

COMMISSIONER TIMES

Small Town Living on the Big Lake

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

CodeRED

Seconds Count In An Emergency!



Clay County has instituted the CodeRED Emergency Notification System - an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows us to telephone all or targeted areas of the county in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a boil-water notice, missing child or evacuation notices).

The system is capable of dialing 50,000 phone numbers per hour. It then delivers our recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to any number.

THIS SYSTEM WILL ONLY BE USED FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES.

Examples of times when the CodeRED system could be utilized:

- Drinking water contamination
- Utility outage
- Evacuation notice & route
- Missing person
- Fires or Floods
- Bomb threat
- Hostage situation
- Chemical spill or Gas leak

and other emergency incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential for life safety.

User's can register up to two phones (mobile and land lines). To register go to the county homepage at www.claycountyga.org and click on the link under CodeRED, call 229.768.3518 or stop by the Sheriff's office in Clay County.

Clay County Chamber News

The Clay County Chamber has been busy over the past few months. In April the Chamber co-sponsored "Sing Clay County" along with the Fort Gaines Health Care Spring Fling. Many people turned out to hear a variety of entertainers sing for the crowd on hand. There were numerous vendors as well. Proceeds went toward the residents at the Fort Gaines Health Care.

In June look for the summer opening of the Farmer's Market located at Morris Park in Fort Gaines. Vendors will have fresh produce, eggs, baked goods and handmade crafts available every Saturday morning during the growing season.

On June 27th the Chamber will sponsor "Cool Pop's on a Hot Day". From 11:00 a.m. to Noon the Chamber will be giving away free frozen treats in appreciation of the support from Clay County residents and businesses.



Later this summer the Chamber plans to host a night at the movies with an outdoor showing of a popular movie. Watch for more details!

The next chamber meeting is Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Coleman Social Services building. The public is encouraged to come and learn more about the Chamber.

Clay County Receives Work Force Development Grant in Conjunction with Albany Technical College and Others

On April 6, 2009 Clay County received notification that through its association with the Southwest Georgia Agribusiness Consortium, we had been awarded \$400,000 to increase the number of individuals in the workplace. The goal is to ensure each county in the region earns Certified Work Ready Community Status and to encourage local employers to complete Work Ready job profiles and provide specialized training for existing industries. In our case, we are focusing on Agribusiness and Bio-science. Albany Tech will be the fiduciary agent and assist in administering the grant and establishing training through out our area. Local counties are Randolph, Calhoun and Early as well as many other businesses and additional counties in Southwest Georgia.

Sutton's Corner Museum

Officially Open

Sutton's Corner is officially open for business and is being operated by the Fort Gaines Historical Society volunteers. The Board Directors of the Fort Gaines Historical Society, Inc. at its quarterly board meeting on February 5, 2009 established the following operating schedule for Sutton's Corner Museum.

Daily Schedule

Wednesday	Open 10:00 am Close 3:00 pm
Thursday	Open 10:00 am Close 3:00 pm
Friday	Open 10:00 am Close 3:00 pm
Saturday	Open 10:00 am Close 3:00 pm

Event Schedule

Christmas at the Fort	Open
Sing Clay County	Open
FGHS Annual Meeting	Open

Tours By Appointment

Museum staff will facilitate group tours on an arranged schedule at any time. Admissions for special tours will be determined at the time of appointment. Contact information will be posted at the museum, on all advertising, and web site.

Admission Charges

The Museum will not have a preset admissions charge. Donations of a suggested minimum of \$5 will be encouraged and donation policy will be explained before tours. School groups will not be charged admission. Looking for summer activities? Come visit the early American collections at Sutton's Corner Country Store and Museum.





ADOPT A POT

FT. GAINES GARDEN CLUB

"THANK YOU" BUSINESS PARTNERS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE "ADOPT A POT" PROGRAM. This is a great help to the city workers and the Garden Club in maintaining these forty pots during the year.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

