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**Subject:** City, County, Kiwanis joint effort

Now that we have worked out agreements to use tax dollars to purchase the walking track and sheriff's hanger and are looking at spending tax dollars to buy land for the golf course and even discussing the possibility of buying land where the bike trail is located, could we consider a joint effort to save the fairgrounds as well?

On the outside chance that you have not heard one of our pleas for help, We would like to reiterate: The Kiwanis Fairgrounds should not be sold !!!!!!!

Since 1949, that is 65 continuous years, the Kiwanis Fairgrounds have been a part of the community. The Kiwanis Club has been entrusted by the city and county with that property and has worked well with both governments for the betterment of Spalding County. An infrastructure valued at over \$1,500,000.00 has been added to the property, much of which was done with volunteer labor and donated materials. This property is used by many groups in addition to Kiwanis for fund raisers, scholarships, recognition banquets, community activities, Boy and Cub Scout Camps, Eagle Scout recognitions, 4-H activities, Salvation Army, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Veterans Groups, National Guard Appreciation, Hospital Auxiliary, Griffin and Spalding High ROTC programs, Teacher and student recognitions, Southside Rider Christmas Party, Relay For Life walks and recognitions, Stepping Stones fund raisers, Spalding County Kiwanis Club, Kiwanianne Club, etc. The Kiwanis club alone, not counting all the other organizations, since 1977 has returned over \$2,500,000.00 to community charities with fund raisers using this property.

Most likely the fairgrounds property will appraise at \$400,000.00+. If the Kiwanis Club is forced to buy at that price and pay the \$18,100.00 appraisal, we will no longer be able to serve our community as we have in the past. Could we participate with the city and the county to buy the property. Could it return to city/county ownership? The Kiwanis Club is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, we would like to continue to be a positive influence in the Griffin/Spalding area.

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