Fall 2015

Spalding County News & Views

Earlier this month I was working on a letter for our annual audit that provides a brief description of the government, factors affecting our financial condition, long term financial planning and major initiatives. Unless you read our award winning annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Report you might miss some of the multitude of great things going on in Spalding County that will mold and shape our future. You may have heard of some of these initiatives, or might already be involved (or will be in the near future) with these projects, or you might not know anything at all about them, but they will create positive changes for our community for many years to come. I believe we have emerged from the depths of the great recession and Spalding County has a bright future ahead of us. I see more positive signs of growth and prosperity in the local economy than I have in several years and I believe that Spalding County will emerge in the next decade as the destination of choice for not only new residents but new industries and businesses as well. Listed below are just a few of the great things occurring simultaneously with that growth and prosperity that will put Spalding County on top.

1. Archway Partnership between the City, County, Board of Education and University of Georgia.
2. The Lakes at Green Valley Industrial Park and Otsuka, Toppan and Marukan locating there.
3. Construction of the new Airport.
4. College and Career Academy to open fall of 2016.
5. Georgia Film Academy at Southern Crescent Technical College.
6. Food PIC (Product Innovation & Commercialization Center) under construction at the UGA Griffin Campus.
7. Turfgrass Research Facility to be built at UGA Griffin Campus.
8. Passage of the 2015 SPLOST and all of the associated projects.
9. 1888 Mills deciding not to relocate and expanding the Griffin Headquarters.
10. Sun City Peachtree continues to grow.
11. Senior Nutrition Program at the Spalding County Senior Center.
12. FEMA Grant awarded for two Weather Warning Sirens.

At this time I want to say "Thank You" to each and every employee for what you do, day in and day out, because without you none of these initiatives or projects would be possible. Spalding County runs like a finely tuned machine because of our employees and their dedication to their work. Many of you have been here for decades and have seen the "good times" and the "bad times" and I want to thank you for service to this community. I also want to thank those of you who are just becoming members of the Spalding County family and encourage you to continue your career here at Spalding County because it is a great place to live, work and play.

I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!

William P. Wilson, Jr.

Spalding County Initiates Senior Nutrition Program

The Spalding County Senior Nutrition Program opened it's doors at the Senior Center on Monday, August 3rd, 2015.

This program serves breakfast and lunch at the Senior Center at a minimal cost to the seniors of Spalding County. The program also administers the Meals on Wheels distribution to our homebound residents.

The Board of Commissioners voted to let County employees participate in the breakfast and lunch offerings at the Senior Center, if you haven't done so… you need to

"Check it Out!"

Spalding County
Senior Nutrition Program

Comments received regarding the Senior Nutrition Program:

A delivery driver for the Meals On Wheels program relayed the following comment that one of the clients on the route made:

"When I got the other meals, my dog ate most of them, but now, I'm eating them and my dog is going hungry!"

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Fellow Commissioners:

I just had the BEST lunch ever! I decided to stop by the Spalding County Senior Center today to see what all the "hype" was about regarding lunch! All I can say is OMG!! You have to take a minute out of your busy day, and grab lunch "to go" or eat at our wonderful facility. Lunch was delicious not to mention the healthy features added to it.

Trust me! I will be back very soon. Go check it out!

Rita Johnson, Chairperson
Spalding County Board of Commissioners

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Awsome Job Senior Nutrition Program!

Spalding County has a Senior Nutrition Program that we can be proud of and if you haven't tried the food, you need to. There is a wonderful selection of food and County employees can participate for $5.00 per plate. This will buy you an entrée, two vegetables, a bread, a desert and a drink. **It is the best deal around**!

2015 United Way Campaign

8th Annual Cardboard Boat Race

Winner Most Creative Boat

Winner Judges Choice Award

Thank You to all of the United Way participants!!

2015 Spalding County United Way Campaign

Congratulations to the 2015 United Way Raffle Winners

Thank you for your support!