FARM BUREAU-ANN GAY

CITY HALL-MARION BRUNER & CHARLOTTE SHIVERS

LINDSEY AUTO PARTS-BILLY LINDSEY

BUYRITE DRUGS-LYNN STOKES & JOYCE DUPREE

PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE-JIM WOOD

REGIONS BANK-ABBY BAILEY

RADIO SHACK-TINA CROZIER

FT. GAINES LIBRARY-JEAN TURN

FT. GAINES HEALTH CARE-ARWIN LITTLETON

CHEVRON AND H & K GROCERIES-SAM PATEL

CLAY COUNTY TAX OFFICE-

TAMMIE WATSON & BOBBIE BROWN

CLAY COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR-PAM WARD

MOBLEY HARDWARE-ROB FULLER

FT. GAINES POST OFFICE-TAMMY POPE & ELLA SMITH

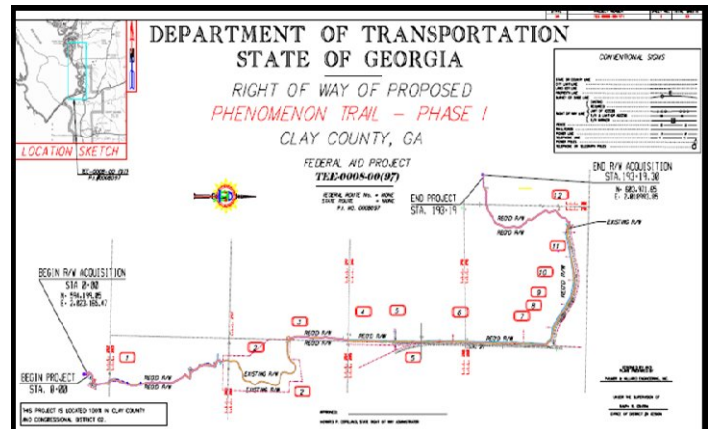
Clay County Board of Education

Garden Club Committee:

Linda Morgan & Ann Penuel 768-2410

PHENOMENON TRAIL UPDATE

The engineering and many approvals required for the design of the hiking and biking trail continues. A significant milestone has been reached with the approval of the project with a "categorical exclusion" designation from all the reviewing agencies. This means that there were no impacts found in the archeological, ecological, endangered species, etc. areas of concern. At this time the engineers are working on the next level of detail of the route of the trail. This plan has to be approved by Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Department. Be on the lookout for updates in the near future. The project is being managed by the Clay County Economic Development Council as a means to attract more visitors and tourists to the area. The trail will also provide a much needed recreational feature for all Clay County citizens.



Rental Assistance Program Availability

Section 8/GRFA Housing Assistance has announced openings for the June signup. On June 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. residents who work or live in Clay County can call 888.340.7069 or 229.430.7815. Because it is difficult to get through, program administrators from Congressman Bishop's office are recommending that several people get together to make the call. Each person should try to call the number and whoever gets through can sign up for the program then pass the phone to another individual. Each individual must sign up themselves.

The Housing Choice Voucher Program is part of Georgia's comprehensive housing program administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). This is a tenant-based assistance program that assists low income individuals and families to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market. The program was created by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The goals of the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) are to: Provide improved living conditions for low income persons while maintaining their rent payments at an affordable level; Promote freedom of housing choice and integrate lower income and minority persons into mainstream society; Provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing for eligible participants; and Provide an incentive to private property owners to rent to lower income persons. For more information go to: http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/RentalAssistance/programs/hcvp_program.asp



In a continued effort to keep our website fresh and user friendly, we are currently adding a new feature! You can now add community events to the website through a submission form on the web. You simply complete the form and submit it. The form will be reviewed and, if approved, will be added to our calendar of events. This will be yet another way that our citizens will be able to keep in the loop of current events and attractions in Clay County! Visit us at www.claycountyga.org

Clay County Library

"Be Creative @ Your Library"
Vacation Reading Program

May 27, 2009-July 7, 2009



- June 2- VRP Kick-off Party
- June 9- Storyteller Scott Routsong
- June 16- Illustrator Michael White
- June 23- Music with Miss Chaffin
- June 30- 4-H at the Library

We are also interested in beginning a Children's Reading Theater. Some of the activities that the Reading Theater will consist of include: reading stories or plays, creative writing, crafts, etc. For more information, contact the Clay County Library at 229-768-2248.

