

March Madness

2016 Highlights





The Fraternal Order of the Eagles Presents



BATTLE OF THE BADGES

SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT *vs* GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 20, 2016
6:00-8:00PM
Carver Middle School
3325 W. Battlefield Rd.
Springfield, MO 65807









Building Named for Bentley

Longtime Children's Champion Recognized by Springfield Public Schools

Greene County District 2 Commissioner Roseann Bentley has many accolades to her name, but there is one endeavor for which she is not as widely known. Every Thursday for six years, two children at Weaver Elementary School have eaten lunch with Bentley. Perhaps it is this long-term lunch buddy activity that truly exhibits Bentley's unwavering commitment to the youth of Greene County.

Now, Bentley's dedication to providing a foundation of health, happiness, and education to area children will be fittingly applied to the foundation of a building that will bear her name. With a recent unanimous vote by the Springfield Board of Education, the new Springfield Public Schools building at 1610 E. Sunshine Street will be named the Roseann Bentley Administrative Center.

"I know of no other person who has devoted as much of their life to improving the lives of children than Roseann Bentley: If ever there was a person deserving of naming an educational facility after them, it is Roseann," said District 1 Commissioner Harold Bengsch.

When she is not spending lunchtime bonding with her lunch buddies, Bentley is a very busy woman, and has been so for a lifetime.

The former educator has been a Greene County commissioner since 2004. She was the first woman from southwest Missouri elected to the Missouri Senate, where she chaired the education committee and served the maximum two terms. She was the first woman to serve on the Senate Finance Committee.

She was the recipient of the 22nd annual Humanitarian Award from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, served on the Springfield school board, the Missouri Board of Education, and was president of the National Association of State Boards of Education. She also chaired the state's Coordinating Board of Early Childhood Education.

Bentley served as first president of Junior League of Springfield in 1976-77. According to the Junior League website, she was a founding member of Ozarks Public Television and Female Leaders in Philanthropy, helped start the first "Day of Caring" for United Way of the Ozarks, and had a role in bringing libraries to all Springfield Public Schools elementary buildings.

Some of her numerous awards include: The 1992 May Harriman Award, Springfieldian Award, the Hero for Kids Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Missouri Arts Council, the Missouri Woman of Distinction Award.

Bentley is married to Dr. John Bentley, who is also a Humanitarian Award recipient. They have four children and 11 grandchildren.



Retirement Reception Honoring A Lifetime of Public Service: County Commissioner Roseann Bentley

Friday, December 9, 2016

Drop by: 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Greene County Historic Courthouse Rotunda
940 N. Boonville Avenue

Refreshments will be served. Brief ceremony at 4:00 p.m.

Expect an exciting announcement regarding a new opportunity to honor Roseann's legacy of public service. You may participate in the project by contributing a new or lightly used children's book.

Books will be collected at the reception to be used in this wonderful project. Book dedication labels will be available if you wish to place a message in your donated books.

Parking available in the lot at the northwest corner of
Central Street and Boonville Avenue.

Questions? Call Kate Morris at (417) 868-4136.

OEM Interim Director Deploys to Assist with Hurricane Matthew Response

Hurricane Matthew, a powerful category 5 hurricane, wrought widespread destruction and loss of life as it journeyed across the Western Atlantic from Sept. 28 through Oct. 10, impacting parts of Haiti, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and the southeastern United States. Larry Woods, Interim Director of OEM, participated in a federal deployment in response to Hurricane Matthew via an Incident Response Coordination Team that operates under the US Department of Health and Human Services. Woods serves as a certified Planning Section Chief on this federal team.

First deployed to Tallahassee, FL, Woods then transitioned with his team to Valdosta, GA. His primary responsibility was to oversee the planning efforts for all health and medical response initiatives. These efforts spanned four states, from Frederick, MD to Melbourne, FL, and included oversight of almost 1,000 personnel and millions of dollars in resources.

Woods has served at the federal level with the US Department of Health and Human Services for the past 12 years.



Recognizing a hero



Congratulations to Captain David Johnson (Patrol) who was honored at a luncheon today by the Rotary Club of Southeast Springfield. He was chosen as the Sheriff's Deputy of the Year after he rendered aid to a man who collapsed at a gas station while off-duty.

Making A Difference!



Pictured, left to right: Theresa Woolie, Jillian Sanchez, Crystal Richards, Robin Coble, and Melissa Denney.