Diana Clark
Parks and Recreation

Caleb Herriage
Fire Department

Presented by:
Chief West

Robert Head
Parks and Recreation

Presented by:
Greg Thaxton

Jo Ellis
Parks and Recreation

Jeremy Green
Fire Department

Spalding County Employee Contributions will total $10,048.80 for 2015!

Spalding County Wedding Anniversaries

October 1
4 Years
Brandy & Jason Register

November 13
11 Years
Timmy & Julia Robertson

October 28
21 Years
Fernando & Lisa Harps

October 5
19 Years
Brian & Linda Klaassen

October 12
19 Years
James & Rita Odom

November 27
34 Years
Eric & Sue Mallard

Spalding County Service Awards Recipients

5 years

Johnathan Cambron	CI
James Cape	Sheriff
Dwayne Harry	CI
Angela Polk	Sheriff
Gina Ritchie	Superior Court
Billy Thomas	Solid Waste
Robert Wilson	CI
Saundra Zilian	Clerk of Court

15 Years

Irene Fletcher	CI
Stanley Granger	CI
Jimmy Hodo	Juv. Prob.
Lola Martinez	CI
Cortese Mathis	Recreation
George Nash	CI

20 years

Thalia Beck	Clerk of Court
Chuck Bentley	Sheriff

25 Years

Oscar Jordan	CI
Charles McDaniel	Public Works

40 Years

Syble Jones
Juvenile Probation

Spalding County Service Awards

Susan Norton
Public Works

Presented by Tim Crane

Shirley Miller
and
Beth Griffin
Correctional Institution

Lt. Stan White
Correctional Institution

Presented by
Warden Humphrey

Cpl. Norman Parks
Correctional Institution

Cpl. Cordelia Stodghill
Correctional Institution

Presented by
Lt. Oscar Jordan

Tina Welch
Administrative Assistant
Correctional Institution

Presented by
Warden Humphrey

Spalding County Service Awards
Fire Department

Chris Holloway
pictured with
Deputy Chief Clark

Battalion Chief Slaughter
pictured with
Deputy Chief Clark &
Captain Tim Henderson

Captain Jester
pictured with
Deputy Chief Clark

Firefighter Brian Klaassen
pictured with
Chief Kenny West

Thank you for your service to Spalding County!

Firefighter Barry Wilson
pictured with
Deputy Chief Clark &
Captain Tim Henderson

Spalding County Parks and Recreation

Jo Ellis, Senior Center Supervisor Honored

The Spalding County Senior Center Supervisor, Jo Ellis, was recognized for her many contributions to the senior community by the Georgia Gerontology Society. In August she received a "Citation of Merit" for demonstrating achievement, service, exemplary living and commitment to aging services. In September, Jo was recognized for her enthusiastic spirit and was presented the "Ruth Gaylor Spirit Award" while working at the Georgia Golden Olympics in Warner Robins.

Parks, Public Grounds and Leisure Services Honored at GRAPA District Awards Banquet

The Georgia Recreation and Park Association District Four serves 13 Georgia counties and recently presented Spalding County Parks, Public Grounds and Leisure Services with special recognition during their Annual District Awards Banquet.

The department received the Program Award for its summer program "Play to Discover - Discover to Play." This innovative program featured a mobile recreation unit which visited parks and neighborhoods all summer long bringing fun and games to children encouraging them to play outdoors. A mini grant from Georgia Recreation and Park Association provided funding to equip the van with a Wii system, parachute, portable Disc Golf goal and much more! More than 300 children were served.

Two amazing volunteers were recognized for their dedicated service to the field of recreation and parks. They each received the Volunteer of the Year Award which recognizes volunteers whose efforts have had a lasting, positive effect on parks, recreation and leisure services. **Jason Stowell** received the award for his involvement in the fund raising efforts and construction of the disc golf course at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park. **Lamar Jones** received the award for his continuous involvement with the youth baseball program for over 30 years.

