

Spalding County News & Views

Summer 2016 Edition



Spalding County Wins Georgia County Excellence Award

ATLANTA (May 5, 2016) – Spalding County is a recipient of the 2016-2016 Georgia County Excellence Award for its Senior Citizen Nutrition Program. Spalding County was one of five winners of the Georgia County Excellence Awards. All recipients were honored at ACCG's 2016 Annual Conference in Savannah (Chatham County), Georgia April 29 through May 2.

The County Excellence Awards are hosted jointly by ACCG and Georgia Trend Magazine. This year, the theme for the program was community health, and counties submitted applications for a variety of projects. These included employee wellness programs, accountability courts to address mental illness, programs to support the senior community, and other collaborative efforts to improve the health of the county as a whole.

“We are very proud of all five recipients of the County Excellence Awards,” said ACCG Executive Director Ross King. “They have taken the initiative to improve the health of their communities, and we commend them for their efforts.”

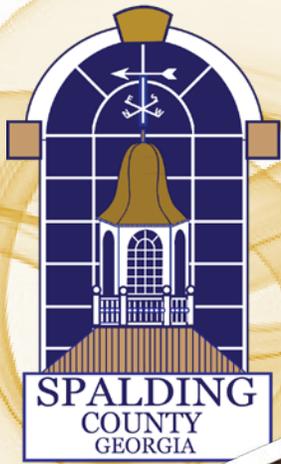
Spalding County was recognized for its transformation of the Senior Nutrition Program after the planning commission asked the Board of Commissioners to accept the program as their own.

“The Spalding County Board of Commissioners and the Citizens of our County are all very proud of the staff members who willingly pitched in to do whatever was needed to create this award winning program”, said Rita Johnson, Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners.

The county's Senior Nutrition Program houses two main services: a sit-down Congregate Meal Service and its own Meals on Wheels program. All of the meals provided are focused on low-sugar, low-sodium diets, and they are coordinated with the help of a certified nutritionist from Three Rivers Regional Commission.

The success of the county's takeover of the program was immediately evident. After the Senior Center re-launched in August, average monthly participation in activities and classes increased by about 21 percent. New memberships – both regular and 'silver sneaker' memberships – doubled in August, compared to the monthly rate for the rest of the 2015. The Senior Nutrition Program overall served 2,947 members in 2015 and 967 people in the month of January alone.



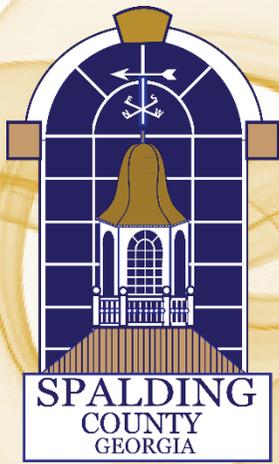


Spalding County Blood Drive

March 2016

Spalding County continued in its proud history of giving back to the community there were 65 employees who participated in the semi-annual Spalding County Blood Drive





Spalding County Senior Nutrition News

Summer 2016 Edition



Senior Nutrition Dept. has prepared and will deliver packaged Shelf Staples to our Meals on Wheels clients in case of inclement weather. The box includes a daily meal and a case water for each client.



April 20, 2016 – The Spalding County Senior Nutrition Program became the focus/model on several issues discussed at the Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging Quarterly Meeting. Due to the success of our program transitioning from the Council on Aging, using inmate labor and the approach taken in servicing our Senior Community, giving them food purchasing options along with striving for self-sustainability of the program financially, we have peaked the interest of our colleagues in a positive way.

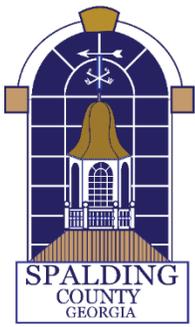
This is affirmation that we are moving in the right direction and it shows the tax payers of Spalding County that we are trying to operate responsibly and work together for the betterment of our community.

Lieutenant Don Garvin, CFSM
Food Service Director

Comments received on the Senior Nutrition Program:

“The Spalding County Senior Center is without a doubt the perfect model of program sustainability and fantastic food. The staff is committed to making the program the best it can be. Without their hard work, the program certainly would not be where it is today. Thank you all so much for your efforts and collaboration!”

Candace Hunnicutt Tucker
Wellness Coordinator
Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging



Spalding County ReBranding

The rebranding of a community can be a daunting task, but it is one that has been undertaken by the Griffin-Spalding Archway Executive Committee as part of a Public Relations - Branding Campaign and centralized point of communication.

Spalding

COUNTY

You may have seen this logo popping up in many places recently. It was presented to the Board of Commissioners earlier in

the year and has been very popular with groups and organizations within the county who have been utilizing the “rebranded logo.” However, the logo is being altered to “fit” the needs of the individual group. It is important that the logo be used as it was created and not altered; therefore, at the request of the Image/Communication Work Group, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners at their meeting on August 15, 2016 approved branding guidelines that involve the three images you see on this page. These guidelines can be obtained by contacting the Spalding County Administrative Offices.

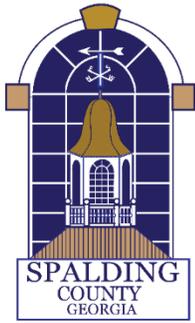
The rebranding effort is a part of a larger initiative to better market the Griffin and Spalding County areas to the public. In addition to the logos, a community website has been proposed that will incorporate all of the local government agencies and businesses with links out to the appropriate entity. For example links will be provided to locations on the City of Griffin website, Spalding County website, Board of Education website, Chamber of Commerce website and other websites within the County. The goal is for this website to be a “one-stop source” for “Living in Spalding”, “Working in Spalding” and “Playing in Spalding” County.



If you would like to be part of this initiative, please contact Kristen Miller, the UGA Archway Professional for Spalding County at 706/483-3264 or komiller@uga.edu and find out when and where these meetings will take place. You are encouraged to be part of this process.

Spalding

Everything you need in Spalding



Spalding Opens "The Fitness Zone"

"The Fitness Zone" located in Memorial Drive Plaza provides Spalding County employees and their families with access to "Doc in a Box", a kiosk providing access to a doctor 24 hours a day 7 days a week with a minimal copay. There is also a work out area available to employees inside "The Zone."

Spalding County's Health and Fitness Zone
featuring **DOC IN A BOX**

THE ZONE

OPEN HOUSE
August 8th 7a-8:30a & 10a-5p
August 9th 1p-6p & 6:30p-8p

Walmart gift cards to the first 200 employees!

Raffle for a brand new Fitbit Charge HR!

MEMORIAL DRIVE BESIDE VOTER REGISTRATION

be sure to stop by for a tour and to enroll in 24 hour access!

