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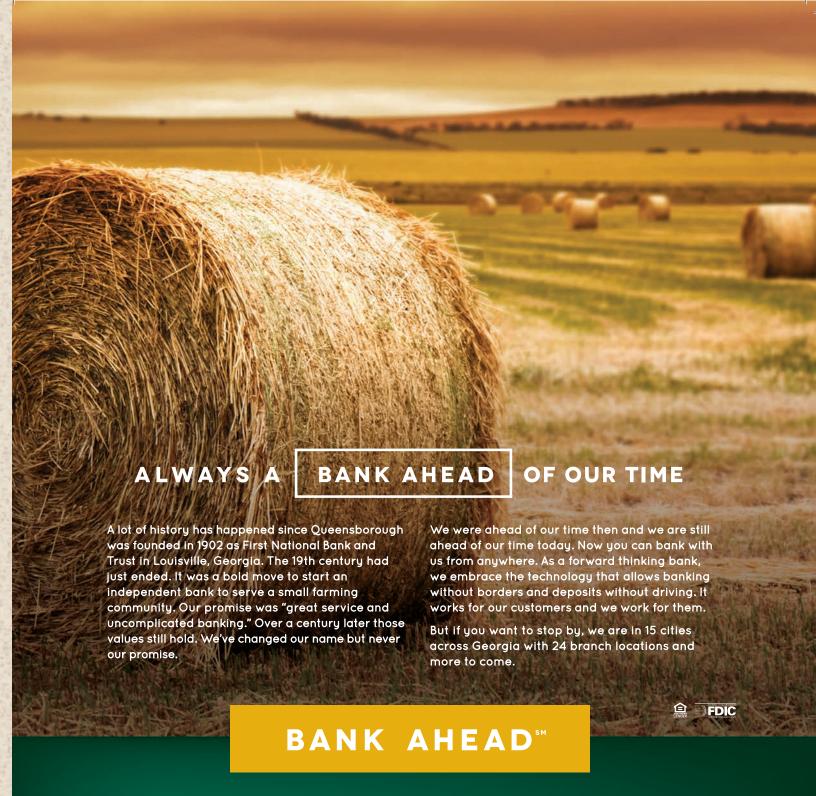
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A Gracious Welcome to Washington County







Welcome to Washington County, Georgia! With our excellent location and our commitment to history, industry and family, we provide the ideal small town environment to residents, visitors, newcomers, and businesses. We are situated in east central Georgia at the intersection of Highway 15 and the Fall Line Freeway, half way between Atlanta and Savannah and halfway between Macon and Augusta. Washington County is proud of its history, and our citizens work hard to preserve and share it. We are also proud of our affordable and comfortable quality of life that includes large and small businesses, excellent educational opportunities, quality healthcare, and a variety of recreational opportunities. We have excellent, cooperative leadership in our county and in our seven cities.

While we are still known by many as "The Kaolin Capital of the World," we are constantly seeking to further diversify our local economy by expanding our manufacturing, transportation, agriculture, timber, and service-related industries. Washington County has become a tourism destination for those interested in history or those looking for outdoor recreation. We provide some of the best hunting and fishing spots in Georgia. Whether you are planning a business meeting, a family wedding or group hunting expedition, our county can meet your needs as you will see throughout our magazine.

Critical to the development and expansion of business is an educated and qualified workforce. Washington County places great emphasis on quality education at both our public and private school systems. This is reflected in the quality of students we send out into the university system and the marketplace. Post-secondary education and training are effectively supplied locally by Oconee Fall Line Technical College and Georgia Military College. Also located nearby are Georgia College & State University and several other regional and state colleges and universities.

History, industry, and family! We in Washington County live to connect all of these as you will see on the following pages. The Chamber is proud to sponsor our county magazine, and we appreciate the many local businesses and organizations that supported this publication by advertising. Whether you are a lifelong resident or a newcomer, I hope the following pages will allow you to reflect on how blessed we are to be in Washington County!

Sincerely,

Christy Hinton

Christy Hinton, President



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Your Chamber In Action

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce is

a volunteer organization of businesses and individuals working together to improve the economic vitality of Washington County and its communities. Committed volunteer leaders carry out adopted programs and activities in cooperation with a professional and dynamic Chamber staff.

The Chamber's goal is to provide the leadership necessary for the growth and development of Washington County. A willing and abundant workforce in a non-union environment is supported by cooperative county and city governments who strive to ensure the continuation of economic prosperity.

The Chamber of Commerce was organized in 1956 and is governed by fifteen elected directors serving three-year terms. From these directors, a chair and vice chair are elected. A full-time president and administrative assistant manage the daily operations, and the Chamber shares office space with the Development Authority of Washington County.

Chamber Membership Advantages

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce offers its members a wealth of assistance designed to make living and working in our community a winning proposition.

The Chamber Serves as:

Your Marketing Team – The Washington County Chamber of Commerce is in the business of selling our community to the world! We are sending the message that Washington County is a great place to live and do business. We respond to numerous inquiries about our communities and businesses. It is our goal to answer each request promptly, effectively, and courteously creating the best impression to newcomers and visitors.



Your Resource Provider – The Chamber provides current information on our community to enable our members to be more effective. Local, regional, state and national data and analyses are available on demographics, governmental services, tax and financial information, and labor and industry market trends.

Your Learning Center – The Chamber coordinates several training events and seminars annually on subjects that benefit our business community. We strive to equip our membership with the tools necessary to maximize business potential in today's economy.

Your Advocate – The Chamber provides clear awareness of issues affecting our citizens and local businesses. We promote open exchange of ideas and views between our local business people and political leadership.

Your Voice – The Chamber supports community activities that benefit our citizens and provide a forum for promotion through the community calendar.

A number of successful programs are coordinated through the Chamber of Commerce including Washington County Youth Leadership, the Annual Kaolin Festival, Shop at Home Gift Certificate Program, the annual Spring Recognition Banquet for STAR students and teachers and Rotary Citizen of the Year, Educator of the Month, Quarterly Business After Hours Socials, WashingtonLEADS, AgTourism, as well as active promotion of industrial sites, transportation improvements and small business development throughout Washington County.



Historic Treasures and Rich Traditions

Listoric buildings, sites and cultural events provide many opportunities to enjoy the delightful past and the vibrant present of the "Kaolin Capital of the World." Created in 1784 by the Georgia legislature, Washington County was the tenth county formed in Georgia and was named in tribute to Revolutionary War General, and our first President, George Washington. Originally a geographically large county, ten other counties were eventually carved from it, resulting in the present boundaries. In 1796,

Sandersville was named the county seat. Other communities in the county include Davisboro, Deepstep, Harrison, Oconee, Riddleville, Tennille and Warthen.

Over two centuries have defined this community by generations of prosperity, wars, and economic transition. Our Colorful Heritage resonates along the tree-lined streets of Washington County. Stately examples of Victorian, Greek Revival and Antebellum-era architecture stand testament to the resilience of

this Middle Georgia community of over 21,000 residents. Through it all, the small town neighborhoods of Washington County have continued to offer a genteel hospitality to newcomers and visitors alike.



A rich heritage is evidenced by dozens of National Register designated sites and buildings, and numerous historic markers throughout the county. **The Old Jail in Warthen** is believed to be the oldest log jail in Georgia and housed Aaron Burr for an evening in 1807 as he traveled under military guard from New Orleans to Richmond to be tried for treason, a charge for which he was later acquitted.



