

Spalding County News & Views



Summer 2015 Edition



*Don't forget the
United Way Boat Race*

Saturday, September 12, 2015

At

Dundee Lake Park

From

9:00 a.m. until noon

Hope to see you there!!!!



*Photography by William P. Wilson, Jr.
County Manager*



Awards and Acknowledgements

April 30, May 1, 2, 7, 8 & 9, 2015

Firefighters were out in force for the "2015 Give Burns the Boot" Drive

\$15,110.82 was raised by the Spalding County Fire Department during their "Give Burns the Boot" Drive for the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation. That's \$3,205.37 more than last year! The Spalding County Fire Department would like to extend their thanks to the Citizens of Spalding County for their generous contributions to this very worthy cause.



Pictured Left to Right: Lt. Eric Huggins, Firefighter Jonathan Fetters, Firefighter Brett Pilant & Firefighter Desmond Woodard

May 4, 2015

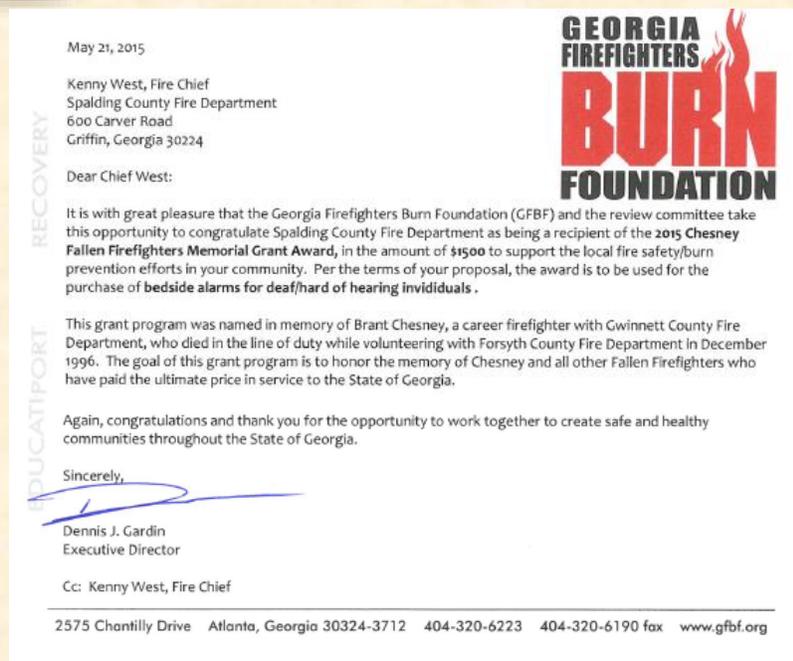


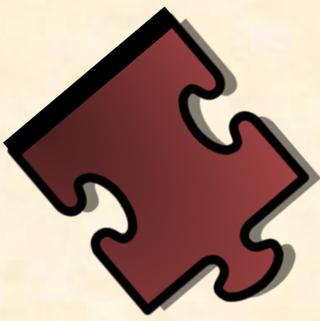
Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley was presented with the National Wildfire Mitigation Award by Terri Jenkins, Fire Management Specialist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. There were only 21 of these awards given nationally and this award is the highest honor that one can achieve for outstanding work and significant program impact in wildfire preparedness and mitigation.

Pictured Left to Right: Eric's wife, Joy, his two sons, Nash and Scout, Eric and Terri Jenkins

May 21, 2015

Spalding County Fire Department Receives Chesney Award from the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation:





Awards and Acknowledgements

Spalding County Animal Control Receives thanks for a Job Well Done!



1104 Satilla Court
Griffin, GA 30223
May 12, 2015

Brent Foster
P.O. Box 1087
Griffin, GA 30224

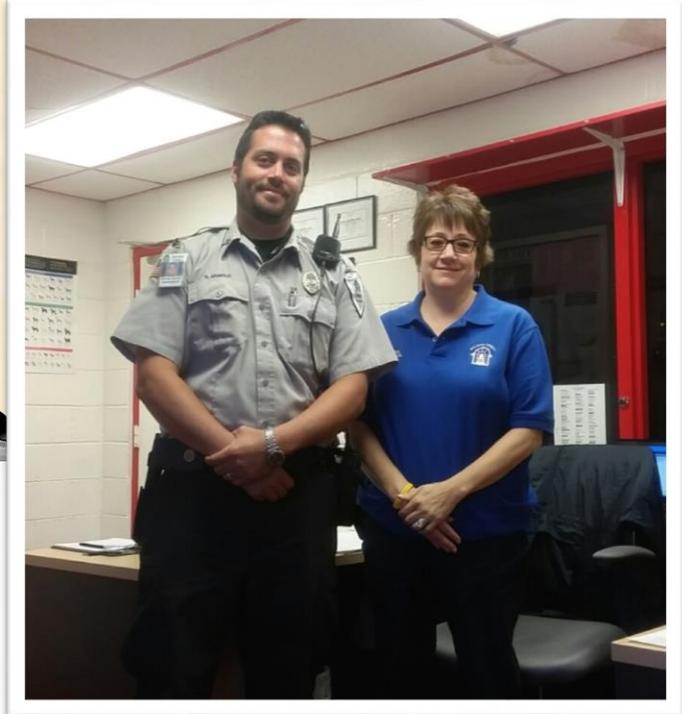
Dear Mr. Foster:

