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Camden County Recognizes St. Marys Railroad

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – July 13, 2016 – The Camden County Board of Commissioners recognized Doug Vaught with the St. Marys Railroad last night, July 12, 2016, for his gracious contribution to the employees and families of Camden County, who were recently able to experience the history, fun and adventure of scenic woodlands and marshlands of St. Marys, Georgia while riding on open-air rail cars. The train rides were a big hit and passengers really enjoyed the Patriotic ride that honored our nation's birthday.

"Thank you for recognizing Camden County's greatest assets - our employees," said Steve Howard, County Administrator. "The response to your offer of free train rides on the 4th of July weekend to our employees and their families has been truly amazing. I'd like to express our thanks for all you do for the community, our employees, and the promotion of Camden County to the Georgia film industry."



L to R: Commissioner Chair, Jimmy Starline and Doug Vaught

Trains have always been an important part of American history. It was 1908 when St. Marys rail service first began and back then, the trains were pulled by wood burning locomotives. Today's St. Marys Express is powered by a General Motors Electro-motive Division GP-16u locomotive, built in 1952. While moving a whopping 10 miles per hour through woodlands, marshlands, and across the picturesque Dark Entry Creek, narrators treat you to a glimpse into yesteryear. Your midway experience may include live scarecrows, hoboes, zombies, cowboys, pirates, or even Santa, depending on the excursion and time of year you choose to ride the train.

Did you know less than 6% of America's population have never ridden on a train? The St. Marys Express and St. Marys Railroad, in partnership with St. Marys Little Theatre by the Trax, hopes to change that. If you would like more information about St. Marys Railroad and the St. Marys Express, please visit their website at www.stmarysrailroad.com.

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About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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