INCREASING KNOWLEDGE

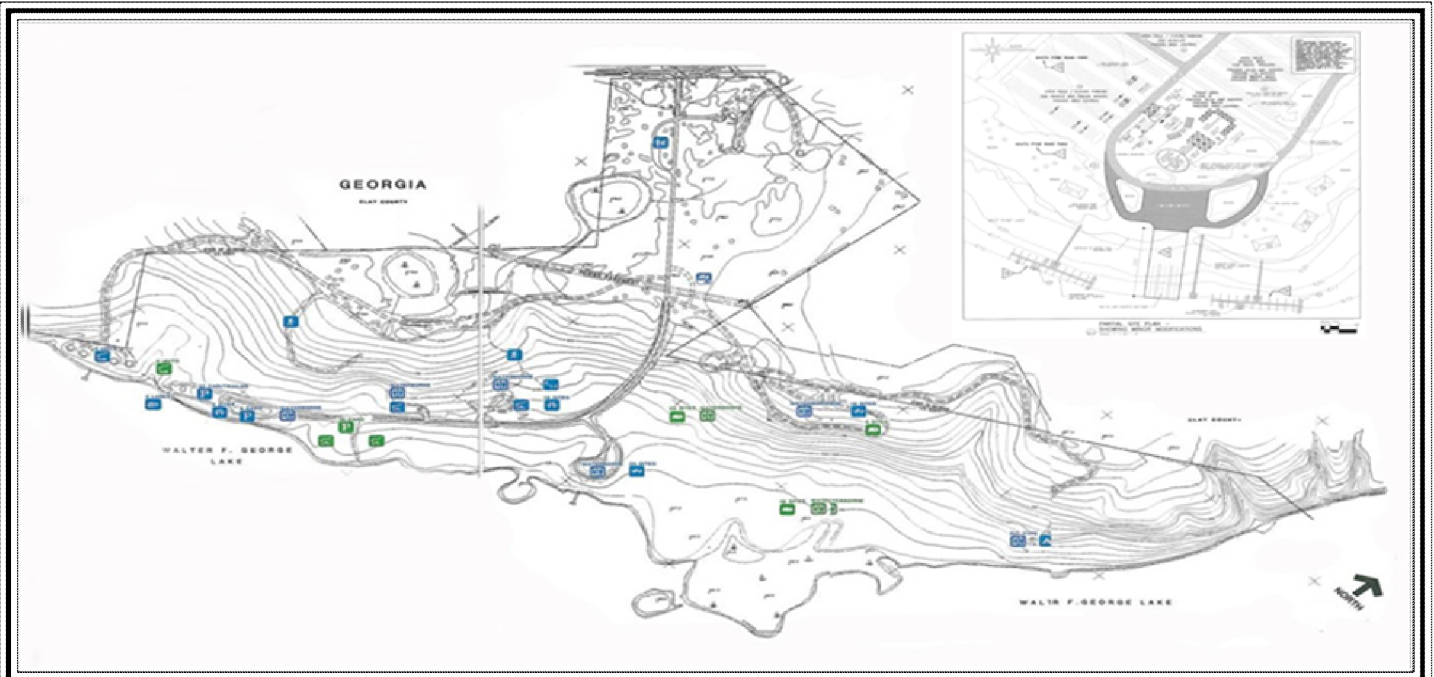
Congratulations to our county leaders for continuing to learn!

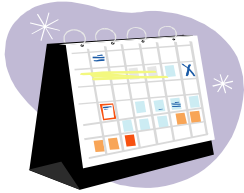
- Bobby Dupree & Mitch Ellis attended the ACCG LGRMS Training for Worker's Comp
- Pam Ward attended the joint ACCG/GMA Spring Health Care Workshop
- Patty Ellis, Mitch Ellis and Geneva English have completed the 2009 Georgia Academy for Economic Development
- Pam Ward has completed the Certified Financial Officer Training course for Purchasing
- Caryl Munford has completed annual Tax Commissioners Training
- Lisa Shivers has completed the annual Probate Judge Training
- Deanna Bertrand has completed the annual Superior Court Clerk Training
- Patty Ellis and Roy Neves have completed the CAVEAT Training for Tax Assessors

PATAULA PARK – GO FISH GEORGIA

The Mega Boat Ramp project is moving along and will hopefully become a reality in the near future. Clay County has leased from the Army Corps of Engineers the old Pataula Park which consists of 225 acres, and will be the site of the Mega Boat Ramp. The County has subleased about 21 acres to the Department of Natural Resources where the actual location on the Pataula Park property is scheduled to be constructed. DNR is reviewing the sublease and when completed, the actual design can begin.

The Boat Ramp will be 4 lanes wide with parking for 250 to 400 vehicles with boats. The facility will be open to the public and will be used for professional, corporate, private and public tournaments. The remainder of the park will be developed for a recreational facility with many diverse features to offer to our citizens.





Mark Your Calendar for These Events!

June—Farmer’s Market Opens at Morris Park in Fort Gaines—every Saturday morning.

June 11th—Chamber Meeting at Coleman Social Services Bldg, at 6:00 p.m.

June 14th at 2:00 p.m.—Bagby State Park Lodge—Eufaula Camerata performs “Make Mine American” - FREE to the public sponsored by Clay County Arts Council.

June 27th—Cool Pop’s on a Hot Day at Morris Park 11:00—Noon. Sponsored by Clay County Chamber of Commerce.

UPCOMING COUNTY HOLIDAYS

County Offices will be closed on:

Friday, July 3, 2009—Independence Day

Monday, September 7, 2009—Labor Day



****** NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE******

Effective June 1, 2009 all inert and C&D materials delivered to the Clay County Landfill will be charged \$3.00 per hundredweight. Restrictions apply to materials. Call 229.768.3238 Ext. 3 for details

Schedule of Events

Clay County Board of Commission meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay County Courthouse Annex with the exception of December. The only regular meeting in December will be on the first Tuesday of December.

Economic Development Council meetings will be held the first Monday of each month (except on holidays) at Bagby State Park Lodge in the private dining room at 12:00 p.m.

Family Connections meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the new Coleman Social Services Building behind the Health Dept. All Clay residents, business owners and faith based organizations are invited to participate.

Planning & Zoning Commission business meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Clay County Commission Chambers. Planning & Zoning Public Hearings are held on an “as needed” basis. Contact County Clerk for schedule.

Chamber of Commerce—second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Coleman Social Services Building.



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