Thank you for hiring people like Annette Cross and Steve Arnold. I applaud their friendly attitudes, quick responses, and professional team efforts! Spalding County Animal Control should be proud to have such people on their team.

I called Animal Control because one of the kittens I brought home from my Mom's house had embedded itself in the upper recesses of the steering apparatus of my car (where he'd remained overnight). Needless to say, to have a cat stuck in one's steering apparatus renders the cat and one's car inoperable. But within twenty minutes of my call, the diligent efforts of Annette and Steve, both the kittens and my car were rescued. Thank you for hiring people who truly care about animals and their community!

Sincerely yours,

Lisa Dore



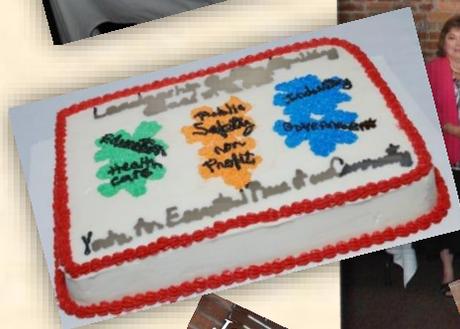
*(Pictured left to right above:
Steve Arnold, Annette Cross)*



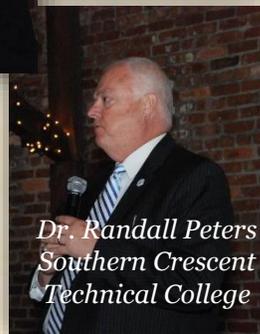


Griffin/Spalding Leadership Development 2015 Graduates

17
Graduates!



Chief Tommy Jones
Griffin Fire
Rescue



Dr. Randall Peters
Southern Crescent
Technical College

Speakers



Jo Ellis
Senior Center



Wanda Smallwood
Voter Registration



Steven Arnold
Animal Control



Jacoeya Clinkscales
Parks & Recreation

Congratulations Graduates

Much thanks to Cindy Jones at the
Griffin/Spalding Chamber. Without
whom this program would not be
possible



Greg Thaxton
Parks & Recreation



Richard Gray
Public Works



Scott Sullivan
Public Works



Rico McCrary
E-911



Kathy Gibson
Board of Commissioners

Carl Humphrey
Warden – CI
Unable to attend Graduation



Community Involvement

April 13, 2015



Sun City Peachtree Homeowner's Association, hosted a "town hall" meeting for approximately 165 residents of Sun City on April 13. Commissioner Don Hawbaker and County Manager William Wilson discussed a number of the residents' interests and concerns including property taxes and assessments, school tax exemptions, Griffin gangs, replacement of a nearby bridge on Jordan Hill Road, the new airport, water testing, and related topics.

April 22, 2015

Chief Appraiser Don Long made a presentation Sun City Peachtree Residents concerning property assessments and the appeals process. Mr. Long reviewed property tax laws in the State of Georgia, the types of property taxed and the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Assessors. Approximately sixty people attended this meeting and found the presentation to be enlightening, professional and enjoyable.

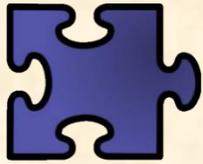


May 2, 2015

The Rotary Sombrero Dash - All proceeds to benefit the Rotary Club of Griffin Project Fund, which supports countless community charitable projects and events.

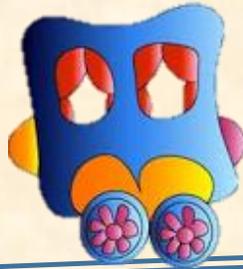


Participants:
Tammi Riggins, Sheriff's Department,
Julie Gates, Sheriff's Department and
Rocky White, Spalding County Fire
Department who won in his age group.



