



Courthouse Connection

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Quarterly Quote:

"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why it is called the present."

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March is:

American Red Cross
Month



Did you know:

You will eat about 35,000 cookies in your lifetime.



Relay for Life 2013

"Celebrating Life's Biggest Moments"

Relay for Life 2013 will be held on May 31 at the George County High School. This year's theme is "American Cancer Society -Celebrating 100 years of Life's Biggest Moments."

The Courthouse Cancer Kickers team held a kick off meeting on Nov. 1. Numerous fundraising ideas were presented and a goal of \$5,000 was set. The first fundraiser was a yard sale (pictures at right) on Nov. 17 which raised \$409.50. We also raised \$305 from our soup day on Dec. 14. The team is working on a cookbook to sell and needs everyone to submit favorite recipes to Connie Shockley to be included in the book.

In Jan. we will be selling raffle tickets on a chance to win a sweetheart basket to be given away for Valentine's Day. February's fundraiser will be a penny wars game in which each department will compete to fill a donation jar with pennies, you can sabotage other department's jars by adding silver coins and bills. Pennies count as one point and other monies face value takes points away. The department with the most points at the end of Feb. wins a prize for their office. In the month of March we will participate in the city wide yard sale again. You can sign up online at www.relayforlife.org to become an official member of the Courthouse Cancer Kickers Team.



"Office Spotlight" Chancery Clerk



The definition of Chancery is equity, which means the quality of being fair and impartial. Chancery Clerk, Cammie Byrd, and her staff display these qualities as they handle the daily business of their office. Aside from that, they are the official record keepers for George County, such as deeds, deeds of trust, wills, cancellations, etc. They also file estates, guardianships, conservatorships, divorces, child support through DHS, adoptions, and youth court. They handle drug, alcohol, and mental writs. Delinquent land taxes can be paid in this office. The Chancery Clerk also records the minutes of the Board of Supervisor's meetings. If you would like to find any newspaper dated all the way back to 1910, the establishment of our great county, they can be found in the record room as well. When we asked public servant, Cammie Byrd, to describe her office she said, "We are considered the brains, beauty and personality of the courthouse." Their office is at the back door of the courthouse, but always remember back door guests are always the best!

Merry Christmas everybody!



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

Bottom: Cora, Cammie, Monica
Top: Halen, Tiffany

Important Dates:

Jan. 21- MLK, Jr. Birthday
 Feb. 8- Arbor Day
 Feb. 14 -Valentine's Day
 Feb. 18- Presidents Day
 March 29 -Downtown Art Walk
 March 29- Good Friday
 March 31 -Easter

Service Milestones:

January:

Larry McDonald	1 year
Jesse Underwood	1 year
Jerry Havard, Jr.	1 year
Logan Cavender	1 year
Fred Croom	5 years
Chad Welford	5 years
Natassia Estes	5 years
Alex "Mac" McLeod	5 years
Louie Howard	25 years

February:

Linda Fallon	1 year
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March:

Jeremy Martinez	1 year
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45% of Americans make New Year's Resolutions. Only 46% keep them past 6 months.
 Make a positive resolution that you can keep!

Remember:

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10. Set your clocks ahead one hour.



Fallen Officers Memorial

George County officials and community leaders unveiled the "Fallen Officers Memorial" on Nov. 8, during a ceremony held on the southeast corner of the courthouse. The memorial is an 800 square foot courtyard outside the courthouse which features bronze tribute plaques, memorial wall, lighting and landscape. Board President Kelly Wright says the County was honored to provide the location and foundation work for the memorial.

Two law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty serving George County, Sheriff John Elbert Nelson on December 21, 1948, and Sheriff Garry Marshall Welford on July 21, 2010. Both men are remembered and honored at the memorial. These two men made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the citizens of George County and both will continue to be loved and missed.



Quarterly Recipe "Southwestern Turkey Bake"

Ingredients:

2 T. butter
 1 package Rice a Roni Spanish Rice
 1 small onion, chopped
 1 can (14 ounces) diced tomatoes
 1 can (4.5 ounce) chopped green chilies
 2 cups water
 3 cups chopped cooked turkey
 1 can cream of chicken soup
 1 8oz package sour cream
 2 t. cumin
 Salt and pepper
 2 cups shredded Colby-Jack cheese

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees
 In large sauce pan over medium heat, melt butter. Add rice and onion; cook for 4-6 minutes or until rice is brown, stirring constantly. Add seasoning packet, tomatoes, chilies, and water. Bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and cook until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender, about 20 minutes. Add turkey, soup, sour cream, cumin, salt and pepper; stir.
 Spoon mixture into a lightly greased 13x9 inch baking dish. Top with cheese.
 Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until bubbly.
 Can serve alone or dip with tortilla chips

Submitted by: Linda Fallon

