



Spalding County News & Views
2016 Winter Edition



Spalding County Welcomes Archway Partnership:

In July 2015, Griffin-Spalding became the most recent community in Georgia to be a part of the Archway Partnership. A unit of public service and outreach at the University of Georgia (UGA), the Archway Partnership connects Georgia communities to the full range of higher education resources available at UGA to address critical community-identified needs. Partner communities have access to the knowledge, research and other resources available through the interactions between the communities and the university, while faculty and students are able to experience first-hand the opportunities and challenges facing the state. Griffin-Spalding is the twelfth community in the state to become an Archway Partnership community; other current Archway Partnership communities include: Candler, Grady, Habersham, Hart, Sumter, Pulaski and Washington counties.

The community drives the Archway process through an executive committee of community leaders and local organizations. The funding partners for the Griffin-Spalding Archway Partnership include the City of Griffin, Spalding County, the Griffin-Spalding Board of Education and UGA's Office of Vice President for Public Service and Outreach.

After two community-wide listening sessions, the Griffin-Spalding Archway Partnership identified the following five issue areas as priorities to be addressed through its work plan: Community Health and Wellness; Education for a Quality Workforce; Community Development to Enhance the Quality of Life; Community Image and Communication; and Intergovernmental Collaboration.

Work groups made up of local citizens have been formed to help address these community priorities. The issue work groups are a key function of the Archway Partnership, providing a process to bring community stakeholders together in a routine and systematic basis to work for the betterment of their community. To date, hundreds of citizens have participated in Archway Partnership work groups and events, and opportunities for participation will continue to arise. Current work groups are tackling issues ranging from access to healthy food and community branding to leadership development and housing.

Kristen Miller serves as the Archway Professional in Griffin-Spalding County and is based in Griffin. In her position, Miller functions as liaison between the community and the university as she works to connect higher education resources to locally identified issues and priorities. Citizens who are interested in being part of an issue work group or who would like additional information about the partnership can contact Kristen at 706.483.3264.



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Archway Partnership Retreat



An intergovernmental collaboration issue work group held a retreat in February 2016 with elected and appointed officials from across Griffin-Spalding County. The group gathered in Carrollton, Georgia, to foster cooperation and understanding on shared topics of vital concern to the growth and development of the community.

“The group worked hard at the retreat to revise our goals for the community in a way that is specific, measurable, and timely. We will continue to meet throughout the year to hear updates from the various organizations and elected bodies working towards the achievement of the goals we set at the retreat,” said Stephanie Windham, co-chair of the Griffin-Spalding Archway Partnership.



The key to the success of the Archway Partnership is the direct connection between the community and higher education resources at UGA. This connection provides assistance to the community while giving students real world experiences and faculty the opportunity to do their research across Georgia. In the short time that Griffin-Spalding has been an Archway Partnership community, graduate students from the Lamar Dodd School of Art, Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, and School of Public and International Affairs and UGA faculty from across several disciplines have worked on projects in and for the community.



*Spalding County Parks, Public Grounds and Leisure Services
Present the Festival Of Lights*



*Kyria Williams as
The Cat in the Hat*



Festival of Lights was held at Airport Park on Tuesday, November 24, 2015. This year in addition to Santa and Mrs. Clause, other characters showed up like the Cat in the Hat and Snow White.



*Lauren Brown, Snow White
and her son, Basil*



Community Involvement

Commissioner Donald Hawbaker

And his wife Gayle

Served as Salvation Army bell ringers

During the Christmas Season



The Spalding County CI collected food and donated it to Rising Star Baptist Church on December 18.

Chief Counselor Happy Johnson organized the donation effort for the CI.