The Washington County Genealogy Research Center & Old Jail Museum (pictured middle column at right), houses volumes about Washington County and its founding families. Records for research include cemetery registers, census roles, family histories, and vital



records. The Center is located at 129 Jones St., Sandersville.

During the Civil War, many Washington County communities fell in the wake of General William T. Sherman's infamous March to the Sea as Union troops destroyed many area towns and villages. As the Union troops were entering Sandersville, the local Methodist preacher, "Old Brother Anthony," convinced Sherman to spare the community's homes and businesses. Sherman spent that fateful November night at the William G. Brown house on Harris Street.



Today **The Brown House Museum**, located at 268 N. Harris St., Sandersville, is restored and is a focal point of the local historical tour. The Washington County courthouse monument to Georgia Governor, Jared Irwin, still bears the bullet scars of Sherman's visit.

Local Civil War History Comes Alive

In commemoration of General William Tecumseh Sherman's March to the Sea and his occupation of Sandersville in November of 1864, the Washington County Historical Society has for the past two years sponsored Fall reenactments of local skirmishes. More than 2,500 people have gathered on Sandersville town square to watch 460 re-enactors effectively portray the casualties of war as cannons fired and shots rang out at the "Battle of Sandersville" Reenactment.

Narrated bus tours of local Civil War sites are offered, originating from the Brown House Museum on Harris Street where Sherman spent the night after agreeing with Methodist preacher James Anthony's plea to spare the dwellings and businesses in the heart of town. He did, however, torch the two public buildings: the jail and the court house.

Other related events include: a Civil War Art Show, a lantern tour of the Old City Cemetery, the blue Gray Ball, a period church service, another reenactment of Pickett's Charge (held at Forest Grove Plantation).

For more information visit: www. occupationofsandersville.org or www.wacohistorical.org.



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In his final days as President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis spent time in Washington County conducting some of his last official business before his capture by Union troops.

The railroad also provides an important ingredient to the historic fabric of the county. The City of Tennille is highlighting this history utilizing state and federal funding for the restoration of the old depot downtown as a railroad museum. For updated information of this work in progress, visit www.Tennille-ga.gov.

African-American heritage has always been an important part of Washington County's history. Black history, culture and religious activities are celebrated at the T. J. Elder Community Center, an original Rosenwald Plan School, established in 1927 as T. J. Elder High.

The Washington County Historical Society has provided dedicated service to the ongoing preservation of the many historical treasures found in the county. Since its formation in 1976, the Society has been a driving force in the restoration of the Sandersville City Cemetery, several Tour of Homes projects, the historic designation of over 36 structures, and the management of two history museums open to the public.



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Another prime point of interest is the Charles E. Choate Exhibit and Tour of Homes in Sandersville and Tennille. Housed in the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, the multi-media exhibit includes art, designs, artifacts and a video depicting the life and works of this renowned architect. Choate is known for his many building designs throughout the Southeastern United States focused on proportion and detail. His largest body of work includes 14 buildings in Washington County built around the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Victorianera ornamentation was his trademark, and today these local structures form the Choate Thematic District as listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Transylvania Club, the founders of the first library in the county in 1909, are the sponsors of the Georgia Historical Plates. These 12 unique, commemorative plates were designed by Sandersville native, Annie Louise Irwin and depict scenes of Georgia history. In 1974, the Georgia legislature declared the collection as the official historical plates of Georgia. The fine china plates are produced in pink or blue shades and include the Georgia State Seal and a border design of peaches, cotton, Cherokee roses and pine needles. The Georgia Historical Plates are on display at the Transylvania Club offices at 131 West Haynes Street in Sandersville. Limited authorized dealers sell the plates, and proceeds benefit the Rosa M. Tarbutton Memorial Library in Sandersville.







Celebrating the Arts & Our Hometown Heroes

ashington County is well rooted in the arts from music to stage performances. The Sandersville Community Concert Association attracts a variety of regional and national talent, while the Sandersville Music Club and the Sandersville Community Theatre offer musicals and plays highlighting local talent of all ages. In addition, the fine arts program at Washington County High School is excelling in dramatic and musical performance, winning many competitive awards.

Washington County boasts being home to Willie Lee Duckworth, who produced the well-known World War II military cadence, "Sound Off," that has kept many recruits marching through



recruits marching through Berry Gordy, Jr., Google image the years. Motown music legend and Rock

and Roll Hall of Famer, Emory "Berry"
Gordy, Jr., has family roots in nearby
Oconee, while another local, McHenry
Boatright, became an international star as
an operatic baritone.

Notable sports celebrities also hail from Washington County. Football superstar,

Robert Edwards and his brother Terence Edwards,

who holds the all-time receiving record for the University of Georgia, were born in

Tennille and continue to give back to their community.

Sandersville's **Greg Minor** has made a notable career in basketball with the Boston Celtics.



Greg Minor, Google images

Robert & Terence Edwards, Google images

ring record for

professional football for the San Diego Chargers, having appeared in two Pro Bowls while with the

Takeo Spikes plays



Josh Gordy, Google image

Buffalo Bills. **Joshua Gordy**, a cornerback out of Central Michigan University, is currently playing for the Indianapolis Colts.

Washington
County's own
Quintaveon Poole
was a gold medal
winner at the 2015



Pan American Athletics Championship. He was a sprinter on the men's 4x400 meters relay team.

Victoria Smith, a senior at Brentwood School brought honor to Washington County recently by being named 2015 Miss Georgia Outstanding Teen, and making the top ten at Miss America Outstanding Teen. She is pictured below with her parents, Jeffery & Kelli Smith of Sandersville, and sisters Alexis and Mary Thomas. She will have a full year representing the state of Georgia at various events, serving as a mentor, and as an ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. In Victoria's own words, "I want to be an example for teenage girls, because it's not always easy. Above all, I will

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- Old Iail 10 miles
- · Pastime Dinner Theater 2 miles

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There's No Place Like Home



Washington County has a strong faith-based core with over 120 churches representing over a dozen denominations welcoming visitors and new members. Nearby Augusta and Macon offer additional worship opportunities.

Army veteran.
Tennille has
historically
been a
prospering
railroad town
and continues



to provide a railroad connection to the Norfolk Southern Railway System. In addition, the city is home to the state highway department's District 2 offices, as well as local industry and county agricultural facilities.

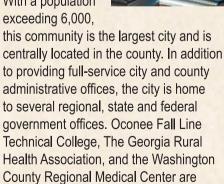
There are many reasons why people choose a place to reside. For some newcomers, friendly people may be the most important factor, while developers are looking for the best services, a diverse economy and an available labor force. Other business interests may be seeking competitive wages and educational opportunities. Whatever the focus, Washington County proves itself capable of providing the best while maintaining an excellent quality of life that lifelong residents have come to enjoy.

Newcomers are finding what locals have long known. The communities of Washington County afford a comfortable lifestyle for their residents with simple pleasures and community pride. Combined with a strong local economy, they are assured numerous amenities and efficient services that make this community a great place to raise a family. Add to this a prime location with convenient access to the metropolitan advantages of Atlanta, Macon and Augusta, Washington County is the perfect small town environment.

The eight communities in the county offer their own unique sense of place, but one common thread found throughout the county is a strong, cooperative spirit.

Sandersville

became the county seat in 1796 and serves as the nucleus of commerce, government and services for county residents. With a population exceeding 6,000,



Tennille was incorporated in 1875 when its name was changed from Franklinville to Tennille in honor of a Confederate

headquartered in Sandersville.

