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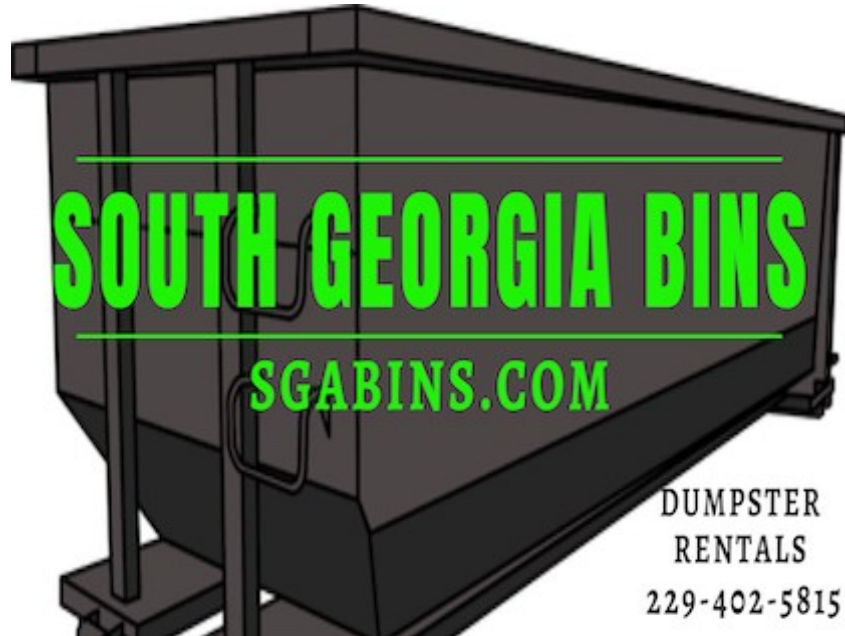
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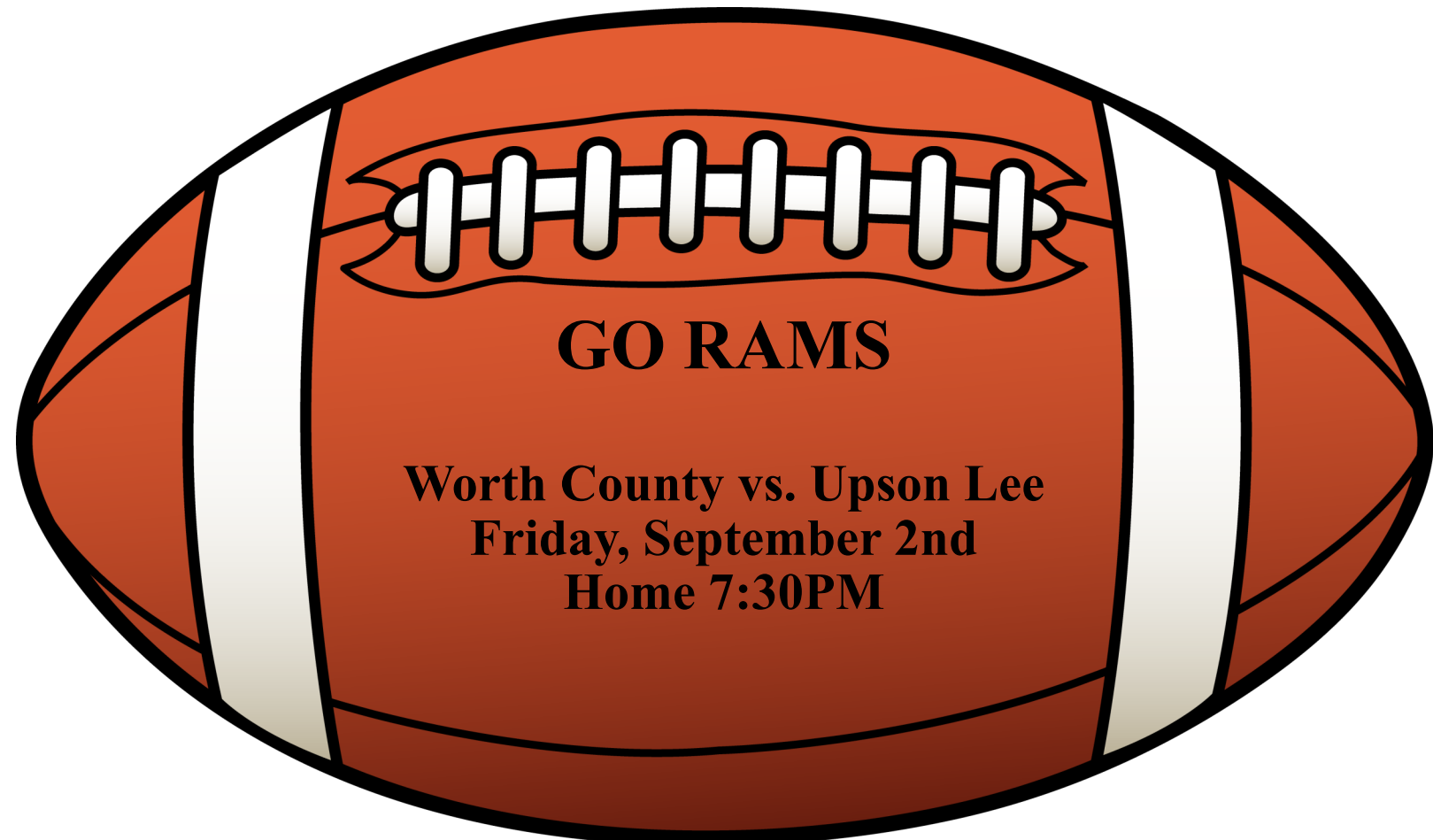


