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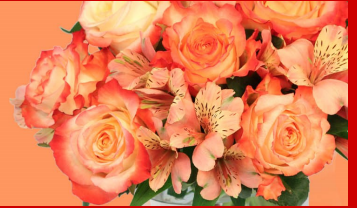
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Worth County School District Kicking Off 2021-2022 School Year



The Worth County School District closed out 2020-2021 under the leadership of Mr. Nehemiah Cummings, Superintendent. This year, the district is extremely proud to have him at the helm as the open of the 2021-2022 school year for Worth County Schools. Recently he was able to visit each school within the district to speak with faculty and staff. Mr. Cummings expressed to teachers, staff, and administrators how unequivocally vital relationships are in the learning process. He encouraged all WCSD employees to place the value of connection with

students as one of ultimate importance. The Worth County School District Family better known as "Ramily" is so very grateful to have Mr. Cummings with us from the beginning this year. His leadership, experience, guidance, vision, and encouragement are pivotal in helping Worth County Schools become the best they can be. Here's to a phenomenal year.

Source: WCSD

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What's Happening 'Round Town?

The Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce works hard to keep all the events happening in Sylvester - Worth County as well with all chamber member events listed on their monthly calendar. Here is the August calendar of events. Please be sure to follow them on Facebook and their website page for updates. Events are for everyone to enjoy. If you have any questions about any of the events, please feel free to contact the Chamber of Commerce at 229-776-7718.

2021 AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	WCMS Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 8:00am	WCES Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 8:00am	Worth County Schools 1st Day of School! Kiwanis Meeting 12:00pm		Sip & Stroll Swinging Medallions Concert 6:00pm	Sylvester Farmers Market 9:00am to 12:00pm Unity Back to School Bash 10:00am Rams Touchdown Club Golf Tournament 12:00pm Bowling Family Concert 6:00pm
1 The Bowling Family Concert 10:00am	2 Sylvester DDA Meeting 9:00am	3 BINGO Night @ Ed's 6:00pm City of Poulan Council Meeting 6:30pm	4 Kiwanis Meeting 12:00pm	5 EDA Board Meeting 8:00am Events Committee Meeting 12:00pm	6 Sip & Stroll Swinging Medallions Concert 6:00pm	7 Sylvester Farmers Market 9:00am to 12:00pm
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15 1st Day to Apply for Absentee Ballots City of Sylvester Council Meeting 7:00pm	16 1st Day to Apply for Absentee Ballots City of Sylvester Council Meeting 7:00pm	17 BINGO Night @ Ed's 6:00pm City of Warwick Council Meeting 7:00pm	18 Kiwanis Meeting 12:00pm	19 Retail/Tourism Committee Meeting 11:00am Chamber Exec. Board Meeting 12:00pm Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm	20 Sylvester Swine Fest GA Peanut Festival Meeting 4:00pm WCHS Vs. Turner Co. Football Game 7:30pm	21 Sylvester Swine Fest Sylvester Farmers Market 9:00am to 12:00pm
22 1st Day to Apply for Absentee Ballots City of Sylvester Council Meeting 7:00pm	23 1st Day to Apply for Absentee Ballots City of Sylvester Council Meeting 7:00pm	24 BINGO Night @ Ed's 6:00pm City of Poulan Council Meeting 6:30pm	25 Kiwanis Meeting 12:00pm	26 Chamber Board Meeting 12:00pm Sylvester-Worth Business Expo 5:00pm to 7:00pm	27 WCHS Vs. Mitchell Co. Football Game 7:30pm	28 Sylvester Farmers Market 9:00am to 12:00pm GA Peanut Festival Pageant
29 1st Day to Apply for Absentee Ballots City of Sylvester Council Meeting 7:00pm	30 1st Day to Apply for Absentee Ballots City of Sylvester Council Meeting 7:00pm	31 BINGO Night @ Ed's 6:00pm				

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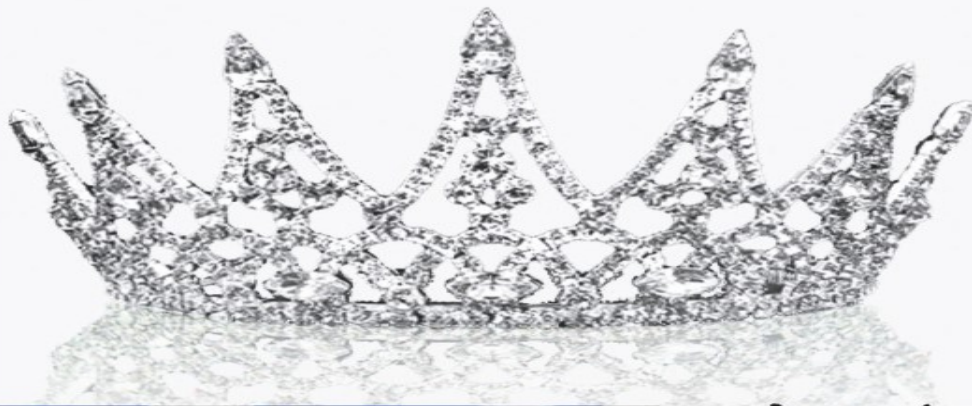
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Georgia Peanut Pageant