<p>Work out room featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -treadmills -elliptical -stationary bike -resistance bands -stepping platform -kettle bells -smart tv -secured access 	<p>Doc In A Box featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Board certified doctor -24 hour access -no long wait at the doctor's office -no appointment needed -only \$10 copay! (\$49 for non BCBS members) -prescription is emailed to the the pharmacy of your choice!
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OPEN 24/7

The BEST part is that it's FREE!

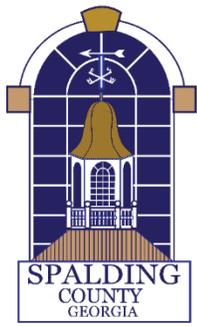
be fit. be strong. be healthy.

CONGRATULATIONS
Raffle Winners!



Tim Henderson attended the Open House, entered the raffle, and won the Fitbit HR.

Randy Bogan, Spalding County CI also attended the Open House, entered the raffle, and won 4 "Buggy Days" Concert Tickets!



Welcome Spalding County New Employees

We would like to say welcome aboard to all those hired since the last newsletter.....

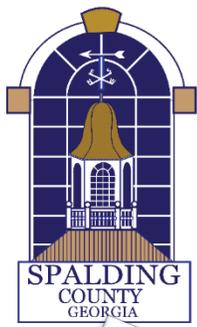
Anna B. Albright
Quantori Beckham
Andrew Biles
Marquavious Brownlee
Kayla Bynum
Eli Caldwell
Angela Cannon
Winnie Colbert
Steven Culberson
Da'Shundria Davis
Cassandra Davis-Pope
Rhonda Derrico
Charles Dotson
Jessica Ellerbee
Leslie Everson
Berteena Gaines
Nicholas Gatlin
Jeffrey Gauldin
Cynthia Glover
Sherica Glover
Darren Gunnels
John Harper
Terry Hayes
Edward Hooks
Homer Kendrick
Jan Lewis
Corbin Long
Gloria McDonald
Whitley Miller
Robert Owens
Amanda Parker
Demetrice Parks
Cody Reed
Jimmy Richter
Ketisha Rouseau
Joshua Ryan
Cristal Sailors
Joseph Sandefur
Dana Smith
Deondra Smith
Kareem Spear
Ashley Speights
Bailey Stewart
Danielle Strickland
Violette Sullivan

Deputy Sheriff I
Correctional Officer
Firefighter
Correctional Officer
Office Assistant
Correctional Officer
Collection Center
Recreation Leader
Deputy Sheriff II
Day Camp Director
Appraisal Field Assistant
Parks Maintenance Detail
Public Works Officer
Firefighter
Office Assistant
Administrative Assistant
Deputy Sheriff I
Security Officer
Telecommunicator
Deputy Sheriff I
Telecommunicator
Administrative Assistant
Correctional Officer
Collection Center
Collection Center
Administrative Assistant
Firefighter
Tax/Tag Clerk
Office Assistant
Collection Center t
PT Voter Registration
Salvation Army Teacher
Deputy Sheriff I
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Administrative Assistant
Deputy Sheriff I
Deputy Sheriff I
Correctional Officer
Recreation Leader
Administrative Assistant
Firefighter
Telecommunicator
Correctional Officer

Colt Clayton Taylor
Mitchell Thompson
William Tomerlin
Anthony Washington
Robby Williams
Kaitlin Wilson

Deputy Sheriff I
Correctional Officer
Collections Center
Deputy Warden
Personal Property
Telecommunicator





Spalding County Service Awards

Congratulations to our 5-Year Service Award Recipients

Aaron Barrow



Mike Badger
 Susan Blacker
 Jennifer Bunn
 Aaron Burrow
 Iesha Caldwell
 Veronica Cleveland
 Keith Edwards
 Scott Gendron
 Ronnie Goins
 Juan Guerrero
 Nancy Hammond
 Eddie Hendricks
 Alan Josey
 Della Leaks
 Joe Maddox
 Patrick McVey
 Amanda Perkins
 Jordan Scibetta
 Melissa Slaughter
 Stephen Stone

Sheriff's Office -Detention
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 Fire Department
 E-911
 Sheriff's Office -Detention
 Correctional Institute
 Fire Department
 Sheriff's Office -Detention
 Fire
 Sheriff's Office -Detention
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 Tax Assessor
 E-911
 Public Works
 Fire Department
 Cooperative Extension
 Parks/Public Grounds

Scott Gendron



Juan Guerrero



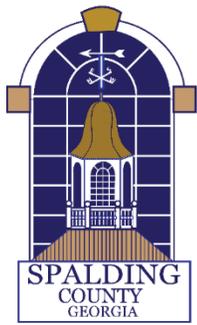
Stephen Stone

Jordan Scibetta



Melissa Slaughter





Spalding County Service Awards

Congratulations to our 10-Year Service Award Recipients



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| Martin Batts | Fire Department |
| Michael Chadwick | Sheriff's Office -Warrants |
| Latressia Ferguson | Sheriff's Office - CID |
| Tony Granger | Public Works |
| James Gregory | Recycling |
| Dexter Head | Correctional Institute |
| Sam Holder | Sheriff's Office -Detention |
| Timotheos Miller | Correctional Institute |
| Otis Mitchell | Correctional Institute |
| Winnie Reynolds | Sheriff's Office – Dispatch |
| April Smarr | Sheriff's Office - UPD |
| Carlton Wilson | Recycling |



Congratulations to our 15-Year Service Award Recipients

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|------------------|------------------------------|
| Keith Bradford | Animal Control |
| Erika Callahan | E-911 |
| Greg Dragg | Sheriff's Office – Detention |
| Tashawna Gochett | Correctional Institute |
| Gregory Huffman | Sheriff's Office - UPD |
| Brandon Lummus | Sheriff's Office – UPD |
| Michael Perkins | Parks/Public Grounds |
| Vincent Smith | Correctional Institute |
| Greg Speights | Sheriff's Office – UPD |
| Rosha Thompson | Correctional Institute |
| Deborah Williams | Correctional Institute |





Spalding County Service Awards

Congratulations to our 20-Year Service Award Recipients

Robbie Milner



Brent Foster
Lorice Harrison
Robby Milner
Josef Miller

Animal Control
Clerk
Leisure Services
Fire Department

Josef Miller



Congratulations to our 25-Year Service Award Recipients

Sheryl Brown
Jesse Maddox
Glenn Polk
Lee Slaughter
Terry Tardy

Sheriff's Office – CID
Public Works
Fire Department
Fire Department
Construction & Maintenance

Glenn Polk



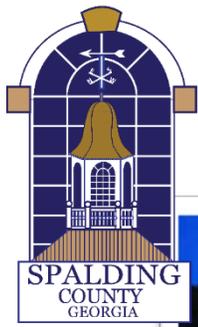
Congratulations to our 30-Year Service Award Recipients