(Pictured is Pastor Duff and Chief Counselor Happy Johnson)





SENIOR CENTER NUTRITION PROGRAM Is A COMMUNITY SUCCESS STORY

Six months ago, Spalding County began offering nutritional services for senior adults at the Spalding County Senior Center. Since August, 2015 the nutritional program has grown by leaps and bounds as Senior Center members enjoy delicious and affordable meals. Hundreds of members have discovered the value as they enjoy lunch served Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Once center members experienced these quality services they soon began pressing program managers to add a breakfast service which began in October.

This program has had a significant impact on Senior Center as membership has grown 20% since August. During the month of January the program served a total of 3200 meals including 1469 Home Delivered Meals, 946 Congregate Meals and 785 meals to guests and center members.

Along with the quality nutritional services being offered, the Spalding County Senior Center offers quality recreation programs which have contributed to the growing membership. The Senior Center currently offers more than 40 different programs, classes and events and everyone is sure to find an activity that interests them. Many come to learn a new skill, to travel, to engage their creativity or to get fit.



The Senior Center, serves local citizens ages 50 and over. We currently have 2,266 members and this number is growing daily. The Spalding County Senior Center is quickly becoming the example statewide of the program to watch for best practices in adult recreation and nutrition services.

Membership to the Spalding County Senior Center is free to citizens who are Silver Sneakers Members, this program is offered by several Health Insurance Companies. However, if you aren't a Silver Sneakers member you can become a Senior Center Member for an annual fee of \$25 per person per year. Members enjoy a multitude of benefits including nutrition services, an array of free fitness classes, recreation, education, and creative arts classes, plus access to low cost special events, leisure and travel opportunities.

The Senior Center is located at 885 Memorial Drive, Griffin and is open daily, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm with extended hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 9:00pm. Nutrition Services include: An affordable Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:15am and an affordable Lunch that is served daily from 11:00am to 1:00pm.



Spalding County Fire Department Hosts the American Red Cross

Spalding Home Fire Campaign a Success!

Spalding County Fire Department held a Home Fire Campaign on Saturday, March 19, 2016 along with the American Red Cross. There were more that 25 volunteers who assisted in installing 131 smoke alarms in a much needed area of Griffin following fire fatalities that occurred recently.

Eric Mosley presented a Proclamation to the American Red Cross naming the Month of March as Red Cross Month in Spalding County.



Griffin-Spalding County Athletic Hall of Fame

The Griffin-Spalding County Athletic Hall of Fame celebrated it's Grand Opening on November 10, 2015.



Griffin Spalding County Athletic Hall Of Fame
Is Located at
841 Memorial Drive, Griffin, Ga





Monday, November 30, 2015

Tel: 404-635-7000

public.affairs@gema.ga.gov

News Release

Spalding County Outdoor Warning Siren Project Approved

(ATLANTA) -- Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security, on behalf of Governor Nathan Deal, recently awarded a \$39,358 federal grant to Spalding County to purchase and install two outdoor warning sirens.

“Sirens are an effective means to communicate warnings to the public when they are outside. When used in combination with a NOAA weather radio, registering landline and cell phone numbers with Spalding County’s Code Red system and downloading the Ready Georgia app for alerts and warnings, residents can stay abreast of hazardous conditions related to severe weather and take the appropriate life-saving actions,” said GEMA/HS Director Jim Butterworth.

The amount awarded includes a federal share of \$29,519. The remainder will come from a state share of \$3,935 and a local share of \$5,904.

These funds are part of FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The grant program provides funds to state agencies and local governments for projects that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from the effects of natural hazards by breaking the repetitive cycle of destruction and reconstruction. These funds were made possible as a result of Spalding County’s participation and adoption of the Spalding County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

GEMA/HS is the lead state agency for coordination of emergency and disaster response activities. For information on preparing for a disaster and creating a custom kit and plan, visit www.ready.ga.gov or download the free Ready Georgia app.