Several Highway Department staff members had the unique and rewarding opportunity of rolling up their sleeves and volunteering their skills at a Habitat for Humanity house build. They worked on laying vinyl flooring and other miscellaneous jobs involving trim work and countertops.

It was a great opportunity to learn and experience the reward of helping others.

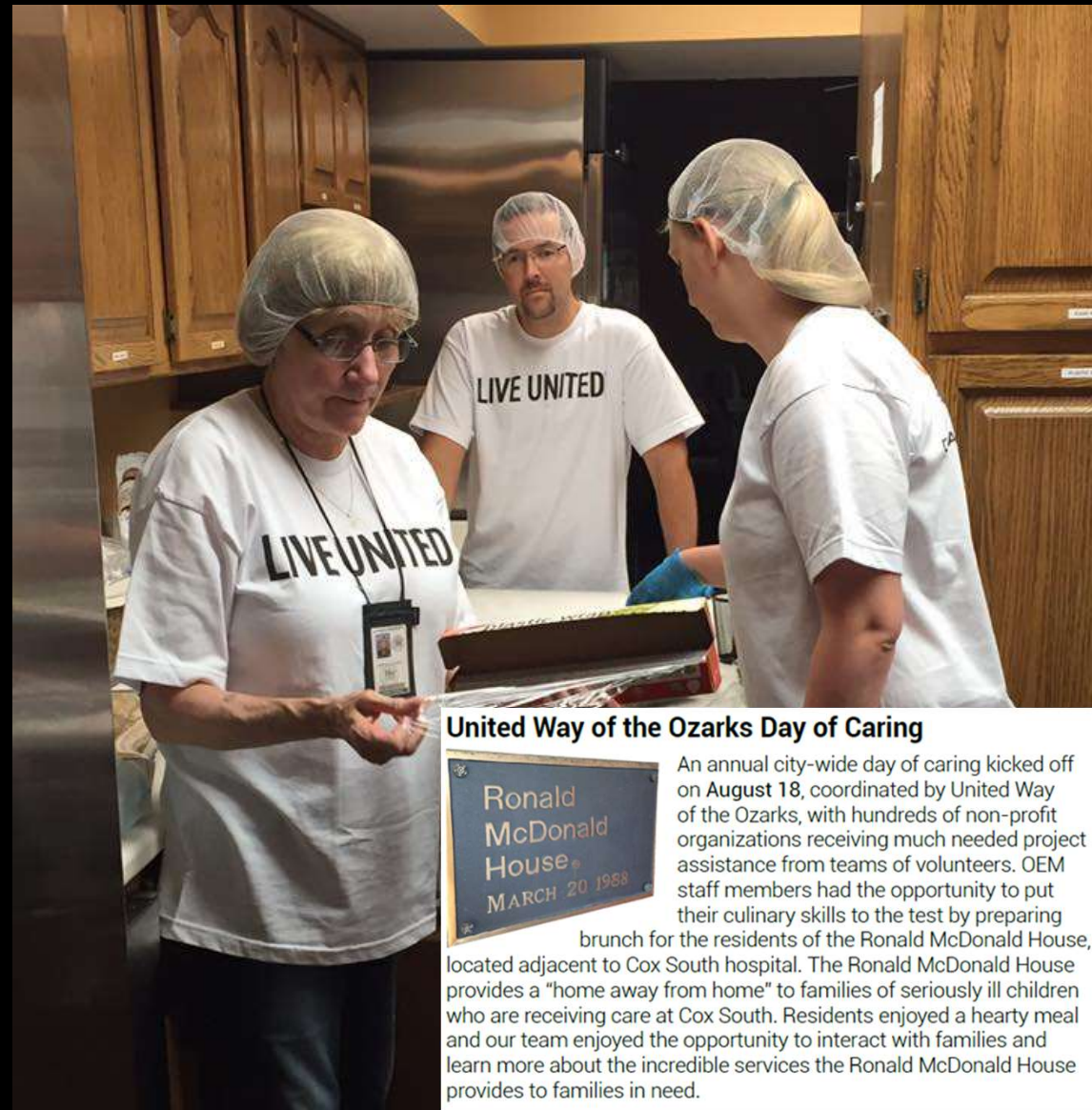
Way to go, Highway Department!



