



Courthouse Connection

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April is:

Alcohol Awareness Month



Quarterly Quote:

“In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.”

Abraham Lincoln

Did you know:

Smoking costs the United States over \$150 billion annually in health care costs.



Courthouse Cancer Kickers ready for...

Relay for Life 2013

The Cancer Kickers are in full swing with fundraising this year. So far we have raised \$2,894.55 for the American Cancer Society. We are well on our way to reaching our \$5,000 goal. February's fundraiser of penny wars proved to be a very interesting one, and in the end the winner was the Justice Court ladies. They were rewarded for their hard work with a snack basket for their office.

Upcoming fundraisers include a road block on April 6th, we are also selling luminaria bags for \$10 and paper feet for \$1 each. Luminaria bags can be purchased in memory or honor of someone and will line the track the night of relay. For information on any fundraiser contact: Nancy Smith or Connie Shockley

With so many new diagnoses of cancer it truly brings relay home for our team and reminds us why we walk together. It is great that we came together as fellow employees to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Please pray for everyone fighting this disease and pray for a day with no more cancer.



“Penny Wars” Winner Justice Court



Carla Carter “Sweetheart Basket” winner



“Office Spotlight” Emergency Operations Center



The George County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is located in the basement of the county courthouse. In the EOC is the office of Emergency Management, George County 911 Dispatch, 911 Addressing, and the county fire coordinator. The main priority of these agencies is protecting lives and property of the citizens of George County through preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery. Free information is available in the emergency management office on preparing and recovering from disasters.



The 911 dispatch is a 24/7 operation with two dispatchers on duty at all times. The dispatchers are always ready to assist citizens in every way possible during emergency and non-emergency situations.

The county fire coordinator works with the state fire coordinator, the county supervisors and the fourteen volunteer fire departments. The volunteer firefighters provide a valuable service to the citizens by providing fire protection and emergency medical response.

You can always depend on the employees in the EOC to assist you in every way possible and in a courteous and friendly manner.

Business Hours:
Monday through Friday 7am until 4pm.
(On call 24/7)

Important Dates:

April 3 - Employee Drug Awareness Training
April 6-7 Ole Timers Day
April 20 Farmer's Market Begins
May 11 GCFFA BBQ Challenge
May 12 Mothers Day
May 24 High School Graduation
May 27 Memorial Day
May 31 Relay for Life
June 1 Hurricane Season Begins

Service Milestones:

Pat Dueitt (Beat 4) 1 year
Haley Cobb 1 year
Thad Cobb 1 year

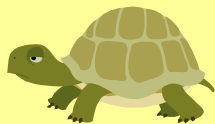
Paulette Fairley 5 years
Sandy Tanner 5 years
Charles Blankinchip 5 years
Clayton Tanner 5 years

Stephanie Thomen 10 years

Dean Waltman 15 years

Did you know:

Turtles can breathe through their butts....



Remember:

Hurricane Season is June 1- Nov. 30



Employee Drug Awareness

Drug abuse and addiction is a widespread issue affecting many workplaces. Taking drugs in the workplace can lead to reduced productivity, customer relations mishaps and, most importantly, physically dangerous situations. Drug abuse outside of the workplace can still affect employee performance and safety, potentially leading to mental cloudiness and sick days.

George County is proud to be a "Drug Free Work Place." As part of the County's prevention efforts our EMA office is hosting Drug Awareness Training Sessions on Wed., April 3 at 7:30 a.m. and at 2 p.m. in the Justice Court Building. It is mandatory you attend one of these sessions. Please, see the insert in your March 28 paycheck for more details.

Get your highs the natural way: faith, exercise, friends, music,— without altering your brain's chemistry!

Employee Photo Gallery



*Quarterly Recipe
"Potato Soup"*

Ingredients:

- 6-8 Red potatoes
- 1- Onion (diced)
- 2 cans - cream of chicken soup
- 2 cans - milk
- 1 - small container of french onion dip

Directions:

In a large pot boil potatoes until tender. Sautee onions in butter, add potatoes. Add remaining ingredients, bring to a boil.

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