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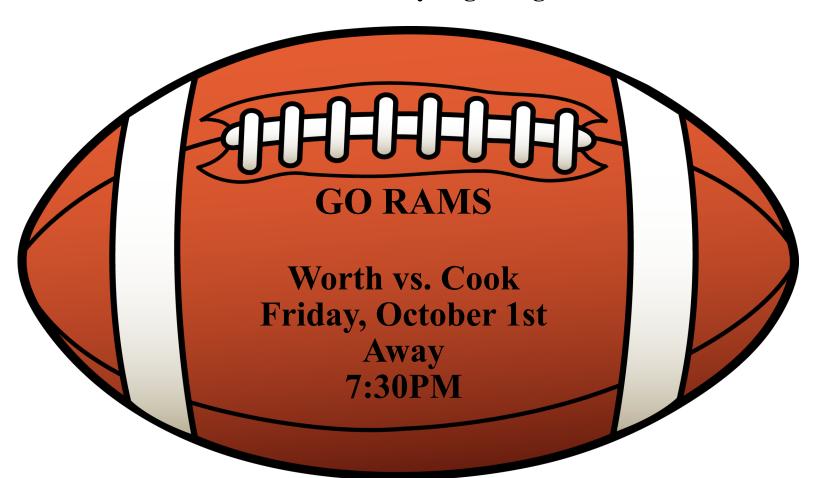
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- 2) No towing of any type of vehicle.
- 3) Each float should have at least two (2) walkers.
- 4) Each parade entry should keep the flow of the parade continuous and should not stop or slow the parade down.
- 5) No special placements in the parade route will be granted. The Georgia Peanut Festival reserves the right to decide upon placement of all parade entries. Placement will be determined for the most pleasant, smooth running parade possible.
- 6) Due to time constraints we will not be able to allow any stops for performances during the parade.
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Remember Me

September is World Alzheimer's Month. This month marks the tenth global World Alzheimer's MonthTM, an international campaign to raise awareness and challenge stigma. Having had a grandmother who was taken hostage by this disease, I know all too well the utter heartbreak that comes from having someone that has been a loving part of your life for so many years, no longer know you. Dementia is a term used to describe different brain disorders that affect memory, thinking, behavior and emotion. Early symptoms of dementia can include memory loss, difficultly performing familiar tasks, problems with language and changes in personality. While there is currently no cure for dementia, there are support options offered for people with dementia and their care givers. Dementia knows no social, economic, or ethnic boundaries and affects both men and women. Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia. There are currently estimated to be over 46 million people worldwide living with dementia. The number of people affected is set to rise to over 131 million by 2050. There is one new case of dementia worldwide every three seconds. The worldwide costs of dementia are estimated at US\$818 billion. As a result, if dementia care were a country, it would be the world's 18th largest economy. If it were a company, it would be the world's largest by annual revenue exceeding Apple (US \$742 billion) and Google (US \$368 billion). Dementia is often hidden or ignored at a time when the person living with dementia and their family care givers are most in need of support within their families, friendship groups and communities. The social stigma is the consequence of a lack of knowledge about dementia and it can have numerous long- and short-term effects, including dehumanization of the person with dementia, strain within families and friendships, a lack of sufficient care for people with dementia and their care givers, a lower rate of diagnosis of dementia, and delayed diagnosis and support. To find out more and play your part in reducing the stigma and improving the lives of people with dementia and their care givers in your community, visit www.worldalzmonth.org.

ABAC Graduates 105 In Summer Term

A total of 105 students completed the requirements for graduation from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College at the end of the 2021 summer term. ABAC President David Bridges said 72 of the graduates received bachelor's degrees. Among the graduates are:

ADEL – Hunter Folsom, Regina Lynn Major; ALAPAHA – Janna Lorraine Jernigan; CHULA – Sarah Isabel Lott; ENIGMA – Chandra Wells; FITZGERALD – Cherita Lavonne Manley, Irene Guadalupe Martinez; LENOX – Brendon Brouillette, Nicole Frances Sirmans; NORMAN PARK – Maria Magdalena Hernandez; OCILLA – Madison Elizabeth Dill, Jacob Henry Fletcher; OMEGA – Savannah Lavender, Diana Renteria; REBECCA – Matthew Robert Clements; SPARKS –Justin Howard Beach; SYCAMORE – Keegan Lang NeSmith; SYLVESTER – Erica Rochell Douglas, Isabelle Jager; TIFTON – Rachael Boney – King, Austin David Davis, Francisco Garcia Jr., Kaycee Jordan Goodman, William Ray Malone, Timmie David Paulhill Jr., Abraham Marcos Jaur Talavera.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



Worth County Middle School is proud of their Lady Rams Softball team. They fought hard, losing by just one run. WCMS loves these student-athletes! Thank you Coach Hamilton & Coach Juster for your time with our girls. Thank you parents for sharing your many photos throughout the season.

