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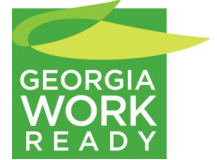
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Burke County's Starting 2011 in a positive way...

Burke County is Work Ready Certified!!!

Governor Perdue made the announcement on January 7th! Burke County was one of 10 new Certified Work Ready Communities in the State. This designation shows a county has the skilled workforce needed to meet business demands and drive economic growth, as well as the educational foundation to build a pipeline of workers ready to create ongoing success. The 10 new counties represent the 11th group to complete their Work Ready Certificate goals and successfully meet at least the required minimum increase in their county's public high school graduation rate.



Burke County increased the high school graduation rate from 60.9% to 72% and also earned 137% more certificates than the goal that was originally set.

Georgia's Work Ready initiative is based on a skills assessment and certification for job seekers and a job profiling system for businesses. For more information, please visit www.gaworkready.org

Georgia State Senator Jesse Stone was sworn in earlier this month. Senator Stone is a local attorney and former Waynesboro mayor. Senator Stone became the first senator from Burke County in more than three decades. He represents District 23 which is made up of Burke, Jefferson, Screven, Jenkins, Washington, and parts of Richmond, Emanuel, & Wilkinson Counties.



Waynesboro's Greenway Trail is complete! The trail begins at City Hall and tracks down South Liberty Street passing the public school facilities & the recreation department. The path loops through woods, wetlands, and an old railroad bed. The exercise trail totals around 4 miles.

The Greenway trail is an excellent asset to Waynesboro's quality of life! Whether people choose to walk, jog, or ride a bike; Waynesboro now offers a beautiful and safe trail for exercise.

For more community information, please visit www.burkecounty-ga.gov & view our community video.