Upcoming Service Award Recipients

5 Years



Henry Baker	Recycling
Joyce Daniel	Recreation
Alyssa Rowell-Cape	Sheriff

10 Years



Karen Calloway	Juvenile Probation
Lisa Kelley	Cooperative Extension
Cordelia Stodghill	CI
Tina Welch	CI



15 Years



Wanda Moore	Human Resources
Norman Parks	CI
Danny Stowe	Sheriff

20 Years



Debbie Brooks	Clerk of Court
Suzanne Gatlin	Superior Court
Chris Holloway	Fire
Jonathan Nelms	Juvenile Court
Stanley White	CI

25 Years

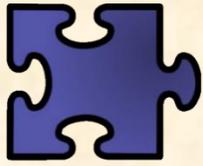


Thomas Hamm	Solid Waste
Tim Henderson	Fire
Dexter Jester	Fire
Susan Norton	Public Works
Joe Peavey	Sheriff
Barry Wilson	Fire



30 Years

Brian Klaassen	Fire
Todd Smith	Sheriff



Service Award Recipients

5 Years



Nick Long receives 5 year service award pictured with Battalion Chief Slaughter and Deputy Chief Clark



Johnathan Fetters receives 5 year service award pictured with Battalion Chief Lyons and Deputy Chief Clark



Angela Hosey receives 10 year service award pictured with E-911 Director Barbara Lights

10 Years

Susan Lunch receives 10 year service award pictured with E-911 Director Barbara Lights

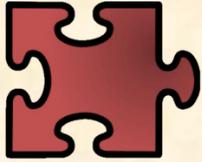


Yolanda Keys receives 15 year service award pictured with E-911 Director Barbara Lights

15 Years

Cheryl Hovatter receives 15 year service award pictured with UGA Extension Coordinator Wade Hutcheson





Service Award Recipients



30 Years

Deputy Chief Jamie Clark receives 30 year service award pictured with Fire Chief Kenny West

Firefighter Alex Leverett receives 30 year service award pictured with Fire Chief West and Battalion Chief Slaughter



35 Years

Cindy McDaniel celebrates 35 years of service with Spalding County. Cindy is pictured with Community Development Director, Chad Jacobs

2015 Spalding County Birthdays

<i>July 2015</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Travolis Daniel Jessie Lehmer Cecil Taylor Setina Williams Swanson	Dwayne Harry Stanley White	Michael Elrod	Bart Miller, Jr.
Pamela Doss Dale Jackson	Jody Campbell Wyatt Davis Lisa Kelley	Terri Bass Christopher Holloway Brian Klassen	Jennifer Bunn Chelsea Howell Zavario Johnson Michael McDonald	Kay Perdue Brian Rice Kenneth Wilkerson	Sheryl Brown Gwendolyn Jordan	Anastasia Johnson Eraste Trahan
Elaine Buckner Okesia Etheridge Jarrison McBrayer	Cindy Boggs John Collier Rebekah Skelton	Deborah Brady Linda Truitt	William Garvin Alton Yarbrough	Jordan Chastain Charlie Hardy	Wendell Beam Melanie Bowen John Granger Laquita Wimbush	Ray Nash
	Andrew Degler Gwen Flowers- Taylor Rita Johnson Joseph Faulkerson Dalton McCarty Wendy Sauley Simmons	Diana Clark Brian Clothier	Paula Goodman	James Dunn Kelly Leger	Michelle Clark Gilles Lalumiere Mike Windham	
		Jimmy Johnson	Tavario Berry Meci Thurmond Carol Vinings	Debbie Brooks Jamie Clark Winnie Reynolds Logan Smith	Henry Sims	

<i>August 2015</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Bill Norris
Latressia Ferguson Joshua Norris	Sharon Alexander Susan Avery	Gabriel Kreismanis Jason Pritchett		Allen Gibson	Karen Law April Smarr	Jimmy Hodo
Jacya Clinkscales Kelly Edwards	Albert Eady Andrew Gilbert James Green William Herriage Angela Hosely	Renee McIver Lance Mercer	Cynthia Young	Fannie Copeland John Holland Linda McPherson	Bo Barnard Clyde Garley	
Lafoundar Penn Homer Thompson	Erika Callahan Howard Goss Jeffery Jones Michael Storey	Ronnie Goins Torri West Ashley Williams		Joseph Peavy	Carol Conkle John Dennis Mitchell Fuller James Stillwell Stephen Stone	Juan Diaz Joshua Pitts Gregory Stansell Don Taliaferro
Keith Edwards Juan Guerrero Joseph Ingram Michael Jones	James Humphrey Daniel Massengale		Lisa Burden Nicholas McDaniel			Otis Starks
Cullen Baker Robert Hausser Steve Mallard	Rita Cavanaugh Angela Polk					

