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## TIFTON TOURISM NEWS – July 1, 2017 – (07)

**CONCERT NEWS** – McAlpin Entertainment and Six String Southern Productions presents country music star Dwight Yoakam, live in concert on Thursday, November 2. Dwight Yoakam is a singer-songwriter and actor, most famous for his pioneering country music. Songs include hits like “Guitars, Cadillac’s,” “A Thousand Miles from Nowhere” and “Suspicious Minds.” The concert will be at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center, with music starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets, ranging from \$35-\$65, can be found at [www.ticketalternative.com](http://www.ticketalternative.com). And just announced, Shenandoah will be back on August 12 at the Grand Theatre in Fitzgerald. Tickets can be found at [www.freshtix.com](http://www.freshtix.com).

**GEORGIA MUSEUM OF AGRICULTURE NEWS** – Check out what’s happening at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture:

- **July 3: Picnic & Fireworks** – A picnic and spectacular fireworks display will be held on Monday, July 3 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture. Gates will open at 7 pm and guests are encouraged to bring their chairs and blankets out to the Opry Shelter Lawn. Food vendors will be on hand, but you can also bring your own picnic (no alcohol allowed). Admission is \$10 per car (up to 8 people) and \$20 for larger vehicles.
- **Museum Summer Hours** – the annual summer operating schedule for the Georgia Museum of Agriculture will begin on July 1. The Historic Village, Art Gallery and Museum will be open Tuesday – Friday from 10 am until 3 pm. On Saturdays, the Museum, Art Gallery, Historic Village and Steam Train will be open from 10 am until 3 pm. Administrative offices will remain open Monday to Friday, from 8 am until 5 pm. The Country Store will be open Monday to Saturday, 9 am until 5 pm.
- **Woodturning Exhibit Now Open** – A completely refurbished, permanent installation of a local woodturning exhibit is now open at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture. The exhibit showcases the works of over a dozen local artisans who are actively engaged in the woodturning tradition. The exhibit includes a vintage woodworking tools display with several restored pieces from the mid and late 1800s, a display of bowls made from the most popular “turning trees” in Georgia, a display on stains and finishes and a collection of lathe-made items by local artisans that are available for purchase.

**MUSEUM OF ARTS & HERITAGE NEWS** – Check out these things happening at the Tifton Museum of Arts & Heritage.

- **Call for Artists:** Calling all fine artists and fine crafters! You are invited to submit an application to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Artists’ Market on Love. This popular boutique-style market is held at the Tifton Museum of Arts & Heritage. This year’s event is scheduled for Saturday, November 4. Space is limited and jurying will aim to select the highest quality work possible. Artists who have not participated in the past are strongly encouraged to apply. No commissions on sales. The deadline for application submission is August 15. You can apply online at [www.tiftonmuseum.org](http://www.tiftonmuseum.org) or email [admin@tiftonmuseum.org](mailto:admin@tiftonmuseum.org) for more information.
- **New Exhibit Opening:** The Tifton Museum of Arts & Heritage presents “Creations by The Little River Woodturners.” The opening reception for the new exhibit will be Saturday, July 15, from 6 until 8:30 pm. Refreshments will be served and there will be woodturning demonstrations. The exhibit continues through July 30. You can check it out Tuesdays through Fridays from 1 to 5 pm, Thursdays from 1 to 7 pm, and Sundays from 1 to 3 pm. Demonstrations will be held on Thursdays from 5 until 7 pm. Admission is free.

**WATERMELON CRAWL IS BACK** – The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Watermelon Crawl 5K and Fun Run is set for Saturday, July 8 on the campus of ABAC. The event is a fundraiser to establish the Jerry Moore Memorial Scholarship at ABAC. Once funds are in place, the scholarship will be awarded each year to a student majoring in agriculture. Open to anyone, registration ranges from \$20-75, for individuals up to families. Registration can be found at [www.thewatermeloncrawl.com](http://www.thewatermeloncrawl.com). The 5K will begin at 8 am and the Fun Run will begin at 8:30 am.

**BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT PLANNED** – Get ready for the 2017-2018 school year at the Back to School Community Resource Fair and School Supply Giveaway, set for Friday, July 21. At this event, you can learn about community resources and services that are available for families. School supplies, including bookbags and uniforms, will be available for kids K-12 (while supplies last). Students must be present to receive supplies and uniforms. Door prizes will also be given. The fair will be held from 4 until 6:30 pm at the Tift County Recreation Department.