Hackers bring down website for Oconee

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WALHALLA — A hacker brought down Oconee County's officials website Tuesday.

Oconee officials discovered that someone from somewhere in the world had unauthorized access and tampered with the site.

. Department heads reported experiencing "technical difficulties" with the website, and that outdated information was "showing up."

County Administrator Scott Moulder said the hacker put a text file behind a county data text that read: "Fatal error 'ownz' you."

Moulder said hackers score points anytime they gain access and plant a "trophy" on a website.

"It wasn't malicious," Moulder said. "We reported it to our web master to restrict future access."

Moulder said the unauthorized access was discovered Tuesday morning and the website was back up and running in the afternoon.

Moulder said that no sensitive information or financial data was ever at risk during the episode.

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