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A NEWSLETTER FOR FLOYD COUNTY ASSOCIATES



County associates enjoy Luau, BBQ, and fellowship



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NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK A HUGE SUCCESS

Floyd County E-911 National Telecommunications Officer Appreciation Week began on Monday, April 13, 2008. Floyd County Commissioners read the proclamation at the Commissioner's Meeting at Rome High.

Monday: Floyd Medical Center provided a goody bag for each employee and the Wellness Committee provided a goody



basket with nutritious snacks.

Tuesday: Sommer Splendore received the MVP Award as voted on by her peers. She received a certificate, candies and one month of pre-paid first level parking. All employees received goody bags from the Director and the Asst. Director.

Wednesday: Brent Poplin and The Forum employees recognized all dispatchers with gift bags and FCSO 2nd shift warrant division sent a fruit basket.

Thursday: Dispatchers were invited to play "Let's Make a Deal." Prizes were numbered and dispatchers chose from 29 items, included were gift cards

courtesy of Commissioner Eddie Lumsden, Public Safety Committee Chairman, and other items donated by the Floyd County Manager's Office, Joy Peterson, the Wellness Committee, Redmond Regional EMS and the E-911 Director and Asst. Director. Lunch for all employees was provided courtesy of Rome News Wire.

Friday: Redmond Regional EMS provided gift mugs filled with various items. Friday was also "Team Spirit Day". Employees were allowed to wear sports team or civil-



ian attire. Floyd County Logo cups and pens, as well as Rome Braves Coupons (courtesy of James Hall) were handed out at the end of the day.

This is a highly anticipated week that all E-911 Employees look forward to all year. Pat and I would like to take the time to thank all of our contributors for helping to make this week such a success!

Special thanks to:

Kevin Poe and the Floyd County Manager's Office
Commissioner Eddie Lumsden
Joy Peterson, Floyd County PIO
The Wellness Committee, Linda Harris and Lisa Powers
Floyd Medical and Redmond Regional EMS Service
Brent Poplin and The Forum Employees
Sgt. Jeff Chandler and Second Shift Warrants Division
Rome News Wire
Office of Downtown Development
City of Rome

...as well as all E-911 dispatchers for making this a great week!

- Cynthia Cooper, E-911 Assistant Director



DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

JUVENILE COURT:

♦On March 18 Judge Pape conducted an all day training for the FLOYD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES caseworkers on Reasonable Efforts for Permanency for Children and Testifying in Termination of Parental Rights cases.

♦From March 24 - 28 as Chair of the Georgia Courts Automation Commission, Judge Pape participated in Strategic Business Technology Planning at the Cuscowilla Conference Center in Eatonton, Georgia.

♦On April 4, the Probation Staff and Associate Judges were trained by Judge Pape on the Responsibility model as an approach to Juvenile Delinquency: Responsibility Therapy and teaching juvenile probationers responsibility.

♦ Catherine Fricks, Juvenile Court, attended the Georgia Council of Court Administrators conference April 21st - April 23rd on "Information Technology Management". A great majority of the conference concentrated on development of a criminal justice information system (CJIS).

ANIMAL CONTROL:

♦Jason Broome was promoted to Animal Control Director.

♦The Floyd County Animal Shelter held a rabies and micro chipping clinic in mid-April. 251 Rabies shots and 64 microchips were administered and the Shelter made \$2215.00 for its end of the year programs like spay/neuter discounts, dog beds, or off site adoption equipment.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Shared Leave Program has been implemented. If you are losing vacation leave because you have reached the maximum accrual of 480 vacation hours, please consider donating vacation leave to the Shared Leave Bank. By donating leave to the program, you utilize leave that would be lost, and it goes directly into the Sick Leave Bank. The leave, then, is available to be used by any eligible Floyd County Associate that has sustained a qualifying serious medical condition and has exhausted all of their leave. To donate leave, please complete a Shared Leave Donation Form. These forms can be obtained from your department or at the Floyd County Intranet Site at <http://in.floydcountyga.org>.

Health & Wellness

MONTHLY

THIS MONTH:

Switch out one soft drink per day with a bottle of water. You will hydrate your body and cut calories!



CONGRATULATIONS TO **LEN GARNER**, WITH PUBLIC WORKS! LEN WAS THE LUCKY WINNER OF THE MARCH WELLNESS BASKET! PICTURED WITH LEN IS MICHAEL SKEEN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!

	<u>WEIGHT LOSS</u>	<u>% FAT REDUCTION</u>	<u>WAIST/HIP RATIO</u>
1ST	BENJI SMITH	BENJI SMITH	LYNN MYNES
2ND	BOB COUEY	THOMAS BOWEN	SALENA ADDISON
3RD	DANIEL BRIDGES	JEANNIE ROBERTS	STEVE HULSEY
4TH	LINDA STEELE	BOB COUEY	SUSANNE COUEY & GINA ROGERS
5TH	ANGIE GRADY	DEBORAH STANEY	

WOW Wednesdays

Wednesday, May 21
12 - 2 p.m.