Wyatt Davis
Keith Duncan

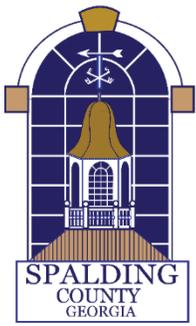
Magistrate Court
Warrants





Spalding County Celebrates the 4th of July

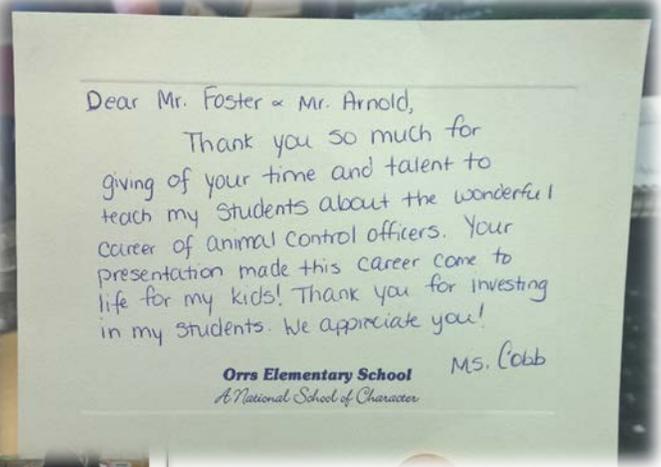




Spalding County Animal Control

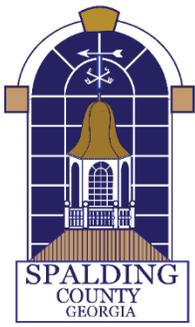
March 2016

Spalding County Animal Shelter Supervisor, Brent Foster and Officer Arnold visited Orrs Elementary to teach a class on Animal Safety, Spay and Neutering of animals and the importance of school. They also gave them an overview of what they do in their respective jobs.



Below are some baby opossums that were rescued by Animal Control and donated to Noah's Ark.





Spalding County Correctional Institute

Congratulations on a Job Well Done....

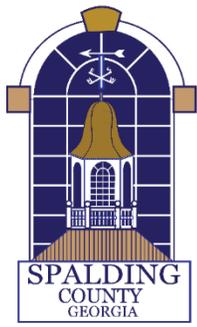
The Spalding County CI would like to congratulate Mitchell Thompson who not only completed Basic Correction Officer Training but earned the coveted Leadership Award out of his entire cadet class and was also honored with the Top Physical Fitness Award. Being awarded these two commendations at the same time is an extremely rare occurrence and the CI is very proud of this exceptional Officer.



Mitchell Thompson on right with his awards. Standing with Deputy Warden Anthony Washington.

On a personal note.....

- Jo Ellis at the Spalding Senior Center is now fighting her third bout with cancer and we asked that you keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she fights her third battle with this terrible disease.
- Congratulations to T.J. Imberger, Superintendent of Spalding County Parks and Public Grounds on his appointment to the Play Area Advisory Panel for the National Recreation and Parks Association.
- Susan Norton, Spalding County Public Works is retiring on Friday, September 16th, her reception will be from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. so if you get a chance, please go by and wish Susan many years of retirement bliss.



Spalding County Fire Department

Spalding County Fire Department
makes 2015 MDA Honor Roll

April 2016



April 2016

A Lifesaving Tradition. A Partnership for Progress.

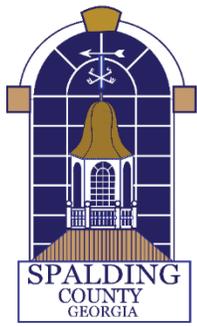
For more than 60 years, fire fighters have supported MDA with an unwavering drive and relentless passion. To date, fire fighters have raised over \$583 million for MDA to support families with muscle-debilitating diseases and accelerate treatments and cures. With our collective strength, we work together to free individuals — and the families who love them — from the harm of muscle-debilitating diseases that take away physical strength, independence and life.

At MDA, we take a big picture perspective across the full spectrum of neuromuscular diseases to uncover scientific and medical breakthroughs that accelerate treatments and cures. The power in our research approach is that we can often apply learnings from one disease to progress in others to bring urgently-needed answers to our families. Last year alone, the FDA approved a treatment for periodic paralysis, two Duchenne muscular dystrophy drugs reached the formal regulatory review stage, genetic therapies were tested in the clinic for ALS and spinal muscular atrophy and so much more progress was made in this fight!

Thank You!

2015 Fill the Boot Honor Roll

Department		
Warner Robins	Catuala	Milton
Macon/Bibb	Hawkinsville	Dekalb County
Columbus	Vienna	Atlanta Fire Rescue
Phenix City	Griffin	Dawson County
Dublin/Laurens	Peach County	Rome
Centerville	Metter	John's Creek
Americus	Lagrange	Fulton Professional
Spalding County	Cordele	Rockdale County
Jones County	Lyons	Austell
Eatonton	Hazlehurst	Forest Park
Vidalia	Talbot County	Catoosa
Guyton	Fort Valley	Morrow
Heard County	Alma-Bacon	Union City
Milledgeville/Baldwin	Jesup	Union County
Bryon	City of Forsyth	College Park
Troup County	Ladonia	Dalton
Antioch	Walthourville	Loganville
Bryan County	Pine Mtn Valley	Oglethorpe
Crisp County		

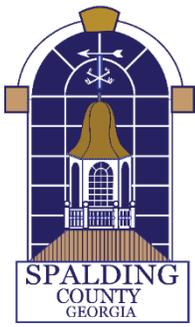


Spalding County Fire Department

Spalding County Fire Department
B Shift Battalion 1, Engine 4 assisted with a
Tornado Exercise at Sun City Peachtree

May 2016





Spalding County Fire Department

Letters of recognition and Thank You for Service



"WHERE QUALITY IS A LIFESTYLE"

Kenny West, Fire Chief
Spalding County Fire Department
1005 Memorial Drive
Griffin, Ga. 30223

Dear Chief West,

On May 27, 2016 Fayette County units responded to a residential fire on Lakeview Dr. off Highway 92. When units arrived they encountered a very large residence that was well involved in fire. Given the location of this call in an area without hydrant availability our personnel were tankering water from several miles to maintain an adequate fire flow for firefighting purposes. Our Battalion Chief on the scene requested Spalding County assistance with shuttling water for this call.

We would like to thank you and the personnel assigned to this call for their assistance during this time. Between your Tanker and the three Fayette County tankers over 53,000 gallons were transported and off-loaded into the drop tanks on the scene.

Please feel free to call at any time for any assistance your department may need. These type reciprocal mutual and automatic aid agreements serve both departments well. We look forward to assisting you in the future at any time. Please don't hesitate to call.

Thank you again.

David J. Scarbrough, Fire Chief
Fayette County Fire & Emergency Services

Chief West,

I would like to compliment you on the quality of your employees. You and your department's employees have always displayed the kind of internal customer service that is so important to any job, particularly public service. I have not met any of Spalding County's firemen that haven't been completely helpful and courteous.