Davisboro was named for Diocletian

Davis, an area prospector from North Carolina who came to the community in 1827. Once a thriving agricultural community, the community has experienced recent revitalization



with expanded utilities and industrial development.

Deepstep,

named by native Indians, sits on a deep-water creek along steep banks and



once served as a famous Methodist camp meeting ground. Most of the current residents are direct descendants of the original settler who chartered the community in 1900. This closeknit, friendly community won a Macon newspaper's "Best Neighborhood in Middle Georgia" award, representative of the small town family atmosphere found here.

Harrison was named in 1883 for a wealthy farmer who provided the right-of-way for the coming



railroad. With its charter amended in 1907, the town was soon devastated by the boll weevil. Today, Harrison remains a quiet neighborhood with a strong community spirit.

Oconee cites its beginning as the crossing of the railroad at the Oconee River, opened in 1834.



The town was chartered in 1876 and incorporated in 1963. Oconee was the site of Washington County's first kaolin processing plant, providing a prosperous living for its residents.

Riddleville.

incorporated in 1850, was the home of a local college that operated until the



late 1890's. Today, the city takes pride in its local volunteer fire department and its own fire station.

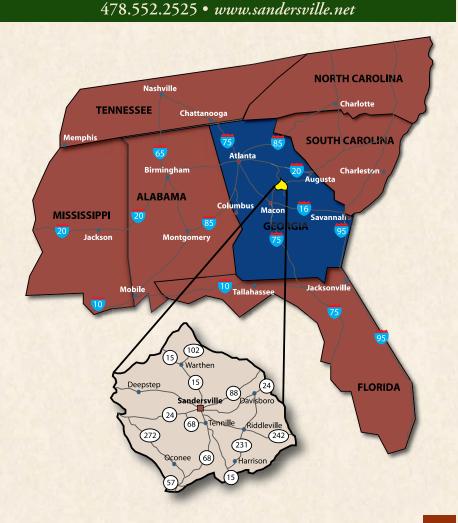
Warthen, an unincorporated community, is named for its first settler and was the first town in the county. It once held the county's only jail, a log structure believed to be the oldest log jail in Georgia. The nation's third vice-president, Aaron Burr, spent the night there in 1804 on his way to his trial for treason of which he was later acquitted. Another first, the county's oldest church, Bethlehem Baptist, began here in 1790 and remains active today.

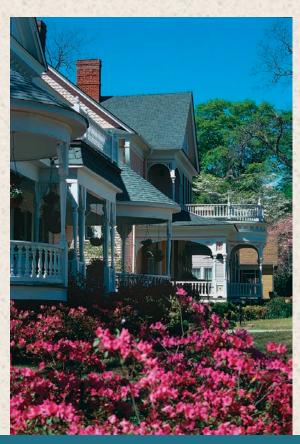


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Positioned for Economic Growth

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County sits poised and ready for economic development and community growth. While kaolin and its related business and industry components continue to have direct impact in the Washington County community as an \$800 million a year industry and one of the largest exports leaving the state,



local leaders are aggressively pursuing diversification in our industrial makeup. Local citizens' support of SPLOST (Special Local Option Sales Tax) and TSPLOST (Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax) have allowed and continue to allow for expansion of our economic development initiatives here. Because we are located in the heart of the best "wood basket" in the country, timber resources continue to pique the interest of investors and entrepreneurs. Likewise, other target industries are constantly being evaluated to determine if synergies exist or can be developed that will benefit both the community and the investor and/or developer.



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As kaolin mining and processing continue at a stable pace, and because of concerns related to potential environmental impacts, local industrial leaders have taken the lead in

Changing With the Times

Enhanced infrastructure capabilities on the part of local government and economic development partners and a great quality of life have in recent years attracted such well-known companies as Trojan Battery Company, Dura-Line Pipe Company, American Railcar Industries, Meltblown Technologies, Zorlu Manufacturing, Gratrax USA, and others to the community. In addition, companies such as Washington County Machine Shop, Helton Electrical Services, and a number of other "home-grown" businesses have seen growth and been able to expand their operations. Washington County takes very seriously its designation by the Georgia Department of Economic Development as an Entrepreneur Friendly Community.

Also noteworthy is that in 2007 the University of Georgia (UGA) chose Washington County as one of their Archway Partnership communities.



Kaolin continues to be a viable part of the local economy.

preserving waterways, forests, and other environmental elements important to our community. They are committed to full reclamation of every acre of land mined, and they return each affected acre to a scenic and natural state once mining is completed in an area. Archway is an outreach initiative of the University that connects communities facing challenges or issues relating to economic and community development with expertise, knowledge, and other resources available in the higher education system. Working closely with



UGA Extension in Washington County, Archway was established in the county as the second Archway Partnership portal in the state. Since that time local community leaders have worked diligently and frequently with the local Archway Professional, a community-based public service faculty member, to identify community needs and address those needs by utilizing those resources available through various higher education resources.

Access

Located in east central Georgia, Washington County is within easy reach of Atlanta and Savannah, being situated effectively halfway between the two largest cities in the state. Similarly, we are equidistant from Macon and Augusta, so our community sits at a virtual crossroads connecting major centers of business and commerce of the state. The Fall Line Freeway, our major East-West four-lane highway corridor, provides an easy sixtyminute drive to Augusta, and with the upcoming completion of the Freeway in western Washington and eastern Baldwin counties, access to Milledgeville and Macon will be much improved. This will help with critical access to the interstate highway system in both directions. Furthermore, the county is an active participant in the Highway 15 Coalition, a group of counties stretching from Appling County to Oconee County that are diligently seeking ways to increase travel along the Georgia Highway 15 corridor and improve both tourism and economic development along that route.

Greetings from The Development Authority of Washington County



Pictured left to right: Adam Adolphus, Charles Lee, Ron May, Ben Tarbutton III, Mike Sheppard, Aubin Willis, Carl Cummings, and Trey Sheppard According to Charles Lee, Executive Director of the Development Authority, "We are dedicated to the betterment of Washington County. We exist to promote trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities. We support our existing business and industrial community, keeping a progressive eye out for economic endeavors which we feel will be the most beneficial to our community. We have sites with full infrastructure in place, and we welcome new partners in progress."

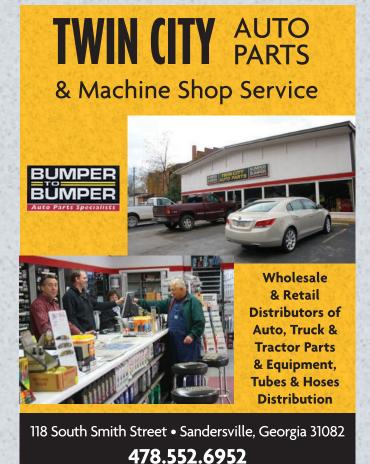
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Washington County has over 950 miles of roads and highways and encompasses 684 square miles of real estate. We are home to the Georgia Department of Transportation District 2 headquarters in Tennille that just occupied its new office building in the spring of 2015. This office serves 27 counties and employs in excess of 600 people.

