

April 2018



## Employee Milestones

### Langley promoted

Congratulations to Lateshia Langley of the Tax Collector's Office, who was recently promoted to field review officer. Lateshia started in the Treasurer's office in June 2014 as a part-time cashier while pursuing a degree in criminal justice.



### Silver has baby boy

Congratulations to Nancy Silver of the Purchasing Division! She and her husband welcomed a baby boy on April 12. Dean Silver was born at 10:33 a.m. weighing 6 pounds and 12.8 ounces, and measuring 19 and 1/4 inches long.

### Prufer moving on

Longtime Purchasing Officer Kyle Prufer has accepted a job closer to home, with Horry County. Employees are invited to say their goodbyes and thank him for his friendship at a farewell drop-in on April 20 from 2-4 p.m.

## BEREAVEMENT

Our hearts go out to Probate Judge Leigh Boan following the death of her mother, Mrs. Ann L. Powers on March 28.

We also mourn the loss of Andrew Alston, a retired firefighter with Georgetown County Fire/EMS. He was one of the first volunteer firefighters at the department to transition to career. He is also the brother of Jeanette Alston of the Assessor's Office. He passed away April 4.

## Important information about our new health center

Many of you and members of your families have taken advantage of the services offered at our new medical facility since its opening in January. I sincerely hope that your experience there was excellent, and that you are being helped with any medical issues that you have.



Walt Ackerman  
HR Director

I have received a lot of positive feedback from employees, and have also addressed some of the feedback for improvement received as well. So please keep letting me know about your experiences, good or bad.

Some of you have been issued medications directly from the facility, at no cost, which is how the program is designed to work. A few folks, however, have had their medications sent directly to their homes by the staff at the center. This was done due to any number of reasons, such as medication being out of stock, incorrect dosage on hand, insufficient quantity on hand and the like. This is perfectly fine and to be expected.

Just like medication actually dispensed from the facility, anything ordered by the medical staff on your behalf and shipped directly to you is also **NO COST** to you. However, due to certain procedural deficiencies, which are being corrected, some of you have been billed for this medication. If you have received a bill already, or receive one in the future for any medication ordered for you by the medical center staff, please bring me the invoice. You are NOT responsible for paying for the medication. I will take care of that invoice for you.

Please note that this **ONLY** applies to medications ordered by the County's medical center staff, not any other doctor.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Regarding appointments

I receive weekly reports from the medical center on the number of available appointments and how many of these are filled by our employees and their families. With this information, we make decisions on hours of operation and whether to expand services, as we did a few weeks back.

The reports have shown that since opening, every single provider appointment has been booked. This is fantastic! However, there is also a negative issue that I need to address: People not always showing up for appointments.

If you recall, I talked to everyone about the fact this is not a typical doctors' office. We do not triple and quadruple book appointments. This means that if someone does not show up, then the doctor is sitting around not doing anything, when they could be seeing a patient. And, since every single appointment slot is booked, this also means that someone who wanted to see the doctor that day could not get an appointment.

I understand that things happen and we are not always able to make every appointment. That is expected. When this occurs, however, I need you to **please cancel your appointment if you can not be there.**

This opens the slot up for someone else who could benefit from the service, especially those who need a last minute appointment due to illness. I don't want anyone to have to go to another doctor and pay for the visit when there was time available at our medical center that they could have used at no cost.

So please be considerate of your fellow employees and call to cancel if you cannot make your scheduled appointment.

Thanks for your help with this issue.

## Driver Improvement Class set for May 9

Georgetown County Risk Management will host its next Driver Improvement Class on Wednesday, May 9, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sheriff's Office conference room, located at 430 N. Fraser St.

All full-time employees who operate a county vehicle are required to attend this eight-hour training session once every three years. Departments should notify Holley Causey in the Human Resources Department (ext. 3097) of all employees who need to participate in this training, either for first-time certification or for a renewal if it has been more than three years since they received their last certificate.

## Bringing the past alive



Employees stepped back in time on March 23, when the Spirit Day theme was "Decades Day." Above, the planning department revisited several decades. At left, Central dispatch shows they know how to rock the '70s.

The next Spirit Day is April 27

and the theme is "Holi-Day." Dress to represent your favorite holiday. Don't forget to send your photos to [MoraleCommittee@gtcounty.org](mailto:MoraleCommittee@gtcounty.org).

## Active shooter training set for April 16

Georgetown County will host Active Shooter training from 2-3:30 p.m. April 16 to help make sure employees know what to do in the event of an active shooter situation. This training will be mandatory for employees who work in an office environment. For departments that cannot send all employees to participate, a representative will need to attend to take the information back and share it with their co-workers.

For those who cannot attend on April 16, an additional session will be hosted at the Judicial Center on May 9 at 10 a.m.

Please RSVP to Holley Causey at ext. 3097 or email [hcausey@gtcounty.org](mailto:hcausey@gtcounty.org).

## Safety Challenge Winner



Alice Cribb of the Building Department was the county's March Risk Management Safety Challenge Winner, receiving a Walmart gift card. The March Safety Challenge is centered on preparedness for an active shooter situation. This month's safety challenge focuses on distracted driving. To win, employees should complete this month's crossword puzzle and submit it to Holley Causey by 3 p.m. May 17. All county employees

are eligible. For more information, call ext. 3097.

## We need your recipes!

The Georgetown County Morale Committee has announced plans to put together a County Cookbook featuring recipes from county employees and elected officials. It's a project the committee undertook many years ago, and after hearing there was interest for an updated cookbook, has decided to take on again.

Employees are asked to contribute by sharing some of their favorite recipes for appetizers, main dishes, desserts, beverages and more. The deadline to submit recipes is May 1. Forms are available on the Intranet and should be emailed to [MoraleCommittee@gtcounty.org](mailto:MoraleCommittee@gtcounty.org). An employee may submit up to 12 recipes.

The committee hopes to have the books completed by the holiday season. They will be sold for \$10 each with proceeds going to charity. For more information, contact Jackie Broach at ext. 3164 or [jbroach@gtcounty.org](mailto:jbroach@gtcounty.org).



## Meet your Morale Committee



The Georgetown County Morale Committee, pictured above, welcomed several new members this year and has several new projects underway, both for this year and the next fiscal year. Committee members include Alex Litz and Terri Davis of Public Services; Beth Piatt of the Auditor's Office; Candice Thompson of Economic Development; Doug Gainey of MIS; Heather Pelham and Lydella Washington of the Library; Ieshia Tucker of Probate; Jackie Broach of Public Information; Jason Lesley of the Sheriff's Office; Jesse Cooper, Josann Welch, Michael Morris and Sam Hodge of Emergency Services; Judy Blankenship and Tiffany Coleman of the Planning Department; Rhonda Stone of Parks and Recreation; Yvonne Jordan of the Treasurer's Office; and advisors Walt Ackerman, human resources director, and Susan Edward, Assessor.

## Volunteers needed for Countywide Cleanup

Georgetown County Environmental Services is sponsoring an Earth Day Litter Pick-up throughout the county on Friday, April 20. More than 50 county employees have already signed up to participate, but more are needed!

Employees are asked to use their lunch hour to clean up litter in designated areas near their offices. In return, each employee who signs up and participates will receive one hour of comp time credited to their leave balance. Environmental Services will provide all necessary materials.

All county departments are encouraged to participate in this event, which will benefit our entire community. For more information or to sign up, contact Alex Litz at ext. 3452 or [alitz@gtcounty.org](mailto:alitz@gtcounty.org).