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Georgia Peanut Pageant

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Worth County Schools 2021-2022 Calendar

Planning (no students)
Holiday (no students or staff)
Last day of 9 weeks

July '21						
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- 9/6 Labor Day
- 10/8 & 11 Fall Break
- *11/11 Veterans Day celebrations will occur at each school.
- 11/22-26 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/17 Early Dismissal
- 12/20-31 Christmas Break
- 1/17 MLK Day
- 2/21 President's Day
- 3/11 & 14 Winter Break
- 4/4-8 Spring Break
- 5/25 Last Day of School
- 5/25 Early Dismissal
- 5/28 Graduation
- 5/30 Memorial Day

Approved 3/18/21



STAY IN THE LOOP!

Below are all of the different ways to stay in the loop with the latest news, events, and happenings at WCHS!

- Like and follow the WCHS Facebook Page - @WorthCountyRams
- Follow WCHS on Twitter - @wchsrams
- Check the Worth County High School webpage (www.worthschools.net/1/home) often. Here you can find the latest news and announcements as well as the district events calendar. Detailed department pages (Athletics, CTAE Department, Guidance and Counseling Department, Media Center, Faculty/Staff Directory, Teacher Webpages, etc.) can be found by clicking the WCHS Links tab.
- Peachjar - Peachjar is the digital e-flyer service that sends flyers directly to parents' email inbox and posts them online on all school webpages. Peachjar can also be accessed by clicking the small peach icon in the top right corner of the Worth County High School homepage.
- Have your child check his/her school email accounts daily.
- One Call Now - Automated callouts with urgent information. This service will call primary numbers listed in Infinite Campus.
- Join the WCHS Parent and Family Email Group to receive important news and announcements by email. (bit.ly/wchsemailgroup22) Each grade level will have an email group.
- Marquee LED Sign on Hwy 313 at the student parking lot entrance.
- Daily announcements Google Doc (bit.ly/wchsdailyannounce22). This document is updated daily and can also be found on the Worth County High School homepage at www.worthschools.net/1/home. The announcements on this page are announced every afternoon by SGA students.
- Check your Infinite Campus Parent Portal for messages and notifications. Please email or call Katie Hill at khill@worthschools.net and 229-463-1060 for help setting up your parent portal.
- Join the Remind 101 group for each one of your child's teachers.



Golf Tournament Held Saturday For Rams Football



What a beautiful, warm day Saturday was and what a great day for golf! The Worth County Rams Touchdown Club held a 3 Man Scramble Golf Tournament to benefit the football team. Congratulations to Zane Bennett, Joey Robinson, and Ryan Giddens, the winners of the 3 man Scramble golf tournament. The Worth County Rams Touchdown Club would like to thank everyone that had a part in putting this together and also for all our sponsors for making this a great success. We are looking forward to a great Ram season! Go Rams!

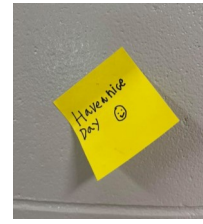
Bark In The Park Canceled For 2021



Best Friends Humane Society is sad to announce that Bark in the Park has been canceled for this year. Their Board and the Shelter Staff appreciates the ongoing support BFHS receives from their community. They hope some of you will join in the planning for the 2022 Festival. Stay tuned to their Facebook page, Best Friends Humane Society in Worth County, for more updates on the planning of the 2022 Festival. The Vets & Pets 5k will go on as

scheduled on September 18th. Online registration is open now. Here is the link to register for the race: <https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Sylvester/BarkintheParkRunfortheDogs>. We hope to see you all there.

It's The Little Things



Some things should never go unnoticed and this is one of them. Mrs. Teresa Sumner, Teacher at Worth County High School posted that during dismissal Friday afternoon she watched a kiddo slyly raise his

arm as high as he could to place a yellow sticky note on the hallway wall. After the crowd passed, Teresa went and read it and was blown away. Then she noticed he'd done the same thing at several spots on the hall. "What a treasure" stated Teresa "I hope HIS day was the best and I hope we all can be inspired to make someone else's day a bit brighter more often". By the way, she left all the sticky notes in tact. "If a high school student is going to post something on a wall, I can't think of anything better" Teresa explained. After reading all the amazing comments on her posts, I learned that Mrs. Melissa Souter, Teacher at Worth County High School works with the Beta Club and that is one of their service projects. They have been doing this project the last two years which is spreading acts/words of kindness. Melissa explained that little things can make a big difference.

