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GEOSPATIAL OPERATIONS TEAM IS GROWING AT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ~ MEET THE TEAM!



Chad Downing
Survey Manager

Ethan Barker
GIS Coordinator

Tyler Baggett
Geospatial Technician

Jacob Pierce
Geospatial Operations Manager

"We provide digital GIS mapping and support for almost 50 different datasets of Highway Department assets to around 200 staff members. This information is available on the network and online resources and is accessible by nearly all staff members to assist in their everyday activities and decisions. We also provide robust surveying and data collection services for many types of highway design projects, particularly for Right of Way applications. Now that we have a new team member, our team can better handle the projects and workload associated with many different design, construction, and asset inventory projects. Let's keep the geospatial train rolling!"



BEACH SAFE THIS SUMMER!

If you're headed to the beach this summer "KNOW BEFORE YOU GO" and make sure you know how to stay safe! For more information about the Beach Flag Warning System and Rip Currents visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/9mwwk9nb>

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BALDWIN COUNTY STAFF TEXT ALERTS ~ PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT



The graphic features the Baldwin County seal on the left, the TextMyGov logo in the top right, and a central illustration of a smartphone showing a text message conversation. The phone screen displays a notification for 'County Staff Alerts 91896', a message from 'BCC STAFF' asking to join the list, a 'Yes' reply, and a confirmation message. Below the phone, there is a text input field with 'BCC STAFF' and a green arrow button. To the right of the phone, the text 'Receive county text message notifications!' is written in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'Opt-in today.' and 'Text BCCSTAFF to: 91896'. A QR code is shown in a green speech bubble with the text 'Get started now, Scan the QR code to quickly join our text notifications.' At the bottom, there is a 'What to Expect:' section with a bulleted list of instructions and a small disclaimer at the very bottom.

 **Baldwin County Staff Text Alerts!** 
Get important Personnel Department alerts via text message.

**County Staff Alerts 91896**
BCC STAFF
You've requested to join our text notification list.
Reply 'YES' to opt-in.
Yes
You have successfully opted-in.
BCC STAFF

Receive county text message notifications!

Opt-in today.
Text **BCCSTAFF**
to: **91896**

Get started now,
Scan the QR code to quickly join our text notifications.

What to Expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply **YES** to verify opt-in.
- These text messages will be limited for emergencies or for information pertaining to county closures. (Examples: Closures/Opening due to a hurricane, etc.)**
- You can text **STOP** at any time to remove yourself from the notification list.

Msg & data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for details. View terms and privacy policy info at: textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions
You can text STOP at any time to remove yourself from the notification list.

The Personnel Department is excited to announce text alerts for County employees. These alerts will be limited to emergencies or information pertaining to county closures (example: closures and openings due to a hurricane). This will be our main way of communicating along with mass email to county email addresses. In an effort to prepare for storm season, we encourage all employees to sign up by texting **BCCSTAFF** to **91896** or by scanning the QR code above. You can opt out anytime!

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CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!



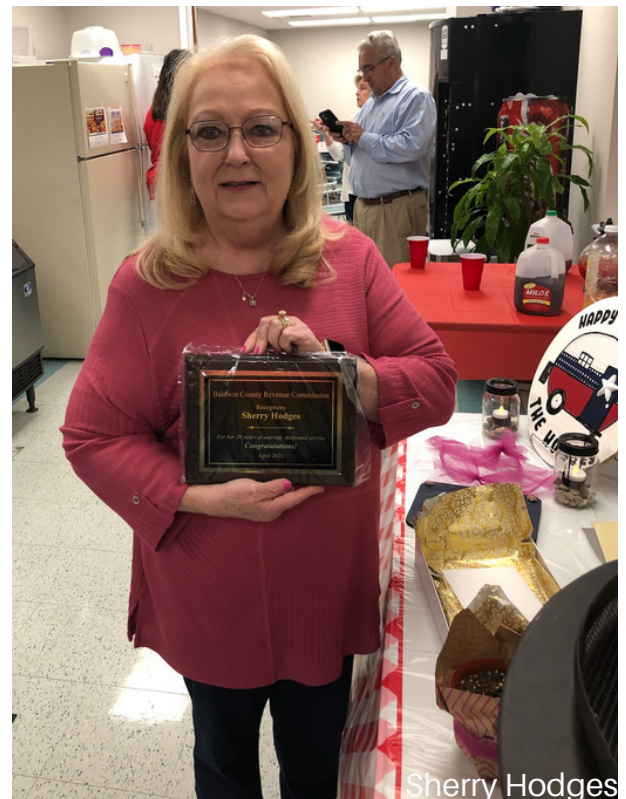
Edith Harris

Edith Harris began her career with the Revenue Commissioners office 11/30/1992. After working for nearly 31 years, she decided to retire at the end of March, 2023. We wish her well and are hopeful that retirement is all she dreamed it would be.



Joy Hadley

The Queen has left the hive!
Joy Hadley retired after 25 years of county service, the last 18 in the Revenue Commission office. We wish her well and a Happy Retirement!



Sherry Hodges

Sherry Hodges retired May 1, 2023, from the Revenue Commissioner's Office after 28+ years of service. Sherry began her employment in the Assessment Department as a temporary employee with Kelley Services. On Feb 8, 1995, Sherry was hired as a county employee with the Appraisal Department. She had several 'jobs' in the appraisal department and took pride in each, especially her time as Current Use Analyst. Sherry enjoyed helping the Baldwin County property owners.

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Aiden Green

Robertsdale High School,
Class of 2023

Aiden will be joining the
United States Marine Corps
in August.