2015 Spalding County Birthdays

September 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bryan Head Julie Mayer	3 Tresa Dumas- Jackson	4	5 Jillian Brooks
6 Gregory Dragg Todd Smith	7 Raymond Hightower	8	9 Karen Calloway Bennie Gray Alan Josey Clyde McElroy	10 Jonathan Nelms Susan Norton Crystal Sullivan	11 Lorice Harrison Rebekah Keller David Swain Patricia Wilkerson	12 Kimberly Freeland
13	14 Harry Busby Anita Harps	15 Semaj Jacobs Megan Lummus	16 Kathy Hollis Patrick McVey Sheholline ONeal	17 Susan Parker Thomas Wideman	18 Charles Clark Karen Glover Eddie Hendricks Joanna Lafortune Alexandra Robinson	19 Stephanie Foster Greg Hunnicut
20	21	22 Garrett Deason	23 David Cox	24 Kimberly Barnett	25 Steve Ross Scott Teague	26 Gerald Phillips Aijah Xosa
27 Christy Cornett Marrkus Gilbert Cynthia McDaniel Anna Powell	28	29 Christopher Edwards James Huckaby Tony Mead	30 Lynn Payton			

Welcome Spalding County New Hires

Deangelo Anthony	Parks & Recreation
Shahagony Barber	Sheriff's Department
Catherine Garland	E-911
Dawson Goen	Correctional Institute
Jerry Goss	Recycle Center
Darious Harris	Parks & Recreation
Greg Hollingsworth	Sheriff's Department
Ann Hughley	Parks & Recreation
Jessie Lehmer	Public Works
Steinettia Mayrant	Correctional Institute
Nathan Mays	Sheriff's Department
D'shayla Morgan	Parks & Recreation
Joshua Norris	Correctional Institute
Susie Parker	Office Assistant
Ricardo Ricketts	Sheriff's Department
Kelly Romero	E-911
Anna Shadden	Magistrate Court
Shermecia Thurmond	Office Assistant
Ivanna Washington	Sheriff's Department
Clinton Watson	Community Development



Spalding County Wedding Anniversaries



Kathy & Tim

Hollis



Jackie & William

Wilson



Happy & Tyrone

Johnson



Cindy & Charles

McDaniel



Beth & David

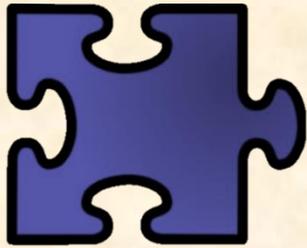
Griffin



Lisa & Burt

Crapo





Spalding County Promotions

Congratulations



Officer Richard Wallace received his Corporal bars from Warden Humphrey in April 29, 2015. He was promoted to Food Service Supervisor II.

Jacoya Clinkscales promoted to Nutrition Supervisor Position *heading up* the Senior Nutrition Program for Spalding County.



Jacoya has a long history with Spalding County pictured to the right with her father Firefighter James Clinkscales in 1994