Workforce Improvement

When it comes to workforce improvement, Washington County is fortunate in having Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) located here in our county. OFTC seeks to identify opportunities to help educate and train workforce constituents to meet the needs and demands of local business and industry. Their commitment to this is evidenced by having created one of the most well respected Commercial Truck Driver (CTD) training programs in the state, and that lends great support to our local and regional transportation businesses. Recent facility and educational enhancements at OFTC include additional classrooms, the Allied Health Program, the Economic Development Division, and the Business Development Center, which provides space for customized training, continuing education, mine safety training, business and community meetings, conferences and the like. Also included in this is the expansion of the college's library and improvements to existing labs and classrooms in order to provide up-to-date environments for the education of our current and future workforce.

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Development Efforts

Thanks in large part to the commitment of local government to work cooperatively with the Development Authority, Washington County constantly seeks to improve its competitive stance in the world of economic development. Enhanced infrastructure, service delivery improvements, and site development are frequently being addressed so as to provide an easier path to development when business and industrial prospects inquire about the county and its capabilities.

The county has three providers of electric power - the City of Sandersville (a MEAG city), Washington EMC, and Georgia Power – so for any anticipated electrical loads requiring 900KW or more, power provision can be economically provided through the bid process.

A looped water system and adequate sewer capability provide additional incentive for prospects, plus the county is amply supplied with fiber optic telecommunications systems.

Kaolin Field Airport (airport identifier OKZ) has a 5,000-ft. lighted runway with ample navigational capability to allow for most private and corporate aircraft needs, opening the door to Washington County even wider. Our modern airport terminal and fixed base operator showcase the county very nicely to those entering our community by air when this is the first view, and consequently the first impression, those travelers have of the community.

Rail service for inbound and outbound transportation of raw materials and finished goods is provided by the Sandersville Railroad, which connects with Norfolk Southern in Tennille, granting ready access to all rail destinations.

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accommodated. A number of other local carriers can provide transportation services as well.

Combined, all these factors contribute to the provision of adequate access for the movement of goods and services to their destination points. This provides benefit to business and industrial prospects in enhanced bottom line improvement through efficiencies in time, convenience, fuel savings, and the like.

Washington County welcomes the opportunity to look "outside the box" when it comes to economic development and will consider any viable options there that might effectively expand our economy, provide jobs, and improve the quality of life for our citizens and the business and industrial community, while at the same time maintaining a focus on sustaining our environment in a respectable manner.



Kaolin Field Airport provides an impressive 5,000-foot lighted runway for private and corporate craft.







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Professionals are well equipped for the 21st century. The local government leadership has established an enhanced county-wide Emergency 911 system that enables medical, fire, rescue and public safety personnel to respond in record time to citizen's calls. Upgrades to provide centralized digital radio communication among all these entities has greatly enhanced their efficiency.

The community has gained recognition as a medical hub of Middle Georgia providing outstanding services to meet healthcare needs. In addition to being the headquarters for regional workforce

training, industrial development and transportation management, the community is home to Washington County Regional Medical Center. This 56-bed regional hospital continues to set the trend in advanced healthcare provided by a caring, professional staff. WCRMC leadership is committed to anticipating the healthcare needs of the middle Georgia area through ongoing research and collaborations such as the ones held with Georgia Regents University Augusta and University Hospital. By working together, area residents have the benefit of specialists in oncology and cardiology offering local clinical services. Through telemedicine

patients have access to a multitude of specialties with physicians throughout the United States.

Though nestled in this rural community, the Washington County Regional Medical Center and the healthcare community provide a range of services including Primary Care, Obstetrical Services, Emergency Care, Imaging, Inpatient and Outpatient Surgery, Wound Care, Laboratory and Pathology Services, Pediatrics, Radiology, Respiratory Therapy, Rehabilitation Services, and Sleep Disorder Clinic.



The WCRMC Imaging Department provides numerous services including general X Ray, Ultrasound, Mammogram, Cat Scan, Bone Density Testing, MRI and vascular studies, all utilizing the most modern technology. The Respiratory Therapy Department provides 24/7 therapy at various levels of care.

The Rehabilitation Services Department provides inpatient acute and sub-acute care, and outpatient services. Quality physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and massage therapy are provided, along with specialized programming in sports medicine, and lymphedema management. WCRMC is an approved clinical affiliate of the Physical Therapy and Physical Therapist Assistant schools in Georgia providing a dynamic training field for prospective therapist graduates.

Community outreach is also an important facet of services provided by the Washington County Regional whether at area career day events at local schools, or health fairs at local businesses and churches.

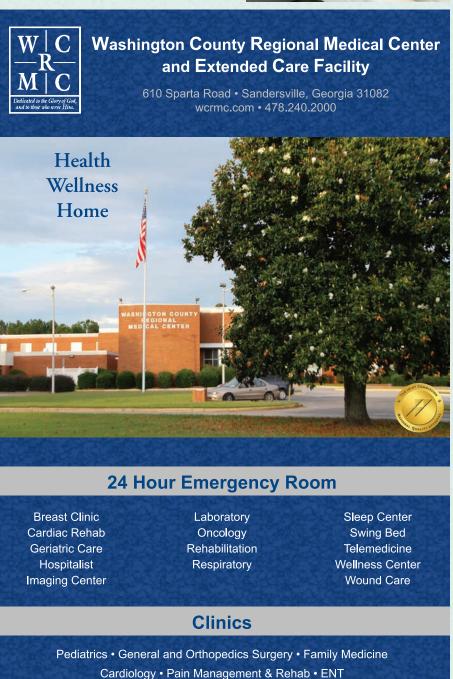
In concert with local civic leaders, Washington County Regional has developed a proactive program for area employers to maintain healthy workers. The Wellness Works Program provides health risk appraisals, health education and exercise programming for all ages. These efforts are promoting wellness and fitness as a way of life for residents here, while employers benefit by having a healthier, more productive employee.

The Georgia Rural Medical Scholar Program (GRMSP) was organized as a joint effort between the business and medical communities and led by The University of Georgia's Archway Partnership program to pair medical students with local physicians and WCRMC with the goal of attracting new doctors to the community. The program provides opportunities for third and fourth year students from Mercer University

School of Medicine students to perform part of their studies in Washington County.

The Washington County Regional's 60-bed Extended Care facility provides residential services of a physician, nurses, dietitian, social worker, activity coordinator and physical therapist promoting optimal care. Three area nursing homes, a retirement center and a personal care home are providing comfortable care for the aging. Dialysis care is also available in Sandersville for area patients.





Community Initiatives Improve Quality of Life

Sandersville, the county seat, is a caring community of 6,200 serving as the hub of commerce, employment, government, healthcare and education for the middle Georgia region. Local leaders have cooperated regarding enhancements of public services, expansion of fire and rescue units, and have rehabilitated whole neighborhoods including replacing over 100 abandoned buildings throughout the city deemed to be potential safety hazards, eyesores, or havens for illicit activities.



The City of Tennille, a small railroad community of 1,500, has also made tremendous strides on their own.

Improvements in public safety, water and sewer expansions, and the rehabilitation of the historic Tennille Railroad Depot are prime examples of progress and community pride. Historic homes line the shaded streets of this quaint downtown, and new businesses are bringing new economic vitality, making Tennille a hospitable place to visit or live.