Back To School Supplies Given Away By The Righteous Gentlemen



On Saturday, July 31st and Sunday, August 1st, the Righteous Gentlemen held a School Supply Giveaway at Jeffords Park for those that needed school supplies to kick off the first day of school on August 4th. They were able to give out many of the school supplies to children that they would need for school. They are very grateful for those that helped with the event and for those that came by to participate.

Mr. Randy Jordan with the Righteous Gentlemen Club explained to The Martin News that they are a group of righteous gentlemen giving back to the community. They began giving back to the community because they wanted to be able to give to children what they weren't able to receive when they were growing up. One of the things they will be giving is guidance on how to communicate and carry themselves as gentlemen at all times. This is

very important to the Righteous Gentlemen to teach to the children of today. These gentlemen have been down paths they shouldn't have gone down and done things that were illegal and unrighteous but were able to turn their life around. They explained they are not perfect but they were willing to change and work hard every day to be the difference to children now. They feel like if you decide to make these steps in life to change and do good, you never know where the load will lead you.



RIBBON CUTTING



The Mane Is Now Opened In Sylvester

Congratulations to Abby Youngblood Hembree on the grand opening and ribbon cutting of her new salon. The Mane is located at 113 North Isabella Street in Downtown Sylvester. The Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce held the ribbon cutting for the Mane on Friday, August 6th. Many stopped by and enjoyed seeing the new shop and visiting with Abby and her family. Please stop by and see Abby and make your appointment today.

MJPL's Book Jar

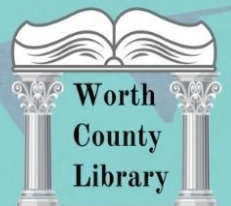


Not sure what to read next? Try a suggestion from our book jar!

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



MJPL's Book Jar will be available at the front desk from August 3rd- September 3rd





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Georgia Peanut Commission Plans To Host Farm Bill Listening Sessions in August

TIFTON, Ga. (Aug. 5, 2021) - The Georgia Peanut Commission plans to host three Farm Bill Listening Sessions during the month of August across the peanut belt. The listening sessions will help prepare for the 2023 Farm Bill. "The commission wants to hear from farmers on their view of the current peanut program. We also want to identify challenges the farmers face," says Don Koehler, Georgia Peanut Commission executive director. "The listening sessions will help the commission in setting policy direction going into this farm bill." The listening sessions will be held on the following days and locations.

Aug. 24, 2021 - 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Decatur County Extension Office
101 B Ag Lane, Bainbridge, Georgia 39817

Aug. 26, 2021 - 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Bulloch County Extension Office
151 Langston Chapel Road, Suite 600, Statesboro, Georgia 30458

Aug. 30, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. - noon
Tift County Extension Office
1468 Carpenter Road South, Tifton, Georgia 31794

The listening sessions precede congressional listening sessions which may start late this year or early in 2022. For additional information on the Georgia Peanut Commission and legislative updates, visit www.gapeanuts.com.



Book Bags and Supplies Delivered to WCPS

Mr. Steve Purnell from Warwick United Methodist Church delivered book bags with school supplies to Worth County Primary School. These book bags and supplies will come in handy at WCPS. The school is excited about the book bags and supplies. WCPS appreciates the support from Warwick United Methodist Church. Thank you for all you do for our schools and community.

Source: WCSD

 BREAKFAST				
<h2>AUGUST 2021</h2> <p>Worth County School District PK-5 Menus</p>				
<small>Available Daily: Choice of cereal Choice of fruit or juice Choice of milk</small>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Poptart	Blueberry Muffin & Cheese Portion	Pancake on a Stick
French Toast & Sausage Patty	Split Sausage Link & Biscuit	Breakfast in A Bowl	Ham Biscuit	Sausage Griddle
Apple Cinnamon Toast	Goody Bun & Cheese Portion	Twin Sausage Biscuits	Mini Pancakes & Sausage Links	Breakfast Pizza
Maple Sausage Sandwich	Waffles & Sausage Links	Poptart	Blueberry Muffin & Cheese Portion	Pancake on a Stick
French Toast & Sausage Patty	Split Sausage Link & Biscuit			

