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Quarterly Quote:

“The best way to appreciate your job is to imagine yourself without one”

Oscar Wilde
Irish Writer & Poet

February is:

American Heart
Month



Remember:

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 9. Set your clocks ahead one hour.



Relay for Life 2014 “Crafting a Cure for Cancer”

George County Relay for Life will officially start the new season with a kick off event on January 14 at 7p.m. in the Lucedale Fine Arts Building located behind the city park. This year’s theme will be “Crafting a Cure for Cancer”. Anyone interested in forming a team, joining the committee, or helping in any way is encouraged to attend. We will have all the information you need to participate in this year’s Relay for Life.

As a county employee, if you have not been involved with the Courthouse Cancer Kickers team in the past make this the year to join and get involved with this great cause! Linda Fallon will be the team’s new Captain this year with Connie Shockley remaining Co-Captain. Nancy Smith will be chair for the Relay event but will remain an active member of the county’s team.

George County’s Relay for Life event will be Friday, May 30 from 6p.m. - 1a.m. at the high school football field.

Each and every day so many people hear the dreaded words “you have cancer”, this is a battle we must continue to fight in everyway we can. If you are interested in joining the Courthouse Team or helping Relay in any way please contact Linda Fallon 601-947-7506 or Nancy Smith 601-947-7557.



“Office Spotlight” Tax Assessor’s Office



The George County Tax Assessor's Office is located on Main Street next to City Hall. It also serves as the office for the George County Solid Waste Department. Tax Assessor Vince Carlisle was elected to his first term in October 2011. The office is elected for four year terms by the county at large.

The department works together to appraise real and personal property within George County, administer homestead applications, and generate property maps. All property values and exemptions are administered as of an effective lien date of January 1 each year.

One common misconception is that the Assessor determines county budget and tax rates. This is not the case. The Board of Supervisors, City Council, and School Board set the budgets for their respective jurisdiction and set the millage rates to generate revenue.



Mr. Carlisle is excited to have his office included in the County’s new website; to be launched by the first of the year. With the website, residents can do an online tax search. This search engine will return tax information of record in George County.

The Tax Assessor Office is open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is located at 5130 Main Street. The friendly staff can be reached at 601-947-7541.

Important Dates:

- Jan 1- New Year's Holiday
- Jan 14- Relay for Life Kick Off
- Jan. 20- MLK, Jr. Birthday
- Feb. 7- Arbor Day Celebration
- Feb. 13- Senior Citizens Valentines Banquet
- Feb. 14 -Valentine's Day
- Feb. 17- Presidents Day
- March 15- City Wide Yard Sale

Service Milestones:

January

- Larry Havard 30 years
- Kelly Wright 10 years
- Cammie Bryd 10 years
- Judge Cedric Howell 10 years
- Jackie Rogers 10 years
- Preston Goff 10 years
- Warren Avery 5 years
- Adam Drake 1 year
- William Chambers 1 year
- Earl White 1 year

February

- Billie Dungan 1 year

March

- Andy Rich 20 years
- Margaret Fallon 5 years

Oops.. Service Milestones Missed in previous editions:

- Holly Thaggard - 1 year
- Debbie Gilbert - 1 year
- Kathy Fuller - 1 year
- Sheila Harmon - 1 year
- Myra Green - 1 year

Did you know:

M&M chocolate stands for the initials for its inventors Mars & Murrie



Do You Know the Jelly Man?

Willie Ray Fairley, Beat 5 crewman, is an award winning jelly maker. He was recently awarded Best of Show at the George County Fair. This was Mr. Fairley's first entry and first win. He won with his unusual but colorful four flavor jelly. It consists of Apple, Plum, Pineapple, and Strawberry. It takes a full week to make this particular jelly. Mr. Fairley has been making jelly for about two years, first giving it away then eventually selling it. When ask how he came up with his name, Mr. Fairley said, " Everyone just knows me as the Jelly Man and it kind of stuck." He has several varieties of fruit trees he uses for his jellies. They sell for \$3.50 each and includes also Mayhaw, Crab Apple, Kumquat, Muscadine, Quince, Peach, Loguart, Blueberry, Mango, Lemon, Blackberry, Fig, and Watermelon. He also has an assortment of Hickory Smoked Meats for sale. Mr. Fairley has worked for the County for over 17 years and is also the Associate Pastor at Boulton Chapel and Wesley Chapel Churches in Leakesville. He can be reached at 601-508-2237.



George County Officially Opens Emergency Shelters

The George County Board of Supervisors officially opened two new Emergency Shelters on Dec. 10 with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by dozens of community leaders. The Benndale Shelter is located on Hwy. 26 just east of the Hwy. 57 intersection and the Agricola Shelter is located at the intersection of Hwy. 613 and Cooks Corner Rd.

During an emergency, the shelters will be opened by the County's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and staffed by the American Red Cross along with MS Dept. of Human Services. EMA Director Nancy Smith says the new shelters are a great addition to the current "Sheltering Plan."



Quarterly Recipe "Turnip Soup"

Ingredients:

- 1 bag - chopped turnips
- 2 cans - northern beans
- 1 envelope - Knorr vegetable soup
- 1 pack - Conecuh sausage

Directions:

Mix together, add water to your liking for liquid. Salt & Pepper to taste. Put in crockpot for 4-6 hours or cook on stove 30 minutes after it comes to a boil.

Submitted by: Cammie Byrd