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UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Timothee' E. Conort, Senior Pastor
Daryl M. McCard, Student and Missions Pastor
Brandon Martin, Worship and Outreach Pastor
1405 North McDonough Road
Griffin, GA 30223-6616
Phone: 770-227-8725
www.ubcg.org

Spalding County Fire Department
Attention: Fire Chief Kenny West
600 Carver Road
Griffin GA 30224

November 9, 2015

Dear Chief West,

Thank you so much for allowing the Fire Safety House and Fire Truck, along with their personnel, to participate in our Fall Festival this year. We have been hosting our Fall Festival for our community for many years. This year we estimate that around 1,000 people visited our campus. We are grateful for your generosity as we endeavor to reach our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

May God richly bless you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothee E. Conort".

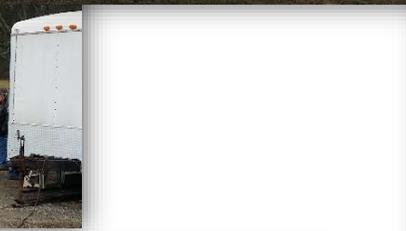
Tim Conort, Senior Pastor
Union Baptist Church

TEC/smh

B Shift: Chief Willie Lyons, Lt. Eric Huggins, Firefighter Perry Glanton, Firefighter Jordan Chastain and Firefighter Jeremy Green attended this event.

Spalding County Public Auction

Spalding County held a public auction on Saturday, January 9th 2016 to auction off surplus equipment.



Spalding County Honor's Its Citizens Killed in Action

The Griffin-Spalding Honor our KIA group thanked the Spalding County Commissioners for their continued support at the regular meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016.

The Honor our KIA group honors those individuals from Griffin-Spalding County that were killed in World War 1, World War 2, Korean War, Vietnam War and the War on Terror. Chairman Quimby Melton presented the certificates to the commissioners.

The group will honor 20-30 heroes in 2016. A total of 154 men and one woman from Griffin and Spalding County gave their lives for the freedoms we now enjoy. Plaques are installed on downtown Griffin historic buildings. Family oral histories and articles about the 2015 KIA honored group can be found on the internet. Chairman Melton shared, "We want our community to remember these our local heroes not how they died but how they lived. We thank the Spalding County Commissioners for all their help and endorsement of this local project."



Commission Chair Rita Johnson (l-r), Commissioners Burt Miller, Don Hawbaker and Raymond Ray, Jr. received Certificates of Appreciation from the local Killed In Action group. Gwen Flowers-Taylor was not in attendance but also received a certificate.





You're WONDERFUL! Let's Celebrate...

Christmas Employee Appreciation Dessert Bar

Monday December 21, 2015
 Come by anytime between 7am - 11am & 3pm - 7pm
 Spalding County Fire Department Station #1
 600 Carver Road
 Griffin, Georgia 30224

Spalding County Commissioners will be on hand to thank you personally for all that you do for Spalding County!
Keep up the great work!



Spalding County Employee Appreciation Event

The Board of Commissioners personally donated 19 Gift cards for this Employee Appreciation event. Employees receiving these gift cards were:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Tracy Albright</i> | <i>Sheriff's Department</i> |
| <i>Cody Cahill</i> | <i>Fire Department</i> |
| <i>Rita Cavanaugh</i> | <i>Magistrate Court</i> |
| <i>Jacoya Clinkscales</i> | <i>Senior Nutrition</i> |
| <i>Duncan Dubberly</i> | <i>Sheriff's Department</i> |
| <i>Ricky Gallmon</i> | <i>CI</i> |
| <i>Tim Granger</i> | <i>Public Works</i> |
| <i>Richard Gray</i> | <i>Public Works</i> |
| <i>Wayne Harper</i> | <i>Parks</i> |
| <i>Joanna LaFortune</i> | <i>Sheriff's Department</i> |
| <i>James Odom</i> | <i>Fire Department</i> |
| <i>Glenda Parker</i> | <i>Senior Nutrition</i> |
| <i>Joe Peavy</i> | <i>Sheriff's Department</i> |
| <i>Stephanie Phillips</i> | <i>E911</i> |
| <i>Greg Thaxton</i> | <i>Parks</i> |
| <i>Carol Vining</i> | <i>CI</i> |
| <i>Geoffrey Wells</i> | <i>Leisure Services</i> |
| <i>Bill Williams</i> | <i>E911</i> |
| <i>Alton Yarbrough</i> | <i>Sheriff's Department</i> |



Welcome Spalding County New Hires!

