



# Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

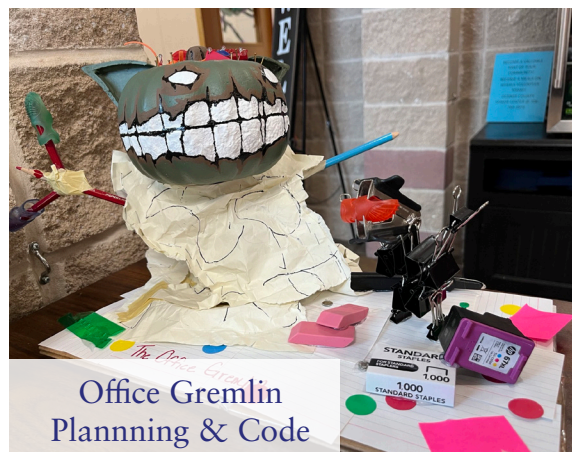
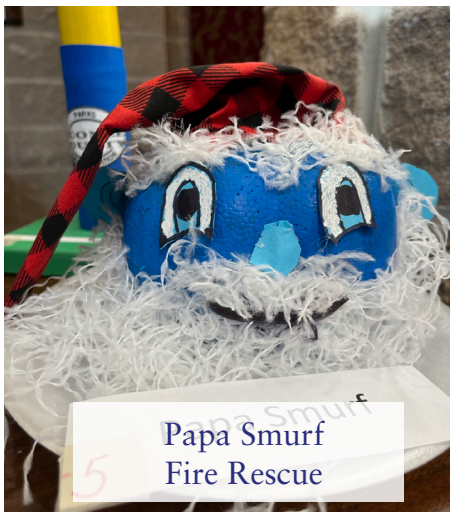
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## Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest Results

And, the winners are . . . in First Place - GIS with Sesame Street View, and Runner-Up - Planning & Code with The Office Gremlin!!!! Congrats!!!!

Thank you to everyone who participated - this year's entries were amazing and fabulously creative!!





# Invasive Plant Removal at Heritage Park

## INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL HERITAGE PARK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2023 | 2024  
WORK DAYS  
706-769-3965



Athens Land Trust

Help with removing an invasive  
species from Heritage Park

OCT  
24

NOV  
7 & 21

DEC  
5 & 19

JAN  
2, 16, & 30

FEB  
13 & 27

9A-1P | Heritage Park

Volunteering at a work day is an excellent opportunity to get outside, learn more about forest health and meet new people.

Autumn Olive, though beautiful, is crowding out native species causing ecological harm to our forest and its inhabitants.

No training or experience is required; each volunteer will be trained in identification and removal.

## Do Something Beautiful!

Looking to enjoy the fall weather while having a positive impact in the community? Keep Oconee County Beautiful and Parks & Recreation invite you to take part in Invasive Species Removal Work Days at Heritage Park.

Volunteer as an individual or team up with your department to spend a few hours volunteering in this beautiful park and add some steps to your daily count as a bonus!

No experience is necessary for these volunteer work days, and all tools are provided.

Take a break from your usual work routine and join us!



# 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!

## Cooperative Extension

Pat McLaughlin 11/18/2019

## Elections

Kenneth Davis 11/05/2019

Shami Jones 11/01/2022

## Jail

Joan White 11/13/2006

Susie Carlton-Gordon 11/15/2021

Krista Dorsey 11/29/2021

## Law Enforcement

Vic Green 11/19/2007

Robert Perrin 11/01/2021

Dustin Mines 11/29/2021

## Parks & Recreation

Cindy Hardigree 11/28/2005

Ethan Barnhart 11/15/2022

## Property Appraisal

Brian Bray 11/14/2011

## Public Safety

Lee Hiland 11/06/2006

Lisa Park 11/16/2020

## Public Works

Robert Thompson 11/18/2019

James Hollars 11/01/2021

John Green 11/21/2022

Jamie Howie 11/30/2022

## Superior Court

Delores Russell 11/01/1991

Lawton Stephens 11/01/1991

## Tax Commissioner

Kendra Freeman 11/15/2021

## Water Resources

Ginger Thrasher 11/22/2004

Tracy Metcalf 11/24/2014

Tim Rice 11/02/2020





# Welcome!

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

*Welcome  
to the  
Team!*

## Civic Center

Brian Wilson

## Finance

Joy Chambers

## Jail

Jillian Cook

John Young

## Parks & Rec

Samuel Koppenhaver

Madeline Neal

Haven Newbold

## Sheriff

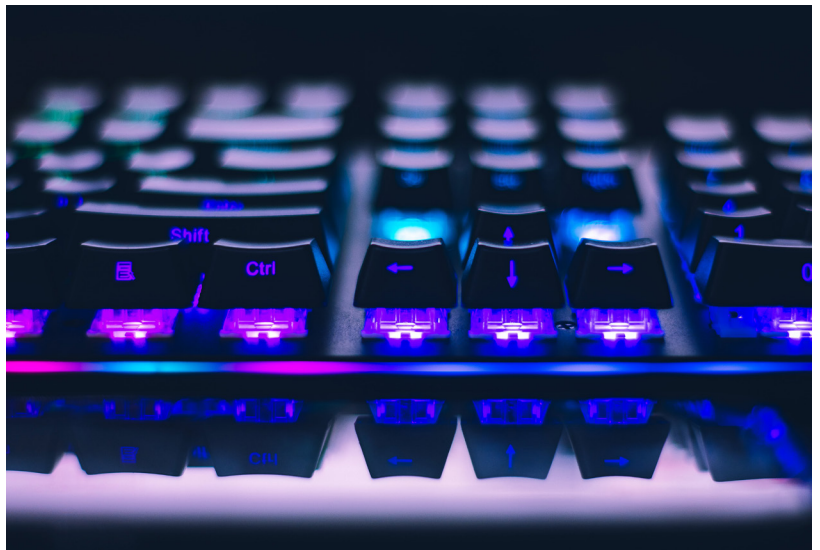
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# IT Work Orders

Sarah Baird will be the new point person for following up on all of your IT Work Orders! Have a question or need to follow up on the request you submitted to [ochelpdesk@oconee.ga.us](mailto:ochelpdesk@oconee.ga.us)?

Reach out to Sarah, and she will be happy to help provide status updates and other help with getting your IT needs met!

Sarah can be reached at [sbaird@oconee.ga.us](mailto:sbaird@oconee.ga.us) or extension x3599.



# 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!

Jean Saint-Preux	11/01
Caleb Howe	11/02
Cindy Hardigree	11/03
Laynie Baer	11/04
Lee Weems	11/04
Christopher Haag	11/05
William Threlkeld	11/05
Lisa Davol	11/06
Annessa Martin	11/07
Rachel Smith	11/07
Allen Hawkins	11/08
Sam Smith	11/08
Madeline Neal	11/09
Jon Holden	11/10
Johnny Richards	11/10
James Rogers	11/11
Kirk Shook	11/12
Nicole Gueth	11/13
Lawton Stephens	11/14
Kayla Houseman	11/15
Victor Hudson	11/15
Shami Jones	11/15
Guillaume Fielteau	11/16
Lynn Hanna	11/16
Susan Vizurraga	11/18
Deborah Self	11/19
Noah Webb	11/23
Ed Carson	11/27
Shelby Gabriel	11/28



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