I especially want to let you know of an experience I had with one of your employees, Hal Williams (I apologize, I do not know his title). Yesterday, Hal was going to assist me in locating a septic tank at one of the In Rem properties on the far west side of the County. We ended up not going, but I had a permit to do in the area, so I did it. Upon leaving, my truck started making a very strange noise and I pulled over on Hollonville Rd. I called Public Works for assistance, but they had already left for the day (it was after 3 pm). The lady at Public Works suggested I call a Sheriff's Deputy to help me. I remembered that Hal said he had inspections in the area, so I gave him a call. Chief, Hal came to my truck right away and in the heat, tried to figure out what was wrong. He used the lights on his fire car to help slow down the extremely fast traffic on Hollonville Rd. We still weren't sure what was wrong, we were thinking either a rock was stuck in the brakes or the back brakes were locked up. He suggested following me to Huckaby's Convenience Store to get to a safer place and to hit my brakes to try to get the problem to correct itself. With his lights on, I felt much better going slow and trying that. It worked!! I offered to buy him some water or something to drink, and he gave me some of HIS water! I cannot tell you how grateful I was!

It would've been so easy for him to tell me he wasn't in the area or that he was busy and to call the Sheriff's Department. It is people like him that truly exemplify the meaning of "public service". So, on the behalf of the Health Department, keep up the good work. You are ALL truly a blessing to Spalding County.

Sincerely,

Kelly S. Wilson
Spalding County Environmental Health Manager

May 19, 2016

Kenny West, Fire Chief
Spalding County Fire Department
600 Carver Road
Griffin, Georgia 30224

Dear Chief West:

It is with great pleasure that the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation (GFBF) and the review committee take this opportunity to congratulate Spalding County Fire Department as being a recipient of the 2016 Chesney Fallen Firefighters Memorial Grant Award, in the amount of \$3000 to support the local fire safety/burn prevention efforts in your community. Per the terms of your proposal, the award is to be used for the purchase of weather radios and strobes.

This grant program was named in memory of Brant Chesney, a career firefighter with Gwinnett County Fire Department, who died in the line of duty while volunteering with Forsyth County Fire Department in December 1996. The goal of this grant program is to honor the memory of Chesney and all other Fallen Firefighters who have paid the ultimate price in service to the State of Georgia.

Grant funds are available upon receipt of this letter and must be accessed and utilized by the deadline date of **October 28, 2016** or the funds will be forfeited. You may submit invoices to our office for direct payment to vendors or your department may choose to make purchases and submit receipts to the GFBF for reimbursement. **All vendor invoices and departmental reimbursement requests with accompanying receipts must be received at the GFBF office no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, October 28, 2016.** Make sure to list your station address as the shipping address.

A detailed grant report must be submitted to the GFBF following the completion of the program no later than **Friday, December 16, 2016**. The report must include specific usage of funds, details of program implementation, demonstration of program effectiveness, photographs and media coverage. The report can be found on the Chesney Grant page of the GFBF website. If the required grant report is not submitted to the GFBF by **December 16, 2016**, Spalding County Fire Department may no longer be eligible for future funding through this grant program.

Please note that your department must contact the GFBF regarding any scheduled media involvement, recognitions and participation in media coverage when possible. Chesney grant recipients are encouraged to use the GFBF logo or, at a minimum, the GFBF name on any information recognizing funding support. In addition, the GFBF should be recognized in annual reports, newsletters and other collateral material.

If you have any questions pertaining to this grant award or need further information regarding the GFBF and its mission or volunteer opportunities, feel free to contact Programs Director, Dana Dillard, at (404) 320-6223 or visit the foundation website at www.gfbf.org.

Again, congratulations and thank you for the opportunity to work together to create safe and healthy communities throughout the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Gardin
Executive Director

Spalding County Farm Bureau
1716 HIGHWAY 16 WEST
GRIFFIN, GEORGIA 30223
OFFICE: 770-229-2244 • FAX: 770-452-1010

August 16, 2016

Spalding County Fire Department
600 Carver Road
Griffin, GA 30224

To Whom It May Concern,

We would like to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to assist us with the Fire Safety class at our Farm Safety Camp 2016 and also helping us with the "First Aid" class.

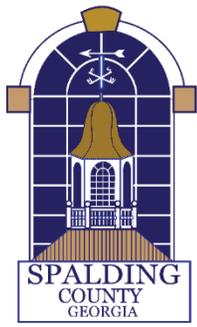
Without faithful volunteers we would be unable to sponsor such an event. Once again, we would like to thank you for all of your help.

We look forward to working with you again next year for the Farm Safety Camp 2016
Sincerely,

Charles Rucks, President
Spalding County Farm Bureau

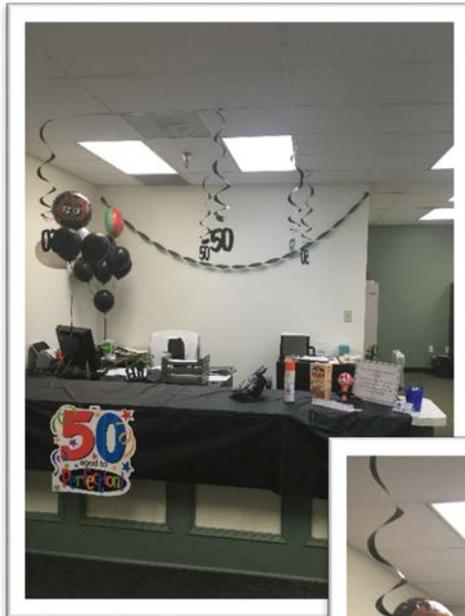
Rick Minter, President
Fayette County Farm Bureau





Spalding County Human Resources

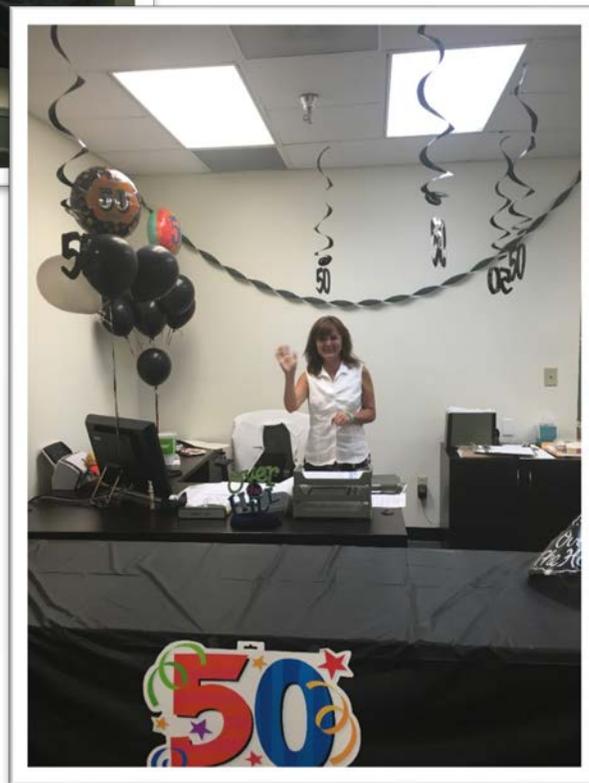
LOOKING
PRETTY
NIFTY
AT FIFTY!



