

# Spotted: People, Places & Things

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**Barrow Emergency Services Receives Grant:** Barrow County Emergency Services recently was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security. The award of \$71,389 was applied for in 2009 and will cover personal protective equipment for the department's firefighters. The primary goal of the grants aid in the firefighting and emergency response efforts of fire departments and emergency medical services organizations. The grant for Barrow County Emergency Services was worked on by several members of the department. Forming the committee were Battalion Chief Mike Stoops, Lieutenant Ernest Weant, Lieutenant Randy Johnson and Firefighters Rob Aldred, Jeff Jones, Brenda Adams and Eric Beck.



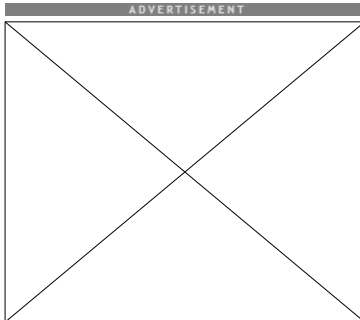
War Service and Military Service Medals: The Athens Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Georgia Society held its monthly meeting on June 1 where the chapter presented 11 of its members either a War Service Medal or a Military Service Medal for military service to the country. The highlight of the medal ceremony was the recognition of chapter members that served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Kosovo.



**ARMC Receives American College of Radiology Accreditation:** Athens Regional Medical Center has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation for its PET/CT services in the areas of Neurology and Oncology as a result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR). Athens Regional's Radiology Department also has three ACR accredited MRI machines and three Ultrasound machines. The ACR awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of the practice. Athens Regional has the only PET/CT Scanner in Northeast Georgia. This hybrid scanner combines two technologies to offer physicians and patients tremendously valuable information to pinpoint certain disease states in the body.

Athens is in the top 25: In its annual survey, AmericanStyle magazine has again ranked Athens as among the nation's top 25 arts destinations. This is the ninth straight year Athens has been recognized for its arts community. In the 2010 survey, reported in the Summer 2010 issue of AmericanStyle, Athens ranked 18th among mid-sized cities.

**Toolbox for Education:** Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has awarded a \$5,000 Toolbox for Education grant to Oglethorpe County Middle School in Lexington for school beautification and landscaping of the new middle school. Oglethorpe County



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Middle School is one of more than 450 schools or parent organizations to be awarded a Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant for parent-initiated school improvement projects benefiting K-12 public education across the United States during the 2009-10 school year. The new Oglethorpe County Middle school is scheduled to open this August.

Grady team wins first place: Five public relations students from the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication won first place in the national Bateman Case Study Competition in Washington, D.C., on May 14. The team included account executive Kristin Ballard, Courtney Garmhaus, Debbie Ebalobo, Magan Cowart and Bridgett Johnson. The UGA team was advised by Kaye D. Sweetser, assistant professor of public relations. The 2010 client was the U.S. Census Bureau. Student teams from college campuses across the nation competed to create the ultimate public relations campaign. The UGA team obtained more than 3,500 signatures of local citizens pledging to participate in the census, which represents a potential return of more than \$5 million in federal funding. The UGA Bateman team won \$2,500 for first place. The prize money was presented to the college's chapter of PRSSA to reinvest into future chapter programs.

Brown awarded Catherine McAuley Award: Barbara Brown, St. Mary's Family Birth Center administrative assistant, was awarded St. Mary's highest honor, the 2010 Catherine McAuley Award, at the system's annual event to honor tenured employees June 8 at The Classic Center. Brown began her career at St. Mary's more than 30 years ago and handles billing for the department, schedules c-sections and takes care of all aspects of filing birth records required by the state of Georgia.

ARMC earns Gold Target Awards: Athens Regional Medical Center recently received several Gold Target Awards at the healthcare public relations and marketing annual conference of the Georgia Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations held at Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro. The annual Target Awards recognize outstanding marketing and public relations programs within Georgia's healthcare organizations. Athens Regional won Gold Target Awards for its Hospital Tax Protest campaign in the categories of Social Marketing, Issues Management and Government Relations. The hospital also earned a Gold Target Award in the category of overall Advertising Campaign for its Regional FirstCare campaign.