Jillian and Theresa



Jillian and Robin



United Way of the Ozarks Day of Caring

An annual city-wide day of caring kicked off on August 18, coordinated by United Way of the Ozarks, with hundreds of non-profit organizations receiving much needed project assistance from teams of volunteers. OEM staff members had the opportunity to put their culinary skills to the test by preparing a brunch for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House, located adjacent to Cox South hospital. The Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" to families of seriously ill children who are receiving care at Cox South. Residents enjoyed a hearty meal and our team enjoyed the opportunity to interact with families and learn more about the incredible services the Ronald McDonald House provides to families in need.

CAN ONE PERSON MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ONE DAY?
YES! SERVE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE.



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Top Branch

Dustin Kendrick, GSCO

In January, Deputy Kendrick responded to a reported suicidal man. The man gave a vague description of his location to his girlfriend via phone. While canvassing the area, Deputy Kendrick found the subject in his vehicle with zip ties tightly strapped around his neck. As the male was pulled out of the vehicle, Deputy Kendrick observed the male turning purple with difficulty breathing. The straps were cut and the man was transported to a hospital. Then, in July, Deputy Kendrick responded to a call for an unresponsive male face down in a swimming pool. Within minutes, Deputy Kendrick arrived on scene, jumped into the pool to retrieve the man, and performed CPR. The man was transported to a hospital, though days later he succumbed to complications and was taken off life support. Though it's in his job to place himself in



Kendrick Saves Two Lives in One Year

**COUNTY RECEIVES HIGHEST AUDIT
RATING FOR PUBLIC ENTITY**

Prosecuting Attorney Moves into Cox Medical Tower



Now Open!

Big Momma's Coffee & Espresso Bar in the Judicial Courts Facility is now open each weekday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to their full menu of specialty coffee, espresso and smoothie drinks, Big Momma's is now serving up a lunch menu featuring sandwiches and salads. County employees can show ID for 15% off. Also watch for occasional specials for employees on seasonal drinks.



Standing with all three Commissioners, Director of Resource Management Kevin Barnes tries the first cup of coffee at the ribbon cutting for Big Momma's Coffee & Espresso Bar located inside the Judicial Courts Facility.



Big
MOMMA'S



Greene County Jail awarded accreditation

The Greene County Jail has earned accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care by demonstrating compliance with NCCHC's *Standards for Health Services in Jails*. Accreditation recognizes the Greene County Jail's dedication to compliance with the most respected standards in correctional health care.

The Greene County Jail underwent a rigorous on-site survey in May 2015. An experienced physician and other experts in correctional health care surveyed the facility for compliance with standards on safety, personnel and training, health care services and support, patient care and treatment, health promotion, special needs and services, health records and legal issues.

"We have a legal obligation to provide inmates with health care, and we will do our job with innovation, excellence and efficiency on behalf of the taxpayers," states Sheriff Jim Arnott. "I salute the supervisors, officers and health care staff for their hard work, which involves knowledge of health care delivery in a secure environment."

NCCHC has surveyed and accredited jails, prisons and juvenile detention and confinement facilities for more than 30 years. The NCCHC standards used in accreditation are developed with input from the nation's experts in correctional health care.



"In achieving NCCHC accreditation, the Greene County Jail has demonstrated its commitment to meeting constitutional requirements for health care delivery for incarcerated individuals," said Thomas Joseph, MPS, CAE, president of NCCHC. "Accreditation is a voluntary process and we commend Sheriff Jim Arnott for successfully undertaking this challenge to provide quality health care and instill confidence in the community it serves."

For more information, contact Public Relations Coordinator Corporal Cathy Ussery 417-829-6393 or CUssery@greencountymo.gov

Top Branch Award

Karla Callaway, Human Resources

"Most companies offer one or two medical plan options for employees to choose from. This is in large part due to the time it takes to oversee and manage multiple plans with different plan outlines/guidelines/rules. Karla currently oversees three medical plans (soon to offer four) for our employees. Due to Karla's hard work, the county will now have a new medical plan through Cox Network. While most HR departments Greene County's size have at least two people managing benefits, Karla will be primarily responsible for maintaining four, and has not once voice a concern for doing so. Her approach has been a 'can-do' attitude. Greene County Human Resources with the help of Karla Callaway is breaking new boundaries in the benefits arena!"



Greene County HR Offers Four Medical Plans in Two Different Hospital Networks



Influential

Greene County Family Court and Juvenile Division Director of Administrative Services Jamie Raab has been nominated as one of Springfield Business Journal's 20 Most Influential Women for 2016.