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**August 20th Cross Country Meet
Successful For Our Runners**

The cross country teams had a very productive meet on Saturday, August 20th, and all runners cut their times from the first meet! Eyan Zupko finished second overall for HS Boys with a time of 17:00. India Williamson finished sixth for the HS Girls with a time of 21:56. Alexia Sokolowski finished eighth for the HS Girls with a time of 22:37. Pictured above from left to right is Coach Sanders Dorough, Eyan Zupko, Alexia Sokolowski and India Williamson.

Source: WCSD



**Players Of The Week For
The Worth County Rams**

Congratulations to these guys for their hard work last week.

Players of the Week

- Offense - Sherman Smith #6
- Defense - Jaylen Fluellen #7
- Special Teams - Quan Fryer #2
- Hustle Award - Danny Wilkerson #50
- Scout Team - Jaylen Walker #84

Source: WCSD

Another RAMazing Friday!

Fridays are great for most everyone but Fridays in Sylvester have become RAMazing! The Ram boy's kickoff each Friday morning with breakfast in a local church. They are fed a hearty breakfast and a positive word from the pastor and leaders of the churches. This past Friday, August 26th, Jesus Christ Tabernacle of Deliverance Church fed the team. They enjoyed being with everyone! And then the Ram Boys traveled to Camilla to take on the Mitchell County Eagles. They came home with a win but not before having to sit out a lightning delay. The win was not an easy win but as Coach Hammond has taught our boys... Find A Way To Win! And they did just that! Way to go Rams!

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Picture to left: Coach Hammond
Picture to right: Jennifer Cooper





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Daddy's Ride

Recently as we celebrated my daddy's 13th year of entering the beautiful gates of Heaven, we talked about the good ole days and memories. Memories will last you a lifetime and bring many, many laughs especially with my daddy. We were talking about things daddy did so nonchalantly but got his point across quickly. Mother and I were talking about how daddy helped her to get me and my sister from place to place. That got me to thinking about cars from over the years that I was carted around in by my parents. Now I loved all my parent's cars BUT there was this one car that as a teenager I was SO embarrassed by, and my daddy knew it and made it worse. I look back now and laugh, and I am positively sure he laughed back then! You see daddy had a truck too but along with his truck he bought my grandmother's car from her when she could no longer drive. I don't even know the name of the car, but it was booger green, and she drove that car around like she was in NASCAR. Well, I made the mistake when daddy bought it to say, "I'm not riding in that car around my friends". I mean y'all I was in Junior High. This was HORRIBLE! Well, I did learn a valuable lesson. NEVER tell your parents what you are not going to do. He took me to school in that car for the rest of the school year! I would make him drop me off way back where no one could see me and thought I was safe but OH NO he would gun it out of the parking lot! Everyone knew that car was driven by my daddy! I WAS SO EMBARRASSED! Those were the days.... Even though he is gone from this ole world now, his memories live on with us. He was such a good man, never seeing color of a person's skin but saw the goodness that was within them. He loved my mother, me and my sister, his grand boys, his family, and friends. He also loved his church and work family. He loved life and never complained about the cards he was dealt. He was a true friend to many, and I am proud to have called him daddy. Boy what I would do to have a ride in that car one more time...

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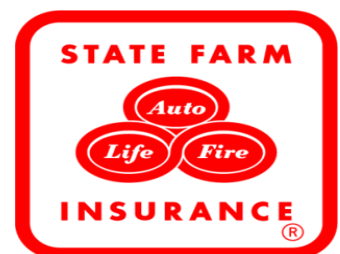
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Tech Things To Think About When Preparing For Hurricane Season

It's great to be prepared at any time but Josh Beckstrom, The Sylvester Computer Guy wants you to be prepared for Hurricane Season. Below is a helpful list on how to get prepared. I share this every year around this time because this is great information to keep us all on the right track.