Lieutenant Dustan Milner promoted to Captain on May 29, 2015

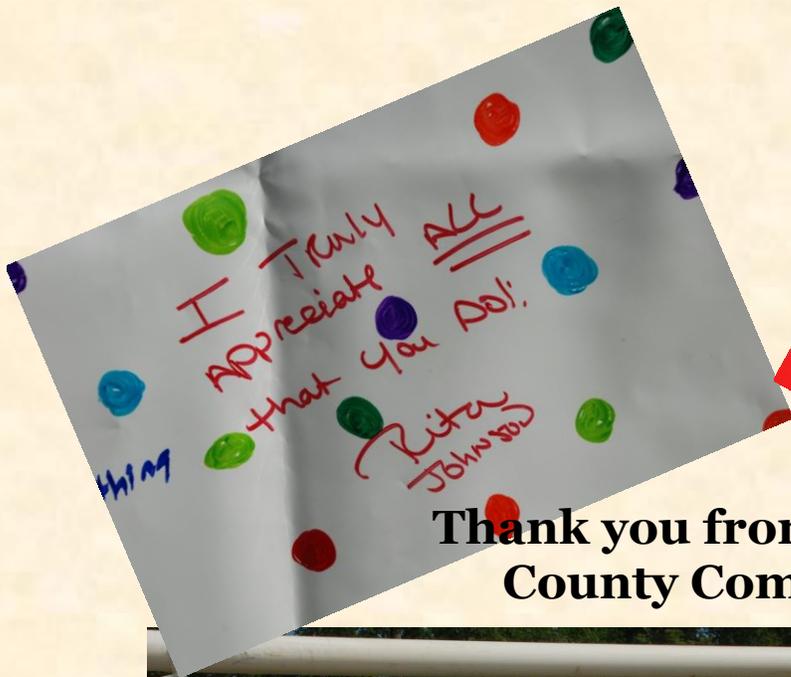
Pictured with Fire Chief Kenny West



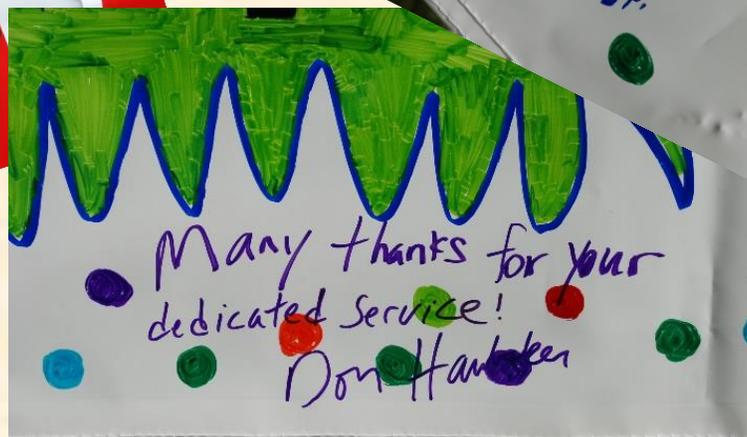
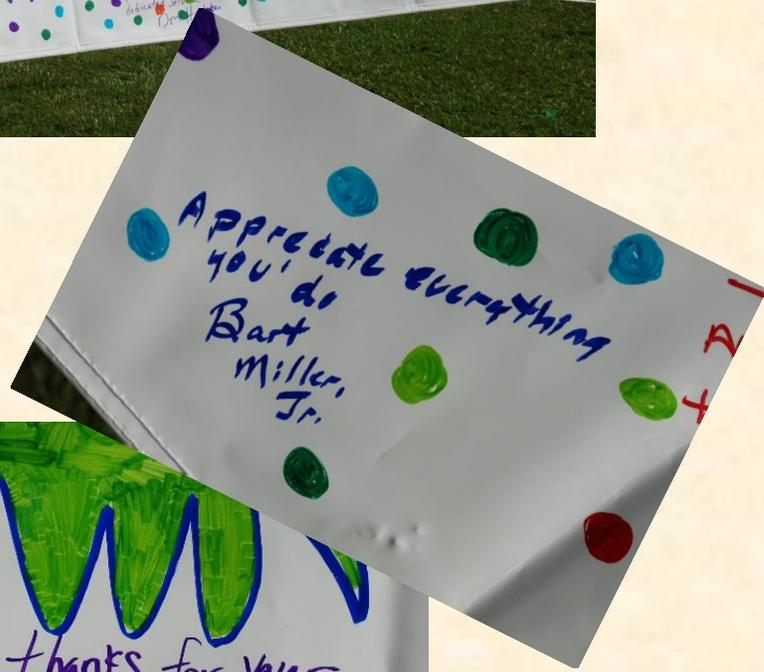
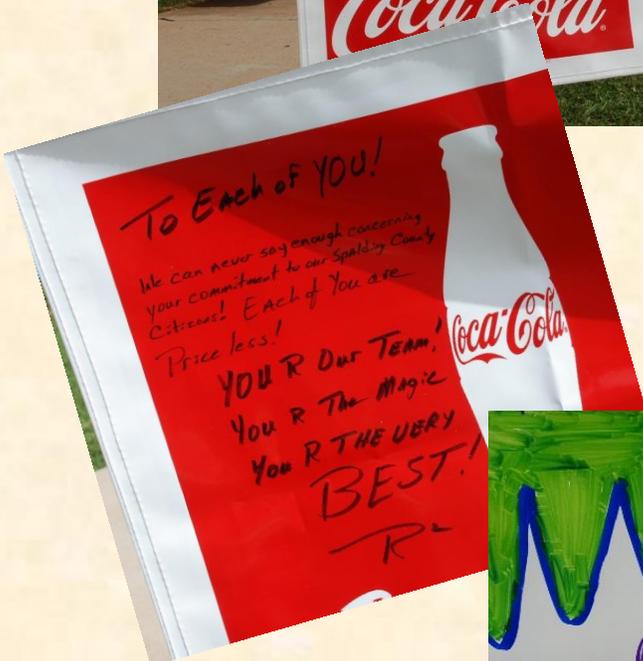
Employee Appreciation Day

June 13, 2015





Thank you from the Spalding County Commissioners





Spalding County Animal Control

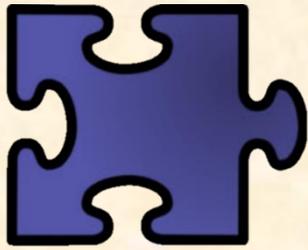
Animal Control Visits Crescent Elementary School

May 8, 2015

The Brent Foster and Officer Arnold visited the Crescent Elementary School to talk to the children about Animal Safety and the importance of spaying and neutering your animals.



Congratulations to Rusty, another shelter dog who is now working for the Department of Agriculture!