Awards and Acknowledgements

Jerry Lockett of the Correction Institute received "Employee of the Quarter" for third quarter 2015.

← *Presented by Lt. Randy Bogan.*

Sgt. Robert Wilson receives his badge and insignia upon his promotion to Sergeant.

Presented by Warden Humphrey →

Don Garvin receives his Lt. Bars from Warden Carl Humphrey and Asst. County Mgr. Eric Mosley, in collaboration with Parks and Recreation and the local Council on Aging for his role in the start-up and implementation of the congregate meals and Meals on Wheels Program implemented at the Spalding County Senior Center.

Well Done Lt. Garvin!!

Officer Cindy Hudson receives her Corporal bars from Warden Humphrey and Eric Mosley, Assistant County Manager for her supervision of six inmates during the everyday preparation of meals at the Senior Center Kitchen.

Congratulations Cpl. Hudson!

Welcome to our New Employees

Tina Ackiss	*Accounts Payable*
Michael Betsill	*Deputy Sheriff I*
Annie Bing	*Nutrition Delivery Driver*
Vicky Blackston	*Deputy Sheriff I*
Debra Brown	*Nutrition Deliver Driver*
Sequela Brown	*Telecommunicator*
Steven Shamlee	*Correctional Officer*
Summer Cheves	*Day Camp Counselor*
Tracey Cross	*Corrections Counselor*
Duncan Dubberly	*Deputy Sheriff I*
Ricky Gallmon	*Correctional Officer*
Joshua Goins	*Deputy Sheriff I*
Monica Gregg	*Office Assistant*
Matthew Hankerson	*Correctional Officer*
Patricia Hawthorne	*Nutrition Delivery Driver*
Heather Headley	*Real Property Appraiser*
Tonya Henley	*PT Voter Registration*
Joy Jester	*Nutrition Delivery Driver*
Darryll Kipp	*Correctional Officer*
Tony Landers	*Collection Center Attendant*
Jennifer Long	*Telecommunicator*
Marc McIntyre	*Deputy Sheriff I*
Linda McLin	*Appraiser Real Property*
Michelle Mizell	*Correctional Officer*
Gwendolyn Parker	*Office Assistant*
Matthew Polk	*Deputy Sheriff II*
Maia Price	*Community Service Specialist*
Henry Queen	*Collection Center Attendant*
Jeffrey Queen	*Public Works Officer I*
Christopher Reynolds	*Public Works Officer II*
Kenneth Russell	*Correctional Officer*
Larry Scott	*Collection Center Attendant*
Julia Ann Shorb	*Administrative Assistant I*
Hillary Sowell	*Office Assistant*
Leslie Spitzer	*Magistrate Clerk I*
John Taylor	*Correctional Officer*
Yashica Webb	*Administrative Assistant I*
William Williams	*Telecommunicator*
Atreona Willis	*Telecommunicator*
Justin Paul Zambujo	*Deputy Sheriff I*

Spalding County Magistrate Court

Judge Cavanaugh – As the Holidays approach, we seem to stop and reflect on the many blessings in our personal and professional lives, and realize that they are too many to count. I am ever so thankful for the wonderful staff here at the Magistrate Court and our many professional friends in other government departments.

Clerk, **June Rainey** is going to be a Nana again in March. Her son Adam and his wife Carley are expecting another little girl. Rosalyn is going to be a big sister!
June is very excited!!!

Clerk, **Linda McPherson** would like to thank everyone for their love, prayers and support for her son, Brian and his wife Sherry and their family during this difficult time.

Clerk, **Anna Shadden** feels blessed to be a new addition to the Magistrate Court family. She says it truly makes you happy to work in such a department filled with love and friendship.

Clerk, **Pat Hood** is happy to finally have some upgrades to her home and is looking forward to having all the family members with her during the holidays!

