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The flowers are marigolds

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Human Resources Scoop


Upcoming Wellness Class

Need to earn wellness points before the November deadline? This 20 point class on June 25 is not to be missed! Dr. Stephen Correia, Director of the Cognitive Aging Research and Education Center (CARE), will be discussing normal aging versus dementia. This valuable learning opportunity will be held at the Administrative Building on Wednesday, June 25 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Register for the class by emailing Heather Bailey at heather.bailey@piedmont.org.

Normal Aging versus Dementia


with Dr. Stephen Correia



Where & When?


6/25/2025,
12pm - 1pm,
at the Oconee
Administrative Building
(7635 Macon Hwy,
Watkinsville, GA 30677)

**Parking, attendance, and
registration are free!**



What?


Normal Aging vs Dementia presents changes in the brain that reflect normal aging, discussing signs and symptoms that may warrant a diagnosis, and ways to protect your brain's health and longevity at every age.




Who?

Dr. Stephen Correia is the Cognitive Aging Research and Education (CARE) Center's Director of Neuropsychology. Dr. Correia has a Ph.D. in Neuropsychology and, alongside his team, delivers free dementia diagnostic services at the CARE Center.

How Can I Register?
Email **Heather Bailey** at heather.bailey@piedmont.org to confirm your registration.



Cognitive Aging Research and Education Center



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Save the Date
June 26 & June 27



Meet the New Brokers

We're excited to announce two Meet & Greet events to welcome our new health insurance brokers, Gallagher Benefit Services! Join us on June 26 and June 27 in the Administrative Building for an opportunity to connect, ask questions, and get to know the new brokers. The official meeting time will be shared soon via email, so please keep an eye on your inbox for further details. We look forward to seeing you there!

For any questions please call Jill Faulkner at 706-769-3938 or email Jill at jfaulkner@oconee.ga.us.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Employee Spring Cookout. It was filled with good food and great company. We appreciate all that you do!

Employee Spring Cookout





From the IT Workroom

Happy June from the IT Department!

As our new fiscal year kicks off, you may find yourself in more virtual meetings. Here's a quick refresher on screensharing in Microsoft Teams (similar tips apply for Zoom and Webex!). Please use our Scribe tutorial (linked below) alongside these steps to assist you.

After joining your meeting from the Calendar view, click the Share icon at the top-right of your window.

You'll see a few options under **Presenter Mode**:

Content only — shows just your screen.

Standout, Side-by-side, and Reporter — show your video alongside your content.

Choosing What to Share:

Screen — shares your entire screen, great if you're switching between apps (but double-check for any sensitive information first!).

Window — shares only one program (like a PowerPoint), perfect when you won't need to swap around.

If you have questions about the best setup for your meetings, reach out to your friendly IT Department and remember — for any tech questions or concerns, send a ticket to ochelpdesk@oconee.ga.us.

New IT Class Series- Knowledge Cafe

IT is pleased to introduce a monthly course focusing on IT-related topics with hands-on learning. Classes will meet the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the North High Shoals room in the Administrative building. If you cannot attend in person you may participate via Teams.

The first class is scheduled for July 14 and will cover General AI Usage and Guidelines. Boxed lunches will be provided for the first class only, more information will be sent out by July 1 to those who registered. Click on or use the QR code below to sign up!

**How to Screenshare
on Teams Scribe**



Oconee County 101 Graduation



Thank you to all participants who took part in the first session of Oconee County 101. Your engagement and feedback are greatly appreciated and will play an important role in the ongoing development and improvement of this program.

For those interested in future opportunities, the next employee-only session of Oconee County 101 is scheduled for Spring 2026. Look for an announcement in January 2026.

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to making this inaugural program a success. For more information about this program visit www.oconeecountyga.gov/oc101.

Welcome to the Team

Welcome to Oconee County! We are glad you are joining our team.

Sheriff's Office
Michael Ward

National Public Works Week Proclamation

The Oconee County Board of Commissioners proclaimed May 18 through May 24 as “**National Public Works Week**” in Oconee County at its Agenda Setting Meeting on Tuesday, May 20. “National Public Works Week” honors the essential services and infrastructure that public works professionals provide to keep communities safe, connected, and thriving.



Older Americans Month Proclamation



The Oconee County Board of Commissioners proclaimed the month of May “**Older Americans Month**” in Oconee County at their May 20 Agenda Setting Meeting in recognition of the many contributions older Americans make to the community. The Oconee County Senior Center staff hosted special events in recognition of Older Americans Month throughout the entire month of May.



EMPLOYEE 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!

Clerk of Courts

Stacy Carson 06/11/2013

Civic Center

Jennifer Jones 06/13/2023

E-911

Nicole Gueth 06/04/2012

Fire

Cliff Threadgill 06/13/2022

Facilities

James Smith 06/30/2024

Jail

Stephen Guest 06/11/2001

Law Enforcement

Daniel Ellis 06/27/2016
Chris Shook 06/04/2018
Annessa Martin 06/17/2019
Jonathan Sturm 06/15/2020
Gregory Harrison 06/27/2022

Parks and Rec

Maggie Hubert 06/27/2022
Chad Skelton 06/03/2024
Clay Dunagan 06/03/2024

Probate

Julie Jackson 06/27/2016
Cheryl Newell 06/17/2019

Public Works

Jerry Marshall 06/20/2016
Holly Bales 06/01/2021
Joseph Berryman 06/07/2021

Senior Center

Russell Ruggieri 06/21/2016

Water Resources

Ryan Meeler 06/04/2001
Shayne Stone 06/11/2012
Gloria Batson 06/13/2016
Lisa Bowman 06/12/2017
Parker Middlebrooks 06/28/2021
Joshua Johnson 06/30/2024



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!

Justin Cash	06/01	Matthew Wainwright	06/12
John Daniell	06/01	Quinton Nesmith	06/16
Jacob McCoy	06/01	Rebecca White	06/16
Amanda Shelton	06/01	Paul Maxey	06/19
Bradley Vaughn	06/03	Kayla McAllister	06/20
Matt Beal	06/04	Crystal McCannon	06/20
Kelliann Howell	06/05	Michael Weathers	06/21
Seth Worsham	06/06	Chad Wohler	06/23
Devan Blair	06/08	Ethan Barnhart	06/24
Chelsey Grayson	06/09	Denise Bradshaw	06/24
Ginny King	06/09	Jesika Stock	06/25
Boris Agueta	06/10	Robin Bush	06/26
Jennifer Riddle	06/10	Charlotte Connell	06/27
Lisa Bowman	06/12	Paul Heath	06/29
Guy Herring	06/12	Kevin Hart	06/30
Christy Prince	06/12		

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