- 1) Now is the time to charge up all your electronic devices! Charging can take a long time if your device is low battery already. So grab your smartphones, smartwatches, laptops, tablet, and other rechargeable device you have that can provide light, communication, or entertainment during an extended power outage and get them charged to 100%. Don't forget to check the charge status of your Uninterruptable Power Supplies (aka UPS or Battery Backups) as they can store a lot of power.
- 2) Keep charging your devices until the power goes out. You never know when an extra 1% could have made the difference, so keep those devices tethered to the wall unless absolutely necessary.
- 3) Turn your brightness to minimum to get much more use out of your batteries. On a laptop this can mean an extra hour or more before the battery runs out versus using the standard or maximum brightness levels we typically use.
- 4) Turn your smartphones to 'Low power' mode if it has it (iPhones definitely do), it will keep things like GPS and data operating only when in active use which will make the battery work even longer.
- 5) Use one device to charge another when needed. If you start running out of power on your smartphone or other important device, charge it from another device. This goes without saying with the UPS or battery backups, but don't forget that you can charge from your laptop as well as any other device where you have a cable to connect it to your primary device.
- 6) Your car is a generator! This won't work for large appliances due to the current load, but you can totally use your car as a way to charge your tech devices once all other backup power sources have exhausted. Just remember that gas becomes a commodity too, so use sparingly (and probably just to keep the phones charged)
- 7) If you have satellite internet like Exede, remember that as long as you get power to your modem and router you'll be able to use the internet! This is because unlike land-based internet services, the service is not dependent on the local electrical grid like your house is, so all you need is the modem and router to power up and you'll re-establish your service connection to the satellite provider.
- 8) If it's not important, unplug it now. You don't want things that can't help you sapping up your power. Even when off, most device still use a little bit of power to keep lights blinking or things running in the background for when you turn them back on, so unplug them so you don't forget when the time comes. And although it is possible to run a satellite television service and power your tv through a battery backup, we don't recommend it because of how much power a television will use. Stick to internet sources for information and keep the tvs off (unless you are using a generator of course).

We hope these tips won't be needed, but if they are we hope it will give you a little extra peace of mind to know you've crossed these items off your preparedness list. After the storm is over, if any of your items are having any trouble, please visit The Sylvester Computer Guy and he will see what he can do to help.



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**Tift Ranks 2nd In GA's Most Equitable School Districts
Lowndes County Ranks No. 1, According To Report**



Tift County ranks 82nd out of 179 Georgia school districts in distributing school funding fairly, according to a national report released Tuesday. The report "Most and Least Equitable School Districts in Georgia" by WalletHub, a financial services website, used data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the National Center for Education Statistics. "Georgia has the 19th most equitable school districts in the U.S. overall, but some districts within the state are fairer than others," WalletHub said. To find out where school funding is distributed most equitably, WalletHub scored 179 districts in Georgia based on two metrics: Average household income and expenditures for public elementary and secondary schools per pupil. According to its data, the Tift County School District spends \$11,075 per pupil and the school district's average household income is \$44,827. In Georgia, the Lowndes County School District ranked No. 1 in equitable funding, according to the report, with an expenditure of \$9,931 per student in a district with average household income of \$58,623. Ranking last in Georgia are Decatur City Schools, spending \$13,744 per pupil in a school district whose average household income is \$114,615, the report said. "While the U.S. is one of the most educated countries in the world, it doesn't provide the same quality elementary school or secondary school education to all students. In many states, more affluent school districts receive a greater amount of funding per student than poorer districts, with one estimate claiming that low-income districts are underfunded by around \$6,700 per pupil," WalletHub said in a release. "Discrepancies between the rich and poor have been exacerbated even more due to the lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Low-income students have suffered the greatest 'learning loss' due to partial or total remote learning. One contributing factor is that people in low-income districts are less likely to have the technological resources they need," WalletHub said. In other Tiftarea counties, the rankings are: Worth, 63rd in the state; Irwin, 67th; Turner, 84th; Cook, 133rd; Berrien, 137th; and Ben Hill, 149th.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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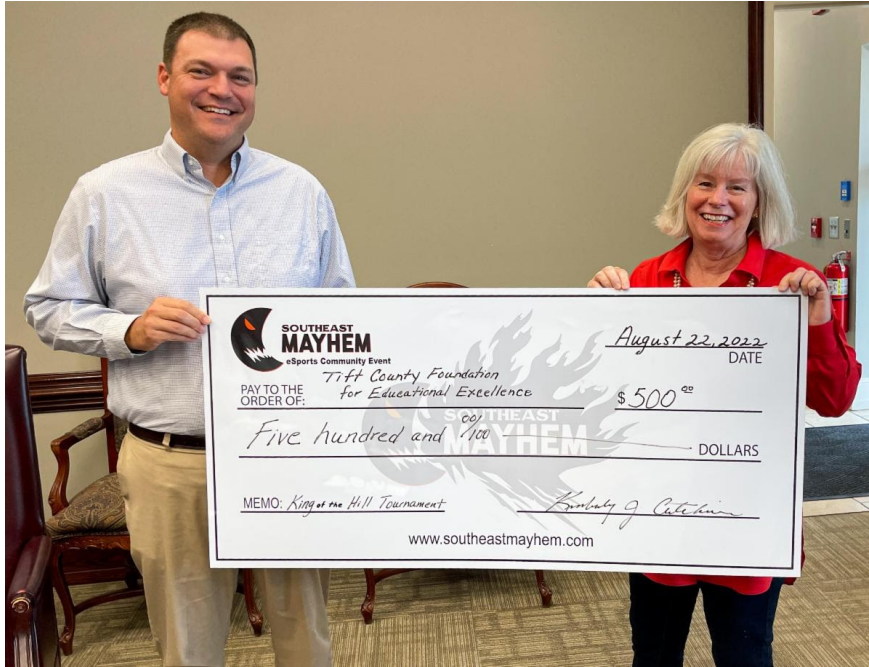