Clerk, **Zeny Torres** is happy to say that she is a great, great Aunt to a beautiful little girl born 10/30/15 by the name of Eliana, 7lb. 7oz. and 19 ½ in. long. Also her middle child, Josh and his wife are expecting their 1st baby. Zeny says she is going to spoil them both!

Clerk, **Leslie Spitzer** is happy to be the newest member of the Magistrate Court Team and we are very glad to have her!

Constable, **Wyatt Davis** says since this is November and it is almost Thanksgiving, he would like to thank all the other departments that help us out and lend support and back up our constables, clerks and Judges. Thanks to all of you who assist us.

Constable, **Michael Boggs** son Dylan finished first place in his Troup 2, "Den" and fourth place in the "Pack" in Scouts, with his "Phantom" Space Rocket in the first ever Space Derby at First Baptist Church on 10/26/15. He is very proud of him!!!

Judge, **Brennan MacDowell** says he is so glad to have most of his family near as we approach the holidays, and remembering those times when they were so far away, and in turn thinking of and praying for those who will spend the holidays in harms way on our behalf, half a world away. The Lord's blessings be upon them now and in the coming y**ear.**

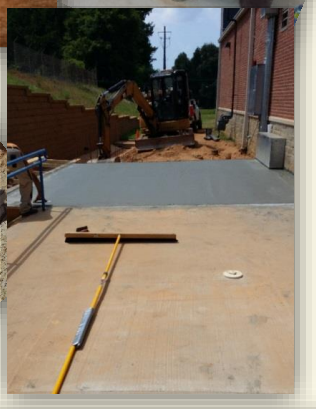
Judge**, Don Taliaferro** says it is great to have Anna back working with him. He says he can't say enough about this great Magistrate Court staff; very professional and "fun-loving". After 35 years of solo, gotta say; "Spalding Magistrate is one of, if not the most, "efficient courts" I've had the pleasure to serve.

Judge, **Sam Parks** would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Spalding County Public Works Department

Spalding County Public Works is a multi-facited department. These employees are called on to assist in numerous projects that involve many different skill sets.

- Assisting with construction for the new Senior Nutrition Program



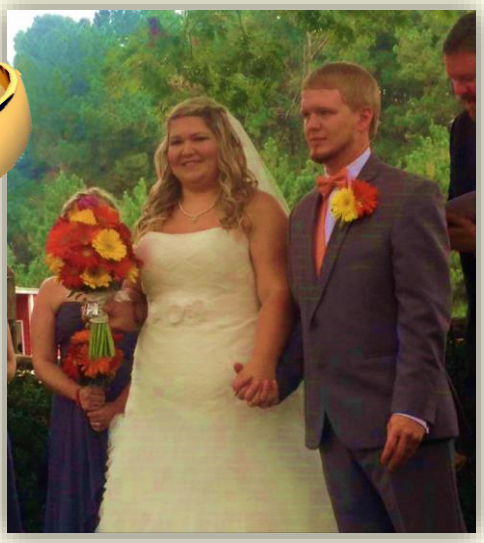
- Resurfacing roads for the 2015 LMIG

Thank you For all That You Do

- Organizing equipment and vehicles for the upcoming surplus auction

Spalding County E911

Danielle (Lovett) Sanders
married the love of her life
Devin Sanders
on October 25, 2015.



Congratulations to

Shekeriah Matthews

On the birth of her

Baby boy

Logan

October 10, 2015

Spalding County E-911 participated in "Lowes Safety Saturday"

October 21, 2015

Spalding County E-911 participated in "Drive by Flu Shot" exercise at the Spalding County Health Department

Community Involvement and Recognition

August 25, 2015

I wanted to say Thank You to the Spalding County Fire Department personnel who responded to a structure fire on West Ellis Road and Pinehill Road. The fire was next door to my 85 year old mother's home and the first responders advised her 85 year old mother of the situation and check on her wellbeing throughout the call. I am extremely glad to know that Spalding County firefighters cared enough to keep my mother calm during the ordeal.