Clark Middle Plays Walt Disney World: The Clarke Middle School Orchestra members became stars of their own Disney show on April 10 when they took the stage at Waterside Stage. They traveled from Athens to the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida to take part in a Disney Performing Arts Program. Dance groups, choirs, ensembles and marching bands from around the world apply to perform each year as part of Disney Performing Arts at both the Disneyland and the Walt Disney World Resorts.

Tasistro-Hart awarded scholarship: The Council on International Educational Exchange, a world-leader in international education and student exchange, recently awarded Oconee County High School student Adrian Tasistro-Hart a full academic scholarship for a year of discovery and learning in Germany. The scholarship was awarded following a highly competitive process based on academic records, review of student essays, teacher recommendations, and a personal interview.

ARTS FUND AWARD: The Madison-Morgan Cultural Center is the recipient of one of the largest awards from the Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund. From a total of \$500,000 being awarded to 10 small and mid-sized arts organizations throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area, the Cultural Center will receive \$67,500. Support from the Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund provides necessary funding for carrying out the Center's mission of enhancing education and enjoyment of the arts and humanities through quality exhibitions and performances while preserving its historic building.




2010 officers for the NE GA Chapter of AAPC: The American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC), the industry-leading medical coding, training and certification association, announce the 2010 officers for the Northeast Georgia chapter. Officers were chosen by peers to support the needs of the local medical coding community. Local chapters provide an opportunity for medical coders to meet together regularly to share common interests, questions, information and concerns. In addition, local chapters provide the AAPC with valuable feedback on programs, trainings and current trends facing the coding community. The six-member leadership team is composed of the following medical coding professionals: President: Christy Payne, CPC. President Elect: Jennifer Kastner, CPC. Secretary: Melissa Corral, CPC. Treasurer: Joyce Hagwood, CPC. Education Officer: Scott Gooch, CPC and New Member Development Officer: Katrina Swain, CPC.

2010-11 officers for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute: Officers for 2010-11 of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UGA were recently announced at the annual meeting of the organization in Athens. Elected were: President: Anita Brannen, Athens. President-elect: Mac Rawson, Athens. Vice President: Nancy Canolty, Athens. Secretary: Sally Bolemon, Danielsville and Treasurer: Bob Leventry, Athens. Newly elected board members for two year terms are: Ann Darby, Athens; Richard Hargrove, Watkinsville; Martha Phillips, Athens; Nancy Songster, Athens; and Alexis Winger, Winterville. Current board members with one year remaining on board are: Ron Linhart, Watkinsville; Teresa Morris, Greensboro; William Alworth, Athens; Carolyn Abney, Athens; Grace Rabek, Athens; and Joseph Harris, Washington.

Carol Fisher Memorial Fund: At Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's annual meeting it was announced that the Carol Fisher Memorial Fund was started in honor of Fisher, a long-time Learning in Retirement/Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UGA member as well as a retired faculty member at UGA. The funds will help participants in the organization's class work. Jeani Goodwin, Olga Gray and Roland Brooks of Athens, members of the organization, were honored with the Carol Fisher Award in recognition of long and dedicated service to Learning in Retirement/The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Georgia.

Gwinnett Federal Credit Union awards scholarships: The Board of Directors of Gwinnett Federal Credit Union and Clarke Community division of Gwinnett Federal Credit Union awarded \$2,500 career advancement and student scholarships to William Hentenaar of Winder-Barrow High School, Lexie Miller of Jackson County Comprehensive High School and Blair Watson of Winder-Barrow High School. The Clarke Community division of Gwinnett FCU Honoree Winners were: Jillian Anderson of Clarke Central High School, and Shundra Seay of Cedar Shoals High School, who were both awarded with Janet Pomeroy/Pearlie Woods Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500.

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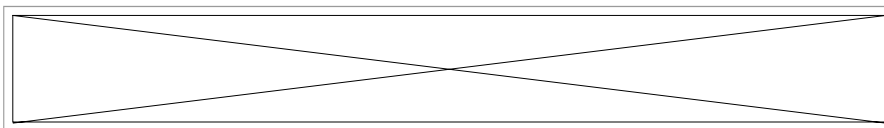
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