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 LUNCH				
<h2>AUGUST 2021</h2> <p>Worth County School District PK-5 Menus</p>				
<small>Available Daily: Choice of fruit Choice of milk</small>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Salisbury Steak w/Gravy Steamed Rice Black Eyed Peas California Blend	Crispy Fried Chicken Turnip Greens Green Beans Macaroni & Cheese Cornbread Muffin	Sausage Dog w/Pepper & Onions Sweet Potato Patties Kidney Beans
Corn Dog Tri-tater Wedges Peas & Carrots	Beefaroni Steamed Cabbage Steamed Carrots	BBQ on Bun Baked Beans Steamed Corn	Crispy Fried Chicken Green Beans Macaroni & Cheese Candied Yams	Cheeseburger Oven Fries Black Beans
Pepperoni Pizza Tri-tater Wedges Italian Cut Green Beans	Chicken & Dumplings Steamed Broccoli Steamed Baby Carrots	Baked Spaghetti w/Cheese Refried Beans Steamed Corn	Crispy Fried Chicken Steamed Rice Green Peas Sweet Potato Patties	Crispy Chicken Sandwich California Blend Green Beans
Hot Dog Oven Fries Baked Beans	Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Steamed Broccoli	Sloppy Joe Black Eyed Peas California Blend	Crispy Fried Chicken Turnip Greens Green Beans Macaroni & Cheese Cornbread Muffin	Chicken Bites Sweet Potato Patties Kidney Beans Cornbread Muffin
Ham & Macaroni Casserole Tri-tater Wedges Peas & Carrots	Turkey & Cheese Sub Steamed Cabbage Steamed Carrots			

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 **BREAKFAST**

AUGUST 2021

Worth County School District Grade 6-12 Menus

Available Daily:
 Choice of cereal
 Choice of fruit & juice
 Choice of milk
 Smoothies (WCHS only)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 Poptart	5 Blueberry Muffin & Sausage Patty	6 Pancake on A Stick
9 French Toast & Sausage Patty	10 Split Sausage Link & Biscuit	11 Breakfast in a Bowl	12 Ham Biscuit	13 Sausage Griddle
16 Apple Cinnamon Toast	17 Dunkin Sticks & Sausage Patty	18 Twin Sausage Biscuits	19 Mini Pancakes & Sausage	20 Breakfast Pizza
23 Maple Sausage Sandwich	24 Waffle & Sausage Links	25 Poptart	26 Blueberry Muffin & Sausage Patty	27 Pancake on A Stick
30 French Toast & Sausage Patty	31 Split Sausage Link & Biscuit			



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 **LUNCH**

AUGUST 2021

Worth County School District Grade 6-12 Menus

Available Daily:
 Choice of pizza
 Choice of fruit
 Choice of milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 Salisbury Steak & Gravy Or Meatball Sub Rice Black Eyed Peas California Blend WG Roll	5 Crispy Fried Chicken or Soft Taco Green Beans Turnip Greens Cornbread Muffin	6 Sausage Dog w/Peppers & Onions or Buffalo Chicken Bites Kidney Beans Sweet Potato Patties WG Roll
9 Mini Corndogs or Ham & Macaroni Casserole Tri-tater Wedges Peas & Carrots WG Roll	10 Beefaroni or Turkey & Cheese Sub Steamed Cabbage Steamed Carrots WG Roll	11 BBQ on Bun or Pizza Baked Beans Steamed Corn	12 Crispy Fried Chicken or Sloppy Joe w/Bun Candied Yams Collard Greens Macaroni & Cheese Cornbread Muffin	13 Cheeseburger or Firecracker Chicken Oven Fries Steamed Rice Black Beans WG Roll
16 Pepperoni Pizza or Chicken Tenders Tri-tater Wedges Italian Cut Green Beans WG Roll	17 Chicken & Dumplings or Grilled Cheese Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Steamed Baby Carrots WG Roll	18 Baked Spaghetti w/Cheese Or Cheese Quesadilla Refried Beans Steamed Corn WG Garlic Stick	19 Crispy Fried Chicken or Meatballs w/Gravy Steamed Rice Sweet Potato Patties Green Peas Cornbread Muffin	20 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Or Jalapeno Meatballs Chow Mein Noodles California Blend Green Beans Egg Roll
23 Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dog Oven Fries Baked Beans WG Roll	24 Chicken & Rice or Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Steamed Broccoli WG Roll	25 Salisbury Steak & Gravy Or Meatball Sub Rice Black Eyed Peas California Blend WG Roll	26 Crispy Fried Chicken or Soft Taco Green Beans Turnip Greens Cornbread Muffin	27 Sausage Dog w/Peppers & Onions or Buffalo Chicken Bites Kidney Beans Sweet Potato Patties WG Roll
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Southwell Has \$895M Economic Impact - Report