June 2016

Congratulations to Wendy Law who recently celebrated a milestone! We won't mention which milestone, as ladies prefer to be discrete when it comes to such matters. Thank you for all that you do.

We Love You Ms. Wendy!



Spalding County transitioned to the NovaTime time and attendance software system on Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016.

All Annual Leave, Sick Leave, Holiday and Offset Leave balances have been entered into this software and the testing to make sure that the software is functioning properly have been completed.

Everyone should be recording their hours as required by your individual department. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this transition, accruals or the process, please contact your immediate supervisor or Human Resources.



Spalding County Parks & Leisure Services

Hosts Pro Day 2016

June 2016

Spalding County Parks, Public Grounds,
and Leisure Services present:
PRO DAY 2016

ONE WAY TO PLAY!



TAILGATE EVENT

Featuring Professional Athletes such as:
Jessie Tuggle, Bobby Rainey,
Randy Baldwin, Sherrod Martin,
Chris Clemons and many more!
Special performances by:

King Elwey



Mr. Verzee



Noah Cleveland



This day is all about professional athletes
giving back to local youth!

Date: June 25, 2016
Time: 3:00 p.m.-7 p.m.
Location: 843 Memorial Drive

For more info contact:
Robby Milner at 770 467-4750 or
spaldingparksandrec.com



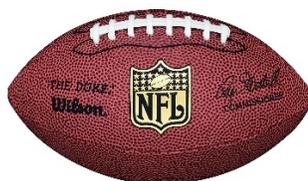
Spalding County Parks and Public Grounds and Leisure Services hosted its inaugural Pro Day on Saturday, June 25th. Nearly 500 people braved 97-degree temperatures on a sunny day to attend the tailgate-style event featuring professional athletes, past and present, from Griffin.

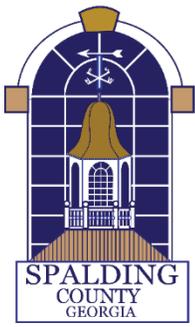
A total of nine of the more than 30 NFL players with ties to Griffin attended the event, including: Ben Talley, Freddie Gilbert, Chandler Worthy, Nic Clemons, Bobby Rainey, Randy Baldwin, Charlie Clemons, Johnathan Sullivan and Jessie Tuggle, making it the largest assembly of current and past NFL players to assemble at one place in one time in the history of Griffin as four generations of players came together.

In the end, however, it was all about giving back to the kids. The theme was, "One Way to Play." It focused on not only how to play the



game of football but also the game of life. The event included free music, food, face painting, arts and crafts, and NFL-style practice drills as well as a tour of the Griffin-Spalding County Athletic Hall of Fame and an autograph session



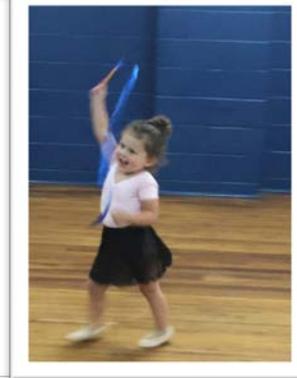
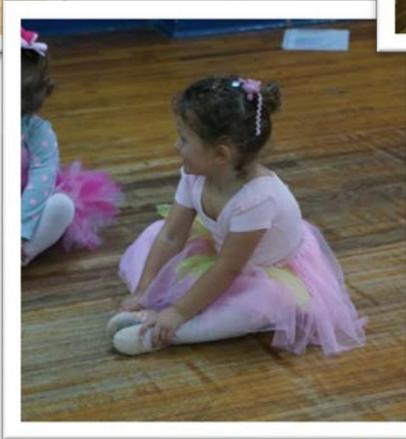


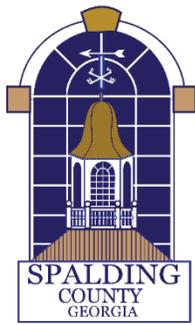
Spalding County Offers Dance for Toddlers



Spalding County Parks Public Grounds and Leisure Services offers:

“Big Feet Little Feet” Free Ballet Classes for ages 18 months to 5 years at the City Park Community Center. Classes began August 16th!





Congratulations to Lauren Brown, Office Manager, and T.J. Imberger, Superintendent, Spalding County Parks, Public Grounds and Leisure Services for the joint article that appeared in the **GRPA Summer Magazine!**

Congratulations Lauren & T.J.!

Electronic Work Order Systems *Uniting Innovation and Accountability*

by Lauren Brown and T.J. Imberger

Are you seeking ways for your organization to operate more efficiently with greater accountability? Frequently, managing work orders and maintenance, and tracking costs, projects, inventory, etc. are performed by using time-consuming, outdated methods. Everyone knows that time is money, so why not seek ways to operate more efficiently? An electronic work order system (EWOS) may be the solution. Managing an EWOS can unite innovative technology with effective communication and accountability within a department. The benefits associated with an EWOS are immeasurable. These systems offer convenience, performance of multiple tasks simultaneously, increased productivity and custom reporting options, and they promote customer satisfaction.

An EWOS can receive, process and record requests for labor and services. Many providers offer diverse software packages with add-ons that include techniques such as utility tracking, planned maintenance inspections, inventory and reporting. The majority of EWOS's are Internet-based and accessed through tools such as desktop computers, tablets and mobile phones. Internet-based programs provide security and assurance by storing data in multiple locations, on multiple server options and allowing 24/7 access from any device.

A comprehensive EWOS offers capabilities to meet the needs of multiple users by offering role setup. General role examples include requesters, supervisors and technicians, and administrators. Requesters have limited access to simply request and view the progress of their requested work orders. Supervisors and technicians have moderate access to dispatch, view and run work order reports, while administrators have full system access to assign work orders to anyone, edit and view all work orders in the system, and set up new accounts.

Unique roles give each user a variety of information and custom options; the view of the system can be simplified by hiding

irrelevant information and customized to only show the pertinent information.

Work order requests are generally related to maintenance items. The EWOS may also be utilized for unique needs, such as room usage requests, room setup requests, technology repairs, and recordkeeping of locations, vehicles and equipment. Requesters usually consist of recreation and building staff, as well as members from the general public. A requester has the ability to directly report problems on-site, increasing efficiency and immediately making others aware of the request. It is vital that all employees have access to submit requests; this access guarantees their concerns are being heard. Timely responses to work requests demonstrates accountability to your employees. An EWOS also allows employees to track the status of their request as it makes its way through the system.

