated farming system. Burtle and Fonsah visited fish-rice research sites in communities that are the most vulnerable to food and nutrition insecurity compared to other Nigerian states. Including integrated fish production in their rice fields would be beneficial to these farmers by helping to "reduce the exponential cost and (increase) access to fish in these vulnerable communities and populations," the professors said. "It will improve nutritional status and economic well-being of the farmer household. It will further provide employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, especially for women and youths. Moreover, it will boost the general economy of these states by triggering and empowering the value-chain actors and diversifying food productivity, and increase smallholder farmer profitability and improved resilience from having an alternative source of livelihood." Fonsah and Burtle said that by the end of the project, it's anticipated that a minimum of 200 farmers and 45 extension workers in the two selected states of Nigeria (Kebbi, Ebonyi) will benefit and be trained through the farm diversification process, with at least 40% of the farmers being female and youths.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

### Business Expo Postponed Until November 4th

The Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce has made the decision to postpone their 1st Annual Business Expo on August 26th. They have rescheduled for November 4th. If you have any questions feel free to contact them at 229-776-7718.

Source: Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce