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SRTC Has GA's Best Job - Placement Rate Among State Technical Colleges



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During the past academic year, tracked through Sept. 15, Southern Regional Technical College (SRTC), which has a Tifton campus, reported the highest in-field job placement rate of the 22 technical colleges in Georgia. SRTC's graduates achieved a 99.1% in-field job placement rate, 12.3% higher than the Technical College System of Georgia's average of 86.8%. In-field job placement indicates that graduates are able to use the knowledge and skills they acquired in their college classes in their current role.

The SRTC Office of Career Services plays a major role in helping students and graduates transition to meaningful careers. As students prepare for the workplace, Career Services provides support by offering resume preparation and review, conducting mock interviews, assisting with career and job-market research, and helping to connect students to employers. SRTC also gives students access to the career planning and placement resources Virtual Job Shadow and Focus 2 TECHNICAL COLLEGE ning and placement resources virtual 300 Shadow and 1 0000 Explore. Virtual Job Shadow is a one-stop, multimedia career

planning resource that helps at every stage, from career exploration to landing a job; Focus 2 Explore guides individuals through career planning and college selection. Users discover majors, explore career paths, and find colleges matching their preferences. "In light of the pandemic, we are delighted. This is just reinforcement to the fact that Southern Regional Technical College prepares students and graduates to work in the areas of greatest need and opportunity in our 11-county region," said Dr. Jeanine Long, SRTC's career services director. SRTC has instructional sites in Colquitt, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Thomas, Tift, Turner, and Worth counties.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

City of Tifton Observes Literacy Day, Week



During Monday's Tifton City Council meeting, Mayor Julie B. Smith declared Sept. 20 Literacy Day and Sept. 19-25 Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in Tifton. In attendance were Charles "Andy" Semones, the adult education director at Southern Regional Technical College, and Bonnie Sayles, president of the board of Literacy Volunteers of Tifton-Tift County and an SRTC English language learners instructor. Also attending the proclamation signing were eight students from Sayles' SRTC class, representing Chile, Guatemala, India, and Mexico. The Coalition for Adult Basic Education's (COABE) goal during National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is to raise adult education's visibility and celebrate the success of adult learners and programs nationwide. COABE also hopes to increase local, state, and federal funding needed to offset COVID-19's impact. English Language Learners (ELL) students standing on the stairs at Tifton City Hall in the photo are, front row from left: Giovanni Angeles, Brenda Perez, Ana Karen Mondragon, Beatriz Galindo, Stephanie Gayosso, Meenu Singh. Back row from left: Literacy Board President Bonnie Sayles, Geylin Pena, Alexis Angeles, and Adult Education Director Andy Semones. Bonnie Sayles, Literacy Volunteers president, holds the city proclamation during the City Council meeting Monday night. At left is Mayor Julie B. Smith, and Andy Semones, SRTC's adult education director, along with students in Sayles' SRTC English language class.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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There's A New Dawg In Town!



"Bunson," the newest University of Georgia Dawg statue in Tifton, was unleashed Friday at the UGA Veterinary Diagnostic and Investigational Laboratory on Brighton Road in honor of the lab's 75th anniversary. This makes 16 Dawg statues in the Tifton area. Each Dawg is named and sponsored by a local business or organization. The "Call the Dawgs to Tifton" project is an ongoing initiative of the UGA Tifton Agribusiness Club and Collegiate FFA.

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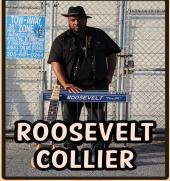


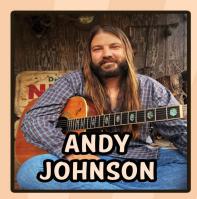
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Got Mold?

September is Mold Awareness Month. Ever wonder exactly what molds are and what causes them? Molds are fungi that can be found both indoors and outdoors. No one knows how many species of fungi exist but estimates range from tens of thousands to three hundred thousand or more. Molds grow best in warm, damp, and humid conditions. They spread and reproduce by making spores. Mold spores can survive harsh environmental conditions, such as dry conditions, that do not support normal mold growth. Some common types of indoor molds include Cladosporium, Penicillium, Alternaria, and Aspergillus. Some people are sensitive to molds. For these people, exposure to molds can cause symptoms such as nasal stuffiness, eye irritation, wheezing, or skin irritation. Some people may even have more severe reactions. Severe reactions may occur among workers exposed to large amounts of molds in occupational settings, such as farmers working around moldy hay. Severe reactions may include fever and shortness of breath. Some people with chronic lung illnesses, such as obstructive lung disease, may develop mold infections in their lungs. In 2004 the Institute of Medicine (IOM) found there was sufficient evidence to link indoor exposure to mold with upper respiratory tract symptoms, cough, and wheeze in otherwise healthy people; with asthma symptoms in people with asthma; and with hypersensitivity pneumonitis in individuals susceptible to that immune-mediated condition. The IOM also found limited or suggestive evidence linking indoor mold exposure and respiratory illness in otherwise healthy children. Other recent studies have suggested a potential link of early mold exposure to development of asthma in some children, particularly among children who may be genetically susceptible to asthma development, and that selected interventions that improve housing conditions can reduce morbidity from asthma and respiratory allergies, but more research is needed in this regard. Molds are found in virtually every environment and can be detected, indoors and outdoors, year round. Mold growth is encouraged by warm and humid conditions. Outdoors they can be found in shady, damp areas or places where leaves or other vegetation is decomposing. Indoors they can be found where humidity levels are high, such as basements or showers. Areas with high mold exposures include antique shops, greenhouses, saunas, farms, mills, construction areas, flower shops, and summer cottages. Sensitive individuals should avoid areas that are likely to have mold, such as compost piles, cut grass, and wooded areas. Inside homes, mold growth can be slowed by controlling humidity levels and ventilating showers and cooking areas. If there is mold growth in your home, you should clean up the mold and fix the water problem. Mold growth can be removed from hard surfaces with commercial products, soap and water, or a bleach solution of no more than 1 cup of bleach in 1 gallon of water. If you choose to use bleach to clean up mold: Never mix bleach with ammonia or other household cleaners. Mixing bleach with ammonia or other cleaning products will produce dangerous, toxic fumes. Open windows and doors to provide fresh air. Wear non-porous gloves and protective eye wear. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using bleach or any other cleaning product. Be sure the home has adequate ventilation, including exhaust fans. Clean bathrooms with mold killing products. Do not carpet bathrooms and basements. Remove or replace previously soaked carpets and upholstery. For more information on mold, visit www.cdc.gov.



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Mr. Frazier, Principal at Worth County Middle School, grilled hamburgers after school recently for their WCMS Softball and Competition Cheer teams to celebrate their dedication to their sport and accomplishments this season.

Source: WCSD

Mrs. Burrell leads the Early Childhood Care and Education pathway at RamTech College and Career Academy at Worth County High School. Her Early Childhood Education I classes have just completed a unit studying Prenatal and Preparing for a Newborn. As a culminating activity, they hosted a baby shower. Students brought in baby shower gifts to donate to Alpha Pregnancy Center here in Sylvester.

Source: WCSD





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Worth County Primary School would like to say thank you to Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. from the Tifton district for donating 20 gift bags full of school supplies.

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Keeping Cholesterol Under Control

Children, young adults and older Americans can have high cholesterol. Learn how to prevent high cholesterol and know what your cholesterol levels mean. September is National Cholesterol Education Month, a good time to get your blood cholesterol checked and take steps to lower it if it is high. National Cholesterol Education Month is also a good time to learn about lipid profiles and about food and lifestyle choices that help you reach personal cholesterol goals. Below you will find some information about cholesterol and a summary of CDC programs that address cholesterol across the country. You will also find a few fact sheets and publications about cholesterol, as well as links to useful consumer and health care provider information on our partner Web sites. More than 102 million American Adults (20 years or older) have total cholesterol levels at or above 200 mg/dL, which is above healthy levels. More than 35 million of these people have levels of 240 mg/dL or higher, which puts them at high risk for heart disease. Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance found in your body and many foods. Your body needs cholesterol to function normally and makes all that you need. Too much cholesterol can build up in your arteries. After a while, these deposits narrow your arteries, putting you at risk for heart disease and stroke. High cholesterol usually doesn't have any symptoms. As a result, many people do not know that their cholesterol levels are too high. However, doctors can do a simple blood test to check your cholesterol. High cholesterol can be controlled through lifestyle changes or if it is not enough, through medications. It's important to check your cholesterol levels. High cholesterol is a major risk factor for heart disease which is the leading cause of death in the United States. Preventive guidelines for cholesterol screening among young adults differ, but experts agree on the need to screen young adults who have other risk factors for coronary heart disease: obesity, smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, and family history. Less than half of young adults who have these risk factors don't get cholesterol screening even though up to a quarter of them have elevated cholesterol. A simple blood test called a lipoprotein profile can measure your total cholesterol levels, including LDL (low-density lipoprotein, or "bad" cholesterol), HDL (high-density lipoprotein, or "good" cholesterol), and triglycerides. High cholesterol can develop in early childhood and adolescence, and your risk increases as your weight increases. In the United States, more than one-fifth (20%) of youth aged 12–19 years have at least one abnormal lipid level. It is important for children over 2 years of age to have their cholesterol checked, if they are overweight/obese, have a family history of high cholesterol, a family history of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, or certain chronic condition (chronic kidney disease, chronic inflammatory diseases, congenital heart disease, and childhood cancer survivorship. Your doctor may prescribe medications to treat your high cholesterol. In addition, you can lower your cholesterol levels through lifestyle changes: Low-fat and high-fiber food (Eat more fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and whole grains). For adults, getting at least 2 hours and 30 minutes of moderate or 1 hour and 15 minutes of vigorous physical activity a week. For those aged 6-17, getting 1 hour or more of physical activity each day. Maintain a healthy weight always needs to be on the top of our list and don't smoke or quit if you do. A few simple things will keep us all healthy!