Spalding County Correctional Institute

Celebrates Correctional Officers Week

May 4-9, 2015

The Spalding County Office Correctional Institute hosted breakfast on Monday, May 4th, and Wednesday, May 6th, of Correctional Officers Week. Officers from A.B.C and D shifts enjoyed breakfast and were awarded door prizes as part of the celebration. Many businesses in the community donated coupons, gift cards and prizes that were distributed among the 70 officers that work at the C.I. Guests included County Manager, William Wilson, Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley, Commissioners Raymond Ray and Don Hawbaker.





In Memory of

Annette Rothbauer Hall

January 25, 1935

May 12, 2015



Mrs. Annette Rothbauer Hall, age 80 of Cumming, formerly of Griffin, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Mercy Personal Care Home in Loganville.

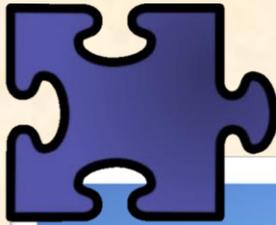
Mrs. Hall was born January 25, 1935 in Griffin, daughter of the late John Rufus Sledge and the late Mary Jo Baxley Sledge. She was a member of Kincaid Memorial United Methodist Church. Mrs. Hall worked for Spalding County for over 40 years where she was a dispatcher for the Spalding County Sheriff's Department, jailer and bailiff, was the first 911 Director and was instrumental in bringing 911 to Spalding County.



Robert Domineck, Assistant Director of 911, flips a switch transferring Spalding Regional EMS to a new frequency as EMS Director Zach Holmes and 911 director Annette Rothbauer look on.



EMS and 911 personnel for EMS frequency change are from left: Kathie Vickers, Annette Rothbauer, Cherie Flanagan, Tony Chambers, Zach Holmes, David Gibson and Wanda Pope.



Spalding County Fire Department

April 17, 2015



Congratulations Graduates!

2015 Rookie School



Chad Bragg

Brian Clothier

Jeremy Green

Nicholas McDaniel

Travis Mayes

Brett Piland

Joseph Scibetta

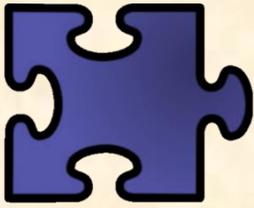
Matthew Stallings

Bobby Wilkerson, Jr.

Desmond Woodard

Graduation was held at the:

**L.B. Norton Station (Station #7)
765 Vaughn School Road
Griffin, GA**



Spalding County Office of Homeland Security

May 12, 2015

The Spalding County Office of Homeland Security and the Spalding County Sheriff's Department Dive/Search and Rescue Team held semi-monthly training at Station #7 on Tuesday May 12, 2015. A total of 17 members from the SCOHS and Sheriff's Dept. Dive/Search and Rescue Team were in attendance. The members consist of citizen volunteers, Spalding County Sheriff's Department, Spalding County Correctional Institute, Griffin Police Department, and the Spalding County Fire Department.



Capt. Marcus Goodman, FF Kevin Hollums, FF David Pelchat, and FF Patrick Chambers (in the basket shown in the picture) demonstrated proper stoke basket patient placement used during trench and ravine rescues. FF Kevin Hollums demonstrated proper rope knot techniques used during water rescues and trench rescues



Spalding County Parks and Recreation Hosts 2015 Senior Games

May 8, 2015

Honor Guard Members: Captain Brian Bankston, Firefighter James Odom, Firefighter Brent Gossett and Lt. Eric Huggins presented colors at the Spalding County Parks and Recreation 2015 Senior Games held at the Spalding County Senior Center.



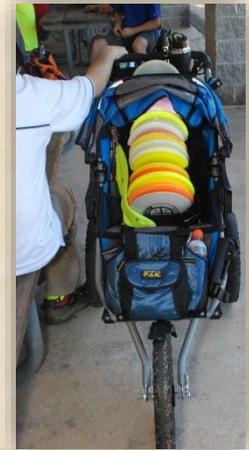


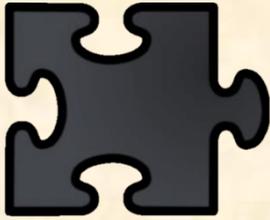
Spalding County Parks and Recreation

HOSTS DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 6, 2015

Spalding County Parks and Recreation hosted an early tournament at the newly designed and nearly completed Disc Golf course at Wyomia Tyus Park. Golfers from all over the State attended the event. The Spalding County Board of Commissioners and the Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was on hand to celebrate by tossing the first inaugural disc.





Spalding County Public Works

Our apologies go out to Public Works for leaving the following items out of the Spring 2015 Newsletter:

- Scott Sullivan and Richard Gray are attending Leadership classes and are enjoying the experience.



Update: Scott Sullivan and Richard Gray completed the Leadership Development classes and graduation was held on April 30, 2015 at the Welcome Center. Tim Crane and his wife also joined the group to celebrate their graduation.

