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Stembridge and Kings Road Roundabout Now Open



The Stembridge and Kings Road roundabout is now complete! Please remember that no big rig trucks are allowed on Kings or Stembridge.

Have a question about how to navigate a roundabout? Watch this YouTube video on "Rules of the Roundabout" <u>here.</u>

Portion of Old Sheriff's Office Building Transformed into New Cooperative Extension Office

The Baldwin County Cooperative Extension office will soon be the proud new residents of a new office building. A portion of the old Sheriff's Office is currently receiving a facelift that will be utilized for 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources, and Family & Consumer Science programming for citizens in the community.

The transformed space consists of offices and meeting spaces that will allow for great educational opportunities in the future. Additionally, the new space for the Extension office correlates with the hiring of a new Agriculture & Natural Resources agent and the upcoming hiring of a new Family & Consumer Sciences/4-H agent which will certainly bring new vigor and excitement to the Extension office and its new home.





Baldwin County Schools Superintendent Dr. Noris Price Receives State and National Recognition



Baldwin County's Dr. Noris Price has been honored with the title of 2022 Georgia Superintendent of the year by Georgia School Superintendents Association. She also received further recognition by being named as one of four finalists for the 2022 National Superintendent of the Year, an honor bestowed by The School Superintendents Association on school system leaders throughout the country who are making a positive difference in the lives of students they serve, in addition to ensuring the safety and wellness of their school communities. The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners recently honored her and her many achievements with a special proclamation.

Price was named Baldwin superintendent in June 2014. She is passionate about education being a great equalizer, an avenue for young people to overcome challenging socio-economic conditions. Under her leadership, the Baldwin High School graduation rate has grown from 66% to 85%. Dr. Price has been successful in obtaining over \$10 million in grant funds for Baldwin County Schools and

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leading the school district through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/ Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS/CASI) district accreditation process.

Numerous programs have been implemented throughout the school system due to her vision for enhancing student success: the Aspiring Leaders Program in Partnership with Georgia State University, the READ Baldwin Tutoring Program for students in grades K-3, and the REACH Program starting in 8th grade to increase the number of first-generation college students. She was instrumental in initiating and implementing the Foothills Charter School and the Ombudsman Alternative Education Program. Dr. Price also established the Montessori Academy in partnership with Georgia College. It is one of only five public Montessori Programs in Georgia. The program serves 6-week-olds to 8-year-olds.

Under her guidance, Baldwin County Schools expanded the fine arts program for all students, implemented a music therapy program for special needs students in partnership with Georgia College, established a school-based health clinic in partnership with Georgia College and Communities In Schools, initiated the Parent Laundry Resource Center, and an evening supper program for students in the after school program.

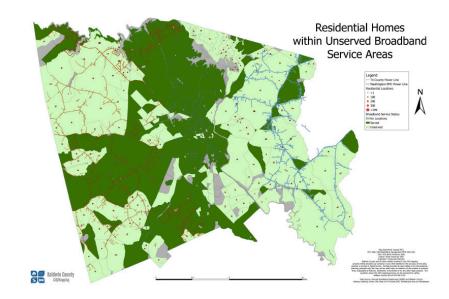
Price was born in Santiago, Dominican Republic. She came to the United States at the age of 10, not speaking any English, and settled in New York City. She attended JHS 142 and William Howard Taft in the Bronx. Dr. Price went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Wilmington College, a Master of Science in Elementary Education from Lehman College at the City University of New York, and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Price's passion for education is evident. She is a true a champion of the Baldwin County community. We are extremely proud that her hard work and dedication to not only the local public school district but also to educating young people overall have been recognized on the state level and national level.

Baldwin County Receives Broadband Grant

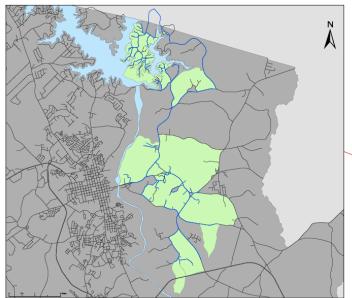
On February 1st, Governor Brian Kemp announced Baldwin County will receive \$917,916.50 to expand broadband in our community. The total project cost is \$1,835,833. Eastern Baldwin County residents will receive access to high speed internet through this project.

Remaining Baldwin County residents either have access or will have access



through Tri-County EMC, Washington EMC, Spectrum, Windstream or Zito through their planned or existing fiber optic projects. Baldwin County is excited that soon all of its residents will have access to high speed internet.

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The map above shows where Tri-County and Washington EMC will provide fiber optic cable. The map below is what the county submitted to the state. The lime green area is the remaining "unserved area" in our county. Several providers and groups sought a partnership with Baldwin County. The county held many meetings with the competing groups.

GIS Coordinator Cat Cronlund did a lot of work to put these maps together to ensure there was no duplication (competition) with any of the other service providers, which was a key determining factor for the commissioners and the state. The county added \$151,782.50 as a match in addition to Windstream's investment of \$766,134.

We thank our partner Windstream for their hard work in preparing the grant application and look forward to this partnership.