

# Talk to the Town

City of Rincon Newsletter to our Citizens, Friends, and Visitors

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## Welcome to the City of Rincon's Newsletter

We will place the Newsletters in the City Hall lobby, on the City's website, and also share it with interested persons and businesses via e-mail. Please contact us if you want to be added to the E-mail address list, or if you have some information to share that our readers might be interested in.

## October's Featured Business

### Effingham Hospital – Rincon Office

Effingham Hospital MRI branch office on Towne Park Drive West

The mission of Effingham Hospital (EH) is to provide access and delivery of quality, cost-effective and community-based healthcare to all the citizens of Effingham County. EH can be found throughout the community with facilities conveniently located in Springfield, Rincon and Port Wentworth. Regardless of which location patients experience care or services; they are assured that we are committed to compassion and healthcare excellence.



A Service of Effingham Hospital

**ECB Occupational Medicine**<sup>SM</sup>

Civic • Business • Industry

EH is growing and strengthening our connection with our community and its people – both families and businesses. Our exciting modernization project and our many new advances in diagnostic technology provide our community with tremendous opportunities to receive higher levels of care closer to home. At the same time, we continue to remain focused on the importance of building relationships – hometown medicine at its finest.



To meet the growing needs of our business and civic community partners, EH has enhanced its Occupational Medicine Program - now called **ECB Occupational Medicine**. ECB offers a broad base of important workplace wellness, safety and health education services, all so important for employers and their workforce to stay healthy and remain competitive. Through ECB, area businesses, civic organizations and industrial clients within the Effingham, Bryant and Chatham County region receive pre-employment and ongoing medical services, comprehensive workplace wellness programming, health screenings, safety education and much more.

ECB Occupational Medicine is located within the Effingham Imaging Center at 110 Goshen Road. We welcome an opportunity to meet with any business interested in our services. Please stop by to see our location or call us at (912)-826-1500.

*Featured businesses will be chosen for some unique happening in the immediate future or recent past, or at random from the community if there are no special events planned that we are aware of. If you wish to have your business acknowledged, please provide us with some information about the business and perhaps a photo (staff, business front, etc.)*

# City Going's On

*This section is about your City government and things that should be of particular interest to you.*

Back in December, the City of Rincon joined with the National League of Cities in an effort called the Prescription Drug Discount Card Program. During the first month, December 2009, 22 prescriptions were offered for consideration and 11 were approved for the program, at an average savings of \$8.25, and a total savings of \$181.55 for all 11 prescriptions. During July of 2010, 208 prescriptions were offered for consideration, and 88 were approved for the program, at an average savings of \$11.95, and a total savings of \$2,484 to the community and citizens of Rincon. Overall, 291 citizens of Rincon have saved on their prescriptions through this program. That is pretty good, isn't it?

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There is still time ! Build a "Scarecrow", and put it in place out front of your business or in your front yard. We could have our first "Scarecrow Show-off", hopefully to be followed next year with another one. And



while tourists and visitors are in Effingham and Goshen for the Oktoberfest, they can continue on up the road to Rincon to check out our scarecrows on display throughout the City. The local media should pick this up if we do a good job, and it would be a great experience for all of us. This year, there may be 50; next year there may be 150, and so on. Put them up immediately, and let's leave them up until Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, so we can "show-off" for our friends and neighbors for several weeks. City Hall will have one, will you? Call 826-5437, and tell us where your scarecrow is, so that we can visit around the 11<sup>th</sup> and take pictures, and perhaps recognize a winner in a few categories, such as: Most Original, Military Support, Most Unique, Sports Model, Honorable Mention, etc. You may even help us establish some

new categories to consider. Your neighbors will love it, you will have a good time, and the community of Rincon will benefit from what effort you put into it. You can be a part of a new "happening" in Rincon. Let's see what you can do. Share this with your friends and neighbors. We will put copies of a handout in City Hall with ideas.



Effingham Herald



Coastal Music Academy



Richard Taylor, Family Dentistry

We will have a list of Scarecrow locations at City Hall until October 16<sup>th</sup>.