Kelli M. Fulkerson
Maurice A. Gray
Robert F. Henderson
Caleb L. Hill
Timothy B. Knapp
Monica C. Matthews
Niesha D. Middlebrooks
Qintarious D. Oneal
Rodney E. Schultz
Octavius R. Schivers
Benjamin H. Sides
Cordell J. Swilley

Sheriff's Department – Victim Services
Sheriff's Department - Jail
Fire Department
Fire Department
Public Works – Garage
Parks & Recreation
Parks & Recreation
Sheriff's Department – Jail
Construction/Maintenance
Correctional Institute
Sheriff's Department – Jail
Sheriff's Department - Jail

Thank you for your Service!



Congratulations to Irene Fletcher at the C.I. who received her 15 Years of Service Award!

Captain Stanley Granger, Counselor Lola Martinez and Food Service Supervisor II, George Nash receive their 15 Year Service Awards. (Pictured with Warden Humphrey)



Spalding County Service Awards January thru March 2016



Jennifer Bunn
Veronica Cleveland
Keith Edwards
Eddie Hendricks
Joe Maddox
V. Scott McGee
Marlon Moore
Tripp Neel
Linda Warner

Sheriff (Detention)
 Sheriff (Detention)
 Correctional Institute
 Correctional Institute
 Tax Assessors
 Sheriff (Detention)
 Sheriff (Detention)
 Sheriff (Detention)
 Sheriff (Detention)

Bubba Andrews
Larry Arnold
Martin Batts
Dexter Head
Vincent Henley
Kevin Hollums
Otis Mitchell
Winnie Reynolds
Carlton Wilson
Leonard Wilson

Correctional Institute
 Fire Department
 Fire Department
 Correctional Institute
 Fire Department
 Fire Department
 Correctional Institute
 Sheriff (Communications)
 Solid Waste (Recycling)
 Sheriff (Uniform Patrol)



Tracy Albright
Keith Bradford
John Collier
Gregory Dragg
Kimberly Freeland
Fernando Harps
Jeffery Jones
Darries Lemons
Robert Maner
Stephanie Phillips
Keith Ware

Sheriff (Detention)
 Animal Control
 Fire Department
 Sheriff (Detention)
 Sheriff (Communications)
 Fire Department
 Fire Department
 Fire Department
 Sheriff (Detention)
 Emergency Communications
 Sheriff (Detention)

Brian Bankston
Tonja Cobb
Tony Little
Josef Miller
Dunstan Milner

Fire Department
 Fire Department
 Sheriff (CID)
 Fire Department
 Fire Department



Terry Tardy

Construction & Maintenance

Wyatt Davis
Ray Nash

Magistrate
 Parks & Recreation



Thank you for your Service!



Congratulations to Parks and Recreation Service Longevity Award Recipients:

**Sonny Walker – 20 Years
Otis Starks – 19 Years
Fletcher Berry – 15 Years
Cortese Mathis – 15 Years
Robby Milner – 19 Year**

Service Award Recipients

**Captain Brian Bankston
20 Years of Service**



**Captain Dunstan Milner
20 Years of Service**



**Captain Tonja Cobb
20 Years of Service**



**Firefighter Darries Lemons
15 Years of Service**



Service Award Recipients

**Firefighter Fernando Harps
15 Years of Service**



**Firefighter John Collier
15 Years of Service**



**Lt. Jeff Jones
15 Years of Service**



**Stephanie Phillips
15 Years of Service**



**Firefighter Kevin Hollums
10 Years of Service**



**Firefighter Larry Arnold
10 Years of Service**



Service Award Recipients and Retirements

**Firefighter Vince Henley
10 Years of Service**



**Firefighter Chris Holloway retires after
20 years of service with the Spalding
County Fire Department**



**Al Gibson retired on December 12th,
2015 after 15 years of service with the
Spalding County Parks and Recreation
Department**



Jesse James retired from the Spalding County Sheriff's Department on March 7, 2016 after 18 years of service and Wes Jones retired after 12 years of service.