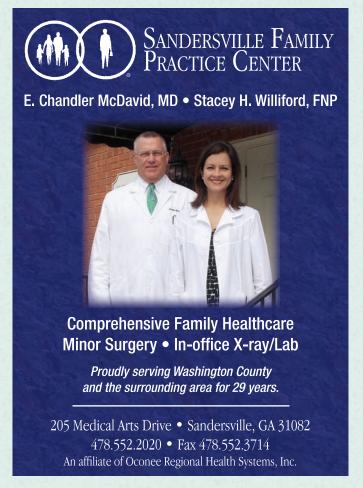
"Every Kids Playground" Exemplifies Caring Attitude

Brownie Barksdale is a caring lady with a heart-felt passion. In May of 2013 she and a committee met for the first time with a mission to raise money to purchase special needs' playground equipment for a park in Tennille. As she emphasizes, "There is just something about playing at a playground. But for children with physical and mental disabilities, that opportunity can often be difficult to do. Public playgrounds typically aren't designed with wheelchairs and assistive equipment."

Ms. Barksdale became inspired to do something locally through a turn of events. First, she had previously worked for "Babies Can't Wait", a six-county initiative. Next her son and daughter-in-law's baby boy was born with complications from the delivery. Although "Baby Tut" is now an active toddler, she realized that could have easily not been the case. While watching CBS "Sunday Morning," she saw a feature about Harpers Playground in Oregon which was accessible for both wheelchairs and walkers and was inclusively equipped especially for children with special needs. She realized no such equipment existed in the six counties she served here in middle Georgia.

About that same time she was reading a book titled "When God Winks At You", which she credits as an inspirational sign from God asking for her to react. "This was the turning point when The Good Lord was pushing me to move forward," she explained. She knew





several local parents who had personally experienced the need for such a place and she began recruiting community allies. Ms. Barksdale, Tabitha Hatfield, Shemekia Gaston, Debra Scott, and Linda Boyd were the original organizers of a concerted effort to gain financial support...And the rest is history.



Fundraising efforts and grants have been extremely beneficial, and the playground at Tennille has been a splendid source of inspiration, but as Ms. Barksdale exclaims, "We don't want to stop now. We would like to make a difference both here and in adjoining counties."

The Guild of Washington County, a local nonprofit whose mission is to help women and children in our community, is now a partner with the local ongoing project with a goal to equip a playground for the Washington County Recreation Department as well.

If you would like to assist special need kids with the opportunity and freedom to play and have fun, please consider making a tax-deductible donation payable to: The Guild (Every Kids Playground), PO Box 6047, Sandersville, Georgia 31082, or contact any Guild member.







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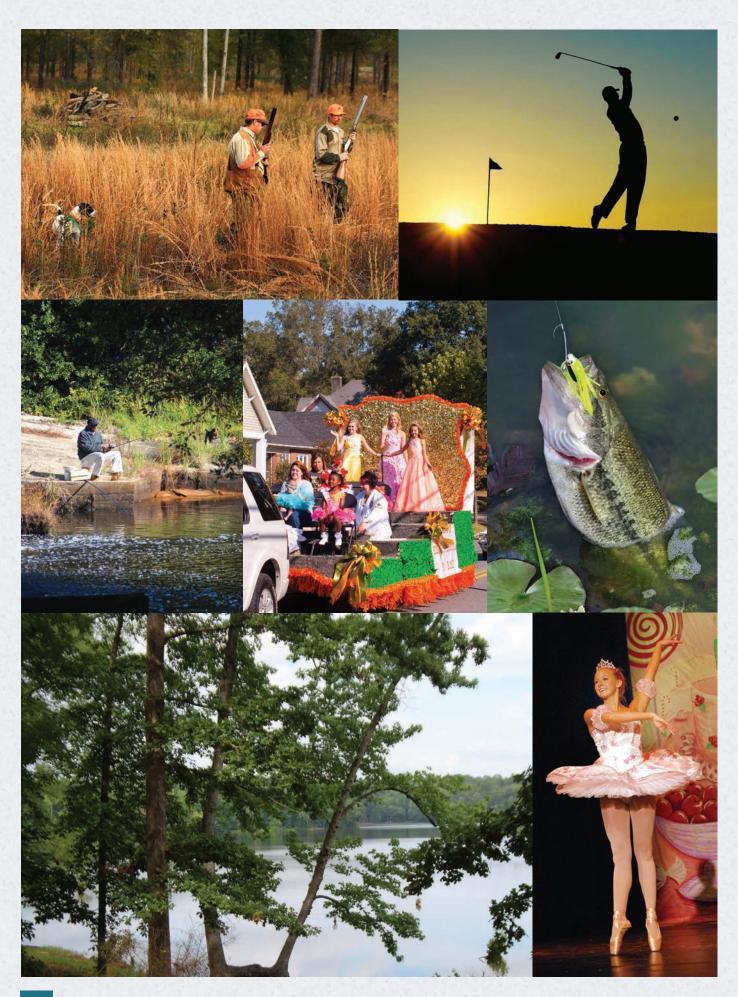




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ewcomers will find no shortage of leisure activity in Washington County! Celebrating success is always fun. What better way to celebrate than with the annual **Kaolin Festival** each Fall? Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the festival hosts over 5,000 annually converging on the Sandersville town square to honor our distinction as the "Kaolin Capital of the World". The

celebration offers an exciting, monthlong schedule of events kicking off with a parade, and followed by concerts, art exhibits, sporting events, pageants, car shows and plenty of lively parties to enjoy.

The **Sandersville Community Theatre** is also a local favorite, attracting a variety of area talent of all ages. Residents and

visitors enjoy the theatre company's musical productions each year, with such hits as "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Sound of Music," and an active **Community Concert Association** features musical concerts with guest artists from around the county.

A year-round favorite is the **Pastime Theatre**, a showcase of downtown Sandersville. This historic movie theatre has been completely



renovated and revitalized, showing firstrun films.



Washington County is conveniently located near the many recreational and leisure opportunities in the surrounding region, from Augusta to Atlanta to Macon to Savannah. Closer to home, local residents and visitors can enjoy a variety of activities without the long drive. Our communities offer interesting sites and fun-filled activities for the whole family!

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shops, or well-known franchises.

Downtown Sandersville is home to a wonderful collection of eateries, shops, and museums, along tree-lined walkways surrounding the historic courthouse square.

Recreational Pursuits

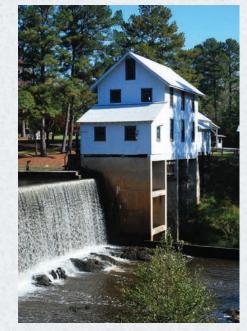
The Washington County Recreation Department provides year-round activities for all ages at their modern, expanding athletic facilities. Whether it is basketball, baseball, soccer or flag football, sports enthusiasts can find a place to enjoy their favorite sport on lighted basketball and tennis courts, playing fields, and a playground and picnic area.

Known for building championship teams, the county recreation department provides outstanding programs for developing athletic skills, as well as sportsmanship. The entire community is involved in supporting these growing programs. In addition, the department offers many other programs such as

aerobics, gardening and an active senior citizens program providing meals, activities, trips and educational services.

Nearby Hamburg State Outdoor
Recreation Area offers an inviting mix
of history and outdoor recreation on
741 acres. Visitors enjoy picnicking and
camping beside the 225-acre Hamburg
Lake. A restored 1921 water-powered
Grist Mill and Museum are highlights of
any visit, along with the Country Store,
where visitors can buy a bag of corn
meal or grits. Visitors may call ahead for
grist mill operation hours and spend the
day enjoying a look back in time when
agriculture was king.

Anglers enjoy the plentiful largemouth bass, crappie and bream whether by easy access from boat ramps or a fishing pier. However, no swimming please, as alligators are known to frequent these waters as well! For more information on Hamburg State Outdoor Recreation Area, visit www.gastateparks.org/ Hamburg.