Source: Centers for Disease Control

Dates to Remember

September

27th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

27th ~ WCHS Softball vs Colquitt County Home at 5:30pm

28th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

28th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Albany State University West Campus Bookstore 10am-3pm

28th ~ Books & Bubbles at the Margaret Jones Public Library 10:30am

28th ~ Sylvester - Worth County Family Connections Meeting at Noon

28th ~ WCHS Softball vs Fitzgerald Away at 4:30pm

29th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

29th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive at Albany State University East Campus Orene Hall 10am - 3pm

29th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon

30th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

30th ~ WCHS Softball vs Early County Home at 4:30pm

30th ~ WCMS Football vs Cook County Away at 5:30pm

30th ~ WCHS JV Varsity Football vs Westover Home at 5:30pm

October

1st ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

1st ~ Worth County Rams vs Cook Away at 7:30pm

2nd ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

2nd ~ Sylvester Farmer's Market

2nd ~ WCMS Competition Cheer All Day

2nd ~ WCHS Competition Cheer All Day

2nd ~ WCMS/WCHS Cross Country Meet

3rd ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

4th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

4th ~ Voter Registration Deadline for November Election

4th ~ Georgia Cities Week - Shred Day

4th ~ Georgia Cities Week - Council Meeting 10am

4th ~ Georgia Cities Week - Food Truck Monday 11am - 3pm

5th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

5th ~ Georgia Cities Week - Tree planting and women's sell defense workshop at 6pm at police station

5th ~ WCHS Softball Away at 4:30pm

6th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

6th ~ 29th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon

7th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

7th ~ WCMS Football playoff's

7th ~ Georgia Cities Week - Customer Appreciation Day all day at the Depot; Equipment Show 8-5 at Depot 7th ~ WCHS Softball Home 5:30pm

7th ~ WCHS JV Varsity Football 5:30pm

8th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

8th ~ Worth County Schools Fall Break

8th ~ 2nd Annual Faith and Blue Meet & Greet

8th ~ Worth County Rams vs Thomasville Away at 7:30pm

9th ~ Chamber 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sale

9th ~ WCMS Competition Cheer All Day

9th ~ WCHS Competition Cheer All Day

9th ~ 100 Mile Peanut Pickin' Yard Sale

"Good Fires" Take Center Stage at Upcoming Virtual Meeting

September 15, 2021

The role of fire in Georgia forests as it impacts air quality, climate change and wildlife and natural resource sustainability will be among the topics explored at the 2021 meeting of the Georgia Prescribed Fire Council. The annual gathering brings together partner organizations that advocate the use of prescribed fire, or "good fire," as a forest management tool to support a myriad of environmental benefits. "The Georgia Forestry Commission has a clear, strategic vision for fire in our state," said Georgia Forestry Commission Director Tim Lowrimore. "I look forward to kicking off this meeting by sharing that strategy during this free, virtual event on September 30." Key members of the planning team are the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Georgia Wildlife Federation, the U.S. Forest Service, Tall Timbers and the Jones Center at Ichauway. "Georgia DNR strongly supports prescribed fire and is proud of practitioners' careful use of it this year to restore and manage habitats for native wildlife," said Dr. Jon Ambrose, chief of DNR's Wildlife Conservation Section. "Prescribed burning improves habitat for wildlife, reduces fuel loads and lowers the risk of wildfire smoke impacts on our communities." Wildlife Resources Division Fire Safety Officer Shan Cammack, a long-time steering committee member of the council, is expecting a strong turnout. "We've got a lot of great speakers lined up on a variety of hot topics," Cammack said. "For example, participants can learn about the new online permitting system for certified burners as well as an excellent smoke management tool. There's also an opportunity to join one of our colleagues on a field trip around the state, which is a new feature this year!" Registration is open and the agenda can be found at the Georgia Prescribed Fire Council's newly designed website, which includes a wealth of helpful resources: http://www.garxfire.com/ index.php/events. The online event takes place from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Conference-related field trips are planned for September 27 – October 1.