Southwell, which includes Tift Regional Medical Center in Tifton and Southwell Medical in Adel, has more than a \$894.9 million impact on the local economy, according to a new report. The report by the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA), the state's largest hospital trade association, noted that Southwell had direct expenditures of more than \$390.8 million in 2019. When combined with an economic multiplier developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis, the total economic impact of the expenditures was \$894.9 million. The multiplier considers the ripple effect of direct hospital expenditures on other sectors, such as medical supplies, medical equipment and pharmaceuticals. "We are dedicated to providing timely, quality care to our patients and community," said Chris Dorman, Southwell president & CEO. "Over the years, we have grown and expanded to better serve the needs of our community, and we are excited to continue that growth." Tift Regional Medical Center is Tift County's largest employer with 2,675 employees. Southwell Medical in Cook County adds another 246 employees. The GHA report noted that as a supplement to the people directly employed by Southwell, the hospital system's presence in the region creates an additional 6,824 jobs in the area. This includes physician offices, nursing homes, suppliers, home health care and more. "Every community needs a strong, vibrant healthcare system that will attract other industries and businesses to the area in addition to meeting the healthcare needs of its residents," Dorman said. "Preserving access to health care is extremely important, and we are the primary guardian of health in our community."

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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SRTC Honors 800+ Graduates At Spring - Summer Commencement



Southern Regional Technical College's (SRTC) commencement Thursday honored more than 800 graduates from the spring and summer semesters at all of SRTC's campuses, including Tifton. More than 250 of the students participated in the ceremony, held at SRTC's Bainbridge campus, during which degrees, diplomas, and certificates were conferred to students who have completed their credit programs or high school equivalency credentials. Many graduates received multiple honors as some programs have embedded certificates that are obtained when completing a program in its entirety. In total, 240 degrees, 169 diplomas, 441 technical certificates of credit, and 44 high school equivalency credentials were presented. Stephanie Butler, a certified veterinary technician and SRTC alumnus, delivered the commencement address. She is an adjunct instructor for the SRTC veterinary technology program and manages a clinic in Cairo. The technical college's fall semester begins Aug. 17.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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2021 WORTH CO. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



AUGUST 13TH
PELHAM
 WORTH CO. STADIUM

AUGUST 20TH
TURNER CO.
 WORTH CO. STADIUM

AUGUST 27TH
MITCHELL CO.
 WORTH CO. STADIUM

SEPTEMBER 3RD
AMERICUS-SUMTER
 ALTON SHELL STADIUM

SEPTEMBER 10TH
RUTLAND
 WORTH CO. STADIUM

SEPTEMBER 24TH
TIFT CO.
 BRODIE FIELD

OCTOBER 1ST
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 COOK HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 8TH
THOMASVILLE
 VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM

OCTOBER 15TH
FITZGERALD
 WORTH CO. STADIUM

OCTOBER 22ND
BERRIEN
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OCTOBER 29TH
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Annual Eye Exams is the best way to make sure your child's eyes are allowing them to do their best in school. August has arrived and that means that many parents are preparing their children for another school year. August has been declared Children's Eye Health and Safety Month by Prevent Blindness America. When 80% of learning occurs through the eyes, healthy vision is essential to a child's success in the classroom. Having a child's vision tested by an eye-care professional can lead to greater success in the classroom because much of a child's learning occurs visually. Studies have shown that some students where learning disabilities have been diagnosed actually have undiagnosed vision problems instead. Although an eye exam is the ideal way for parents to know whether their children have vision problems, there are some signs and behaviors parents can watch for that may indicate a child is struggling with his or her vision. Do you know what your child's eyes look like? Eyes don't line up, one eye may appear to cross or look inwards or outwards, Eyes are red, crusty or swollen, Eyes seem to be red or watery and Eye rubbing can be a sign that your child is having eye problems. How your child acts matter as well. Does your child rub their eyes frequently? Close or cover an eye? Thrust head forward, hold in an unusual position or tilt their head especially when reading or looking at small objects far away? Has any trouble or delays in reading, trouble doing close work, or pulls objects in very close to see? Avoids up close work? Blinks more than usual? Tends to squint or frown? Get headaches? Feel sick or nauseous? Listening to your child is very important too. Does your child ever make comments like My eyes are blurry?, My eyes feel scratchy? My eyes are burning? I can't see very well? Things look double? If you notice these symptoms, make sure you schedule an appointment with an eye care professional. Amblyopia, strabismus, color blindness and refractive errors are the most common conditions that affect children's vision. Eye safety is also another important part of your child's eye health. Each year thousands of kids sustain some form of eye injury. Taking proper precautions such as wearing protective eyewear can prevent about 90% of those injuries. From sports to toys and fireworks, eye injuries can happen any time anywhere. Of course accidents do happen, so if your child does experience an eye injury, make sure they do not rub or touch their eye and seek medical attention from a trusted eye care professional as soon as possible.

Sign Up for Fall Sports Registration August 18th

Fee To Register For All Sports is \$45.00

Cheerleading
Ages 5-12

Football
Ages 5-12

Soccer
Ages 3-12



Registration forms received after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list and will be taken off of the waiting list on a first come first serve basis.

Registration fees must be paid prior to your child being placed on a team.