- Ray Golden has been with Spalding County for 28 years and is retired on March 20, 2015.

- Scott Sullivan welcomed a new grandbaby:

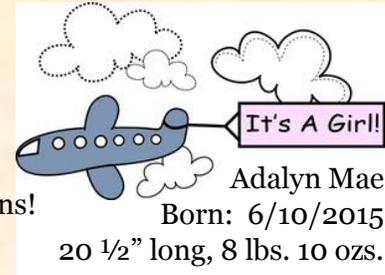


Owen Lee Nichols
Born 3/10/2015
18.5" long, 8 lbs. 5 oz.

- Ken Jones married Nicole Jones on January 10, 2015. We wish them many years of happiness.

- On a sad note: Mr. Lord, who worked at the Spalding County Cabin Collection Center, passed away in February, 2015. He will surely be missed by all that knew him.

- Tim Granger, Public Works, has a new grandbaby
This makes 3 grandbabies for Tim. He is one proud grandpa!

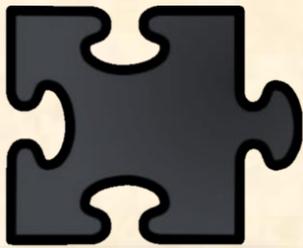


- Tim Granger's Grandson, Landen, age 9, plays ball for the Elite Gamers and they are the USSSA Baseball State Champions!

- Scott Sullivan's father-in-law passed away on June 25, 2015. Please keep his family in your prayers.

- Deana Bohanon will be retiring on July 6, 2015 after 18 years of service. Her grandson, Jason, graduated this year and will be attending Southern Crescent Technical College.

- Susan Norton's niece, Ryan, graduated this year and will be attending Gordon College.



Spalding County Public Works Projects

Methane Trench at Yamacraw Landfill



Removing railroad tracks on Green Valley Road in conjunction with Catapillar to install new asphalt to make the road safer.



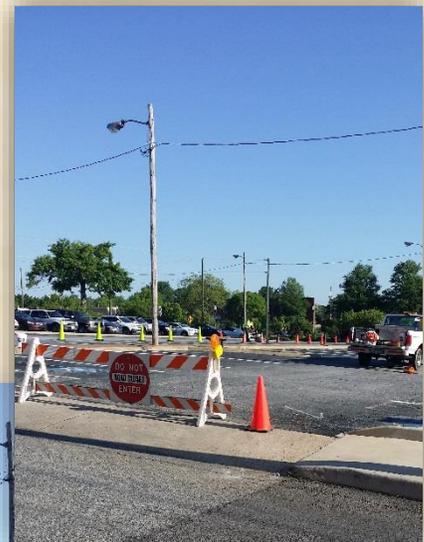
Pour new concrete pad at Carver Road Fire Station

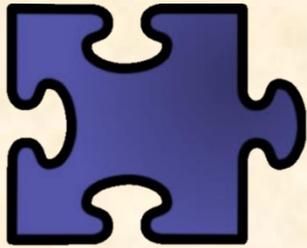


Replace cross drain on Meadow Vista for the LMIG list



Re-stripping Annex Parking Lot





Spalding County Public Works

Says goodbye to Deana Bohanan . . .

The Spalding County Public Works Department wished Deana Bohanan farewell on her retirement on July 6, 2015 after 17 years of service.



Here is a parting note that Deana asked me to publish in this newsletter:

Dear Susan:

I wanted you to know how much I have enjoyed my job and working with you. Thank you for putting up with me and letting me learn so many areas of Public Works.

You and the guys are my extended family and I will miss all of you.

Love

Deana



Spotlight On:

Spalding County Junior Deputy Program

2015 marks the Jr. Deputy Program's 67th CONSECUTIVE year of taking 6th grade students to Washington DC. Spalding County assisted Upson County Sheriff Dan Kilgore start up his Jr. Deputy Program, which is mirrored after Spalding County's program and plans are to assist Sheriff Jimmy Thomas start up a program in Pike County. History on how the Washington DC trip began in Spalding County:



In 1920 the AAA Automobile Association started the School Safety Patrol. The program came to Georgia in the early 1940's and in 1948 Chief Joe Burson, and others members of the Griffin Police Department organized the program in Griffin. On May 10th, 1948, the Griffin News reported that the PD expected to have 125 members in the program. In 1949 the (SSP) made the first trip to Washington D.C. The group traveled to Atlanta by bus then boarded a train for Baltimore Maryland. They visited the Navel Academy then traveled to Washington D.C. for the rest of the sight-seeing trip.