Denise Delay

September 27, 2015

Commissioner Donald Hawbaker presented a Proclamation to Senior Pastor Gregory Tylor during the 150 Year Anniversary Celebration of Macedonia Baptist Church

October 8, 2015

The firemen at Cabin Station did an outstanding job on Monday evening. My husband had an allergic reaction and I stopped there on the way to the emergency room to have his blood pressure checked. I was scared for him, they checked him out and offered an ambulance, but I said I could get him to the hospital faster, I had calmed down by that time. I just wanted to let you know that they did an awesome job.

Renee Futral

Community Involvement

Ms. Spalding County Organization 2015 Queens and Kings

Donate Food to the Animal Shelter

Five Loaves & Two Fish
412 W. Slaton Avenue
Griffin, GA 30223
the food pantry

Kenny West Fire Chief
600 Carver Road
Griffin, GA 30223

Dear Friends

Thank you on behalf of the Five Loaves and Two Fish Food Pantry for your very generous donation of canned goods . We hope you will ag ain plan to partner with us. We are so appreciative of your support. We continue to be blessed by donations of items needed by our clients. We are also grateful for financial donations as well. We were able to give out 687 turkeys or hens for Thanksgiving due to generous community support.. Almost every month we are able to offer a second food pick up from the Atlanta Food Bank . We appreciate your support of this vital ministry to our community.

The Food Pantry is open each Monday and Wednesday from 2-4; Tuesday and Thursday from 10-12 and 5-6; and Saturday from 10-12. Please feel free to drop by and observe our operations at any of these times. Donations are only accepted during our hours of operation. Please do not leave food at the door when we are closed.

May God continue to bless you as you reach out in ministry to those in our community who need food. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have questions.

Sincerely,
Gail Hammock
Food Pantry Volunteer

Spalding County Fire Department Annual Food Drive Donation to Five Loaves & Two Fish Food Pantry

To. Spalding County Fire Dept. Nov.23, 2015
Attn: Chief Kenny West
600 Carver Rd.
Griffin, Ga. 30224

From: Mr. Richard O. Braun
185 Cedar Creek Ct.
Fayetteville, Ga. 30215

Dear Chief West,

It is my understanding that on Nov. 18th. the crew of Engine 2, B shift, responded to a traffic accident on Bailey Jester Rd. As a result of this accident, my Grandson, Richard Cody Braun, was injured and apparently pinned inside of his vehicle. I want to acknowledge and commend your crew for the efficient work they did to remove him from the vehicle and enable him to get medical attention. At the present time he is at the Atlanta Medical Center being treated for a dislocated hip and a collapsed lung.

As a retiree from the Clayton County Fire Dept., I can appreciate the effort and work that was performed to remove him from the vehicle. Thankfully, the members of this crew were provided with the equipment, and engaged in the training necessary to perform this task.

The members of his family and his friends are very grateful to the Spalding County Fire Dept. and the crew of Engine 2, B shift.

Sincerely:

Richard O. Braun
Retired Lt. C.C.F.D.

Community Involvement and Recognition

July 11, 2015

Pastor Shaun Sanders of Divine Impact Church thanked the Spalding County Fire Department "A Shift" (Engine 1, Engine 4 and Squad 3) personnel for their assistance with the Devine Impact Christian Ministries, Int'l (DICOM) Back to School event. He stated that he was impressed with how friendly and professional the firefighters were with the children and he wanted to make sure that the County know how much he appreciated the participation by these firefighters and their willingness to teach the children about fire safety with hands on experiences in the Fire Safety House.

Thank you for an excellent job SCFD Firefighters!