Please feel free to call our office for more information. We must have a copy of your child's birth certificate.



Sylvester - Worth County
Recreation Department

203 Industrial Blvd
PO Box 541
Sylvester, GA 31791
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First Day Of School At Worth County Primary School

Happy smiles to kick off the first day of school at WCPS. Please visit their Facebook page for more pictures. We wish them all a great school year!

Source: WCSD



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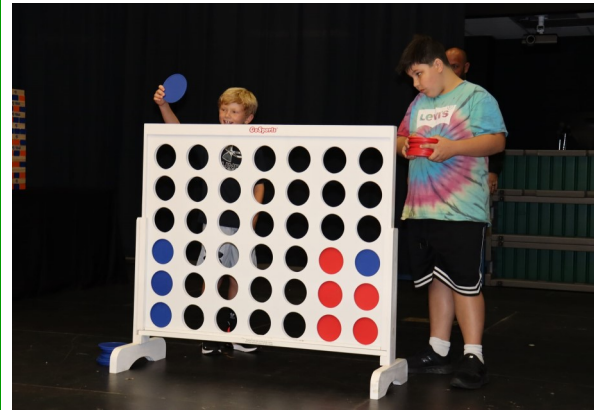
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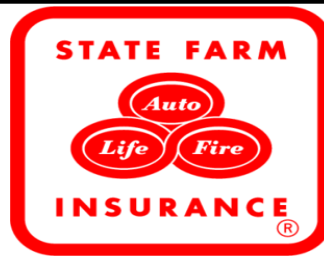
Fun At Lunch WCES Style

Fun at Lunch has returned to Worth County Elementary School! As part of their PBIS program (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports), students are rewarded with their good behavior at lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays with games of Connect Four and Jenga. WCES is looking forward to more "Fun at Lunch" with all of their students!

Source: WCSD

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School Supplies Donated To WCPS

Worth County Primary School was surprised with a large donation of school supplies recently. Jason Jones, Pastor of Isabella Baptist Church, dropped off the school supplies to WCPS to help in the classrooms this school year. WCPS stated the supplies are greatly appreciated and they feel very lucky to have the support of so many from the community! Thank you Isabella Baptist Church.

Source: WCSD



Dates to Remember

August

- 9th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 9th ~ WCMS Softball v. Lee West at Home 4pm
- 10th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 10th ~ WCMS Softball v. Cairo Away 4pm
- 11th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 11th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 12th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 13th ~ First Day of School for Tiftarea Academy
- 13th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 13th ~ Worth County Rams Football Home vs. Pelham
- 14th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 14th ~ Sylvester Farmers Market 9am-3pm
- 15th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 16th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 16th ~ WCMS Football v. Sumter Away 5pm
- 16th ~ First Day of School for Dougherty County Schools
- 16th ~ 1st Day to apply for absentee ballots - Sylvester/Worth County
- 17th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 17th ~ WCMS Softball v. Lee East 4pm
- 18th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 18th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting at Noon
- 19th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 19th ~ WCMS Softball v. Berrien at Home 4:30pm
- 19th ~ WCMS Football v Pelham at Home 5pm
- 19th ~ Worth County Board of Education Meeting 7pm
- 20th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 20th ~ Sylvester Swine Festival
- 20th ~ Worth County Rams Football Home vs. Turner County
- 21st ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 21st ~ WCMS Softball at Lee County Away Tournament
- 21st ~ Sylvester Farmers Market 9am-3pm
- 21st ~ Sylvester Swine Festival
- 22nd ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 23rd ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 24th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 24th ~ WCMS Softball v Cook Away 4:30pm
- 25th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 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
- 27th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 27th ~ Worth County Rams Football Home vs. Mitchell County
- 28th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 28th ~ Georgia Peanut Festival Pageant
- 28th ~ Sylvester Farmers Market 9am-3pm
- 29th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 30th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 30th ~ WCMS Softball v Baconton Home 4pm
- 31st ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale
- 31st ~ WCMS Softball v Fitzgerald Home 4:30pm



Presents:

KIDS DAY IN THE PARK!

Saturday, September 4, 2021

TC JEFFORDS PARK Sylvester, GA

11am-4pm



Presented by: Men United Club, Inc.
Worth County Family Connection

BARK IN THE PARK

2nd Annual VETS & PETS

SEPT 18

Check in: 7:15-7:45 am



**Location: Jefford's Park
(Corner of Ga Hwy 112 & Willingham St.)**

Run

Please make payment payable to BFHS / BIP 5K and mail to BFHS, PO Box 5894, Sylvester, GA 31791

	5k Run for the Dogs	1M Walk/Stroller Roller	10K
Time:	8:00 am	8:10 am	8:00 am
Pre-Registration:	\$20	\$15	\$20
Race Day Registration:	\$25	\$20	\$25

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone : _____ Email: _____

T-Shirt Size: XS S M L XL

*Pre-registration must be completed by 9/15/21 to guarantee a complimentary t-shirt.
To register online, or for more information, go to www.RunSignup.com*

In consideration of acceptance of the entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against the sponsors, organizers, officials and volunteers of the above for injury that may result directly or indirectly from my participation in this event. I further state that I am in proper condition to participate.

