



Courthouse Connection

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Did you know:

Bananas provide a natural antacid effect. They help to get rid of the symptoms of heartburn and provide a soothing effect.



Quarterly Quote:

“Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success”

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Courthouse Cancer Kickers Crafting a Cure for Cancer

By: Linda Fallon

What an amazing year the Courthouse Cancer Kickers Relay for Life team had in 2014! After all the fundraising was complete, the Courthouse team turned in an impressive \$7,370.25. I am so proud of our team and when the numbers look this good, it makes it all worth it. That total was included in the \$44,793.49 that was raised for George County. It was truly a community effort.

Relay night is not only a time to come together and honor all those touched by cancer, but also a night to celebrate the past few months of our fundraising. Our team worked hard and endlessly. We can celebrate being chosen by the Relay Committee as the Best Team Spirit and Best Tent for the third year in a row. This definitely means we are doing something right. From the employee luncheons to standing on a hot street corner, we are more than just co-workers. We ARE a team.

The fireworks show returned at the conclusion of the night. It was a great fireworks show and if you missed it, you missed a treat. For those who stayed away because of the weather truly missed out on a great and dry night.

We will put away the Relay for Life boxes until next year but cancer knows no time limits. As team captain, I hope our Courthouse Cancer Kickers team will continue to be a big part of this event. As a cancer survivor, I truly hope this event will be unnecessary in the future. Let's finish the fight.



“Office Spotlight” Finance



The County Finance Department might be the most important department to us all. This is where our paycheck comes from! But payroll is just a small portion of what this department is responsible for. It directly touches every county office, employee, and activity. The largest responsibility is drafting and developing the County's operating budget for the next fiscal year during June - August. This budget must be approved by the Board of Supervisors by mid-September.

Mrs. Amye Havens is the County Finance Director and is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Amye has held this same position for almost 15 years. When not at work, she enjoys spending time with her grandkids and tending to her flower beds. We count on her to brighten our office with her beautiful arrangements. The accounts payable clerk is Mrs. Rhonda Byrd. She has been employed with the county for six years. You can usually find her on weekends at the river with her husband, Dean. Both of these ladies are always willing to help and answer any of our questions.



Office hours are Monday –Friday 8-5

Important Dates:

- July 4 - Holiday
- July 4 - Fireworks Show
- July 12 - Watermelon Fest.
- Aug. 6 - School Starts
- Sept. 1- Labor Day



Service Milestones:

- Francis Papania July - 1 yr
- Lonnie Goff Sept - 25 yrs



Quote:

Happiness is an attitude. We either make ourselves miserable, or happy and strong. The amount of work is the same.

Francesca Reigler, Writer



Remember:

Always do your best, what you plant now, you will harvest later.

Stanley Anderson Reaches 35 Years of County Service

George County is fortunate to have employed Mr. Stanley Anderson of District 3 for 35 years . Mr. Stanley has been employed by the County longer than any other employee. He started in June 1979 (the same year as Hurricane Fredrick) working with the road crew and moved his way up to his current position of Road Crew Foreman, a position he has held for 20 years. Prior to working with the County, Stanley was involved with the Young Adult Conservation Corp, a one year program working with area Game Wardens. Mr. Stanley worked through many hurricanes (approx. 15) and had four bosses. Mr. Larry McDonald is the current Supervisor for District 3. Mr. Ralph Fairley was the supervisor when Stanley began and he credits Mr. Fairley with teaching him a great deal. A major change according to Stanley is the road equipment. Stanley says the road grader machine is the biggest improvement over the years and, of course, air conditioned cabs.

Mr. McDonald says, "Stanley is a very dependable and dedicated employee. He is well respected by our constituents and does a great service to the community. "

When ask about retiring, Stanley says he is not even thinking about it. When he is not squirrel hunting, you can find him on his own tractor in his garden or probably watching the Saints play football. Stanley has been married to his wife Carrie for 30 years and they have two children and two grandchildren.



Photo Gallery Relay for Life 2014



Quarterly Recipe "Chicken Jambalaya"

- 3 lbs. frying chicken
- 1/2 lb. ham, cubed
- 3 T. vegetable oil
- 1 c. chopped green pepper
- 1 c. chopped onion

- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp. thyme

- 1/4 tsp. tabasco sauce
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 3 c. chicken broth
- 1 1/2 c. uncooked rice

Cut chicken up, leaving meat on the bones. Brown chicken and ham in oil. Remove meat. Sauté peppers, onion and garlic 5 minutes over low heat. Add seasonings and broth. Simmer 10 minutes. Add rice and meat. Cover and cook over low heat 25 minutes. Fluff rice with fork and cook 5 minutes longer.

Submitted by: Selina Holifield