The many local creeks, rivers and ponds provide additional prize-winning fishing opportunities, while larger venues for water sports may be found at **Lake**Sinclair or **Lake Oconee** in neighboring counties.

Hunting enthusiasts enjoy the trophy whitetail deer, wild turkey, quail and dove hunting available in the county. Local guides and organized hunting events are available for the newcomer, and hunting clubs offer leasing and memberships. Clay target shooting is offered at several local farms.

Tamer outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy excellent bird watching in this predominantly forested county. Over 200 species of native birds can be found, including the Painted Bunting, a rare bird recognized for its surprisingly brilliant colors.

Agri-tourism is also becoming big business in Washington County. The Washington County Agricultural Center in Tennille hosts a variety of agricultural trainings, events, fairs and rodeos throughout the year. Cooperatives with the local Farm Bureau, the county Extension Service and the community are instrumental in developing niches for attracting visitors wanting a taste of rural living. Vegetable



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picking, corn mazes, pumpkin patches and farm tours are all available during season at local private farms. The local weekly **Farmers Market** is another great weekend destination on Sandersville's downtown square.

If golf is your sport, the region is quick to accommodate with two public courses nearby and world-renowned **Augusta**National only an hour away, or you may have the opportunity to be a guest or join the local Twin City Country Club.



Whatever the activity, Washington County and its communities can provide a long list of festivals, shows, parks and programs available year-round to local residents and visitors who desire to enjoy true Southern hospitality! For more information on leisure activities available in the local area, visit the Washington County Chamber of Commerce at www.washingtoncountyga.com.





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Key Contacts & Useful Newcomer Information

his Newcomer Guide provides pertinent phone numbers, addresses and other important information that should make the transition to your new community a bit easier! For additional assistance, the friendly and knowledgeable staff of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce will be happy to assist you by calling (478) 552-3288 or visiting them at 131B West Haynes Street in Sandersville, or online at www.washingtoncountyga.com.

• Area Code: 478

• Auto Tags: Tags may be purchased at the Washington County Government Building, downtown Sandersville (478) 552-2144. Newcomers moving from out-of-state are allowed 30 days for purchasing a Georgia license plate. Failure to meet this courtesy deadline may result in a \$100 fine. Motor vehicle tags must be updated yearly. Your birth day is the deadline for the purchase

of tags. Owners of large trucks cannot buy tags with the following exceptions: some trucks and buses; disabled vets; U.S. Reserve; honorary consul; State Senators and Representatives; U.S. Senators and Congressmen; ex-POWs; street rod; National Guard; veteran organization; commander; high state office holders; Medal of Honor winners. These are all issued by the State Motor Vehicle Department.



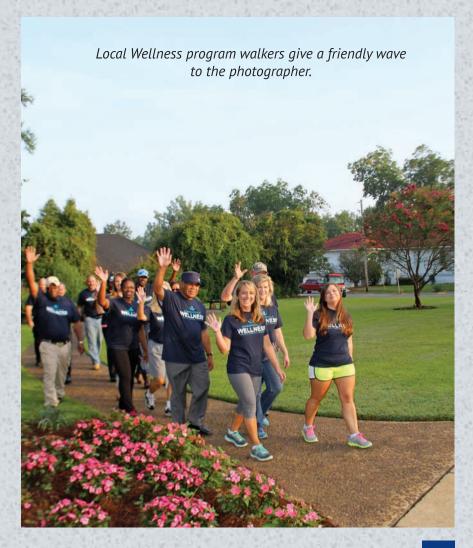
- Building Permits: A building permit is required in the cities of Sandersville, Tennille, Harrison and Riddleville for construction of a new home or for remodeling an existing structure. Permits are obtained at the respective City Hall.
- Business Licenses: New businesses within the cities of Sandersville, Tennille, Davisboro, Harrison, Oconee and Riddleville are required to make application for a license at the City Halls.
- · City Halls:
- Sandersville (478) 552-2525 or www.sandersville.net
- Tennille (478) 552-7875
- Davisboro (478) 348-4400
- Harrison (478) 552-8154
- Oconee (478) 552-7640
- Deepstep (478) 552-0867
- Drivers' Licenses: Newcomers from out of state should purchase a Georgia driver's license within 30 days. With a valid out-of-state driver's license, a Georgia driver's license will be issued upon successful completion of an eye test, road rules test and road signs test. The Department of Driver Services in Sandersville is open Thursday and Friday of each week, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Electric Service: Service is provided in the City of Sandersville by the cityowned power company. A hookup fee is required for residences and for mobile homes. Service in residential Tennille, Davisboro, Harrison and Oconee is provided by Washington Electric Membership Corporation (478) 552-2577 and the Georgia Power Company (478) 552-7341, and a hookup fee is required. Service in Deepstep, Riddleville, Warthen and the county is provided by Washington Electric Membership Corporation (478) 552-2577. A deposit is required to hook up an existing residence.
- Emergency Services: All of Washington County should dial 911 for fire, police, ambulance and rescue

services. For non-emergencies and other public safety needs, call:

- Washington County Sheriff's Dept. (478) 552-3205
- Sandersville Police (478) 552-3038
- Tennille Police (478) 552-7700
- Davisboro Police (478) 348-4400
- Poison Control 1-800-282-5846
- Harrison Police (478) 552-7640
- **Gas Services**: Contact Atlanta Gas Light at 1-800-427-5463. This is by customer choice and there are many other providers since deregulation of the gas industry. For propane please call:
- Franklin Propane Gas (Sandersville) (478) 552-6667, or
- Town and Country Gas, Inc. (478) 552-2674
- **Libraries**: The Rosa M. Tarbutton Memorial Library is located at 314 S. Harris Street, Sandersville (478) 552-7466.

The Deepstep Public Library is located on Deepstep Road, Deepstep (478) 552-0867, and is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m.

- Postal Service:
- Sandersville USPS, 31082 -205 W. Church St., (478) 552-2135
- Davisboro USPS, 31018 -Downtown,(478) 348- 3880
- Harrison USPS, 31035 -Downtown, (478) 552-0333
- Oconee USPS, 31067 -Downtown, (478) 552-7603
- Tennille USPS, 31089 Smith St., (478) 552-9281
- Warthen USPS, 31094 Downtown, (478) 552-3792
- School Registration: The Washington County School System requires the following for registration: certified birth certificate; immunization records on Georgia state forms; vision, hearing



KEY CONTACTS

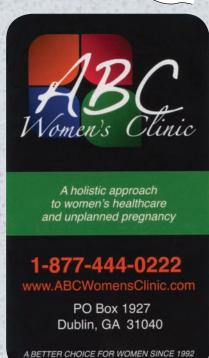
and dental screening records from a physician or public health clinic; and most recent transcript if child is transferring. For additional information, contact the Washington County Board of Education at (478) 552-3981 or online at: www.washington.k12.ga.us.