... Raymond Ray
Commissioner District 2

FARM BUREAU GEORGIA

Spalding County Farm Bureau
1716 HIGHWAY 16 WEST
GRIFFIN, GEORGIA 30223
OFFICE: 770-228-2341 • FAX: 770-412-1010

July 31, 2015

Spalding County Fire Department
Attn: Jamie Clark
600 Carver Road
Griffin, GA 30224

Dear Mr. Clark,

We would like to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to assist us with the "ATV Safety" class at our Farm Safety Camp 2015.

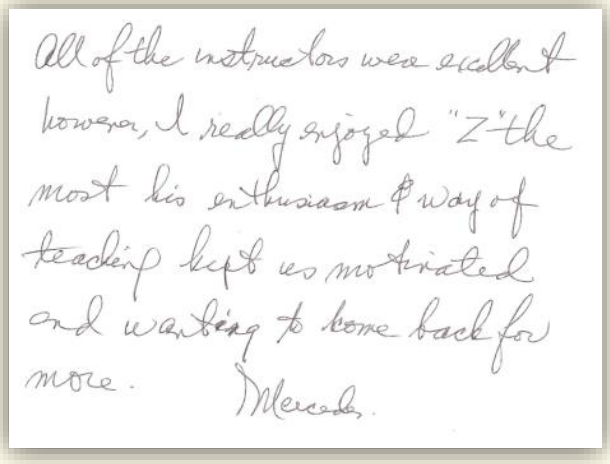
Without faithful volunteers we would be unable to sponsor such an event. Once again, we would like to thank you for all of your help.

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

Thank you note written on the back of the last C.E.R.T. feedback forms.

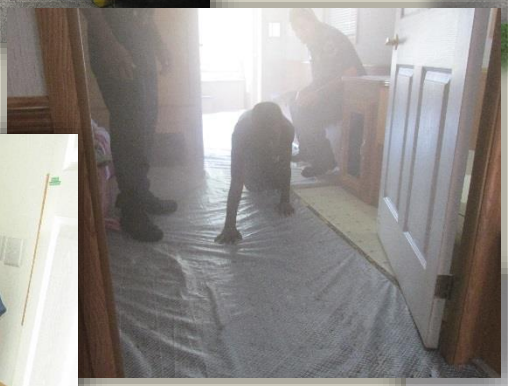


All of the instructors were excellent however, I really enjoyed "Z" the most his enthusiasm & way of teaching kept us motivated and wanting to come back for more.
Mercedes

Mercedes of Sun City compliments Lt. Zavario Johnson

August 2015

Free for All Missionary Baptist Church invited the Fire Safety House and engine to their Community Youth Rally on Saturday, August 8th.



Community Involvement and Recognition

Griffin First United Methodist Preschool
1401 Maple Drive, Griffin, GA 30224
Phone: (770) 228-0166 Fax: (770) 228-3069
www.griffin-fumc.org
http://griffinfirstumcpreschool.blogspot.com/

October 7, 2015

Captain Dunstan Milner
C/o Spalding County Fire Department
600 Carver Road
Griffin, GA 30224

Dear Captain Milton,

On behalf of the staff of Griffin First United Methodist Preschool, we are so grateful to you and your fellow firefighters for coming to the school with the fire trucks and Safety House to teach our youngsters about fire safety. Your visit helps the children learn first hand about our community helpers, and it shows them that firefighters are here to assist them when they need it. You and your crew were great with the children, setting them at ease and teaching them what to do in case of a fire.

I have enclosed a photo of some of your men with some of our 3-year olds as a small gift of thanks!

Sincerely,

Debby Daniel-Bryant

Debby Daniel-Bryant, Ed.S.
Director

Community Involvement and Recognition

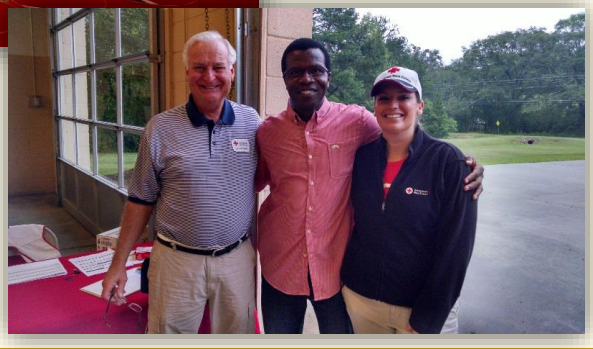
Griffin-Spalding County Residents donate $9,863.13 during the Spalding County Fire Department Annual MDA Boot Drive.

