



## Notes from IT: Phishing Warning Signs

Even the most carefully constructed phishing email usually has one or more giveaways if you look closely enough. The following are some signs that a message may be a phishing attempt:

Sender's address – If the email address used by the sender does not match the name of the organization implied by the email, or if it is misspelled or otherwise does not make sense in the context of the message, this may be a sign of a phishing email.

Grammar or spelling mistakes – Phishing emails often contain spelling or grammatical errors.

Odd formatting – Phishing emails may deviate from the standard formatting you would expect, such as using odd fonts or spacing.

Suspicious links – Phishing emails usually use links that appear to be genuine, but are not. For example, a fraudulent email might use a misspelling of “Bank of America” such as bankoffamerica.com.

Attachments – Attachments to email messages can contain ransomware or viruses. Be careful about opening any unfamiliar file types.

Sense of urgency – If you receive an email that makes you feel pressured to take immediate action, such as transferring money or providing sensitive information, you may have received a phishing email. This is often done to get you to overlook other warning signs.



# Employment Anniversaries

Congratulations to everyone on our team celebrating another year of service to the residents of Oconee County! Thank you for making our organization an outstanding place to work and for your dedication to our community! We appreciate all that you do!

## Civic Center

Shawn Wheeler	09/07/1993
Edwyna Arey	09/05/2017

## Planning/Code Enforcement

Linda Patterson	09/16/1985
Kyle Stephens	09/04/2018

## Clerk of Courts

Carrie Hayes	09/16/2014
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## Property Appraisal

Sidney Bell	09/14/2021
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## Extension Office

Daniel Queen	09/08/2020
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## Public Works

Will Parks	09/21/1998
Rolland Ebright	09/09/2020

## Jail

David Knowles Jr.	09/09/2016
Danial White	09/23/2019

## Superior Court

Tommy Hewell	09/08/2009
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## Law Enforcement

Jeremy Wasdin	09/15/2008
Sonyia Wallace-Burchett	09/15/2015
Stan Swisher	09/25/2017

## Water Resources

Jeanne White	09/06/2005
Eddie Fouche Jr.	09/04/2007
Nick Hensley	09/26/2012

## Parks & Recreation

Lisa Davol	09/27/2004
Pat Sebring	09/11/2017

# Fall Wellness Challenge Set for Friday, October 14

The next Wellness Physical Challenge opportunity worth up to 300 points is set for Friday, October 14, from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Herman C. Michael Park.

Sign-ups and details coming soon!



# Meet GIS Specialist Shawna Benson



Shawna Benson joined the county as the GIS Specialist in August. Her favorite part of her job is helping people understand and visualize data with maps. Stop by the GIS office on the first floor of the courthouse and say “hi!”

## Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new colleagues - we are so glad you have joined us!

### GIS

Shawna Benson

### Law Enforcement

Douglas Mattocks  
Johnny Richards  
Amelia Willis

### Senior Center

Virginia Mitchell

### Parks & Recreation

Jonah Doyle  
Timothy Garrett  
Josh Johnson  
Kelsey McDonough  
Daniel Ramirez  
Bailey Wingrove

### Superior Court

Michael Fitzpatrick

# Employee Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone in the Oconee County Government Family celebrating a birthday this month! You have our best wishes for a wonderful day, and we hope it's the start of a fantastic year!

Leigh Anne Aaron	09/02	John Jackson	09/18
Yashica West	09/02	Crystal Berisko	09/19
Doc Hudson	09/03	Joseph Berryman	09/19
Stephen Richwine	09/03	Jerry Marshall	09/20
Brian Bray	09/04	Joan White	09/20
Dylan Pulliam	09/05	Carsen Dean	09/21
McKenzie Maddux	09/07	Andrew Bishop	09/24
Donna Fee	09/08	Brandy Ervin	09/25
Lance Raines	09/09	Joel Allen	09/26
Ryan Meeler	09/11	Richard Connelly Jr.	09/27
Scott Emerick	09/12	Kendall Floyd	09/27
Sandy Maxwell	09/12	Chuck Horton	09/27
John Donnelly	09/15	Diane Horvath	09/27
Patrick Holl	09/15	George Kull	09/27
Jeanne White	09/15	Harold Haggard	09/29
Sarah Groves	09/16	Alexis Barnhart	09/30
Shirley Finch	09/18		



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