

# Oconee County Connections

## Employee Newsletter



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Enjoy photos from Oconee's 150th Birthday Bash and presentation.

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We are now a .GOV website!



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# Welcome to the Team



## Civic Center

Asher Hill  
Carsun Neubauer  
Macie McCannon

## E-911

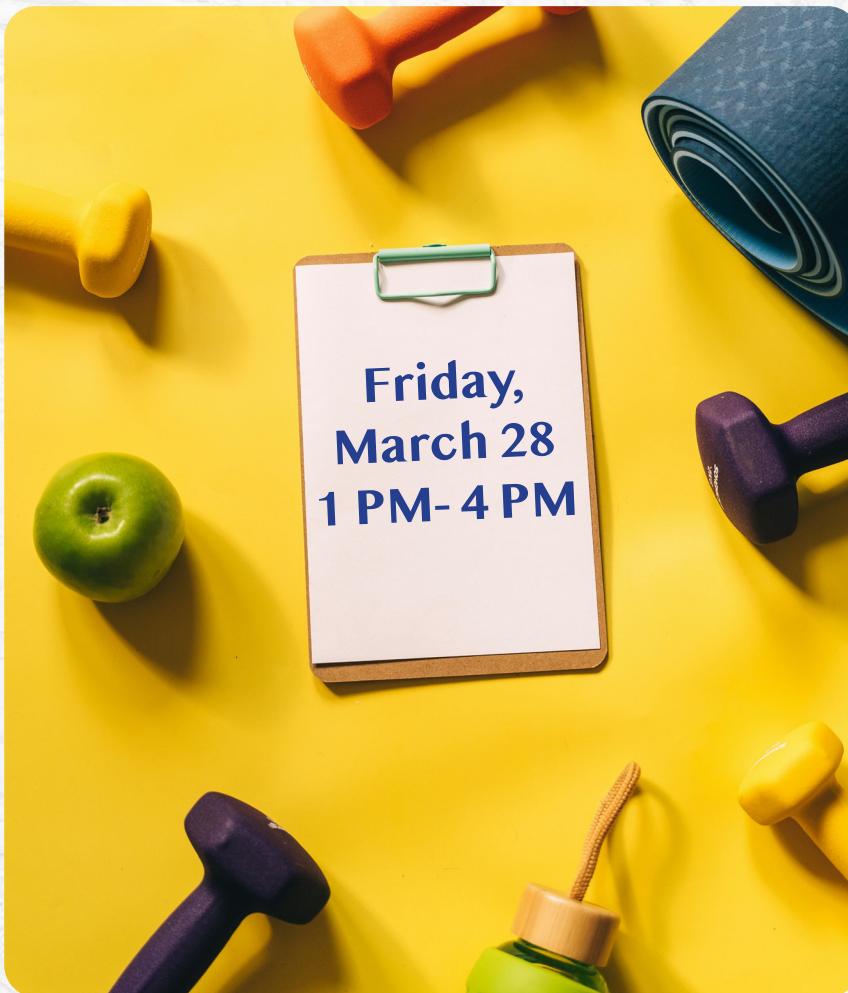
Haleigh Long

## Parks and Rec

Aiden Ingram  
Lanya Scott  
Victor Hudson

## Road

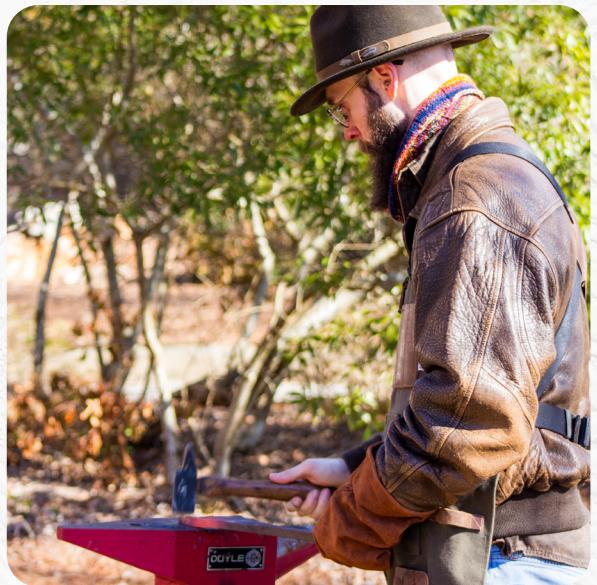
Caleb Epps



# Human Resources Scoop

## Upcoming Wellness Event

The next Physical Agility Test opportunity will be on Friday, March 28, from 1 pm to 4 pm at Herman C. Michael Park. Sign-up emails have been sent out, so register for your time slots!