The EWOS creates an opportunity for citizens to have the option to submit work requests through citizen request apps, an add-on option usually available through the EWOS vendor. Citizen request apps are capable of recording pictures, identifying GPS locations, detailing the item of concern and recording citizen contact information. Once a request is submitted, it is routed to a central location (usually an administrator of the system), where it is assigned to the appropriate crew.

The majority of parks and recreation professionals report to a board of commissioners, council, directors, etc. The ultimate advantage of an EWOS is providing the appropriate body with access to the system. Board members can have supervisor access and have the ability to submit work requests, view real-time information on the status of their requests, view ongoing and completed work, and observe an actual accounting of the costs and resources involved in completing a request.

Technicians and supervisors, usually the maintenance staff in the field, receive work order requests to complete tasks as





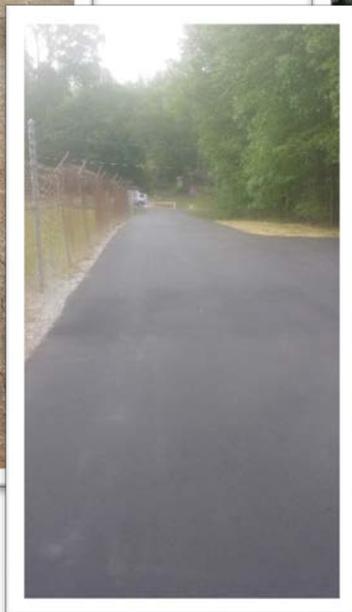
Spalding County Public Works

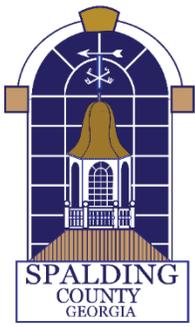
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Spalding County Public Works implemented a new type of permanent patching on County Line Road. It can be applied over heavily patched areas or areas with severe alligatoring or cracking as a permanent patch that can, in turn, be overlaid with new asphalt.



Great Job Spalding County Public Works on resurfacing the parking lot at the new Spalding County Fire and Administrative Complex.

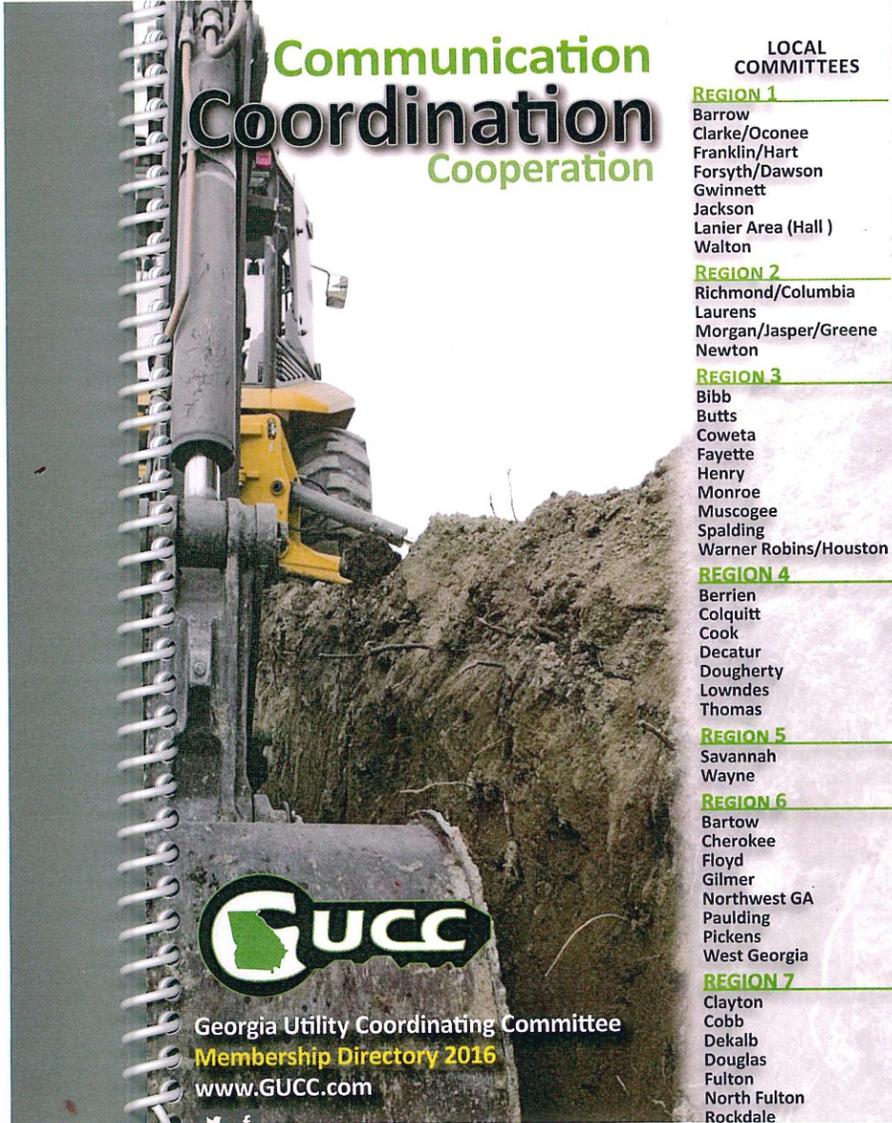




Spalding County Public Works

Congratulations to Tim Crane, Interim Public Works Director for being elected Vice-Chairman of the Georgia Utility Coordinating Committee!

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May 2016

- Congratulations to Joey Ingram, Lance Mercer, Scott Sullivan and Tim Crane on successfully completing the Georgia Environmental Protection Division training for underground storage tanks.
- All Public Works Officers have now completed additional certification training required by POST. The training is through the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Training Center.
- Tim Crane, Interim Director of Public Works, was interviewed by Erin Laird, Deana Bohannon's granddaughter for her school Project entitled "Honoring the Past".

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Working from the Ground Up

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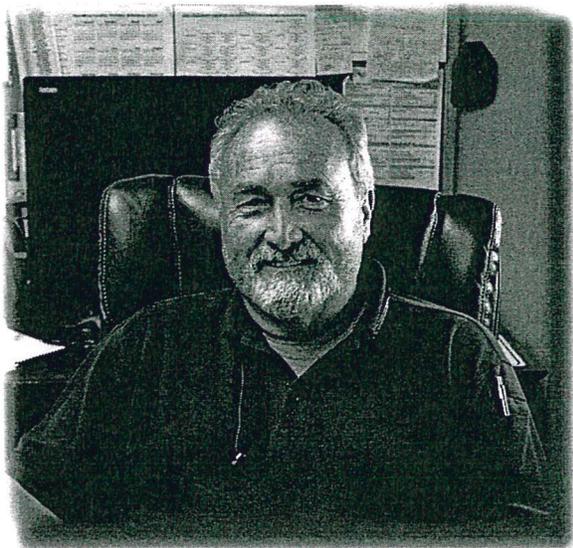


Photo by Erin Laird

Public Works Director Tim Crane enjoys giving back to the Spalding Community.