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eSports Tourney Contributes To Tift Education Foundation; Dr. Joe Turner Recognized For Service



Kim Cutchins, organizer of the Southeast Mayhem eSports video tournament held earlier this year in Tifton, on Tuesday presented a check from the tournament to Nathan Johnson, president of the Tift County Foundation for Educational Excellence. Cutchins said the Southeast Mayhem event included a King of the Hill Tournament in which players competed for bragging rights only with all monies from entry fees going to charity. The King of the Hill Tournament raised \$500 for

the Tift County Foundation for Educational Excellence. Also Tuesday at the education foundation's meeting, Dr. Joe Turner, pictured at center in photo below, was recognized for his longtime service to the Foundation for Educational Excellence. Turner had been among the local leaders who helped get the organization started in the 1980s as a private, nonprofit foundation to foster excellence in the Tift County Public School System. Most recently, Turner served on the foundation's investment committee. At left in the photo with Turner is foundation Executive Director Mike Brumby and board President Nathan Johnson.

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Tuesday, September 23rd, Books and Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library read stories about pirates and treasure! They made pirate hats, treasure maps, and went on a treasure hunt. The children found the greatest treasure of all in the books they checked out to take home. Make sure to follow the Margaret Jones Public Library Facebook for more events.

Source: MJPL



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- 30th ~ Books & Bubbles at Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am
- 30th ~ WCHS Softball Away 6pm
- 31st ~ Kiwanis Meeting 12noon
- 31st ~ WCMS Softball 4:30pm

September

- 1st ~ WCHS Softball - Double Header Home at 4pm
- 1st ~ Bark in the Park Volunteer Meeting 5:30pm
- 2nd ~ WCHS Rams Football Against Upson Lee at 7:30pm
- 3rd ~ Kids Day in the Park at the Train Depot 11am-2pm
- 5th ~ Happy Labor Day from The Martin News
- 5th ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm
- 6th ~ WCMS Softball Away at 4:30pm
- 6th ~ WCHS Softball Home at 5pm
- 6th ~ Worth County Board of Commissioner Meeting 7pm
- 7th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 8th ~ WCHS Softball Double Header Away at 4pm
- 8th ~ WCMS Football Away at 5pm
- 8th ~ Bark in the Park Volunteer Meeting 5:30pm
- 8th ~ Bow Tie & Pearls Celebration 6:30pm-8:30pm
- 8th ~ Worth County Board of Education Meeting 7pm
- 9th ~ WCHS Rams Home against Central Macon at 7:30pm
- 10th ~ WCHS Cross Country Away at 8:30am
- 10th ~ Ward I Listening Session 10am-12noon
- 12th ~ Sumner Council Meeting 7pm
- 13th ~ BFHS Bingo at Ed's Truck Stop 6pm
- 13th ~ Poulan Council Meeting 6:15pm
- 14th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 15th ~ Bark in the Park Volunteer Meeting 5:30pm
- 16th ~ Last Chance Band in Downtown Sylvester 7pm-9pm
- 19th ~ City of Sylvester Council Meeting 6pm
- 20th ~ City of Warwick Council Meeting 7pm
- 21st ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 27th ~ City of Poulan Council Meeting 6:30pm
- 28th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon
- 30th ~ Shred Day in Downtown Sylvester 9am - 2pm

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Isabella Baptist Church Donates To Worth County Primary School

Isabella Baptist Church recently donated school supplies to Worth County Primary School. The school greatly appreciates them gathering up essential school supplies for the WCPS students. Schools appreciate the donations that help the teachers and students through out the school year.

