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## Press Release

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## 1st Annual County Employee Picnic a Success, Thanks to Local Sponsors!

Great weather made for a day of fun & fellowship at the first ever Camden County employee picnic hosted by Camden County Government's Employee Recognition Committee on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Crooked River State Park. Thanks to all of the hard work of the committee members and donations from many sponsors, the picnic was a huge success with over 120 people in attendance! The event was packed with many interactive games for families that included a 3-legged race, a sack race, and horse shoes; just to name a few. Cash prizes were won by Susie Rule (Extension Office), Louis Foltzer (Information Technology), and Keri Moreland (Finance). The County's Charity Committee, Helping Other People Everyday (H.O.P.E.), brought in \$337.00 for its 2009 Relay for Life team! Fundraising efforts included a 50/50 raffle won by Melinda McGrath (JDA), monetary donations, and gift basket ticket sales. Drawings for the winners of the gift baskets will be held the night of Relay for Life on May 1-2!

"Meeting coworkers and their families in an informal setting is a great team-builder that creates bridges between people. Those bridges help when workplace challenges require a high level of teamwork (which they often do)," said Adam Kabasakalian, Management Analyst, after attending the picnic. "One of the highlights for me was the "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice"

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WILLIS KEENE, JR. Commissioner, District 1 KATHERINE NISI ZELL - Vice Chair Commissioner, District 2 STEPHEN L. BERRY Commissioner, District 3 three-legged-race. Seeing the excitement on my 3 and 6 year old's faces when they passed two county employees in a photo-finish race was priceless!"

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the Employee Recognition Committee, we would like to thank all of the sponsors who made the donations that made this picnic possible:

- Dalton Signs
- Winn Dixie
- Kingsland Meats
- Crooked River State Park
- Steve Berry
- Steve Howard
- Cindy Daniels
- Brian Vigue
- Brent Green
- Lannie Brant
- Employee Recognition Committee Members
  - o Susan Conaway
  - o Staci Bowick
  - o Michelle Preston
  - o Julie Swick
  - o Lorna Shelton
  - o Katie Bishop
  - o Chris Goebel

Also, we greatly appreciate everyone who assisted with setup, clean up, activity coordination, as well as a special thanks to Mr. Lannie Brant, who cooked over the hot grill all afternoon.

Camden County Government is not in a position financially to host these kinds of events, but with the help of our community, the County was able to provide at <u>no cost</u> a family event for its employees to show appreciation for the hard work and dedication they provide to the citizens of Camden County everyday. Thank you to all of the County employees and their families who attended the picnic. We look forward to hosting another successful event next year!

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