As a director of Public Works of Spalding County, Tim Crane puts his all into his work. He is in charge of all five collection centers for recycling bins and landfills, and 34 employees at Public Works. He answers to residential concerns of 65,000 homes, he is in charge of the people who cut grass and construct the roads, and he also works with the prison. He is a certified correctional officer, he works the prisoners on the road, and he has his own mechanic and sign shop. He might be on top, but it took him hard work and time to be a director.

"I have notice that there is a drastic change from one generation to another...The younger generation wants everything handed to them and they do not want to put in any work at all," Mr. Crane said.

Crane was born and raised in Griffin. He had to start somewhere. At first, he was just looking for a job near him. In his early years he was on the grass crew for one year, the patching crew for another year, and the

sign maintenance for two years. He then became the recycling supervisor, solid waste director, and assistant public work director. Now, he is the director. He is not just known for what he does for the community, but also what he puts into the community after hours.

Outside of work he tries to help people think outside of the box. Instead of people doing the usual, he wants them to be more educated and to move forward in the future. Recycling is a good example of his forward thinking. Crane goes into schools and presents projects about how to recycle to all the children and staff in the school. He shows them how recycling can save a lot of money and resources to the community. He also is trying to improve technology in the county. Since he has become the director, he has been trying to update the county's technology. For example, Public Works recently installed a Nova, which is a machine that scans a finger print to check someone in and out of work. By placing the index or the middle finger onto the scanner, the machine can document the time employees check in or out for work. Crane is also trying to get every officer to have tablets to record data and to have work access in their hands.

Crane is appreciative of all the tasks that the county provides him. "Spalding has helped me accomplish more goals than I could ever imagine. This county has also made me a better person." One task he has noticed a change in is the difference between generations. "I have notice that there is a drastic change from one generation to another. The younger generation in general has become lackadaisical. Young people want everything handed to them and they do not want to put in any work at all," Crane said. Yet, Crane does have some advice for the younger generation: "Lead by example; you need to go back to your grandparents for motivation and for advice. You should actually do something and work for it because you never know what you might learn from it." Crane believes this advice is not unreasonable.

Director Tim Crane is a spectacular man. He loves the challenge of his job and the obstacles that people put him through. He is always trying to do something for others and trying to educate them. He works for what he has and he is a great example of an influential person in Spalding County.

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Honoring the Past

Erin Laird



Photo provided by Fire Chief Tommy Jones

Former members of the Griffin Fire Department practice drills on the fire pole.

Every city needs its courthouse, police station, city hall, and fire station. Without these necessities, the city would not be able to function properly. Griffin is no different. Citizens rely on the necessities that are needed for a city, and the count on the city to provide that.

Spalding County chose Griffin to serve as the county's city from the start. The Griffin City Hall served as Spalding County courthouse until 1859. The original Spalding County Courthouse was on the corner of Fifth Street. It was a two-story, red brick building that sat next to the railroad tracks. Construction cost \$12,000 dollars and was completed in 1859.

The steeple and the clock tower were removed from the courthouse in 1910, and the courthouse was turned into the county jail. The county started to build another courthouse, which was finished in 1911. This courthouse was also a two-story brick building but instead of being red, it was yellow. It was built on the corner of Sixth Street. An electrical fire occurred in 1981, and the building was severely damaged to the point where the city decided to tear the courthouse down and to rebuild.

In the meantime, the courthouse annex served as the courthouse until the third courthouse was built. The county then started to construct the remodeling of an A&P grocery store that served as the courthouse for four years until the new building

was built. In the summer of 1985, the courthouse was finished and the county officials moved in the following month. The courthouse is sitting on East Solomon Street and has been there for 31 years.

In 1910, the first fire station was in the City Hall building. The building housed the fire and police departments, city commission, city manager, city jail, and city court. Because there was no transportation at the time, they built a horse stable in the back, and the horses were their way of getting to where they needed to go. The stable that was used to house the horses is now used as an engine room for the City Hall. If you

The original Spalding County Courthouse was on the corner of Fifth Street ...it sat next to the railroad tracks.

would call the fire station to report your house burning down or something in that nature, they would only react if you had paid for their services. Now, Spalding County has expanded the fire station; there are multiple fire stations around the county. According to Tommy Jones, the City fire chief, the building is under a 3.5 million dollar renovation which will start in late 2016.

Without the courthouse or the fire station, how will the city even be a city? These two landmarks are very important to Griffin-Spalding County because of their functions and their history.

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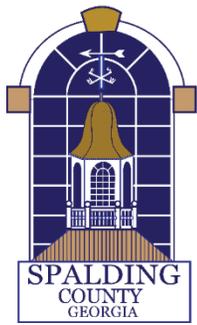
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Photo by Erin Laird

The current Spalding County Courthouse in Griffin, Georgia.

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UGA Spalding County 4-H Attend State Congress

SPALDING COUNTY YOUTH ATTEND 74TH ANNUAL GEORGIA 4-H CONGRESS

The 74th annual Georgia 4-H State Congress was held July 26-29, 2016 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta. The 4-H State Congress is the highlight of the Georgia 4-H program year and brings to a close the 2015-2016 year by honoring those who have been District Project Achievement winners and recognizes all the 2015-2016 State Winners and Master 4-H members.

Carrianna Simmons was recognized at the Leadership Banquet for serving as the Northwest District Representative on the 4-H State Board of Directors for 2015-2016. During State Congress, district project winners from the four 4-H districts in Georgia competed to earn the honor of being named state 4-H winners in their respective projects. As a state winner 4-H'ers are given the title "Master 4-H'er".

Spalding County was honored to take five district winners that competed during State Congress. Abigail Noulis competed in the History project and Martha Hicks in the Performing Arts Piano project. Dani Gibson competed in the Veterinary Science project and placed second. Ben Rutledge competed in the Outdoor Recreation project and placed second. Hannah Rutledge competed in Food Safety and Preservation and was named the state winner.

On Thursday evening 48 state project winners and 125 special events winners were recognized during the annual Awards Banquet. Hannah Rutledge was recognized not only as a master project winner in Food Safety and Preservation but also as part of the state winning Food Product Development team along with teammates Nathaniel Haulk, Carrianna Simmons, Isabel Rutledge, Turner Jordan, and Francisco Zepeda; their coach is Lisa Kelley. The Precision Air Rifle Team were recognized as state winners, also coached by Lisa Kelley. Team members included: Amanda Mayo, Jennings Curd, Dalton Stoves, and Ben Davis. Ben was also the state high individual winner. Carrianna Simmons won the Bill Edwards Dean's Award for Communication and the Arts. Our Hippology Team of Dani Gibson, Martha Hicks, Tyler Gibson and Carly Nash also won state honors with Dani also receiving the state high individual award and the Master Horseman award. Taylor Orr was the Ranch Horse Champion in the State Horse Show. Spalding County was honored to bring 19 Master 4-H titles home.