There are photos of the Scarecrows at [www.SavannahNow.com](http://www.SavannahNow.com)

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The population in Rincon in the year 2000 was approximately 4,472. The population estimate for Rincon in the 2010 Census is estimated to be right at 9,000 people. The population of Rincon has just about doubled in 10 years, because of our proximity to Savannah, because of our top-notch Effingham County schools, because of our quality of life, and because of our good people and good businesses who support the community. But what does that mean to you? It means a little more traffic congestion in the morning, as we try to resolve some of those access issues. It means a longer line in City Hall to pay your water bill each month. How can you help? Well, we are always open to new ideas, but keep in mind that some may work well for you, but not for others. As for the City Hall payment lines, you could mail it in, or put it in the drop box on the back side of City Hall, or use the drive-in payment window. Our increasing population is good for Rincon because it will open up opportunities for more and better services, like recycling and Patriot Park and the Lions Club Building. But bear in mind that there are always going to be little issues that we have to work our way through, with your help.

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Did you hear? Just a short while ago, the Rincon Police Department captured five persons involved in a home invasion in Rincon. Now, the Rincon Police Department (in cooperation with several other law enforcement agencies) has captured the GeoVista Credit Union robbery crew. Aren't you glad that you live in a community where your safety and the protection of your family is a high priority?

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FYI: The City of Rincon is always trying to promote ideas that will encourage visitors to come to our fair City to spend the day, enjoy good food and a good time, and spend a few dollars in our stores and businesses. One of these ideas may be a Hobbies and Collectibles Show in the cooler winter months (is it ever cool in south Georgia), at the Lions Club Building after we get it renovated and more ready for large groups. Do you have a Hobby (model cars, pocket knives, colored glass, etc.)? Would you be interested in showing your collection off to your friends and neighbors (and visitors to our community)? Do you have some extra Collectibles that you might be willing or interested in selling (military memorabilia, teapots, badges, cookie jars, etc.). This would not be a Swap Meet, or a Flea Market. This would be a Hobbies and Collectibles Show, that might allow a local collector to sell of a few "extras" or "duplicates". This could become an annual event that might be a draw of tourists (and collectors) from all over the region, and off the interstate for those Florida and northeast folks. Think about it. Give us some input at the email address in this newsletter or telephone the City Manager and talk about your ideas and thoughts. Your input would be appreciated. Just FYI, did you know that the City Manager is working on a Guinness Book of World Records recognition for his Novelty Telephone collection? (Over 1,000 different novelty telephones).

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FYI: Our vocabulary keeps growing (not to mention our Southern slang words). Recently I heard "garage sale junkie". My wife pegged me with that one. In my case it might be "thrift store/flea market/yard sale/garage sale junkie". There are great deals out there (collectors, fill-an-empty-space, do-it-yourself tools, a gift for the grandchildren). Keller's Flea Market is down the road, and has lots of visitors (buyers and sellers). Yard Sales on Saturday mornings in Rincon are lots of fun, and offer unique "stuff" at good prices, that still have use. Get up a little early and go check them out. And then remember, part of the fun is showing it off to those people that your wife or husband thinks are not interested. Sometimes, they really are!

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Friendly Reminder: Do you know who wrote "Amazing Grace" ? It was John Newton in 1779. Do you know who the piano player is with the Statler Brothers? His name is Bill Walker, and he has played for Johnny Cash, Eddy Arnold, Chet Atkins, Loretta Lynn, and Tennessee Ernie Ford. Do you know who the man is that you see picking up trash off the sides of the roads in Rincon; who is helping to keep our city beautiful for you, and for others? Do you know who the organist at the church is, and how long she has been doing that for you? Do not overlook the "forgotten heroes" in our own community. We have a "quality of life" that we enjoy, and they are part of the reason for having it. Say "Thank You".

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### **Community Groups and What You Should Know**

The Effingham Theatre group is doing Murder Mystery Dinner Shows. The recent Sherlock Holmes case at Kelly's Tavern in Springfield only involved a \$10 Admission Fee, and a show-menu meal was an additional

\$10. The audience was allowed to participate with the actors in determining the culprit of the crime. The “who-dunnit” was lots of fun, and helped the Effingham Theatre group raise needed funds. Another Mystery Dinner is scheduled for October 4, 5, 11, and 12 at 7:00pm on the patio at Kelly’s Tavern. Doors open at 6:30pm; call ahead for reservations.

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Historic Effingham Society will present their Effingham Festival on Saturday, October 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Effingham Museum and Living History Site in Springfield. Enjoy soup and cornbread, baked goods and much more while you take in our local living history. All are welcome.

