

MONTHLY MANAGER'S REPORT

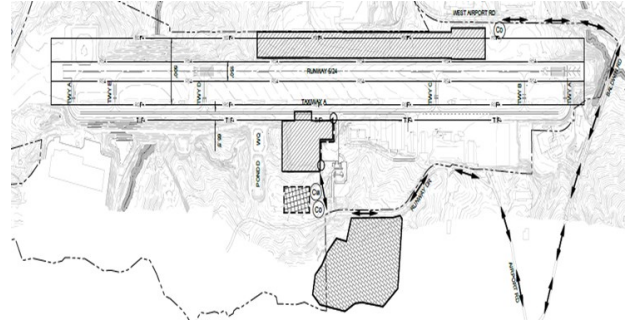
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Public Works

Airport:

- As required by FAA regulations, a consultant selection process has been completed for the next 5 years.
- New Taxiway project is complete and open to traffic.
- T-Hangar project is repackaged, and no bids were submitted.
- All trees/obstructions on church property have been marked near runway 24.
 - 105 located
 - 61 removed
 - 44 remaining
- Staff is approaching the closing phase of aviation easement off runway 6.
- TOFA grading plans have been completed and are ready once GDOT/FAA funding becomes available.



Landfill:

- Dirt hauling is ongoing to cover cell 3,4,5 &7. Dirt hauling is very difficult and slow with pans due to rocks.
- 3,321 Tons of waste received in April (~ 127 tons/day)
- 253,000K gallons of leachate hauled off in May
- Staff preparing to mulch about 5,500 CY of limbs and yard trimmings that have been diverted from the landfill to be recycled.



Road Department:

- 190 Work Orders closed out for the month of May.
- Little League handicap parking complete
- Thompson Bridge repaired and back open
- LMIG 2021 bids were received for resurfacing 14.10 miles of roads. Pittman Construction is the low bidder at \$1,613,544.15.
- Bids were received for replacing culverts on Soque Wilderness and Yeoman Lake Rd. Staff secured easements and materials for the project. Materials are becoming difficult to obtain due to limited inventories and staffing levels of suppliers.
- Preliminary engineering began to evaluate hydrology, design and generate cost estimates for replacing Garrison Dr. bridge.



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Emergency Services Department



Calls for May 2021:

- EMS Units Responses: 610
- Fire Unit Responses: 288

Through a grant funded class from the Georgia Emergency Medical Services Association and additional funding from the Georgia Trauma Commission, Habersham County Emergency Services completed the first Arbinger Institute Developing and Implementing an Outward Mindset workshop.

In this workshop, participants learned the difference between inward and outward mindsets. They discovered where they have been inwardly focused and how to turn more outward. They learned how to turn their mindsets and behaviors outward by applying the following:

- Self-awareness tools– Four tools to overcome a self-focused inward mindset and more consistently work with an others-inclusive outward mindset.
- Mindset change tools– Two tools to implement and sustain an outward mindset.
- Accountability tools– Three accountability tools to help individuals clarify their roles and hold themselves accountable for their impact on others.
- Collaboration tools– Eight collaboration tools to help individuals and teams plan, work and resolve differences more collaboratively and effectively.



Habersham County Emergency Services had 17 officers attended this grant funded class. HCES also had some members in attendance at an Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) class that was funded by the Georgia Trauma Commission Grant. Habersham continues to be a lead sponsor of grant funded classes in the state, which allows personnel to not have to travel to other locations, while also providing agencies and partners in our area and other areas in the state access to the classes as well.

In addition, 8 HCES employees attended the GEMSA Leadership and Directors Conference

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Fleet Maintenance

As the temperatures have climbed, issues with vehicle air conditioners that went unnoticed during the cooler winter months have become apparent now they are being put into use. In the past month the fleet mechanics have repaired around thirty different A/C problems in county automobiles, including the 4-H bus pictured. Fleet just had both of their A/C machines serviced to keep up with the demand for this summer. Thanks to the Fleet Maintenance Departments ongoing efforts, employees in departments throughout the county are able to continue to serve the citizens of Habersham not only without delay, but in comfort as well.



Parks and Recreation

Aqua Kinetics water aerobics classes started back on Monday, June 7th at the Aquatic Center. Water aerobics classes such as these are “low impact” exercises, meaning they increase your heart rate while minimizing the stress put on your joints. Low impact exercises are ideal for people with arthritis, fibromyalgia, back problems, injuries to legs, knees and feet. Shallow water aqua kinetics allows for the strengthening of the core muscles while aiding in balance and posture improvement. The three dimensional resistance of water allows movement to be performed with much greater ease and range of motion, thus enhancing flexibility, restoring physical strength and realigning the body.



Habersham County Gymnastics' Camp Twister started back on May 24th. Camp Twister is a co-ed summer day camp for 5-12 year old children that runs from May 24th through July 30th. Children attending this camp participate in gymnastic instruction as well as traditional summertime activities, games and local field trips within Habersham County. So far the camp is averaging an attendance of around 40 children per week. This program serves a dual purpose for the community it provides the much needed service of affordable summer child care as well as providing the children who participate a wide range of physical activities to keep them healthy and active during the summer months. The camp has long hours starting at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. which aids working parents in being able to drop off and pick up their children with less time conflict.

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Senior Services Center

Clarksville Department of Community Supervision donated canned goods for the clients of the senior center. The donations included canned vegetables, soups, canned chicken and pasta. Katy Holcomb, Senior Center Director accepted the donation from Pete Collins, Assistant Chief for the Department of Community Supervision. Clients attending the center were given an opportunity to pick out several items to take home. Donations like these help the Senior Center clients stretch their food budgets each month.

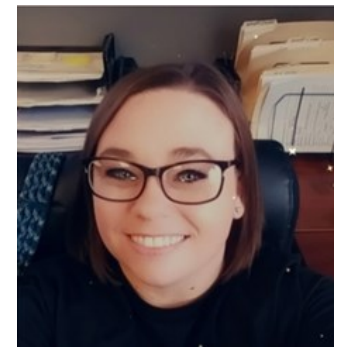


The senior center had a pancake breakfast on June 10th in which they served over 140 pancakes. Later, Sonja Martin and Ellen Browning with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) gave a presentation about the services provided by the DRC, including teaching independent living skills, providing peer support through role models and mentors, and advocating to change community, local and federal laws



Employee Recognition

Habersham County's Fleet Department would like to recognize Patty Lee for the Employee Spotlight for the month of June. Director Steve Seabolt describes Patty as an exceptional employee. Her job includes duties such as performing end of month procedures and preparing spreadsheets for monthly data for fourteen different departments and cities. Her job also includes assisting with interviews, managing inventory, submitting timesheets for payroll, and submitting invoices for payment. Habersham County would like to thank her for a job well done!



Further recognition is due to three employees whose reached significant work anniversary's with the county this month. As of June 2021, Winfred Dalton with Roads and Bridges reached her 40th year working for Habersham County. Likewise, Loyeta Frady in the Tax Assessors Department and Michael Bramlett in Facilities Management have both been in the County's employment for 23 years this month. Dedicated individuals such as these bring the experience and stability needed to keep Habersham County's Government operating smoothly throughout all the changes the decades bring.