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8th Annual Employee Awards Ceremony

Employees recognized for their dedication and hard work

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – December 1, 2016 – The 8th Annual County Employee Award Ceremony and Luncheon was held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at the Camden County Historic Courthouse in Woodbine. Each year, all employees are given the opportunity to nominate one or more of their peers for several different awards recognizing an employee's overall dedication and service to the County and its citizens.

The Employee of the Year Award nominees include the four employees previously awarded with Employee of the Quarter Awards throughout the year. This award is designed to recognize an employee who consistently performs well beyond what the job description requires. Our distinguished Employee of the Year Award for 2016 was presented to Sergeant Jennie Sikes of the Camden County Sheriff's Office (CCSO).

Sgt. Sikes was recognized for dedicating her time and talents to insuring all staff understand and have the opportunity to improve their understanding of any new software that comes online. She shares her knowledge on all essential paperwork and warrants, helping and educating all officers. Sikes is faithful in checking on a sick or injured officer and their family, always inquiring if she can be of help. She regularly encourages communication within her team and believes in getting the group together whenever possible, allowing everyone to get to know each other better.



County Administrator Steve Howard and Chairman Jimmy Starline, Board of Commissioners, both feel strongly about the importance of recognizing the efforts of its most valued resource - the Employees. Howard presented Paul Henry, Jr. Systems Administrator, I.T., with the Teamwork Award for going above and beyond the call of duty during Hurricane Matthew. Sisters Aubrey and Shelby Trevathan were also given a special award by Howard, the Community Leadership Award, for their creation of and tireless work on the Ride Along Pup Project. Congratulations to Paul, and Aubrey and Shelby, on these very deserving awards. "The contributions of County employees are what keep the County running", said Howard. "Their efforts are sincerely appreciated as they continuously focus on excellence and take pride in public service."

Award winners are as follows: Future Leader - Captain Danny Sikes, CCSO; Service Excellence - Bernadette Rauls, Clerk of Courts Office; and Outstanding Achievement - Amber Hardman, Tax Assessor's Office. Most Valuable Player awards from each department include: Office of Public Protection & Compliance - Tammy Cooler; Clerk of Court - Kimberly Head; Living Well Onsite Clinic - Sandy Profitt; Magistrate Court – Ann Dixon; Planning & Development - Joey Yacobacci; Administration - Heidi Barfield; Tax Assessor's Office – Heidi Schaefer; Landfill/C&D Site - Joyce Harper and Andre Norton; CCSO 911 - Dane Studstill; CCSO Administration - Amanda Brooks; CCSO Patrol - Joseph Sheets; CCSO Criminal Investigation Division - Brittany Barnes; CCSO Drug Task

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Force- Will Woolard; CCSO Courthouse Security - Captain Berry Johnson; CCSO Jail - Willie Phillips; and CCSO Corrections – Captain Faye Chancey.



Pictured Left to Right: Back - Andre Norton, Capt. Danny Sikes, Amanda Brooks, Willie Phillips, Paul Henry, Joey Yacobacci, Joyce Harper, Will Woolard, Front- Ann Dixon, Amber Hardman, Brittany Barnes, Kim Head, Bernadette Rauls, Sandy Proffitt, Heidi Barfield, Shelby Trevathan, Tammy Cooler, Sgt. Jennie Sikes. Those not pictured are Dane Studstill, Joseph Sheets, Berry Johnson, Faye Chancey, and Heidi Schaefer.

This event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors. The following sponsors generously donated monetary funds and/or in-kind services for the ceremony: Board of County Commissioners; Camden County Public Service Authority; Sonny’s Real Pit BBQ; White Oak Creek Outfitters; LongHorn Steakhouse; St. Marys Aquatic Center; Ruby Tuesdays; Ship to Shore Seafood; and Cracker Barrel.

On behalf of Camden County’s Employee Recognition Committee, congratulations to all the 2016 award winners! YOU make the difference!

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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