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Source: WCSD & The Martin News

Safe At Home

The week of August 21st was National Safe At Home Week and L&H Community Outreach After School Program partnered with the Worth County Sheriff's Department and the Sylvester Police Department to teach the students about being safe at home. On Tuesday, Deputy Phil Burrell and Sgt Clay Lawson with the Worth County Sheriff's Department came and spoke to the children about safety, things they should and should not do and they were able to see Officer Lawson's patrol vehicle. They loved sitting in it and turning on the siren for sure. Pictured on the top to your left is the students with the Officers from the Worth County Sheriff's Department. On Wednesday, Officer Palmer, Officer Mathis and Officer Deriso with the Sylvester Police Department came and spoke to the children about safety as well as the children getting to check out the patrol cars. Teaching our children as much as we can about safety will never be too much. On the bottom to your left is a picture of the students with the Officers from the Sylvester Police Department. Justin Lucas and Nykemius Hamilton with L&H Community Outreach After School Program appreciates all of the support from the community and thanks all the partnerships to provide for the students.



Worth County Middle School Parents/Guardians

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Parent Meeting

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August 30th

4:30PM

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Georgia's Job Numbers Reach an All-Time High in July

August 18, 2022 Atlanta, GA – Job numbers increased more than 12,000 from June to July to an all-time high and were up almost five percent over the year. Job gains included opportunities in Accommodation and Food Services, 4,100, Health Care and Social Assistance, 2,400, Retail Trade, 2,000, Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, 1,500, Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, 1,400, Wholesale Trade, 1,100, and Finance and Insurance, 1,000. "Georgia's jobs numbers continue to climb reinforcing the state's position as one of the nation's best places to find employment," said Georgia Labor Commissioner Mark Butler. "These all-time highs in multiple sectors demonstrate the employment opportunities the state is experiencing across the board." Job numbers were at an all-time high in Trade and Transportation, 1,019,500, including the Retail Trade sector, 520,600, Transportation and Warehousing sector, 271,400, and Wholesale Trade sector, 227,500, in Financial Activities, 271,000, in the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services sector, 321,700, and in Education and Health Services, 631,100, including the Health Care and Social Assistance sector, 531,700. The sectors with the most over-the-year job gains included Accommodation and Food Services, 32,400, Administrative and Support Services, 22,000, Retail Trade, 21,300, Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, 20,800, Health Care and Social Assistance, 20,400, Transportation and Warehousing, 18,800, and Wholesale Trade, 14,900. Commissioner Butler announced today that Georgia's July unemployment rate hit an all-time low of 2.8 percent while Georgia's number of jobs continued to climb to 4,812,100. Jobs were up 12,500 over the month and up 214,300 from this time last year. Georgia's unemployment rate was seven-tenths of a percent lower than the national July 2022 unemployment rate of 3.5 percent. The state saw a new all-time high number of employed Georgians of 5,135,374, up 823 in July. The labor force was down 3,891 to 5,285,565, the first drop this year. The number of unemployed was down 4,714 to 150,191, the lowest figure since February 2001's number of 150,107. There are over 217,000 jobs listed online at EmployGeorgia.com, resulting in a minimum of over 285,000 unfilled positions. Market salaries for the jobs listed on Employ Georgia range from \$23,000 to \$104,000, showing a median salary of \$45,000. Employers with over 1,000 job postings included Deloitte, 1,500, Wellstar Health System, 1,300, Walmart, 1,300, Amazon, 1,300, and Home Depot, 1,200. Industries with over 10,000 job postings included Health Care, 33,000, Retail Trade, 19,000, Accommodation and Food Services, 18,000, Manufacturing, 17,000, Professional, Scientific & Technical Services, 16,000, Finance and Insurance, 14,000, and Transportation and Warehousing, 10,000. Initial claims were up 2,885 (11%) from June to 28,545 in July. Over the year initial claims were down 30,266 (52%). For personalized assistance, employers can reach Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) staff at <https://dol.georgia.gov/employeremail>. Additionally, by visiting Employ Georgia, employers can manage job openings and access the state's talent pool. GDOL's Career Centers are providing in-person employment services by appointment. GDOL's local career centers are providing in-person employment services. For more information on jobs and current labor force data, visit Georgia LaborMarket Explorer to view a comprehensive report.