Thank you to all that came out to celebrate Oconee County's 150th Birthday Bash! A huge round of applause for the Oconee Tourism and Vistiors Bureau for hosting such a fun, historical, and informative event.





# From the IT Workroom

## Happy March from the IT Department!

Customize your Microsoft Office applications for a spring refresh. Enable high contrast color schemes to protect your eyesight, save battery power, and prolong the life of your monitors.

Let's use Outlook as our example, but any Microsoft product will have similar steps.

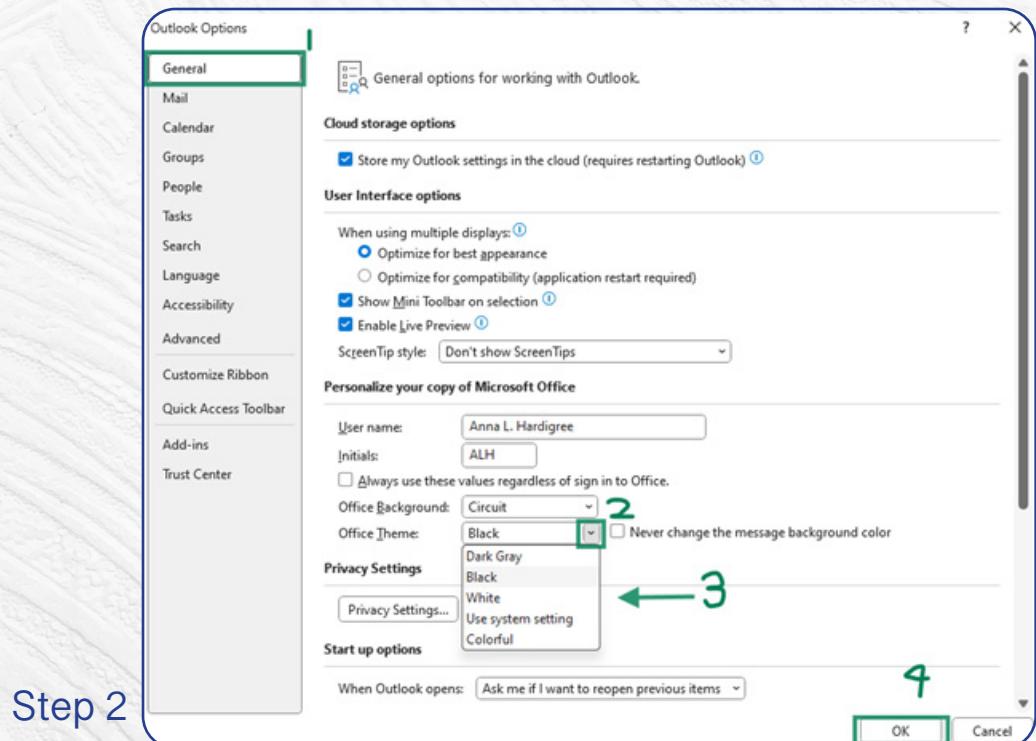
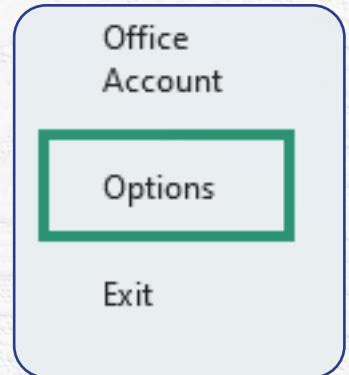
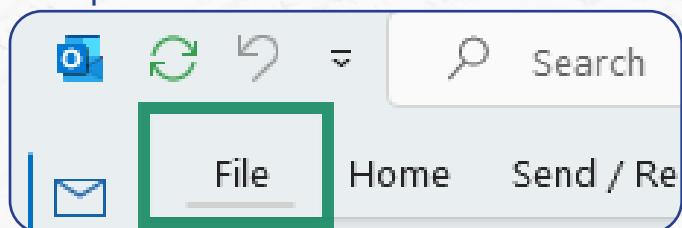
1) Open Outlook, click on 'File' at the top left of the window, and in the new window open "Options".