Training Accomplishments and Promotions



Kyria Williams, Administrative Assistant at Spalding County Parks and Recreation completed the 2015 City of Griffin Citizen's Government Academy

(pictured with Lauren Brown, Office Manager)

Lt. Rocky White completes Fire Inspector Course



Stephanie Phillips Spalding County E911 Receives Certificate of Recognition



Lt. Mike Ellis promoted to Captain



Firefighter Adam Marat promoted to Lieutenant



Training Accomplishments and Promotions

Firefighter Kevin Hollums promoted to Lieutenant



Erica Callahan promoted to E-911 Shift Supervisor



Monique Lewandowski promoted to E-911 Lead Dispatcher



Spalding County E-911

Congratulations to:

- 👍 **William Williams And Atreona Willis on completing the 40 Hour Basic Communication Officers Class at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center**
- 👍 **Sequela Brown for completing the 40 Basic Communications Class at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.**

Welcome to new employees Sylvia Ridley, Cortney Callaway and Danielle Strickland

Spalding County Animal Control

Officer Foster and Officer Arnold visited Ann Street Elementary School and talked to the students about the importance of keeping their pets on their property, care and feeding of their pets and the importance of spaying and neutering their animals



Letters from students at Orrs Elementary requesting representatives from Animal Control come to speak at their school.

This is a hawk that was rescued by Spalding County Animal Control.



Spalding County Correctional Institute

Congratulations to Lola Martinez

Counselor Lola Martinez received “Employee of the Quarter” for the C.I. for the last quarter of 2015 for her dedication to her job, her professionalism and her ability to remain calm and focused under all circumstances.

Counselor Martinez has been with the C.I. for 15 years and has always been a very hard worker who not only gets her job done, but also helps anyone who needs assistance.



Warden Humphrey presented Counselor Martinez with her Certificate and she received a dedicated parking spot for three months with this honor.

Officer Steven Chamlee graduated from BCOT on December 17th. *Pictured with his brother Sgt. Robert Wilson.*



Spalding County Fire Department

September 23, 2015

Chief West hosted the annual Breakfast with the Chief. Heath McGuire of the Georgia Firefighter Pension Fund was the guest speaker. He gave a presentation on the pension fund and the benefits of the fund to the firefighters present. Special guests, Barbara Lights from E-911 and Mike Windham of Communications also attended.



Spalding County 2015 SPLOST Proceeds

The Spalding County Fire Department received a new Brush Truck from 2015 SPLOST



Spalding County Public Works

As part of the ongoing training and restructuring of the Public Works Department moving us forward in a safe and trained manner, Scott Sullivan and Randy King with the Sign Maintenance and Small Engine Shop implemented new public works type barricades as part of the road safety and restructuring program.



Employees from Public Works and Parks and Leisure participated in a Bucket Truck Safety workshop which included a safety video, safety checklist instructions and operational procedures for the bucket truck





5-minute safety talk

Avoiding incidents at work

An incident in an office can be just as painful and costly as an incident in a plant or on a job site. Broken bones are painful and cost as much to treat whether they're sustained during a fall in the office or a fall in a plant.

In either case, insurance costs, medical and hospital bills and lost wages are involved. Of course, several indirect costs must be added to direct incident costs, including lost time by co-workers who leave their work areas to help the victim or just to see what is happening, work disruption while a replacement is trained and retraining of the victim if he or she cannot perform a previous job assignment.