Community Involvement and Recognition

September 26, 2015

As part of the Red Cross Smoke Detector Fire Preparedness Campaign in Spalding County Volunteers and the SCFD went door to door offering to install a smoke detector to any household at no cost to the homeowner.

108 smoke detectors were donated for this campaign and according to Jessica McFadden (Disaster Program Manager) from the American Red Cross reported we installed 136 alarms and educated Spalding County citizens about fire safety.



Spalding County Homeland Security Dive Cross Training

October, 2015.

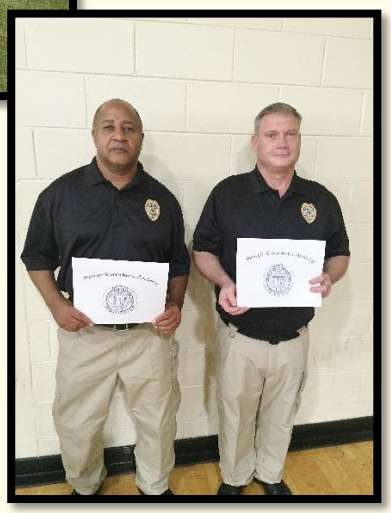
Spalding County Office of Homeland Security members cross train with Spalding County Sheriff's Office Dive and Rescue Tem to better prepare in the event of a disaster. This training was done on a volunteer basis and on the individuals' personal time. All equipment was purchased by the individual participants.

Spalding County Office of Homeland Security now has 13 dive team members with closed water dive certification.

Spalding County Correctional Institute

Chief Counselor Happy Johnson, Counselor Tracey Cross, Cpl. John Shivers and Captain C.S. Granger show off the certificates they received for attending Supervisor of OJT class and training at Central Georgia Technical College on October 15th, 2015. The C.I. started OJT for inmates on November 1st with the cooperation and assistance of the Spalding County Parks and Recreation Dept. The first OJT classes are focused on small engine repair and groundskeeping; in January the C.I. plans to expand OJT offerings for inmates in the Public Works Department.

Newly P.O.S.T. certified Officer Darryl Kipp marches to BCOT graduation with his classmates in October. Officer Kipp is wearing the black shirt and khaki pants.



Newly graduated Officers Matthew Hankerson and Ricky Gallmon show off their BCOT graduation certificates after ceremonies at State Offices South at Tift College.

Spalding County Correctional Institute

On, November 13, 2015, the Spalding County CI served Thanksgiving Lunch to staff, Department Heads and County Commissioners.

In remembrance of Veterans' Day, our very own veterans were asked to pose for this picture.

From left to right: County Commissioner Bart Miller, Lt. Stanley White, Cpl. Vincent Sims, Admin. Asst. Joni Adams, Contract Detail Officer Dexter Head and Officer Joshua Norris

Spalding County 4-H Program

Sarah Prestage

Spalding County 4-H:

Spalding County 4-H was represented by eleven youth at the 2015 4-H Stae Horse Show held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in June of this year. Over 230 Youth representing 52 Georgia counties participated.

Taylor Orr

Horse Show – Hippology Team – 3rd place – 2nd team Reasons and 10th judging at So. Region. Taylor Orr and Sarah Prestage qualified for So. Region – Taylor: 3rd High Individual Ranch Horse, 2nd Ranch Trail, 2nd Working Cow Horse, 6th Reining. Sarah: 5th Hunter type Mares, 3rd hunter under saddle.

