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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT WINS
STATE, NATIONAL AWARDS

Four individuals receive highest honors

FORSYTH COUNTY, Georgia – The Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) recently recognized the Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Department with six awards. The department won four Distinguished Professional Awards and two Arts and Humanities Awards. The awards were presented November 5 at the GRPA Annual Conference in Athens, GA.

The Distinguished Professional Award is the highest award presented to one individual in each of the 12 GRPA sections. This award recognizes individuals who contributed exceptional efforts to recreation and park services. Paula Chambers won in the cultural affairs section, Laura Pate won in the programmers section, Carrie Toth won in the outdoors section and Wayne Maddox won in the athletics section.

The department also won Arts and Humanities Awards for the Sawnee Arts Festival and The Eggstraordinary Outdoor Art Project. This award recognizes original arts and humanities programs.

The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) also awarded the Parks and Recreation Department with the James Farrell ASA Award of Excellence. Maddox accepted this award which recognizes the department for conducting two of the highest-rated ASA National Championships during 2008.

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“I am extremely proud of the hard work of our department,” Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Kinsey said. “Having knowledgeable personnel who exhibit pride in their jobs is an essential ingredient to a successful and thriving parks and recreation system. We are so fortunate in Forsyth County that we have not only great facilities but also a dedicated staff to operate those facilities. With both components, a system is sure to achieve award-winning excellence.”

GRPA is a statewide association promoting local-level recreation and park areas and services. To receive more information regarding the Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Department, call 770.781.2215.

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