2) Select the option "Office Background" at the bottom of the menu page and choose from five different color themes. After clicking 'OK,' your Outlook and every other Office application will now have an entirely new look!

Little changes like these can impact your productivity and add a pop of color or lack thereof to your day. These accessibility tools exist to assist you, and so does your IT Department! We're always happy to offer a helpful guide, and as always, address any technical concerns.

-IT Department

### Step 1



### Step 2

## New Website Domain Launch

[www.oconeecountyga.gov](http://www.oconeecountyga.gov)

The official Oconee County Government website has a new .gov domain, [www.OconeeCountyGA.gov](http://www.OconeeCountyGA.gov), providing an enhanced level of security and public trust. .Gov domains are available only to U.S.-based government organizations, making it easy for the public to identify the Oconee County website as a verified governmental entity while assuring users that the information they access is official, trusted information.

Website functionality remains unchanged and the previous address [www.OconeeCounty.com](http://www.OconeeCounty.com) will redirect to the new domain to ensure all users are able to easily find the county website. Email addresses for Oconee County Government employees are not changing at this time.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), manages the .gov domain, verifying the identity of everyone who requests a .gov domain and providing an increased level of security that protects sensitive information and makes it more difficult for cybercriminals to impersonate government officials.

**Make sure to update email signatures and any information you give out with our new domain name!**

## Around the County

### Government Communicators Day Proclamation, February 21st

The Board of Commissioners presented a proclamation recognizing “Government Communicators Day” to the county’s Communications Department at its February Agenda Setting Meeting. Celebrated this year on February 21, “Government Communicators Day” highlights the contributions of public communication professionals across the nation. The Oconee County Communications Department is dedicated to building trust and transparency with the community through effective, impactful, and successful communication strategies.



# Invasive Species Removal



## Last Work Day of the Season!

The Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department and the Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission, in partnership with the Athens Land Trust and Kel-Mac Saddle Club, hosts a series of Invasive Species Plant Removal Work Days at Heritage Park. **The last work day of the season is scheduled for March 11 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

Registration is required for this event but no experience is necessary! For more information or to register online, visit [www.oconeecountyga.gov/heritagepark](http://www.oconeecountyga.gov/heritagepark). Heritage Park is located at 2543 Macon Highway, Watkinsville.





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!

Clerk of Courts

Crystal McCannon

03/20/2020

Extenison

Carsen Dean

03/01/2022

E-911

Kyleigh Carrera

03/08/2022

Facilities

David Compton

03/19/2018

Finance

Jessica Ellis

03/23/2020

Fleet

Dwayne Collins

03/26/1997

Law Enforcement

Marla Brown

03/07/2011

Tammy Gilstrap

03/11/1991

Travis Wooster

03/17/2014

Parks and Rec

Christina Starr

03/25/2024

Planning

Nhi Hylton

03/06/2023

Ethan Perry

03/06/2023

Public Works

Jack Cain

03/11/2024

Senior Center

Becky White

03/07/2022

Water Resources

David Dockins

03/09/2020

Sandy Maxwell

03/31/2008



## 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!

Tracye Bailey	03/02	Joseph Harris	03/14
Eddie Fouché	03/02	Patrick Whitehead	03/17
Kandy Marchman	03/02	Ethan Perry	03/18
Vic Green	03/03	Christina Lee	03/20
Mark Watson	03/03	Keith Black	03/21
Eleanor Dougherty	03/04	Chris Cotton	03/21
Holly Bales	03/05	Mark Thomas	03/21
Tracy Metcalf	03/05	David Dockins	03/22
Will Parks	03/06	Samuel Koppenhaver	03/23
Angie Elder-Johnson	03/07	James Hale	03/25
Brittany Anderson	03/08	Carol McGarth	03/26
Mark Saxon	03/08	Candeda Ayers	03/29
Sharon Gregg	03/09	Baylee Silvey	03/29
Caleb Epps	03/10	Jordan Smith	03/29
Wade Higginbotham	03/11	Ansley Whiten	03/29
Michael Fitzpatrick	03/14	Doug Hammond	03/30
Robert Hicks	03/14	Caylan Kettle	03/31
Aiden Ingram	03/14		

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