Yummy Fall Snack



I love all the snack ideas they have out this time of year. It's great to have new ideas of things to make in the kitchen especially the fall

time of the year. I love to fix snacks and treats but mine do not look as good when I make them as they do in the picture but they are just as yummy. This is a great family time idea. Both the parents and children can have fun making these and then top it off by eating them all up. What is a great fall snack that you fix? If you have any snack ideas for the fall, please send them to us at lmanley1210@gmail.com and we will publish them. Happy Fall Y'all!

DRC BEACON Assessments Begin on September 28th

Worth County Middle School students will begin taking the DRC BEACON assessment for ELA on 9-28-2021 and Math on 9-29-2021. DRC BEACON is a computer-adaptive assessment for grades 3–8 that illuminates student learning needs and measures growth throughout the year, allowing educators to target instruction and make informed decisions. If you have questions, please call 229-776-8620 or email Kira Outlaw at koutlaw@worthschools.net. Visit

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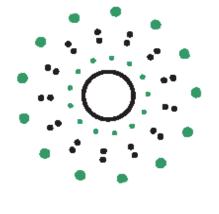


Holiday Card Contest

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.

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City of Sylvester Celebrates Public Power Week, OCT. 3-9



Sylvester, Georgia, September 24,2021 – City of Sylvester is celebrating Public Power Week, Oct. 3-9, along with more than 2,000 other community-powered, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 49 million Americans. "This year, we especially celebrate the employees of Sylvester Light & Gas—the people behind public power," said Sylvester City Manager Autron Hayes. "These folks work tirelessly to keep our community up and running 24 hours a day seven days a week," said Hayes. "Our dedicated staff members work in many departments including human resources, administration, accounting and finance, public relations, field supervision, and engineering and operations; and pull together with a common goal: keeping Sylvester powered." "The people behind public power take pride in serving our friends and neighbors with some of our most essential needs," said Hayes. "Sylvester Light & Gas is proud to have served Sylvester since 1909." Sylvester Light & Gas invites community members to partici-

pate in a variety of Public Power Week events. Today Sylvester Light & Gas has 10 employees and that serves over 3300 residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Gov. Kemp Swears In Leda Chong to Georgia Ports Authority Board

September 23, 2021 - Atlanta, GA

Yesterday, Governor Brian P. Kemp swore in Leda Chong and reappointed two officials to the Georgia Ports Authority Board of Directors. Leda Chong is Senior Vice President, Government Programs & Sales at Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. where she is responsible for worldwide government and special mission sales and marketing, international relations and business development, government contracts and trade and regulatory compliance. She previously served as Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning and Senior Vice President, Asia Pacific at Gulfstream. Chong joined General Dynamics in 2007 as a Director of Government Relations and was appointed Staff Vice President of Government Relations in 2009 and later served as head of the Asia-Pacific region for the General Dynamics Aviation business group, which includes Gulfstream and Jet Aviation. Prior to joining General Dynamics, Chong was a career military officer serving in various leadership roles in the U.S. Navy. She is a native of Hong Kong and is also fluent in Chinese. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, San Diego, with degrees in applied mathematics and French literature. James Allgood and Douglas Hertz were reappointed to the Georgia Ports Authority Board of Directors. Georgia's deepwater ports are Georgia's gateways to the world. They are the critical conduits through which raw materials and finished products flow to and from destinations around the globe. As a state authority, a 13-member Board of Directors governs the activities of the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA). The Board is appointed by the Governor, from the state at large, to serve four-year, staggered terms. An executive director, an experienced international transportation professional, implements policy directives, administrative duties, and managerial controls. As one of the state's largest public employers, the GPA directly employs more than 1,500 trained logistics professionals. The GPA, however, is responsible for generating far more employment throughout the state. GPA operations, together with private sector, port-related operations, account for more than 496,700 jobs throughout the state annually and contribute \$29 billion in income, \$122 billion in revenue and \$3.4 billion in state and local taxes to Georgia's economy.