"It's a really exciting honor, that without some amazing people at our office who work with me and support me everyday this would not be possible," said Raab.

On October 14, there will be an expo and luncheon to celebrate. Those interested in attending should visit www.sbj.net/miw. 10:30am-11:45 there will be networking and silent auction, then 11:45am lunch will begin.

A part of her nomination, she and supporters are working to raise money for the Women in Need organization. This organization is a one-time help for women who come across a struggle in their life and need a hand up. Raab is collecting donations. Contact her at Jamie.Raab@courts.mo.gov.



Jamie Raab —Photo courtesy Characters Unite

20 Most Influential
Women of 2016

Top Branch

Award

Dan Rivet, GSCO

“Corrections Officer Dan Rivet was driving in to work. At the intersection of Grant and Division, Rivet



was flagged down by two citizens and observed a third citizen lying in the street in the lane of traffic he was driving. The intersection was poorly lit so Rivet parked his vehicle in the intersection and activated his hazard lights to keep other vehicles from running over the citizen. Rivet exited his vehicle and approached the citizen lying in the road to render aid. He observed a female lying face down with blood on the upper torso and head. At that time, GSCO deputies and SPD officers arrived at the scene and took over care. Rivet was asked to assist in directing traffic. He directed traffic until he was relieved by other officers on scene. His quick actions kept other vehicles from running over an unresponsive citizen in a poorly lit intersection. His situational awareness and dedication to the citizens of Greene County potentially saved a life.”



Officer Protects Citizen by Blocking Traffic with his Car

Circuit Clerk, Top Ten Technology Solutions Award – Makes the Final Four



Circuit Clerk's Office recognized for website

Greene County Circuit Clerk Tom Barr recently accepted a Top 10 Technology Solutions Award for his office from the National Association of Court Management at the organization's annual conference. Specifically, the Greene County Circuit Clerk's office received 4th Place in the nation among the Top 10 – the office was recognized for Judicial Data Transparency in the creation of a new public website with detailed information and resources regarding the 31st Judicial Circuit: www.greencountycourts.org.

From left to right, Chief Justice Patricia Breckenridge of the Missouri Supreme Court, Greene County Circuit Clerk Tom Barr, and Judge Gary Lynch, Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, also Chairman of the Missouri Court Automation Committee. Photo provided by the National Association of Court Management.



Sheriff's Office Collects 349 Pairs of Socks for Rare Breed

Top Branch

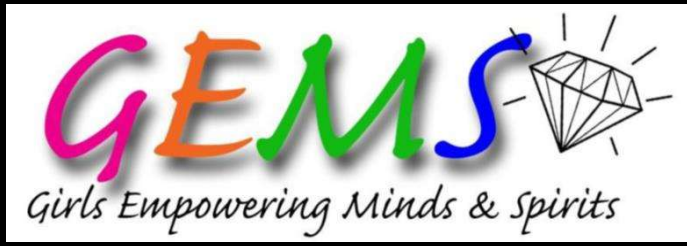
Award

Officer Dustin Kirk, GCSO

Officer Kirk is an outstanding officer. Recently, Officer Kirk observed an inmate going into the recreation yard of a pod and acting strangely. He noticed something under the inmate's shirt and up around his neck. The inmate was at the railing as Officer Kirk made his way up the stairs. The inmate had tied a shirt around his neck and the railing. Officer Kirk was able to grab hold of the inmate just as he was going through the railing, preventing him from committing suicide. The inmate is now housed under Constance Observation. If not for Officer Kirk's keen awareness and readiness to act quickly, that inmate might not be alive today.



Officer Kirk Foils Suicide Attempt in Greene County Jail.





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BEFORE



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AFTER

Top Branch Award

Sgt. Trevor Teeling, GCSO



“Recently, Sgt. Teeling was at an intersection heading back to the office from lunch. He observed a female standing in front of a small rock retaining wall with a truck moving slowly towards her. He saw the truck hit her and pin her against the wall. Sgt. Teeling immediately went to her and saw that she was crushed, with her lower leg essentially amputated. He ran to his vehicle, retrieved a tourniquet, and applied first aid. Soon after, medical and fire rescue arrived and the female was transported to the hospital for life-threatening injuries and emergency surgery. It was determined later that a 3-year-old had put the truck into neutral, which set the truck in motion towards her. The female has lost her lower leg, but she will live thanks to Sgt. Teeling’s actions.”