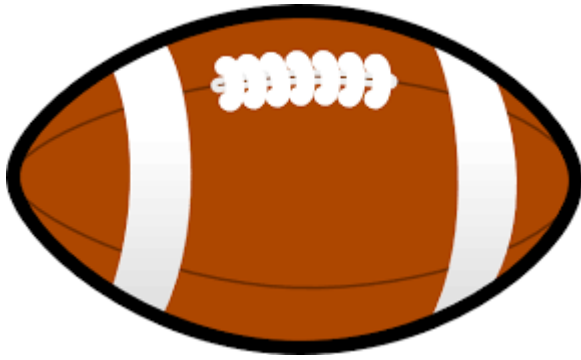
Signature (over 18): _____ Date: _____

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



Football Season Is Back.... All Is Good In The World



Have you ever had something going on that completely took your attention off of the rest of the world? It took your mind off of all the bad happening. You could actually enjoy life and forget about viruses and masks for a little while. That happened to me this past Thursday evening. I turned on the TV and found football was back! I was completely ecstatic! Kickoff to NFL Preseason started on Thursday, August 5th. It was the Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio; Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Dallas Cowboys. Pittsburgh took the win!

Week One of NFL Preseason will start Thursday, August 12th. My son and I have been discussing the teams and who we think will win. Below is the lineup for this week and our picks. Who are you going with?

Thursday, August 12

Washington Football Team at New England Patriots

My pick: Patriots My son's pick: Patriots

Pittsburgh Steelers at Philadelphia Eagles

My pick: Eagles My son's pick: Steelers

Friday, August 13

Tennessee Titans at Atlanta Falcons

My pick: Falcons My son's pick: Falcons

Buffalo Bills at Detroit Lions

My pick: Lions My son's pick: Bills

Dallas Cowboys at Arizona Cardinals

My pick: Cowboys My son's pick: Cowboys

Saturday, August 14

Miami Dolphins at Chicago Bears

My pick: Dolphins My son's pick: Bears

Denver Broncos at Minnesota Vikings

My pick: Broncos My son's pick: Vikings

New Orleans Saints at Baltimore Ravens

My pick: Saints My son's pick: Saints

Cleveland Browns at Jacksonville Jaguars

My pick: Jaguars My son's pick: Jaguars

New York Jets at New York Giants

My pick: Giants My son's pick: Jets

Cincinnati Bengals at Tampa Bay Buccaneers

My pick: Buccaneers My son's pick: Bengals

Houston Texans at Green Bay Packers

My pick: Texans My son's pick: Packers

Kansas City Chiefs at San Francisco 49ers

My pick: Chiefs My son's pick: 49ers

Seattle Seahawks at Las Vegas Raiders

My pick: Seahawks My son's pick: Seahawks

Los Angeles Chargers at Los Angeles Rams

My pick: Rams My son's pick: Rams

Sunday, August 15

Carolina Panthers at Indianapolis Colts

My pick: Colts My son's pick: Colts

During the first year of life, babies learn to focus their vision, reach out, explore, and learn about the things that are around them. Cognitive development means the learning process of memory, language, thinking, and reasoning. Learning language is more than just making sounds or saying "ma-ma" and "da-da". Listening, understanding, and knowing the names of people and things are all a part of language development. During this stage, babies also are developing bonds of love and trust with their parents and others as part of social and emotional development. The way you cuddle, hold, and play with your baby will set the stage for how he will interact with you and others. Following are some things you, as a parent, can do to help your baby during this time: Talk to your baby. She will find your voice calming. Answer when your baby makes sounds by repeating the sounds and adding words. This will help him learn to use language. Read to your baby. This will help her develop and understand language and sounds. Sing to your baby and play music. This will help your baby develop a love for music and will help his brain development. Praise your baby and give her lots of loving attention. Spend time cuddling and holding your baby. This will help him feel cared for and secure. Play with your baby when she's alert and relaxed. Watch your baby closely for signs of being tired or fussy so that she can take a break from playing. Distract your baby with toys and move him to safe areas when he starts moving and touching things that he shouldn't touch. Take care of yourself physically, mentally, and emotionally. It is easier to enjoy your new baby and be a positive, loving parent when you are feeling good yourself. Parenting can be hard but rewarding work! For more information on child development, visit www.cdc.gov.