Falls are the most common office incident, accounting for the greatest number of disabling injuries. In fact, office workers are twice as likely to suffer a fall as non-office workers.

There are many different reasons why employees fall while on the job. They could fall while walking, climbing ladders and stairs, and even while sitting in chairs. People can trip over telephone and electrical cords, open desk and file drawers, loose or worn carpeting and rugs, debris, and equipment and packages left in aisles "just for a moment."

In California, an office worker stood up to walk away from her desk and struck her right shinbone on a lower desk drawer that was open about three inches. She was thrown off balance and fell, breaking her left shoulder. She was off work for three months.

That was not a freak accident. Almost every office has employees who have stumbled over protruding lower drawers. Almost as common are employees who straighten up suddenly from a stooped position and bang their head into an open upper drawer. Pulling out two file drawers at once can cause the filing cabinet to topple. Even one drawer can do it if the cabinet isn't bolted securely, if all the

heavy material is stored in the top drawer or if an employee stands on a lower drawer.

To avoid these types of incidents: use one drawer at a time, open it only as far as necessary and close it when finished. However, do not slam the drawer shut. Many fingers have been smashed by a slammed drawer. Use the handle.

Bumping into sharp burrs and corners on metal filing cabinets and furniture can cause injuries as well as torn or damaged clothing. File rough metal edges or corners, cover them with electrical or duct tape, or arrange furniture so corners are out of the traffic pattern. Small card files, calculators, staplers and other portable office equipment should not be placed near the edge of desks, filing cabinets or tables. They could be bumped or jarred over the edge, striking anyone standing or sitting between them and the floor.

Boxes, paper and other materials stacked on top of cabinets, files, lockers, etc. can cause landslide problems. When a folder that is halfway down the stack is needed, someone may try to pull it out without moving the top materials. Unfortunately, too often everything in the pile will come tumbling down.

Or, if something on top of the stack is needed, an employee may decide to substitute a chair for a ladder. The resulting fall can involve both the employee and the mountain of paper and material. If a wheeled swivel chair serves as the ladder, the fall may be preceded by short flight across the room. Solution: store materials inside cabinets, files and lockers — never on top. Keep the piles neat and labeled. Use a stepstool or ladder to reach top shelves in high cabinets.

Strains and back injuries from improper lifting, unexpected twisting, jerking or overexertion often disable office workers. Learn and follow proper lifting techniques and always get help with heavy or awkward loads.

Office fires can be as deadly and job-consuming as plant blazes. Know your nearest fire escape route, and where and how to use or activate the fire alarm system and firefighting equipment. Observe strict housekeeping standards and store flammable substances in listed safety containers in locked fireproof cabinets. Matches and smoking material must be confined to approved smoking areas and extinguished before being discarded in proper receptacles.

Office safety is everyone's responsibility. Everyone should develop an interest in following safe practices both on and off the job and in correcting unsafe conditions.

According to Injury Facts® in 2012, there were more than 227,640 cases of injuries with days away from work and 712 workplace deaths due to contact with objects or equipment. This includes being struck against an object; struck by an object; caught in an object or equipment; or caught in collapsing material.

Visit nsc.org/members for more safety tips



SPALDING COUNTY 4-H AREA AND STATE WINNERS

Spalding County 4-H Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging Junior and Senior Teams competed at their area contest in Conyers in November. This competition is sponsored by the Georgia Cotton Commission, and as such, the 4-H'ers write their own commercial about cotton and give their live presentation before two judges. In the consumer judging part of the competition, 4-H'ers learn about four consumer items: an article of clothing, a food/beverage, a consumer service, and a consumer good. They compete by reading a scenario about each category, rank 4 items in that category best to worse, and present oral reasons before a judge stating why they placed the items in that ranking.

The team members are given a score on Placing and Reasons, Presentation (cotton commercial), and Over-all Individual.