81 Spalding County 4-H'ers attended 4-H Sponsored Camps this summer

Cloverleaf 4-H'ers (5th-6th grade) attended camp at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. Junior (7th-8th grade) and Senior (9th-12th grade) 4-H'ers attended camp at Fortson 4-H Center. Spalding County Certified Teen Leaders helped with the camping program during our week at Rock Eagle.

Group participation at camp.

Certified Team Leaders:

Turner Jordan,
Francisco Zepeda
Bethany Frank, and
Carianna Simmons

Spalding County 4-H Program

Spalding County 4-H – Did you know?

- There are 54 organized 4-H clubs in Spalding County Schools
- With a GIS Grant, Spalding 4H'ers marked all of the historical sites in Spalding County
- Spalding County 4-H currently has 8 special interest project clubs
    - Quilting
    - Edible Clovers
    - Dog
    - SAFE
    - Shotgun
    - Horse
    - Community Science Investigation (CSI
    - Wildlife Judging
- Georgia 4-H State Congress is the culmination of 4-H Project Achievement competition and other special competitive 4-H events: Spalding County took 9 4-H'ers (the highest number from Northwest District) to compete in their project area against 4-H'ers from other districts. Competing from Spalding County are Annabeth Branton, Dani Gibson, Elizabeth Evans, Nathaniel Haulk, Tyler Gibson, Isabel Rutledge, and Hannah Rutledge, Amanda Mayo, and Abigail Noulis. The first place winner is awarded the status "Master 4-H'er". Isabel Rutledge Mastered in Companion Animals and Annabeth Branton Mastered in Workforce Preparation. Recognized for Mastering in 4-H competitions earlier in the year were: Carly Nash, Tyler and Dani Gibson, and Colter Chasteen in Horse Quiz Bowl. They will be competing at the Western National Round-Up Competition in Denver in January. Dani Gibson Mastered in Hippology - High Individual score. Carrianna Simmons was installed during the Leadership Banquet onto the 2015-2016 Georgia 4-H State Board of Directors.

Spalding County 4-H'ers were elected to governing boards for the 2015-2016 year. Isabel Rutledge is serving as a Northwest District Senior Board Officer, and Carrianna Simmons is serving as a State Board Officer. It is a great accomplishment for Spalding County to have 2 officers representing 4-H on the District and State level.

- Once again this year, Spalding County 4-H's National Award Winning program "Youth in Governance" was held for 5 days in the summer. 4-H'ers got a close up look at how local government, services, and businesses impact our community. 17 4-H'ers in 7th-12th grade participated in this week long day camp.

Spalding County 4-H Program

Spalding County 4-H – Did you know?

- Spalding County sent a Forestry Judging team to the Northwest Forestry Field Day completion for only the second year. This young team placed 3rd place at the District Competition. Those on the 3rd place team are: Jacob Bohler, Hannah Rutledge, Annabeth Branton, Benjamin Rutledge, and Volunteer Coach Darwin Simmons

- Spalding County 4-H Senior Consumer Judging Team has earned a berth in the State Competition by winning 1st place in their area competition. Members of the senior team include: **Carrianna Simmons**: 2nd place Over-All Individual, 3rd place Placing and Reasons, and 2nd place Presentation; **Hannah Rutledge**: 3rd place Over-All Individual, 3rd place Placing and Reasons; **Isabel Rutledge**: 4th place Over-All Individual, 1st place Presentation; **Benjamin Rutledge:** 5th place Over-All Individual, 2nd place Presentation; and **Abigail Noulis**: 6th place Over-All Individual, 2nd place Placing and Reasons.

Lisa is picture with Wade Hutcheson receiving her award

Cherry Hovatter was recognized by the University of Georgia for 15 years of service as UGA County Extension Agent – 4H.

Cherry has a total of 33 years of service in the Extension field.

Lisa Kelly received her 10 year Service Award from Spalding County.

Cherry is picture with Wade Hutcheson receiving her award