Jacob Rear, GCSO Patrol

In August, Deputy Rear responded to a distress call about an individual wanting to harm themselves. Without going into too much disturbing details, Deputy Rear was able to save the man and waited with him until help arrived. His actions saved the citizen’s life from irreparable impairment. It is the same for all patrol deputies who instinctively act at the moment and should be recognized for this incident.

Lives Saved...











Greene County Works...with Pride



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Collector's Office Has Quite A 'Greene' Thumb

A special thanks to the Collector's Office for dedicating time and effort to beautifying the piece of property located on the northwest corner of Boonville and Central. Penny Griffin, Tanya Tarter, and Lacie Griffin did a wonderful job laying out a garden and walkway, while the rest of the office covered them inside, assisting citizens needing the services of the Collector's Office. Sarah Wood did a great job making phone calls to ask for donations. Many people on the Greene County team have expressed their appreciation for this most welcome improvement of an area that has been a long-time eyesore.

"This is another fantastic example of the character and caring of people who make up our Greene County family," said Presiding Commissioner Bob Curtin.

Also, a big thank you to Penny Griffin's husband, Patrick for his helping hand, as well as to Robin Miller, owner of Load & Go Landscape Products, who donated many of the items you will see in the landscaping.



Collector's Office Beautifies Campus

Greene County Works...to Keep People Safe



Active Shooter Training

Greene County Works...In Times of Crisis



**Obama Declares
Major Disaster in
Missouri during 2016
Flood**

**Greene County OEM
Steps up to the Plate**



Greene County Works...for Families



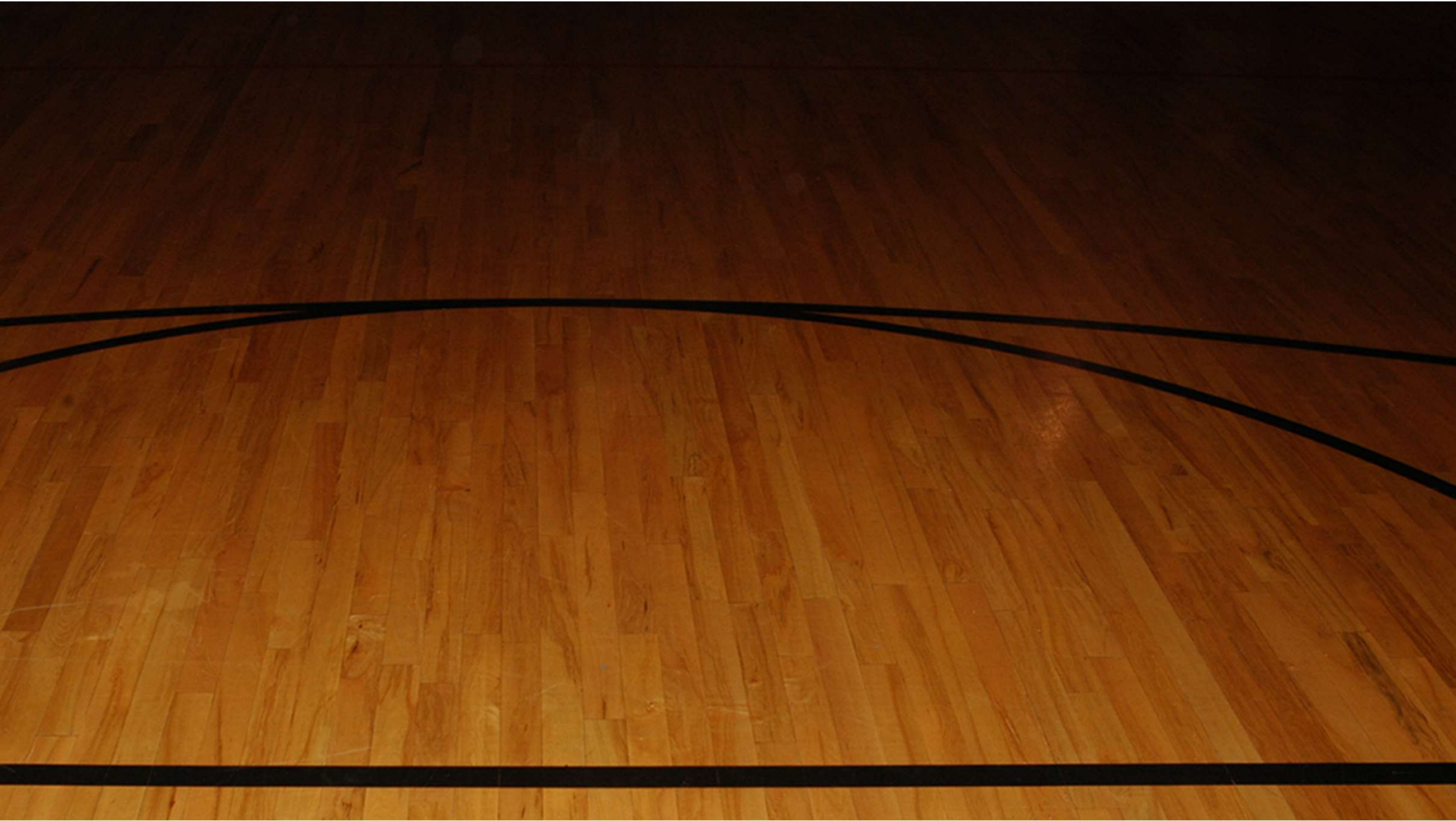
"My husband, Ethan Smith, Restitution and Bad Checks Processing for the PA's office, adopted our son Malachi Robert Smith on Friday, May 20, 2016. Malachi is 17 months old, full of laughter and energy, and keeps us on our toes. We couldn't be happier!"