Spalding County 4-H Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging team members:

Front L-R: Sayla Boldon and Cheyenne Bailey

Back L-R: Zaria Owens, Lexie Bailey, Benjamin Rutledge, Isabel Rutledge, Abigail Noulis, Carrianna Simmons, and Hannah Rutledge

YOUTH ATTEND 2016 NATIONAL 4-H/FFA ROUNDUP

Denver, Colorado – More than 1000 youth from more than 32 states including Alberta, Canada attended the Western National Roundup January 7-10, 2016 in Denver, CO. The Conference, now in its 96th year, is held annually in early January, coinciding with the National Western Stock Show. This year's theme of "Mission ImPossible" is aimed at leaving participants with the confidence that they have the opportunity to create unique experiences and thrive in their self-defined future through 4-H and FFA.

Spalding County 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Team represented the state of Georgia as state champions in national competition. The team consisted of Dani Gibson, Colter Chasteen, Tyler Gibson, and Carly Nash. Coaches for the team were Joanna Gibson and Melissa Chasteen. This team came home in 4th place in the nation. Individual honors given 9th place Tyler Gibson, 7th place Colter Chasteen, and 5th place Dani Gibson.



4-H DAY AT THE GEORGIA STATE CAPITOL

Spalding County 4-H President Carrianna Simmons served in her role as the Northwest District Representative of the Georgia 4-H State Board of Directors on 4-H Day at the Georgia State Capitol, Wednesday, February 3, 2016.



Over 400 4-H'ers had the opportunity to schedule a visit with their legislators, to experience the top 4-H'ers being honored in the house and senate, to hear State 4-H President Ben Lord address both houses of the legislature, and to be recognized in Resolutions from both the House and Senate.

At the end of the day, the entire 4-H delegation from over thirty counties and invited guests gathered for a group photograph with supporters and friends of 4-H.

SPALDING COUNTY 4-H'ERS RECOGNIZED AT THE NORTHWEST 4-H DISTRICT PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

The 2016 Northwest 4-H District Project Achievement was held at Rock Eagle with 675 4-H members from 37 counties in northwest Georgia competing against one another. The competition was a culmination of project work completed over the last 12 months by the 4-H members who were required to give oral presentations and completed project portfolios for this competition.



Spalding County took 29 participants to the competition. Five 4-H members won the opportunity to compete, in their project areas, on the State level during 4-H State Congress in July: Dani Gibson, Martha Hicks, Hannah Rutledge, Benjamin Rutledge, and Abigail Rutledge.



ALEXA ROBINSON RECEIVES 2015 DIRECTORS AWARD

Alexa Robinson, Watershed Program Assistant at the UGA Extension Office received the 2015 Directors Award from the City of Griffin.

Alexa's position as Watershed Program Assistant is one that is jointly funded by the City of Griffin Stormwater Department and Spalding County. The Watershed Program Assistant provides watershed education. Alexa was recently recognized by the City of Griffin, Public Works Director, Dr. Brant Keller, with the Directors Award for her tireless efforts in several areas:

- Alexa spearheaded the Watershed Field Days, which is two days of hands on educational activities for middle school students. There were two middle schools that participated this year and over the two days of events there were over 250 students that were involved in eight educational stations on each day.
- Alexa is a certified Adopt a Stream trainer who conducted 11 Adopt a Stream workshops consisting of 122 participants.
- Alexa currently coordinates the monitoring of seven streams in Spalding County.



Alexa does watershed education and she also coaches the 4H Wildlife Judging team. Mr. Hutcherson stated that they are very proud of the recognition that she received.



Happy Anniversary!!

January
15

39 Years!

Cindy ♥ Kenny
Young

March
8

35 Years!

Wayne ♥ Thalia
Beck

January
16

23 Years!

Glenn ♥ Mary
Polk

March
26

17 Years!

Marco ♥ Monica
Colbert

March
19

17 Years!

Eddie ♥ Carrie
James

March
14

16 Years!

Robbie ♥ Sabrina
Miller

