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“The future depends on what we do in the present”
Mahatma Gandhi

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Did you know:

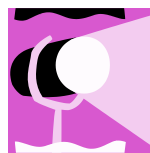
In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all of the world's nuclear weapons combined.

Relay for Life Courthouse Cancer Kickers

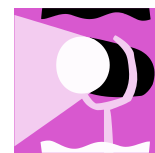
What a great experience Relay for Life 2012 was. For our team, it all started in February with the suggestion of forming a team and there the journey began. We started with lots of ideas and a goal of raising \$2,000. Relay night was very exciting but was also an emotional experience seeing just how many people are affected by cancer. Our team left with several awards including Best Campsite, Most Relay Bucks, 1st place Baton, and 3rd place newspaper dress. Overall the Courthouse team raised \$5,138 for the American Cancer Society.



Relay for Life 2013 will be held on May 31 at the George County High School. The Courthouse Cancer Kickers team will kick off on November 1st. Our first fundraiser will be a yard sale on November 17. We are also going to create and sell team cookbooks. Several more fundraisers are being planned. If you are interested in helping with Relay for Life 2013, please contact Nancy Smith at 601-508-0436 or email at receiving@georgecountymys.gov. All employees are encouraged to join our team and help make a difference in the fight against cancer.



“Office Spotlight” Circuit Clerk



Have you ever wondered just what all the Circuit Clerk's office handles? Of course we know that is where you get your marriage license and register to vote. But this office handles so much more, such as elections, civil and criminal court, judgment roll and collection of all criminal fines. According to Circuit Clerk Chad Welford they are also the “central intelligence and information office”. Their office is located in the front part of the courthouse and people often stop in needing directions, guidance, or to visit and enjoy a cup of coffee. The friendly and knowledgeable staff in this office is always willing to assist people in any way they can.



When the courthouse renovations are completed, Chad and his staff will have a new office and more storage space, which they have been in need of. The renovations should be completed in November.

The business hours of the Circuit Clerk's office are Monday through Friday 8am until 5pm.

Chad Welford, Kim Davis,
Loretta Holland, Selina Holifield

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Oct 6 Pink Pumpkin Patch & 5K Run
- Oct 15 - 20 County Fair
- Oct 19 Art Walk
- Oct 20 Farmers Market Begins
- Oct 20 Praise in the Park
- Nov 10 Gingham Tree
- Nov 12 Veterans Day Holiday
- Nov 17 City Wide Yard Sale
- Nov 22-23 Thanksgiving
- Dec 1 Christmas Parade
- Dec 15 Habitat for Humanity Country Christmas
- Dec 24-25 Christmas
- Dec 31-Jan 1 New Years

SERVICE

MILESTONES:

- Oct.- Vince Carlisle 1 year
- Nov. -Kenneth Mayo 5 years
- Nov. - Ben Davis 1 year
- Dec. -Ken Flanagan 1 year
- Dec. -Dylan Mears 1 year
- Dec. - Leslie Hodges 5 years

Remember:
Daylight Savings
Time Ends on Nov. 4.
Set your clocks back
one hour.



County employees to receive "cost of living" increase in October

George County employees will notice a little extra "jingle in their jeans" starting in October. The Board of Supervisors approved a "cost of living" increase for all employees starting Oct. 1, 2012. Full time employees will receive a .50 cent an hour salary increase and department head/road foremen will receive a \$1 an hour increase. Altogether, these increases will cost more than \$150,000. Each employee will receive an insert in their Oct. 12 paycheck breaking down their exact salary.

"The salary increases are not as much as the Board would like to have done," Board President Kelly Wright explained. "But County revenue was almost flat again this year. The recession is still affecting our property values and our bottom line."

The Board also absorbed two noteworthy increases for employee benefits. The cost for both employee health insurance and state retirement went up this year. The Board agreed to maintain the same level of health insurance without passing along those increases to employees. Altogether, these employee benefit increases cost approximately \$90,000.

The new fiscal year begins Oct. 1, 2012 and runs through Sept. 30, 2013. The Board began the budget process this summer and approved the FY 2013 budget on Sept. 13.

October is: Fire Prevention Month

Each year more than 4,000 Americans die and more than 25,000 are injured in fires, many of which could be prevented. Have you taken steps to protect your family and property? Install smoke alarms in your home, test and clean smoke alarms once a month and replace batteries at least once a year. Prepare a fire escape plan for your family and practice escaping from each room. Install A-B-C type fire extinguishers in your home and teach family members how to use them.

With winter approaching, take precaution with heating sources. Place heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials. If you have a fireplace in your home, have the chimney cleaned yearly and keep a screen in front of the fireplace.

If your clothes catch on fire Stop, Drop and Roll!

For more information contact the County fire coordinator:
Loraine Howell 601-947-7557



Quarterly Recipe

Ingredients:

- 37 NILLA Wafers, divided
- 4 squares BAKER'S Semi-Sweet Chocolate, divided
- 2 pkg. (3.9 oz. each) JELL-O Chocolate Instant Pudding
- 2 cups plus 2 Tbsp. cold milk, divided
- 1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed, divided
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup fresh raspberries

Directions:

- STAND** 16 wafers around inside edge of 9-inch round pan lined with plastic wrap. Melt 3 chocolate squares as directed on package.
- BEAT** pudding mixes and 2 cups milk in medium bowl with whisk 2 min. Add melted chocolate; mix well. Stir in 1 cup COOL WHIP; pour into prepared pan.
- BEAT** cream cheese, sugar and remaining milk with mixer until blended. Stir in 1 cup of the remaining COOL WHIP; spread over pudding. Top with remaining wafers. Refrigerate 3 hours
- SHAVE** remaining chocolate square into curls. Invert torte onto plate; remove plastic wrap. Top torte with remaining COOL WHIP, berries and chocolate curls.

Submitted by: Nancy Smith