- Sarah Devlin, Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

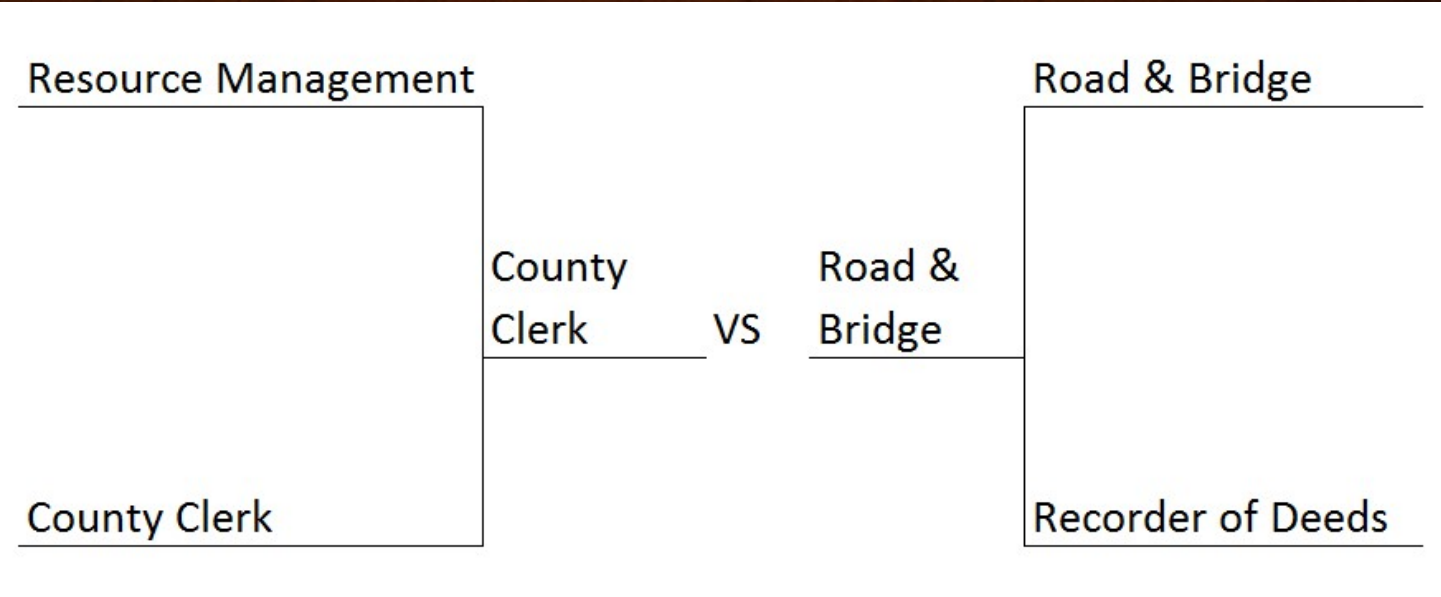
Greene County Works...together



**Thank you Greene County Employees...
for all you do**



Pre-Game Analysis – Championship Round



Starting Lineups

Greene County Road & Bridge VS

Greene County Clerk

Best Projection Winner

ROAD & BRIDGE

