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Troup County Announces Grand Reopening of the Don Weatherington Aquatic Center at the William J. Griggs Complex

Troup County, Ga. June 14, 2024 – The Troup County Board of Commissioners is excited to announce that the Grand Reopening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Don Weatherington Aquatic Center will be held on Thursday, June 27th at 10am followed by open community swimming from 12pm-5pm at the William J. Griggs Complex, located at 716 Glenn Robertson Drive in LaGrange!*

This upgraded facility honors Donald Weatherington, a Troup County Hall of Fame honoree who worked both as a school teacher and alongside Mr. Griggs for Troup County. Over the course of his career and volunteer-work, he taught countless children how to swim, trained lifeguards to reinforce pool supervision, and led Water Safety Instructor classes to grow the number of qualified trainers in the community.

The addition of an outdoor pool will provide further options for open-air physical activities in Troup County, including swimming lessons and water aerobics, which will greatly improve users' water safety skills and hopefully instill a lifetime of enjoyment and wellbeing in the water for generations to come. Registration for swimming lessons and water aerobics at the new Aquatic Center will **soon** be available on www.troupprec.org. For more information regarding program registration, drop-in swimming, or membership pricing, please contact the William J. Griggs Complex: (706) 883-1657 or the Mike Daniel Recreation Center: (706) 883-1670.

Along with the approximately 5,000 square foot multi-function pool, the new upgrades also include a covered pavilion, an enclosed slide, a splash pad area, multiple fountain jets, bathrooms, showers, a concession area, and shade umbrellas. Pool features such as a zero-entry area will provide ease and comfort to children and new swimmers, a shallow end will accommodate swimming lessons and visitors looking to relax, and a deeper section of the pool will offer space for lap swimmers, making this a valuable site for people of all ages and skill levels.

This phase of the William J. Griggs Complex Enhancements Project was funded by a \$1M grant from the Callaway Foundation, Inc. and a \$2.2M grant from the State of Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budgets (American Rescue Plan Act), with remaining costs covered by Troup County and the City of LaGrange's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) dollars.

"It is with a great deal of enthusiasm and appreciation that we announce the Don Weatherington Aquatic Center is coming to fruition," said District 5 Commissioner Dr. Jimmy D. McCamey, Jr. In recognizing the collaboration between private stakeholders and city, county, and state governments, Commissioner McCamey wishes to extend his gratitude to Governor Brian Kemp, Troup County Government, The City of LaGrange, and the Callaway Foundation, Inc. for supporting this enhancement project.

The Don Weatherington Aquatic Center's regular business hours will begin on Friday, June 28th with the following schedule: Monday – Thursday: 12pm-7pm, Friday: 10am-5pm, Saturday: 12pm-5pm, Sunday: 1pm-5pm. However, the pool will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day.

***Please note that children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a legal adult, and anyone who plans to swim must have appropriate swim attire – no street clothes or shoes are allowed in the pool.**

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