Chief Joe Burson was elected Sheriff in 1952 and continued to run the SSP program through the Sheriff's Department with the assistance from Georgia State Troopers Bill Harrison and Dwayne Gilbert. In 1955 the Sheriff's Office chose to make the trip to Washington by Greyhound instead of the train and has continued to make the trip by bus since that time. Dwayne Gilbert was elected Sheriff in 1960 and continued to sponsor the trip until 1978. The group always went to Washington during a week long celebration for the School Safety Patrol. The event ended with a parade that included all of the SSP's who were visiting that week. Each state's SSPs were dressed in their own state colors, Georgia's were light blue shirts and white trousers or skirts. There were approximately 35,000 to 40,000 total in the parade. In the 1960's Police agencies began using uniform police to regulate traffic at school crossings and the SSP became obsolete. Sheriff Gilbert took the SSP and organized the Spalding County Junior Deputy Program for the sixth grade students.

In 2013, with the encouragement and support of current Sheriff Wendell Beam, the Spalding County Jr. Deputy Program, Inc. was formed. A 501(c)(3) non-profit program that plans and develops community based activities with positive role models that encourage youth involvement and help them resist peer pressure and build character traits to become productive citizens. Sgt. Frank Clark and Kay Perdue from the Sheriff's Office coordinate the entire trip making all arrangements and itineraries. The trip still continues to this date and we completed our 67th trip in May of 2015. The program continues to grow each year, this year taking over 260 students within 4 Spalding County middle schools, 55 adult chaperones and 7 motor coaches on a 5 day trip to Washington DC. Many of our chaperones include SCSO deputies, local Georgia State Patrol and Griffin Police Department officers.

The students must meet certain qualifications to be considered eligible to go on the trip, such as grades, conduct and attendance. The price of the trip is \$550 and we have several fundraisers throughout the year. Many of the students raise their own money to attend. We also have many community individuals and businesses that donate or sponsor students. They learn many skills and life lessons on the trip, such as money management, time management, keeping up with their belongings, being resilient and trying new things.

This year the trip was from May 4-9 and sites visited included:

Washington Monument
Lincoln memorial
FDR Memorial
MLK Memorial
World War II Memorial
Vietnam Wall Memorial
Korean War Memorial
Jefferson Memorial
Capitol Building
Whitehouse
Museum of Crime and Punishment
Museum of Natural History
Museum of Air & Space
Museum of American History
Twilight Tatto
(Old Guard Army Band Show)
Arlington Cemetary
Iwo Jima
National Zoo



*Entire group at Twilight Tatto at Joint Base Meyer-Henderson
Sheriff Beam is in the light blue shirt in the front center and Sgt.
Frank Clark and Kay Perdue*

*Kay Perdue and twin sisters who are part of the Junior Deputy
Program getting ready to load the buses.*



EVERY year, when the Jr. Deputies visit the National Law Enforcement Memorial and they are permitted to do a wreath laying ceremony. This year, the late Spalding County Sheriff, Dee Stewart's daughter, Hope Stewart, who is in the 6th grade was on the trip along with her mom, Janice Stewart. Hope was able to lay the wreath.



Above are the officers/chaperones that went on the trip, along with the wreath's for Sheriff James D. Stewart, Georgia State Trooper Tony Michael Lumley, and Griffin Police Department Officer, Kevin Jordon. The other students in the picture are either daughters of Griffin PD officers, or daughters of Georgia State Patrols.



Pictured to the left are Hope Stewart, Sheriff Beam, Sgt. Clark, Deputy Dumas-Jackson and Officer Sam Jones, all employees of the SCSO who worked with Sheriff Stewart.



UGA Extension Service Spalding County



*UGA Extension
Spalding County
hosted the
Flint River Iris Show
to celebrate
Earth Day in Iris City.*



April 22, 2015





UGA Extension Spalding County 4-H Program

County Officers:

President: Carriana Simmons

Vice President: Francesco Zepado



County Council



Officers:

Turner Jordan

Isabel Rutledge

Benjamin Rutledge



4-H'ers of the Year!

Earning the most participation points in the County!

Senior (Grades 9 to 12) – Carrianna Simmons

Junior (Grades 7 to 8) – Genevieve Doxakis

Cloverleaf (Grades 5-6) – Ni'Terriye Davis



Scholarship Winner

Laura Glover Martin Memorial Scholarship:

Scholarship Donors: Walton & Anita Glover
Scholarship Recipient: Jessica Bohler



Project Achievement



Master 4H'ers



Francisco Zepada

Turner Jordan

Carrianna Simmons



Scholarship Winner

Pictured with all of the recipients:
County Extension Agent for 4-H
Cherry Hovatter

Arthur W. and Margaret G. Sauley Memorial Scholarship:

Scholarship Donors: Wendy Sauley-Simmons
Scholarship Recipient: Phillip Simmons



Congratulations 4H'ers!

Volunteer of the Year

Tammy Rutledge