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MedBank - Bridging the Gap with Prescription Assistance

Mission - MedBank is a volunteer organization that makes certain prescription medications available to needy residents of Chatham, Effingham, and Bryan Counties with chronic health conditions.

How MedBank Works - Helps patients access drug manufacturer’s Patient Assistance Programs to obtain prescription medications free-of-charge. Referrals are accepted by fax or mail at any time. We fill out the applications for each medication a patient needs. Signed and processed applications are mailed to the pharmaceutical companies. The physician receives a 90 day supply of medications from the pharmaceutical companies and provides it to their patients. New/Current patients may receive an initial 30 day supply of medications if funding is available

Where you can get assistance - St.Luke Episcopal Church at 155 Goshen Road, Rincon, GA

Starting every Wednesday beginning September 22nd 3-5:30pm 826-3332

What you need to bring:

- Copies of all insurance cards
- Medicaid Denial letter
- Income proof for everyone in the household (within the last 30 days)
- Most recent income tax return
- Social Security, Supplemental SS, and Social Security Disability benefit letter
- Copy of Pension benefit statement
- Last 3 paystubs
- Alimony, Child Support, TANF and Food Stamps
- Support from family or friends (food, bills, shelter, etc.)
- Worker’s Comp.
- Unemployment benefit letter
- Most recent Checking/Saving account bank statements

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The Guyton United Methodist Church is holding a Harvest Festival (an Arts and Crafts Show) at the church on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 7pm; and on Saturday, October 30, from 9am to 7pm. The church is at the corner of Church and Fourth Street in Guyton. If you would like more information or would like to be considered as a vendor, call 856-2386. The United Methodist Church of Guyton’s Harvest Festival includes a Brothers Grimm one act play at 4:00pm on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

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Recycling Is Worth It. The City of Rincon diverts yard and tree trimmings into free mulch at the Public Works office at West 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Carolina Avenue; this keeps it out of landfills, puts it back into a useful life, and makes us all feel better about ourselves. Think about it. Where would they want to build that next landfill or incinerator? Georgia pays more than \$100 Million each year to bury materials that are worth \$250 Million, and then we have to turn around and buy it back from someone else, to make the things we need. Georgia recycles 8% of the paper consumed in the United States, recycles one-third of all #1 plastic (PET) bottles in North America into carpet in Georgia, and has one of the largest aluminum used-beverage-can recyclers in the world in Greensboro, GA. Oils and food products go into the garbage can, not the disposal and sewer, where they have to be further treated (at a cost that you ultimately pay) before being put back into the creeks and streams where the Savannah Water System draws its water (which, by the way, will also now be part of our water

according to Georgia EPD, so, needless to say, we want it clean). Did you know that nearly one pound out of each seven pounds of waste in Georgia landfills comes from out-of-state, from outside Georgia's borders? Statewide Municipal Solid Waste tipping fees are about \$35.97 per ton (low compared to other states), and the "per capita" waste in Georgia is about 7 lbs per person, per day. That is about \$45.00 per year, per person, that goes into the trash; and you are having to pay that. Did you know that Aluminum can be recycled over, and over, and over? Paper. We have a paper plant right here in Rincon that can use all of the recycled paper that you save, and there is a drop-off point at WalMart and the Habitat ReStore for several of these recyclables. Do you have old tires? Take them to the tire store; see if he will get rid of them for you, even if you have to give him a couple of dollars to cover the disposal fees. Don't throw them in the ditch, and particularly not in the creeks and streams. How many cans do we throw away each year? Grant money and Stimulus funds are going to be less available next year, so we are going to have to do a better job for ourselves. Do you know what "water harvesting" is? It means catching the rainwater off the roof in a barrel, and using it to feed the flowers and plants in the yard when it is not raining. And let's not forget about litter. Why throw it out the car window when you can drop it in the trash at your next stop. If it is in the truck bed, then you should be putting it in a plastic bag to drop off later. Let's Keep America Beautiful. Let's Keep Rincon Beautiful; after all, we live here. Rincon will be talking (working on) a lot more about "recycling" in the near future. Get on board, make it a new habit, and help us make it successful. All of this information is on the Georgia DCA's website. Good stewardship is cheaper than after-the-fact cleanups. We want our workforce (and our children) to be building things, not burying things.

