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Springhill School Ribbon Cutting Mar. 6

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education and Perry Area Historical Society announce the opening of Springhill School. A ribbon cutting will take place on **March 6, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.** Ellie Loudermilk, retired educator and Historical Society President, will give an overview of the restoration and the availability of Springhill for educational purposes. A tour of the school will follow.

On July 29, 2009, Springhill School was relocated to the site of the legendary 1926 Perry Panther gym. This came about after Loudermilk presented a proposal to the Board of Education in September 2008 to relocate Springhill to property south of the board's central office. The Perry Area Historical Society, the Board of Education, and many community sponsors have worked diligently to bring this project to fruition.

The building was constructed in 1905. According to the *1915 Educational Survey of Houston County, Georgia*, the one-room schoolhouse was originally built three miles north of Perry. It was valued at \$700 in 1915 with annual maintenance costs of \$400. In 1915 the school had one teacher, Miss Laura Talton, who taught six different grades to 28 students. The school closed in 1925.

With the restoration, Springhill may be used for educational purposes such as school fieldtrips. The renovated one-room school now provides handicap access and restroom facilities. Located on Beckham Circle behind the Herman Ragin Center, parking is available on Beckham Circle and at the Board of Education.

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