The Forum, Aventine Room
Skin Cancer Screenings
Dr. Jason Smith
no appointment needed



Pictured above: Employees enjoying the TurboJam and Line Dancing classes...Join us!



What is Turbo Jam? - Turbo Jam is a fun, entertaining workout which combines kickboxing, body sculpting and dancing. There are 11 basic moves that are simple and can be done by anyone at all fitness levels! The workout is designed to strengthen the entire body with a main focus on the abs!

A recent University study shows you can burn over 700 calories in just a 45 minute Turbo Jam workout.

When Are the Turbo Classes? - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday-
12:10-12:50 Cost-\$2.00 per class

Where? - Fitness Plus Center

Classes will be taught by Jill Robinson/ Tax Office

Get those "Rock Hard Abs" for the summer!!

May On-Site Nurse Schedule

Monday, 5

Jail	6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Admin. Building	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
The Forum	10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Monday, 12

Law Enforcement	6:15-7:30 a.m., 3-4 p.m.
Historic Courthouse	8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Monday, 19

Prison	6:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.
Recycling	8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Water Department	9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Airport	10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Take the steps...

Walking up the steps burns almost 5 times more calories than riding the elevator!



WELLNESS ON THE WEB

<http://www.nubella.com>

The Training Telegraph:

inviting employees to take advantage of monthly training.

Please contact Tracy Hardy at 706-378-2005 for more information or to register.

5/14	First Aid	1 PM	Human Resources
5/14	Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint	1 PM	Library
5/20	CPR	1 PM	Human Resources
5/21	Intro to Microsoft Word	1 PM	Library
5/23	Defensive Driving	9 AM	Human Resources

Please remember: Obtain permission for any training through your department head or supervisor prior to attending class. Please pre-register for each class you would like to attend by contacting Tracy Hardy using the information listed above.



The March for Babies was May 3 and in spite of the weather, we had a good turnout. The exact figures are not in yet, but so far, Floyd County raised over \$700! WAY TO GO! Thanks to everyone who participated, raised money or worked in the background to make this a success. The personal stories of the childrens lives touched by the good work the March of Dimes does are inspiring and heartwarming.

Special thanks to the Water Department who raised \$90 just by getting donations! Check out their office – it's full of little March of Dimes fundraising squares. Good Job and THANK YOU for going over and above!!! Pictured above (l-r) Angie Grady, Steve Hulsey and Ellen Harrison.



New Employees:

as of April 1, 2008

Sheriff's Jail:

Matthew Bogue
Toni Smith

Police Dept.:

Ginger Ramey

Public Roads:

Thomas Hunter
Jimmy Maddix

Tax Commissioners:

Jeri Houston

Recycling Center:

Brian Stallings

Probate Court:

Ashley Tibbetts

We're glad to have you as part of the Floyd County family!

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PERSONAL EXPERIENCES:

STORIES FROM FLOYD COUNTY ASSOCIATES



My daughter Bethany and I recently went on a mission trip to New Orleans with our Church (Pleasant Valley South Baptist). This was my second mission trip with the church, but the first for my daughter. It was a real eye opener for her. As a father I felt that she needed to be exposed to those who are less fortunate than she is. I always want to provide for my children but I also want them to have an appreciation for things they have. As a parent it is difficult not to spoil our children.

We began our work by going to an abandoned house in the 9th ward, which as you know was under 10ft of water in some places, after Hurricane Katrina struck in August 2005. We had a painting assignment. We painted the outside of a lady's house that had been damaged. This was a great job for Bethany, who is 10 years old. I think she got more paint on her than she did on the house. Our next assignment was to do some finishing painting on a house that was occupied. A lady named Thelma Scott lived in this house. As we began to paint, I watched my daughter grow right in front of my eyes. She began to talk to Ms. Scott and asked her about her experiences. The two of them must have talked for hours. I did not mind that she was not working because I felt she would learn more by talking to Ms. Scott than painting the house. After we got back to our base camp, which was a church that was transformed into a camp for the workers, I asked Bethany what she had learned from today's assignment. I was amazed she was so emotional while telling about how Ms. Scott and her family lost everything they owned and how lucky they were to be alive. I was so proud of Bethany; she showed such compassion and warmth toward Ms. Scott and her family. I think she finally got the picture that no matter how fortunate we are, we should help those who are not so fortunate. Material things are important to us but we must not take them for granted or they can be lost in an instant.



I encourage each of you, if you have the opportunity, to help those struck by the devastation of Katrina - you should take advantage of it. If you can take the opportunity to share with your children the misfortune of others it will teach them to be humble and appreciate what they have. We often get trapped within our own walls that we can't see that there is a world beyond our own.



By Scotty Hancock
Floyd County EMA Director

*If you have a Personal Experience you'd like to share,
please contact Joy Peterson at 709.378.2000 or
petersonj@floydcountyga.org.*