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## Good Food & Recipes for Reading

### Two for the Price of One :

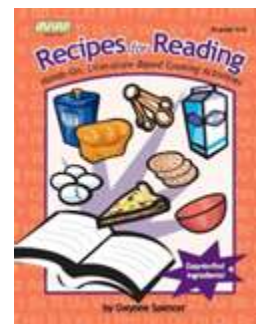
From "Past & Present" Recipe Book by Rincon United Methodist Church

#### Pecan Pie (by Kim McGee)

##### Ingredients:

1 stick Butter	½ cup Brown Sugar
½ cup White Sugar	¾ cups Dark Karo Syrup
¼ teaspoon Salt	3 Eggs
1 cup Whole Pecans	

Melt butter and let cool. Beat eggs and add sugars, syrup, melted butter. Add salt. Add pecans and put in unbaked piecrust. Bake at 300 degrees until firm (for about one hour). Makes a big pie.



#### Pecan Pie (by Delores Duker)

##### Ingredients:

1¼ cup Sugar	1½ cup pecans
3 Eggs	1 teaspoon Vanilla
½ cup Karo Syrup	¼ cup Margarine

Beat well and pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to one hour.

Do you have a simple recipe to share ? Send it to us.

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## Did You Know?

The State and National Elections will be coming up the first Tuesday in November (which is November 2<sup>nd</sup>). There are incumbent and new candidates to be considered. Take time to get to know the candidates and their stand on various issues. They will be making decisions on your behalf for the next four years. With the recovering economy, there will be a lot of significant decisions to be made by them. Your vote counts.

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This newsletter is printed in a size 12, Times New Roman font. Why is that important to you? Well, so you can read it and be comfortable in clearly understanding the information that is provided. Have you ever tried to read those little words on the over-the-counter medications that tell you what may happen to you as a result of using

that particular medication? Have you ever tried to read a book or magazine, where it appears they are trying to save money on paper, and even Sherlock Holmes' magnifying glass will not help? And today, when you go on-line on the computer and Internet, they pop-up with a good story, and you have to lean over the computer to be able to read it? It is fairly common practice that a size 12 font is good for reading "papers", so why do they print things in smaller sizes? There are four basically recommended "types" of fonts: Times New Roman, **Georgia** (that should tell you something), Arial, and Verdana (which is spaced a little wider for easier reading). Yes, that spacing does take up more room; but what would you rather do, pay for adding five more pages, or close the book because your eyes are blurring and your head hurts? On computers, they are saying that font size 14 is better; but who can tell what size it is when it pops-up on the screen? I read an on-line research paper as background for this paragraph on "Font Type and Size for Older Adults", and printed it out so I could refer to it. When it came out of the printer, it was size 8, really! Take this newsletter with you and look at the print font in your children's school books, or the church bulletin, or the newspaper. If you get an ad for Avon or for a new Ford pickup, it's not a size 8, it's a size 20! It's bad enough to stop reading the newspaper because you don't like the bad news in it; but some of us are having trouble just being able to separate and read the words on the pages. We should start a new cheer – "Print the 12". Now, I will get down off the soap box.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 9, 9:00am to 4:00pm – Historic Effingham Society will present their Effingham Fall Festival at the Effingham Museum in Springfield.

Monday, October 11, 7:00pm – Rincon City Council Meeting, Chambers on 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Monday, October 25, 7:00pm – Rincon City Council Meeting, Chambers on 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Saturday, October 30 – Halloween Trick-or-Treating in Rincon

Sunday, November 7 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

Thursday, November 11 – Veteran's Day

## Old South Charm

*Do you have a story to tell about Rincon? Perhaps some piece of history that others might not know. Tell us about it.*

## New Comers to Rincon

Please check out our website [www.cityofrincon.com](http://www.cityofrincon.com). It should have answers for many of your questions. E-mail the Rincon City Manager with ideas for improving the newsletter, information, questions, comments, and upcoming events, etc. at [RinconCityMgr@cityofrincon.com](mailto:RinconCityMgr@cityofrincon.com). The City Manager will answer and include items wherever appropriate and newsworthy to the community. Please feel free to share this Newsletter with your friends, neighbors, and family as you feel is appropriate. Photos for the Newsletter are welcome, and may be used as needed and as appropriate. Some e-mail addresses are limited in the "size" of an e-mail accepted to stop "spam" and "viruses", so, some of you may receive this Newsletter in two parts. If you wish to sign-on to our e-mail list to receive the Talk to the Town Newsletter, just send us an e-mail.

This Month's Friendship Theme:  
"There is no dress rehearsal for life."

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