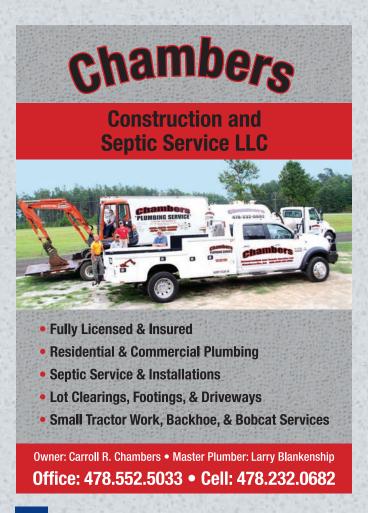
 Brentwood School Admissions process: The Brentwood School admissions process is detailed in the Admissions Process section of the school's website. The annual registration period is in February, but inquiries are welcomed throughout the year. A student entering Brentwood should have a reasonable expectation of success with the college-preparatory program. In general, a student's previous performance and any applicable test measures are considered and a readiness assessment is required for all applicants. In addition, Brentwood School requires the following for admissions: complete application, certificate of immunization, hearing, vision, and dental records, birth certificate and

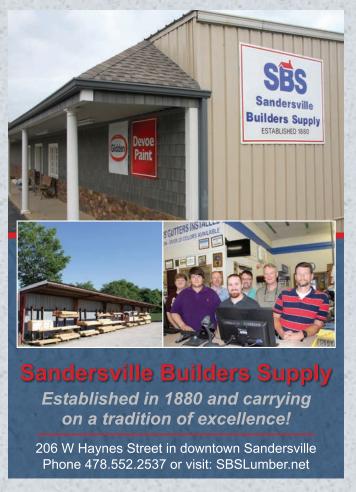
a copy of the student's social security card. For additional information, contact Brentwood School at (478) 552-5136 or online at www.brentwoodschool.org.

- Taxes: County taxes are due by December 10 of each year. Returns are based on property owned January 1 each year. Residents may inquire by calling the respective City Halls or by contacting the Washington County Tax Commissioner at (478) 552-2144. The State of Georgia has income tax requirements which must be fulfilled by April 15 of each year.
- Voter Registration: Residents may register to vote at the Washington County Registrar's Office in the Courthouse in Sandersville (478) 552-5239. To register, residents must be 18 years of age and must register 30 days prior to a general election.



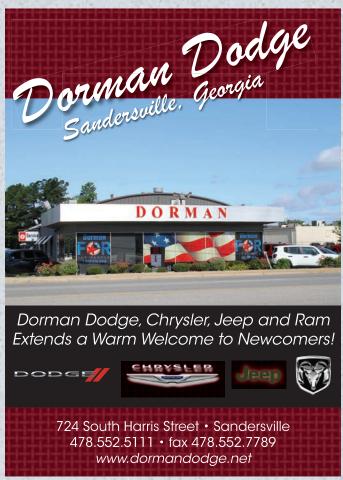






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Impressive view of the new Washington County High School campus.



Brentwood School is a college-preparatory private school founded in 1969.

Exemplary Schools and Colleges Proudly Serve the Community

Cell-rounded public and private schools and colleges create a positive learning experience in progressive Washington County. Citizens continue to openly embrace the importance of educating a dynamic 21st century workforce.

The Chamber-sponsored Youth Leadership Program, is providing an extension of learning to nominated 10th and 11th graders each year. The students learn about their community and its impact on the state, as well as becoming well versed in social and business etiquette. Through mock job interviews, resume writing and business and telephone skills training, these students are prepared to venture into the "real world" as they enter the job market and become involved community leaders. They learn about banking and finance, healthcare, the importance of community service, and receive a tour of a research university, UGA or Georgia Tech.

Off to College We Go

Qualified students also benefit from Georgia's HOPE scholarship program providing free educational opportunities using lottery proceeds. A Washington County resident can find access to almost every academic discipline within a short commute and at an affordable price.

College is an easy next step from Washington County. Whether local Oconee Fall Line Technical College is the choice, or Georgia Military College's local satellite campus, students can find accessible post-secondary education very close to home.

You'll discover: Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Middle Georgia State University with branches in Macon, Cochran, Eastman, and Dublin; Mercer University and Wesleyan College, both in Macon; Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, East Georgia State College in Swainsboro, and the University of Georgia (only an hour and a half away) in Athens. For advanced degrees in medicine-related disciplines, the Medical College of Georgia is available in Augusta.

Local Schools At-A-Glance

► The Washington County School System

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Website: washington.k12.ga.us
Summary: Consisting of five excellent
public schools, including an alternative
school program, the district and all
schools are accredited by the Southern
Association of Colleges and

Schools and the Georgia Accrediting Commission. Washington County High School has advanced to a higher level of performance, being named as one of three high schools in Georgia as an exemplary school. Additionally, the high school offers advanced placement courses and honors-level college preparatory classes.

Under the leadership of a school superintendent, and a progressive-minded, five-member Board of Education, the Washington County School System follows the motto of "building community success...one child at a time." This focus is represented by the strong relationships between the school system, parents and the community. The result is award-winning programs and a local Board of Education named as a "School Board of Distinction", and "Quality School Board", by the Georgia School Board Association.

Modern technology is a given in the county school system. Every classroom is equipped with 21st century technology including LCD projectors, wireless capability, interactive white boards, telephones and computer labs. All students at the high school have netbooks to access their e-textbooks and learning sites.

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Washington County Schools

"Building Community Success - One Child at a Time"

Washington County Schools is proud to have demonstrated a record of excellence over the years.
This excellence is a direct result of the system's focus on community and has become the driving force behind our mission—"Washington County Schools...Building Community Success...One Child at a Time."

The community can boast of four excellent public schools: a primary and elementary school facility with joint cafeteria and media center, a middle school, a new high school, and an alternative school program. The system as well as all four schools, grades Pre K — 12 are SACS accredited.

Together they comprise the Washington County School System—a system that over the last three years has accomplished the following:

Ridge Road Primary School

- Title-One Distinguished School Award
- Accredited with Quality by Georgia Accrediting Commission

- Accredited with Quality by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Physical Education, Music, Technology, Health, and/ or Art Classes for All Grade Levels
- · Annual Grandparents' Tea
- Fire Safety Week Activities
- Red Ribbon Week Activities
- Lunch & Learn Parent Meetings
- 100th Day of School Celebration
- Music in Our Schools' Month Celebration
- Accelerated Reader Recognition Programs
- Productive PATHS (Parents and Teachers Helping Students)
- Active School Council
- Oratorical Club
- Mentoring Groups

Ridge Road Elementary

- Title I Distinguished School
- Local and Regional Science Fair participation/ winners
- Regional and State Technology Fair winners
 - Georgia College and State University Writing Expo recognition
 - Fifth Grade Band classes
 - Show choir, Dance Ensemble, Technology Club, violin, and guitar extracurricular instruction
 - Active School Council
 - One National Certified teacher/counselor





T.J. Elder Middle School

- Gender grouping during Continuous Quality Instruction
- Region and State Science Fair and Technology Fair winners in all categories as well as Best Overall
- Kaolin Middle School League Champions in all sports in 2014-2015
- Special Olympics participation
- Sports Booster Club formed
- Competition cheerleading squad
- Drama Class performances for public in spring and winter
- Theater Technical Award at Junior Theater Festival
- Parents' Lunch with Students, monthly
- Parent Involvement Nights centered on Reading/ ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science
- Annual Career Day involving over 30 community/ business leaders
- Region winner of "If I were Mayor for the day" essay contest
- Broadcasting/Journalism class daily production of the morning news, a news program for the student body and a weekly feature called EMTV
- Jazz/Tap/Ballet classes
- Jazz band and full orchestra band rated Superior consecutive years
- Winner of the local Farm Bureau Essay Contest
- Washington Co. American Cancer Society Relay for Life participation
- Gifted course offerings
- Read the Most From Coast to Coast 1,674 AR Tests passed in a single day

