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## Press Release

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### Camden County Participated in National County Government Month during April

**Woodbine, Ga. (May 19, 2010)** – Camden County participated in National County Government Month (NCGM) during the month of April to highlight essential county government healthcare services and programs. The theme for this year's celebration of NCGM is "**Healthy Counties.**" The County hosted several events during April including Spotlights on the Registrar's Office and Health Department, and the launch of the 2010 class of the Citizens' Academy. Keeping consistent with the theme "Healthy Counties", the County also promoted the Great American Clean Up and Adopt-A-Highway Programs. The County will be participating in the Great American Clean Up on Saturday, May 22, 2010.

Additionally, in an effort to create awareness of the interconnectivity between government and community the County sponsored a contest for Camden County High School art students focused on the theme, "*The Essence of Our Community - What Makes Camden County Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice*". An estimated 50 pieces of art was submitted by students from the art classes at the high school. The art was judged by 3 local Camden County residents: Elizabeth Gray (Gray's Gallery & Custom Frame Shop), Pete Krawiec (local artist), and Mary Ann Kicklighter (former CCHS teacher and current Chief Registrar). The art contest was publicly recognized by an official Board of County Commissioners proclamation and all art contest winners were presented with a certificate on April 27th. Congratulations the following art contest winners: 1st Place - Heather Strickland; 2nd Place - Rebecca Blessing; and 3rd Place - Sarah Saltonstall. Award winning artwork is currently being showcased in the lobby of the Government Services Complex.

Furthermore, National County Government Month (NCGM) is the perfect opportunity to raise public "*Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice*"

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awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. In conjunction with this event, the 2010 Citizens' Academy held its orientation on Thursday, April 15th which provided the participants an opportunity to meet their classmates as well as staff members who will be providing future instruction. The first session, "Planning for Success", was also held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. For additional information regarding the Citizens' Academy, please visit <http://www.co.camden.ga.us>.

*"National County Government Month is a great opportunity for the public to take a closer look at what we do, how we do it and meet the people behind the services we provide",* said County Administrator Steve L. Howard.



**Citizens' Academy Orientation, April 15, 2010**

*Pictured from left, front row: Lissette Williams, Patti Ehrhardt, Katherine Nisi Zell, Jay Moreno, Glenn Marcel, Barbara Ann Scott, and Steve L. Howard; Pictured from left, back row: David L. Rainer, Michael Gordon, Terry Smith, Scott Alexander, Bradley Eaton, Lisa Moore, Lee Decardenas*  
*Participants not pictured: Christine Daniel, Jonathan Parker, and Tiffany S eldon*



**Spotlight on Camden County's Health Department, April 27, 2010**  
*Pictured from left: Debbie Melton and Terry Ferrell*

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**Art Contest Winners**

*Pictured from left: Heather Strickland (1st Place), Chair David Rainer, Rebecca Blessing (2nd Place), and Sarah Saltonstall (3rd Place)*



*Each piece of art depicts Camden County as "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice" in its very own, unique way!*

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