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Let's Peep Around WCMS



Mrs. Rachels 8th grade Georgia Studies class at Worth County Middle School worked on a world map in order to locate Georgia in relation to region, notation, continent, and hemispheres. What a great project to work on and learn!

Source: WCSD



2nd ANNUAL Vets & PETS 5K RUN

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Entry fee: \$25 per person online@RunSignup.com by Sept 17.

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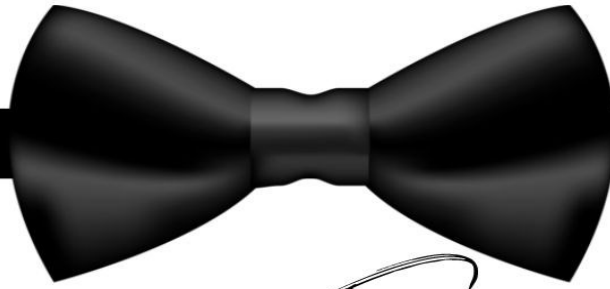
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For many years we have celebrated Grandparents Day but did you know the history behind the celebration. In 1969, nine-year-old Russell Capper sent President Nixon a letter suggesting that a day should be set aside in order to celebrate grandparents. On June 12, 1969, he received a letter back from Rose Mary Woods — Personal Secretary to the President — reading, “Dear Russell, Thank you for your letter to President Nixon. Your suggestion regarding a Grandparent’s Day is appreciated, but the President ordinarily issues proclamations designating periods for special observance only when a Congressional resolution authorizes him to do so. With best wishes, Sincerely, Rose Mary Woods Personal Secretary to the President.” Following this letter, Marian McQuade was recognized nationally by the U.S. Senate and by President Jimmy Carter as the founder of National Grandparents Day. McQuade wanted to educate the youth about the importance of seniors and the contributions they have made throughout history. She urged the youth to “adopt” a grandparent and learn more about their lives, challenges, and desires for the future. In 1977, Senator Randolph, with the help of other senators, introduced a joint resolution to the senate requesting the president to “issue annually a proclamation designating the first Sunday of September after Labor Day of each year as ‘National Grandparents’ Day’.” Congress passed the legislation, proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparent’s Day. On August 3, 1978, Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation, and the day was finally celebrated the following year. Be sure to recognize your grandparents on September 11th by just a simple card, message or phone call to wish them a Happy Grandparents Day and make them feel special. You can also send them a beautiful flower arrangement or drop them by a yummy meal. The Martin News wishes all the wonderful grandparents out there a very Happy Grandparents Day!

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(Herff Jones)
- Applying to College
- ACT/SAT Testing
Dates/Information
- Visit College/Military Information
Tables
- And MUCH MORE!

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Cap & Gown, Yearbook, and MORE!

Scan the QR Code to RSVP or email/call Amy Cummings at
acummings@worthschools.net or call the school at 229-776-8625.





ANNUAL TITLE I PARENT MEETING AND WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS SESSION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
WCHS CAFETERIA

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

2019 COMMUNITY HOME INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CHIP) GRANT

CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sylvester Housing Authority, a recipient of the GA Department of Community Affairs 2019 CHIP grant program, will receive Statement of Qualifications from general contractors of residential home builders interested in participating in the construction of two (2) new homes to be completed before December 31, 2022, and sold to qualified home buyers.

Prospective general contractors are encouraged to prepare a statement of qualifications detailing their housing experience and project management experience. The Sylvester Housing Authority will select one or more general contractors or builders with proven experience, financial resources, capacity, and professional expertise to successfully construct up to two houses at one time.

This is a Section 3 contract opportunity. The Sylvester Housing Authority provides equal opportunity for all businesses and does not discriminate against any person or business because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, and handicap or veterans' status.

Bids will be accepted beginning August 10, 2022. Bid package can be picked up at 411 North Jefferson Street, Sylvester, Georgia 31791. The bid opening is scheduled for September 13, 2022, at 11:00AM at the Sylvester Housing Authority located at 411 North Jefferson Street Sylvester, Ga 31791.

Submit all Documents and the Pre-Qualification Application by September 13, 2022, by 10:45AM

Michael Allen, Chief Executive Officer
Via Email: mallen@shauthority.com

By mail to: Michael Allen, Chief Executive Officer
Sylvester Housing Authority
P.O. Box 386
Sylvester, GA 31791

Or deliver to: Michael Allen, Chief Executive Officer
Sylvester Housing Authority
411 North Jefferson Street
Sylvester, GA 31791



AARP Smart Driver Safety Course

AARP Smart Drivers Class will be offered

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

9 am to 4 pm with lunch on your own

at Margaret Jones Public Library

205 East Pope Street, Sylvester, GA

Cost \$25 for non-members

\$20 for AARP members

Register by calling 229-776-2096

- Approved for drivers beginning at 16 years of age with valid driver's license, if accompanied by adult. Younger drivers should check with their insurance company to confirm whether the discount will apply before taking the class.
- Each class provides 6 hours of instruction.
- Automobile insurance discount is available for drivers who have had no moving violations or at fault claims for the past three years.
- Certificate for three years is provided when class has been completed. You must turn your certificate into your automobile insurance company for discount to apply.