Student Boxes Donated To WCPS

Worth County Primary School sends a big thank you to Mr. Robert Edwards, - General Manager, at Staples in Albany for the 100 student boxes and 30 notebooks that he recently donated. They appreciate your support!

Source: WCSD

Sip & Stroll and Downtown Concert Was A Success Friday

Friday Night was a great time in Downtown Sylvester and was enjoyed by all. The Sip & Stroll was held from 5pm-7pm and then the Swingin' Medallions performed for several hours and had the crowd on their feet. If you missed it, you can catch a few videos on the Sylvester Main Street Facebook page. "My Girl" was a hit and had couples dancing and enjoying the evening. Mrs. Karen Singletary, Main Street Manager, works diligently to plan events for Downtown Sylvester. She appreciates everyone for attending the events and for everyone that helps to get the events together. The next concert is planned for September 17th. The band performing is "We Got The Beat". Please make plans now with your friends and family to come out and enjoy the evening. Watch the Sylvester Main Street Facebook for updates on this events and other events as well.

An advertisement for Campbell Construction & Roofing. On the left, the company name "Campbell" is written in large blue letters, with "Construction & Roofing" below it. The address "705 South Ridge Ave., Tifton, GA" and phone number "229-456-0478" are also listed. In the center is a cartoon illustration of the Pink Panther. On the right, a dark blue box contains the text "Commercial & Residential Don't Gamble Call Campbell" in white, followed by "FREE ROOF INSPECTION" and "LICENSED & INSURED". There are also small logos for "ACCREDITED BUSINESS" and "A+ RATED" at the bottom.

Public Media Release School Year 2021-2022
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH/SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

The Georgia Department of Education School Nutrition Program announces that Georgia schools may participate in the Seamless Summer Option for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs in school year 2022. A school district or a single school may offer meals at no charge to all students. Households are not required to complete meal applications to qualify for meals at no cost.

Worth County School District will participate in Seamless Summer Option SY 21-22.

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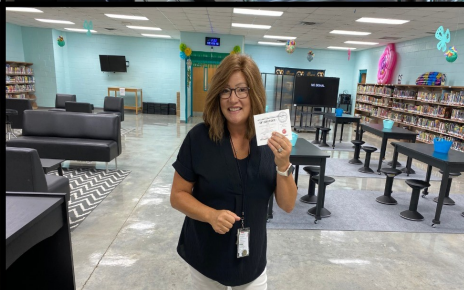
In order to fill requests that they receive as quickly as possible, it is essential that Called to Care keep their resource room fully stocked with all of the items they pack into Journey and Clothing Bags. The resource room is currently running low or completely out of several items due to a number of Journey Bags going out the past few weeks. Next time you're out shopping, would you consider grabbing some of these items for the resource room? You can even donate funds via <https://connect.clickandpledge.com/.../camp.../Worth2020EOYC>.

Most needed items:

- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Tooth paste
- Deodorant, girl and guy
- Boys underwear - All sizes
- Girls underwear - All sizes
- Boys socks - All sizes
- Girls socks - All sizes

Message the page for pickup/delivery options or send an email to worth@iamcalledtocare.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact them at (229) 206-0880 or (229) 776-7201.

Source: Called to Care of Worth



Back To School Breakfast

Worth County Middle School wants to thank Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee for organizing their Back to School Breakfast! The breakfast was sponsored by Sunbelt Ford, Coca-Cola provided drinks and Jackson Soul Food prepared the meal. WCMS teachers and staff appreciate you!

Source: WCSD

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State Contest: August 28th



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Margaret Jones Public Library
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Sylvester, Georgia 31763

GDOL Processes More Than 5 Million Regular UI Claims

AUGUST 05, 2021 Atlanta, GA – Please see below weekly UI claims information for week ending date 7/31/2021. Since week ending March 21, 2020, 5,011,446 regular UI initial claims have been processed, breaking the 5 million plateau, and totaling more than the ten years prior to the pandemic combined (4.8 million). Last week, regular UI initial claims totaled 13,406, up 1,421 over the week. Initial claims are defined as any notice of unemployment filed to request a determination of entitlement to or eligibility of unemployment insurance compensation OR to begin a second or subsequent period of eligibility within a benefit year. Initial claims numbers are not a direct correlation to layoffs. The GDOL has paid almost \$23 billion in state and federal benefits in the past seventy-two weeks. Last week, the GDOL issued almost \$24 million in benefits, which included regular unemployment and federally funded Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) supplements, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), and State Extended Benefits. Resources for reemployment assistance along with information on filing an unemployment claim and details on how employers can file partial claims can be found on the agency's webpage at dol.georgia.gov. Job listings and job search assistance can be found on employgeorgia.com.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor



Annual Georgia Peanut Festival Pageant Scheduled for August 28th

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

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

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

Source: Sylvester - Worth County Chamber of Commerce

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