Aiden is the son of Keri
Green. Keri has worked for
the Administrative
Department as Commission
Executive Assistant for
District 3 for several years.



Aaron Huggins

Escambia Academy,
Class of 2023

Congratulations to
Aaron Huggins, son of
BRATS drivers Steve
and Kathryn Huggins
on his recent
graduation!.



Noah B. Givens

Elberta High School, Class of
2023

Graduated Summa Cum Laude
Received multiple scholarships,
will be attending Coastal
Alabama Community College,
will be majoring in Elementary
Education.

Parents are Tiffany and Derrick
Givens. Mom, Tiffany works for
the Administrative Department as
Commission Executive Assistant
for District 3.

*Scarlet
Evalyn*



Date: 06.11.23

Time: 8:02am

Weight: 7lbs 8oz

Height: 20.75

inches

Congratulations to Amber Hansen (LRO I in
Robertsdale tag/ licensing) on the arrival of her new
granddaughter, Scarlet!

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BRATS WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING NEW EMPLOYEES:



Janice Nicholson, BRATS Grants Technician. Janice and her husband, Mark, are natives of Atmore, but spent the past 30 years in the Dallas, TX area. Janice, a graduate of Texas A&M, retired from the Collin County Texas Board of Commissioners where she gained valuable experience working with federal grants. Janice and Mark have one adult son and live in the Loxley area. Janice filled the position formerly held by Tiffany Givens who transferred to Admin.



Nikki Overton, BRATS Billing Accounts Specialist. Nikki began her career with the Baldwin County Commission in March 2022 as a Buyer in the purchasing department. Although Nikki enjoyed her time in purchasing, she lives in the Foley area and sought a position that would allow for a shorter commute. Nikki, from Clarke County, Alabama, graduated from the Thomasville Campus of Coastal Alabama Community College and relocated to Baldwin County in 2017. Nikki has valuable accounts payables and customer service experience and filled the position formerly held by Christine Nichole Frost who accepted a telework position with a local credit union.



Jerita Cooley, BRATS Driver. Jerita and her husband, Sam, live in Bay Minette and she currently drives out of the Fairhope BRATS hub. Jerita worked for BRATS prior to relocating out of state and we were happy to have her return and fill the position formerly held by Jim Padgett who recently retired.

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BRATS VANS ARE BEGINNING TO ARRIVE!

BRATS ordered six (6) Ford High Roof Transit Vans from ALDOT in February 2022 to replace large buses that have exceeded their useful life. Due to delays associated with supply chain issues, the first one was finally delivered in May 2023! The Transit van is ADA compliant with a wheelchair lift and will accommodate 7 ambulatory passengers along with 1 passenger in a wheelchair. The BRATS drivers and mechanics are happy to see some new vehicles!



 **BALDWIN** COUNTY, ALABAMA
Building Department

FAIRHOPE BUILDING DEPARTMENT OFFICE WILL BE TEMPORARY CLOSED BEGINNING MEMORIAL DAY (MAY 29) FOR APPROXIMATELY 6 - 8 WEEKS

Due to relocation and renovations the Fairhope location of the Building Department is temporarily closed for 6-8 weeks. This location of the Building Department is switching offices with the Alabama Department of Public Safety in the Fairhope Satellite Courthouse!

Planning and Zoning and the Building Department are now available in the same office at the Robertsdale Central Annex! Both of these departments are located where the Library Co-Op used to live.

All Building Department Locations and Office Hours can be found on the website.

Locations & Hours
[CLICK HERE!](#)



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SENIOR ESSENTIALS EMERGENCY KIT (S.E.E.K.)



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SENIOR ESSENTIALS EMERGENCY KIT (S.E.E.K.)

The S.E.E.K. Program was developed by the Council on Aging to sustain seniors in the event of a disaster. The project addresses the need for emergency supplies and educational services among the elderly homebound and frail population of Baldwin County. The program will emphasize the importance of an evacuation plan. Time is of the essence in an emergency and this vital information will provide medical personnel with immediate history. Participants in the S.E.E.K. program will be notified prior to an impending disaster/emergency to make certain they have their plan in place and all necessary supplies in their kits including their medications.

S.E.E.K. Bag Contents:

- Packet Containing Personal Information
- Emergency Contacts
- Current List of Medications
- Medical History
- Medical Conditions & Any Specific Needs
- Compact Shoulder Bag
- Solar Thermal Blanket
- Rain Poncho
- Metal Whistle
- Antiseptic Wipes
- I.D. Wristbands



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BALDWIN COUNTY RECYCLING FACT!

DID YOU KNOW?

One ton of recycled cardboard saves 9 cubic yards of landfill space.

3' = 1 cubic yard

9 Cubic Yards

Back To School

"SALES TAX HOLIDAY"

BEGINNING ON FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023 AT 12:01 A.M. AND EXPIRING ON SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023 AT TWELVE MIDNIGHT

BACK TO SCHOOL "SALES TAX HOLIDAY"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Back to School "Sales Tax Holiday" will begin on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 12:01 a.m. and will end on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at Twelve Midnight.

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Download Baldwin Apps
Apple Store and Google Play

**LEARN MORE
HERE!**

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE BALDWIN COUNTY APPS!

Did you know that there is a Baldwin County Commission App, Baldwin County Historic Tours App, BRATS Public Transportation App, and Baldwin County Sheriff's Office App? All of these apps can be downloaded via the Apple Store or Google Play! For more information visit: <https://baldwincountyal.gov/stay-connected>

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UPCOMING HOLIDAYS/ BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION FACILITY CLOSURES



To View All Upcoming Holidays/Baldwin County Commission Facility Closures

<https://baldwincountyal.gov/facility-closures>