2022 Coastal Plain CASA - Innovative Award



Coastal Plain CASA, serving Irwin, Tift, Turner and Worth counties, is the recipient of the 2022 Innovative Program Award of Excellence from Georgia CASA. Kristin Morrison, Executive Director, is standing with Julie Mitcham, Advocacy Coordinator, Jennifer King, GA CASA Director, Kristi Gilley, Advocacy Coordinator, and Nicolle Morris, CASA Volunteer, as Coastal Plain CASA received the award at Georgia CASA's state conference on Saturday, August 13th in Atlanta.

The Innovative Program Award of Excellence Award acknowledges CASA programs that demonstrate success in exceeded expectations in several areas such as: Volunteer Recruitment, Retention, and Training, Collaborative Efforts with Partners and Stakeholders, Advocacy Efforts and Supports, Funding, Engagement of Community, Strategic Vision and Growth Planning, Meeting and Exceeding Adherence to CASA standards, and Active Participation in the Statewide CASA network.

CASA is a nationwide and statewide organization with 44 affiliate CASA programs in Georgia that empower community volunteers who advocate for abused or neglected children in foster care. CASA volunteers provide compassionate, one-on-one attention, offering children experiencing foster care the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential with the support of permanent connections to family.

Volunteers and supporters are needed for Coastal Plain CASA to serve children in foster care within Irwin, Tift, Turner, and Worth counties.

To contact Coastal Plain CASA, visit <http://www.cpcasa.org> or call 229-386-9765. For more information about CASA in Georgia, visit www.gacasa.org or call 404-874-2888 or 800-251-4012.

Happy Place Nutrition

101C North Isabella Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
229-328-6239

TRY SOME OF OUR FAVORITES....



Ram Attack



Strawberry Breeze



Beach Bum

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES ON:

-  Thirsty Thursdays
-  Happy Hour
-  New Drink Flavors

WORTH COUNTY SCHOOLS



CROSS COUNTRY 22-23

Date	Time	Opponent	Home/Away	Location
August 13th	9AM-11AM	2nd Annual Peach State Preview	AWAY	Heritage Center at Town Bluffs Park Hazelhurst, GA
August 20th	8AM-10:30AM	Patriot Pride Invitational	AWAY	1358 Hwy 215 South Rochelle, GA
August 27th	8:30AM-10AM	6th Annual Furlow Fast Feet Invitational	AWAY	Sumter County Recreation Complex Americus, GA
September 10th	8:30AM-11AM	Lee County Invitational	AWAY	295 Leslie Highway Leesburg, GA
September 17th	8AM-10:30AM	Deerfield-Windsor Invitational	AWAY	Albany State University Albany, GA
September 24th	9AM-11:30AM	Tiftarea Panther Prowl	AWAY	Tiftarea Academy Chula, GA
October 1st	8AM-10:30AM	21st Tift Invitational	AWAY	ABAC Tifton, GA
October 6th	5PM-6:30PM	The Red Flame Classic	AWAY	Wilcox County High School Rochelle, GA
October 26th	10:30- HS Boys 11:15- HS Girls	1-AA Region Meet	AWAY	Heritage Center at Town Bluffs Park Hazelhurst, GA
November 5th/6th	TBA	GHSA State Championship Meet	AWAY	Carrollton High School Carrollton, GA

Head Coach - Sanders Dorough

Athletic Director - Will Smith

Principal - Melissa Edwards



BBQ Chicken Lunch Plates



Opportunity. Purpose. Abundant Living.

What: Smoked BBQ Chicken Quarter, Coleslaw,
Baked Beans, Cookie

\$12 per plate

When: Friday, September 2 (Pre-Orders Only)

Local Delivery (2+orders) 10:30-11:30

Pickup 11:00-12:00

Where: Pick up at 710 W Price St in Sylvester

All proceeds go directly towards funding The OPAL Day Center for Adults with Special Needs. Cash, Check, PayPal, and Venmo accepted. Pre-Orders only!

Please complete Google Form to place your order.

Email theopalproject.ga@gmail.com with any questions or for more info.