Washington County High School

- Advanced Placement courses and honors level college preparatory classes
- Georgia Governor's Honors Program participants
- Washington County STAR Student
- Washington County DAR Good Citizen
- Rotary Speech Contest and Optimist Essay Contest winners
- Two National Board Certified teachers
- Named by GeorgiaEducation.org as one of the three high schools in Georgia to have moved from a lowperforming school to an exemplary school
- Numerous region and state titles for SkillsUSA, FBLA with winners advancing to nationals
- Industry certified Business and Construction programs
- Band consistently receives "Superior" ratings at festivals throughout the state
- District Honor Band Members as well as All-State Musicians

- · Literary team individual state winners; One Act Region Runner-up
- Students in Spanish inducted into the International Foreign Language Honor Society, Foreign Language Alliance for International Rapport (FLAIR)
- Governor's Honors Program participant in Math in
- Special Olympics participation since 2009
- · Georgia All-Classification Weightlifting Champions 16 consecutive years
- Girls basketball team region champions since 2009 appearing in state play-offs; State AAA championship in 2011
- Boys basketball team appeared in several state play-offs
- Softball team appeared in state play-offs in 2013 and 2014
- Varsity football team State 3AAA Runner-up 2014
- B-Team football achieved over 30 consecutive victories
- Girls track team region champions advancing to state 4 consecutive years
- Boys track team region champions 2011, 3 track scholarships 2011
- Individual Track State Champion 2013, 2014
- 15 athletic scholarships awarded in 2014-2015 year
- Fine Arts Scholarships awarded in 2013, 2014 and 3 in 2015
- 215 of 2221 seniors graduated in 2015 of which 84 were Honor Graduates
- 61 various academic scholarships awarded to Class of 2015
- 17 students advanced to National History Day competition
- Girls soccer team advanced to 2nd round of state in 2015 hosting for the first time in school history
- Tennis team advanced to state in 2015
- Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year in 2013 and 2015

We also play a major role in our community by taking an active role in the following:

- Collect canned food for the local food banks
- · Collect tabs for the Ronald McDonald House
- Host luncheons for local retired educators
- Collect clothing for the local clothing banks
- Host the local American Cancer Society Relay for Life annually
- Show Choirs and Dance Ensemble visit nursing homes, local celebratons
- Collect toys for the local Empty Stocking Christmas toy drive
- · Collect donations for the local animal shelter
- Participate in the local Veteran's Day and Memorial Day celebrations
- Serve as volunteers for the local fair
- · Collect "Pennies for Patients" to support Leukemia
- Provide volunteers to assist in the community

Christmas tree lighting

- High school ambassadors serve in various roles in community events
- · Anchor Club assists the Pilot Club with the child seat safety check and Special Kids in the Park
- · Collect donations for Samaritan's Purse, March of Dimes, Treats for Troops
- Participate in local Adopt A Highway Program
- Organize local Kick Butts Day no smoking campaign
- WCHS hosts blood drive 11 consecutive years with recognition in 2015

School System a Significant Asset to the County

The Washington County public school system is an asset to every person and business in the county. As an employer, we rank as the county's largest, employing more than 485 people (including substitutes) with an annual payroll in excess of \$18.5 million. Operating the county's largest kitchen system, we serve more than 350,000 breakfasts and more than 555,600 lunches a year. The transportation department safely travels more than 530,000 miles per year.

The school system includes the following schools all located in Sandersville:

Washington County High School (WCHS), grades 9 – 12, Principal Dr. Allen Gray

Thomas Jefferson Elder Middle School grades 6 - 8,

Dr. Darryl Gilbert

Ridge Road Elementary School grades 3-5, Principal Leah Clark **Ridge Road Primary School**

grades Pre-K - 2,

Principal Dexter Wansley Washington County

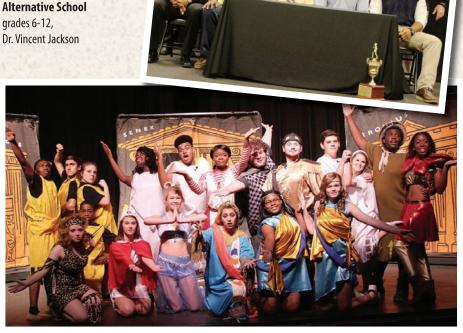
grades 6-12,

All schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Georgia Accrediting Commission. The school system earned district accreditation in 2011.

The system's administrative offices, state-of-theart technical training center, and transportation department are housed at 501 Industrial Drive in Sandersville, adjacent to the high school.

Dr. Donna Hinton serves as Washington County School Superintendent. The elected board is composed of Chairman Tom Rawlings, Vice Chairman Sammy Knight, Gladine Thompson, Tracy Giddens, and Paul Turner.

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Fine arts are a strong component of the curriculum for the school system. Superior-rated band, choral and theatre programs at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Three students received fine arts scholarships in 2015.

Not to be out done, Washington
County athletes are some of the best
in Georgia. Many have been awarded
major scholarships to some of the finest
colleges and universities. The high school
trophy case continues to fill with regional
and state championship titles. Pro
football and basketball teams have been
fortunate to sign many Washington
County alumni, such as Takeo Spikes,
brothers Robert and Terrence Edwards,
Greg Minor, and Josh Gordy. In 2015, 15
athletes signed to play collegiate sports
which is a record number for Washington
County High School.

► Brentwood School

725 Linton Road, Sandersville **Phone:** 478.552.5136

Website: brentwoodschool.org

Summary: Brentwood School is a college preparatory, co-educational, independent school. Founded in 1969 and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Southern Association of Independent Schools, Brentwood consistently places nearly 100% of its graduates in colleges and universities. Over seventy-five percent of the faculty members at Brentwood hold degrees at the Master's level or beyond. Serving Pre-K through 12th grade, Brentwood has a student-teacher ratio of 11:1, and the average SAT scores for the senior class consistently exceed both state and national averages. A strong academic and athletic program results in frequent region and state championships. Through its "tradition of excellence," Brentwood fosters academic and extracurricular success for its students.

▶ Oconee Fall Line Technical College

North Campus, 1189 Deepstep Road, Sandersville

Phone: 478.553.2064 or 877.399.8324

Website: www.OFTC.edu

Summary: Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) offers more than 100 programs of study in a range of fields, including business, allied health, professional services, transportation, and industrial technologies. Students gain hands-on training through day and evening classes taught online and at local campuses in Sandersville, Dublin, Louisville, Helena, and Sparta. OFTC works closely with local businesses and industry to connect graduates with job opportunities. In addition, Adult Education programs offer instruction in basic skills and GED test preparation.

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➤ Georgia Military College Sandersville Extension Center 415A Industrial Drive. Sandersville

Phone: 478.240.3012 Website: www.gmc.edu

Summary:

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Offering affordable tuition, transferable credits, and an open admission

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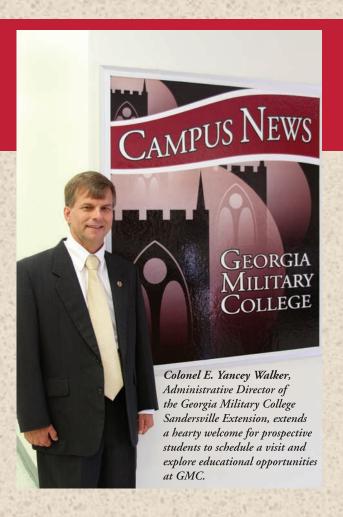


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