During the Awards program the William H. Booth Award is given to a 4-H agent for outstanding work in their 4-H program. This year's award was presented to Cherry Hovatter, Spalding County Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development.

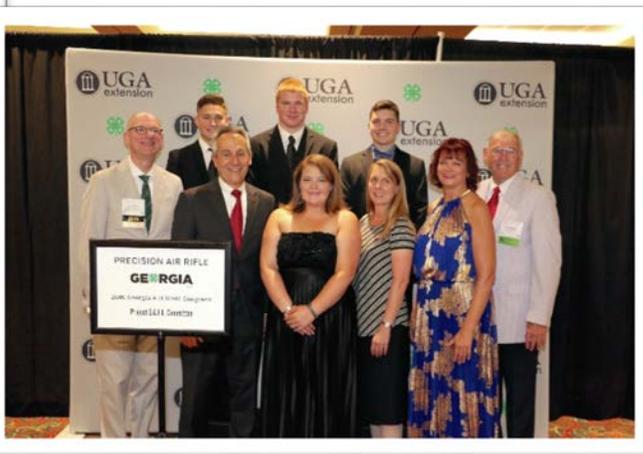
Hannah Rutledge was the 1st place winner in the Food Safety and Preservation project at State Congress. She is pictured with Cherry Hovatter, County Extension Agent 4-H Youth Development; Julia Lucas, Master 4-H Club, Kirby Thompson, Georgia 4-H Foundation.





Tyler Gibson (second from the left) represented the Hippology Master team during Awards Ceremonies at State Congress. Pictured with Tyler are Jay Morgan, Georgia 4-H Foundation; Julia Lucas, Master 4-H Club; and Cherry Hovatter, County Extension Agent 4-H Youth Development.

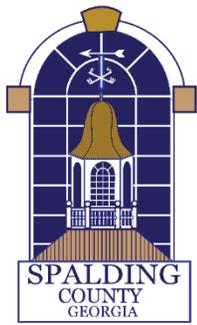
The Precision Air Rifle Team was recognized as State 4-H Masters at the 4-H Awards Ceremony. Pictured are: 1st row Jay Morgan, Georgia 4-H Foundation; Craven Hudson, Donor, Amanda Mayo, Lisa Kelley, Coach, Cherry Hovatter, County Extension Agent 4-H Youth Development; Ted Jenkins, Master 4-H Club. 2nd row Ben Davis (also the High Individual Master) Jennings Curd, Dalton Stoves.



Carrianna Simmons (2nd from left) won the Bill Edwards Dean's Award for Communication and the Arts. She is pictured with Bo Ryles, Retire State 4-H Director, Cherry Hovatter, County Extension Agent 4-H Youth Development, Kirby Thompson, Georgia 4-H Foundation.

The Food Product Development Team was recognized at the State 4-H Congress Awards program for achieving 1st place. 1st row: Bo Ryles, Retired State 4-H Director; Carrianna Simmons, Turner Jordan, Hannah Rutledge, Cherry Hovatter, County Extension Agent 4-H Youth Development 2nd Row Isabel Rutledge, Nathaniel Haulk, Lisa Kelley, Coach; Kirby Thompson, Georgia 4-H Foundation





Spalding County Employee Appreciation Day

June, 2016

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JUNE 4, 2016

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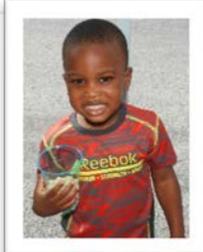
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Tax Commissioners Office



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The Disc Golf Tournament



Winner: Steve Ross
Parks Maintenance
Detail Officer



Winner: Tassel Orr
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Phillips at E911

2016 Employee Appreciation Day

The Prize Winners



List of Prize/Award winners!

(prizes courtesy of individuals/grants/businesses)

Congratulations Prize/Award Recipients

1. \$25 Shell gift card (*Raymond Ray*) - Jason Williams, Public Works
2. \$25 Shell gift card (*Raymond Ray*) - Jo Ellis, Senior Center
3. \$25 Shell gift card (*Raymond Ray*) - Cindy McDaniel, Community Development
4. \$25 Shell gift card (*Raymond Ray*) - Kenneth Wilkerson, Public Works
5. \$25 JHenry's gift certificate - Cortese Mathis, Leisure Services
6. \$25 JHenry's gift certificate - Jimmy Hardy, Public Grounds
7. \$25 JHenry's gift certificate - Tavis Daniel, Public Grounds
8. \$10 Corner Café gift card - Annie Bing, Nutrition
9. \$100 cash donation - (*Sylvia Hollums*) - Terry Colling, Elections
10. \$100 cash donation - (*Sylvia Hollums*) - Jessie Lehmer, Public Works
11. \$15.00 Sassy Flamingo's gift certificate - Kelly Leger, Leisure Services
12. \$15.00 Sassy Flamingo's gift certificate - Robert Wilson, CI
13. 1 Month free Club Fitness - Scott Perkins, Public Grounds
14. Tanning lotion - Hot Tan Café - Bill Gay, HR
15. \$50 Visa (*Don Hawbaker*) - Matthew Stallings, Fire
16. \$50 Visa (*Don Hawbaker*) - Geoffrey Wells, Senior Center
17. Rite Aid gift basket - male - Don Garvin, CI
18. Rite Aid gift basket - female - Sylvia Hollums, Tax Commissioner
19. \$20 Berry's Sporting Goods gift certificate - Don Long, Tax Assessor
20. \$50 WalMart (*Bart Miller*) - Robby Williams, Tax Assessor
21. \$50 WalMart (*Bart Miller*) - Greg Thaxton, Public Grounds
22. Avon basket - Rebecca Skelton
23. Buggy Days Concert tickets - Betty Browning, Tax Assessor
24. \$100 - Steven Chamlee, (*Wellness Grant*) CI
25. \$100 - Charlie Tillman, (*Wellness Grant*) Community Development
26. \$100 - Glenn Polk, (*Wellness Grant*) Fire
27. \$100 - Randy Bogan, (*Wellness Grant*) CI
28. \$100 - Isaac Blackmon, (*Wellness Grant*) Public Works
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36. \$100 - Debbie Brooks, (*Wellness Grant*) Clerk of Court
37. \$100 - Debra Brown, (*Wellness Grant*) Nutrition
38. \$100 - Lauren Brown, (*Wellness Grant*) Public Grounds
39. \$100 - Anita Harps (*Rita Johnson*), Tax Commissioner



Happy Anniversary!!

