



Courthouse Connection

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Quarterly Quote:

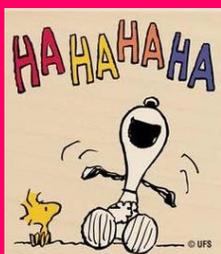
“Teamwork”

Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.

~Henry Ford~
American Industrialist

For A Laugh

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool... I gave him a glass of water.



Putting a Face on Community Outreach

The Courthouse Outreach team has gotten off to a great start this year. We decided with the New Year, we would have some changes in our fundraising and which organization will benefit. Our first fundraiser was an employee soup lunch in February, which raised \$375.00. We also participated in the Citywide Yard Sale in March and raised \$163.50. The total of these two fundraisers benefited the Gulf Coast's Women's Center for Nonviolence. A check for \$530.00 was presented to Mrs. Stacy Myers, Director, Adrienne's House. Mrs. Myers was extremely gracious and appreciative of the check. After a tour of the facility, she gave a history of how the shelter became Adrienne's House.

On April 7, 1989, Adrienne Klasky was killed by her abusive ex-husband while stopped at a red light in downtown Pascagoula. Michael Graham was convicted and sentenced to life in prison only to be pardoned by Gov. Barbour in 2008. Adrienne knew her ex-husband would one day kill her, she just didn't know when. Criminal justice officials and law makers fought to make drastic changes to protect women and Mississippi enacted its first stalking law in 1992. Adrienne's story represents the real fear that domestic violence victims possess on a daily basis. The Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence understands the need to provide a safe space for victims to seek solace, support and advocacy to make a clean and safe break from their abusive homes. Adrienne's House is this safe space. Thank you to everyone for making a difference in the lives of these victims.

Our next fundraiser will be a road block at the intersection of McDonald's and Century Bank on April 11. This will benefit the American Cancer Society. We encourage all employees to take part.



Linda Fallon, Stacy Myers, Nancy Smith



“Office Spotlight” District One Road Crew



Mr. Fred Croom, George County District One Supervisor, was elected in 2008 and is now serving his second term. District One serves the Rocky Creek, Brushy Creek, Ward and Shipman communities.

The beat crew has completed two major projects in the past two years, the new Rocky Creek Firehouse/Voting Precinct (Sept. 2013) and the new Brushy Creek Bridge (Dec. 2013) under the leadership of road crew manager, Mr. Alex “Mac” McLeod. They have also resurfaced over 50 miles of county roads. One of the first projects Mr. Croom completed after being elected was to have a new District One barn built.

Mr. Croom said, “I some very fine men working for me and can depend on them to get the job done.”

Along with Mr. Mac, who started with Mr. Croom, the rest of the crew is Dale Dixon, Joe Havens, Stacey Dungan, Richard Nicholson, and Terry Smith. Some of the upcoming projects include improving some major drainage problems and working with Floore Industries to repair large pot holes. If you stop by the District One barn, you are likely to be met by two very loyal dogs and depending on whom you talk to, they may or may not be Mr. Fred's. The District One barn is located at 1199 Rocky Creek Rd.



Important Dates:

- March 28: Mason Jar Jubilee
- April 3: Good Friday
- April 5: Easter
- April 18: Farmer's Market
- May 2: GCFFA BBQ Challenge
- May 10: Mother's Day
- May 22: High School Graduation
- May 25: Memorial Day
- June 1: Hurricane Season Begins

Remember:

The art of living a happy life is constantly adjusting to circumstances.

Service Milestones:

April:

- Andrew Crain - 1 year
- Floyd Howard - 1 year

May:

- Richard Nichelson - 1 year
- Chaviss Jones - 1 year
- Angela Edwards - 1 year
- Bernie Thompson - 1 year

June:

- Dominique Tanner - 1 year
- Brandon Holliman - 1 year
- Glenda Curtis - 1 year



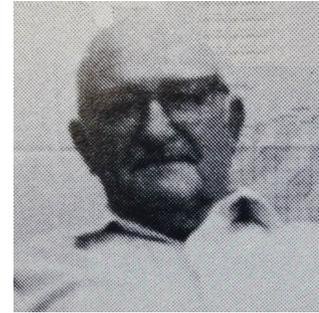
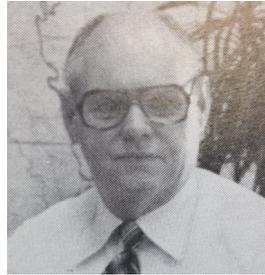
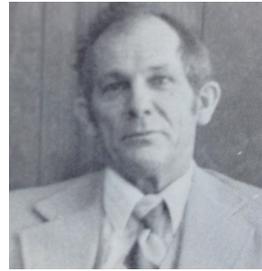
Healthy Living Tip:

Get enough sleep.

When you don't rest well, you compensate by eating more. Usually it's junk food. Get enough rest and you won't need to snack to stay awake. Also, lack of sleep causes premature aging, and you wouldn't want that.



"Guess Who???"



The first employee to bring their newsletter to Linda Fallon and correctly identify everyone in the above pictures will win a prize. Congratulations to Dean Howell, winner of the January issue "Guess Who".

May is National Physical Fitness Month

George County employees are supporting the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition in honor of National Physical Fitness Month. During the month of May, we challenge all adults to get 30 minutes of physical activity every day. Did you know that regular physical activity increases your chances of living a longer, healthier life? It also reduces your risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, and some types of cancer. Yet in the state of Mississippi more than half don't get the recommended amount of physical activity.

Physical activity is for everyone. No matter what shape you are in, you can find activities that work for all ages and body types.. National Physical Fitness Month is a great time to spread the word about the benefits of getting active.

The Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommend that adults aim for two and a half hours of moderate aerobic activity each week. Moderate activity includes things like walking fast, dancing, swimming, and raking leaves, also include muscle-strengthening activities – like lifting weights and using exercises bands – at least 2 days a week.

Together, we can rise to the challenge and get more active during the month of May! Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to create opportunities for everyone to get more physical activity. Make a difference: Spread the word about fun ways to get moving!



**"Quarterly Recipe"
Grape Salad**



- 2 lbs. seedless green grapes
- 2 lbs. seedless purple grapes
- 1 - 8 oz. cream cheese (room temp)
- 1 - 8 oz. sour cream

- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 c. brown sugar (firmly packed)
- 1 c. pecans (finely chopped)

Wash the grapes and dry thoroughly with paper towels. Put the dry grapes in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, stir the cream cheese until it is smooth. Add the sour cream, granulated sugar, and vanilla. Mix well. Pour this mixture over the grapes and toss together until all grapes are coated. Pour the grapes into a 9 x 12-inch pan. Refrigerate overnight.

Just before serving, sprinkle with the brown sugar and pecans.

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