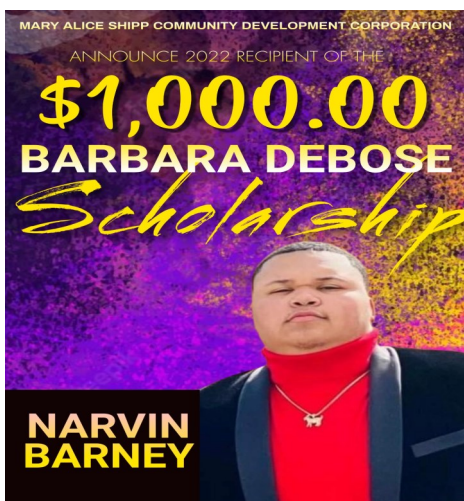
Worth The Visit - Weekend Review



Danny Wilkerson Receives The State Farm Hustle Award

What a great and weekend it was in Sylvester - Worth County. We kicked off Friday afternoon with the 100th year celebration of the Margaret Jones Public Library. People gathered and visited all three buildings, one of which is the current Library and the other two were where the library use to be housed in the past years. Such a ton of history was discussed and enjoyed by those in attendance. Then on Saturday, The OPAL Project enjoyed their day at their Respite Event. The OPAL Project and their participants stay very busy in the community. This coming Friday is another fundraiser lunch for them. Be sure to check out this weeks fundraiser flyer in The Martin News. The OPAL Project appreciates your support. They are very active in the community as they will be helping get Kids Day in the Park set up on Friday afternoon for the event on Saturday. Then Saturday evening kicked off the Georgia Peanut Festival Beauty Pageant. There was a great turn out for the event as well as great participation in the pageant. Thank you to everyone that attended and those that participated. Be sure to follow the Georgia Peanut Festival page for more pictures and updates for the upcoming festival. And then we wrapped up the evening in Sylvester with the Mary Alice Shipp CDC Community Awards Annual Banquet. This was an evening to recognize those in the community for their serving and volunteering in our amazing community. Be sure to follow the Mary Alice Shipp Community Development Corporation Facebook Page for pictures from the event. Isn't it great to be in and around Sylvester - Worth County!

Source: State Farm



Narvin Barney Receives The Barbara Debose \$1,000 Scholarship

The Mary Alice Shipp Community Development Corporation is proud to announce that the recipient of the Barbara Debose \$1,000 Scholarship is Narvin Barney. They are very grateful to have donors who delight in investing in the lives of young people through scholarships. Congratulations to Narvin Barney.

Source: MASCDC



Words From Leigh Wiley, Director at Margaret Jones Public Library

Every library director needs a Rita Burke Jones on their board of trustees. Miss Rita is committed to providing the highest quality library service possible to Worth County. When Miss Rita travels, she looks for the library in town. She sends me photos of displays, artwork, and promotional items from libraries across America. As a faithful advocate, she passionately invites people to come to the library. From children to politicians, she encourages everyone to get a library card. Miss Rita is a gracious library supporter who is always looking for ways to improve the library. With her contributions we added the Wall Street Journal and several magazine subscriptions to diversify our offerings. Recently she contributed a landscape makeover to honor her mother-in-law Mrs. Margaret M. Jones who loved flowers. Miss Rita, thank you for your words of encouragement to me and the whole staff. Thank you for serving on the library board of trustees and loving Margaret M. Jones Library for over 40 years.

Source: Leigh Wiley - MJPL



Sylvester - Worth County Proud Moments....

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Helping the hands today that took care of us yesterday!



Bark in the Park

September 23 & 24

LOCATION:

JEFFORD'S PARK IN SYLVESTER

CORNER OF GA HWY 112 & WILLINGHAM ST.

Games and ENTERTAINMENT for everyone!

Families with & without pets are invited to come out & join the fun!

FRIDAY EVENING: VENDORS, DJ AT 5 PM, AND FAMILY MOVIE AT 8:30 PM

FESTIVAL OPENS AT 10 AM ON SAT.

5K VETS & PETS RUN

Rescues and Animal Shelters are welcome to be a part of the Adoption Depot.

Events subject to change

WATCH FOR UPDATES ON THE **BFHS BARK IN THE PARK FESTIVAL** FACEBOOK PAGE.





2022 WCMS Football A-Team Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 18	Thomas County Central	Home	5:00PM
August 25	Washington Middle School	Cairo	5:00PM
September 1	OPEN		
September 8	Ben Hill Middle School	Fitzgerald	5:00PM
September 15	OPEN		
September 22	Thomasville	Home	5:00PM
September 29	Cook County	Home	5:00PM
October 6	Playoffs	TBA	TBA
October 13	Championship	TBA	TBA
October 25	Football Banquet	Cafeteria	6:00PM

2022 WCMS Football B-Team Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
September 14	Cook County	Away	5:00PM
September 28	Thomas County Central	Away	5:00PM



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