

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Labor Day—**  
September  
2nd
- **Commissioners' Meetings**  
Tuesday, Sep-  
tember 3rd  
and Monday  
16th, October  
7th and 21st

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## Parks and Recreation News

By: Ashley Williams

### Summer 2013: July Updates!!

We had some great sports camps in July for girls and boys.

**July 8-10<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Camp:** We had 25 girls for volleyball camp. They did a great job of learning new skills and drills for volleyball. They had fun learning to dive and spike the ball. Thanks to Angela Outzs and Ruth Miller, Dillard Middle School Coaches, for coaching the girls.

**July 15-19<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball Camp:** We had 12 Boys that learned new skills to help them with basketball. They learned dribbling, passing, playing defense, shooting, boxing out and rebounding. Many thanks to Marshall Corbett, Dillard Middle School Boys Basketball Coach, for taking time to help with the boys.

**July 15-19<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Camp:** We have 5 girls that were in the camp; learning skills to help with basketball. They learned dribbling, passing, playing defense, shooting, boxing out and rebounding. Many thanks to Alfreda Corbett, Dillard Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, for taking time to help with the girls.

**July 15-18<sup>th</sup> Girls Softball Camp:** We had 22 girls that were in the softball camp. They learned valuable skills to help them with playing softball.

Base stealing, fielding stance, lock and load batting, and relay teams were some of the great skills they learned. Thanks to Jessye Crews, Taylor Dix, and Jessica Long (Averett College Softball players) for teaching the girls.

**July 17-19<sup>th</sup> Boys Baseball Camp:** We had 15 boys were in the baseball camp. They learned skills to help with batting and fielding. Thanks to Scott and John David Slade, and LT Turner for help with the boys and teaching them skills to help them with baseball.

**July 22-24<sup>th</sup> Football camp:** We had 19 boys for football camp. They worked on throwing, catching, blocking and running. They scrimmaged and learned how to correctly get in position to be ready to block. Thanks to Johnny Mitchell, Dillard Football Coach, for working with the guys.

**July 22-26<sup>th</sup> Tennis Camp:** We had 8 in the tennis camp. They learned a great deal for keeping score to serving and returning the ball. All the players improved as the week went on and they really enjoyed the camp. Thanks to Alfreda Corbett, Dillard Tennis Coach, for working with the players.

Youth Football and Soccer will be starting games sometimes during the week of August 26<sup>th</sup>. We are going to have

about 15 teams for the soccer leagues and about 6 teams for flag and tackle football. They will play games into the month of October. Most games are on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings.

Adult Softball will be starting games the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>. Games are on Mondays and Wednesdays and run until October. It is looking like we will have at least 4 teams in softball.

The next sports that will be coming up are youth volleyball and basketball. Youth volleyball will have sign-ups in September and play in middle October and November. Basketball sign-ups are October and November and games are January and February. We will send out information to the schools and put updates on the Facebook page/Caswell Parks.

We will also be starting back Zumba after the Labor Day Holiday. We will be getting out the information on days and times as soon as possible. Normally the class are on Monday nights at 6:30pm in the CCPR gym.





"Education is,  
not a  
preparation for  
life; education  
is life itself."  
-John Dewey

## Caswell County Family Services

By: Mary Griffin

I have always heard and agreed that knowledge is power. This definitely holds true when working for a non-profit program. When the opportunity arose for my director and me to attend The Duke Non-Profit Management Program that was sponsored by Danville Regional Foundation, I quickly explored what I needed in order to attend. We quickly applied and were very fortunate to be one of the 19 to be accepted. Starling McKenzie, senior program officer for DRF, informed us just how fortunate we were when he explained that this program is very difficult to get accepted in due to that people from China, Australia

and all over the world sign up to try to participate. I would suggest all non-profit programs to attend this program, not only due to that it is presented by Duke University, GO BLUE DEV-ILS!!!, but also because we gained much knowledge on what grantors are looking for, how to have a Board that is involved and active, how to create a strategic plan for your program and much more. Family Services of Caswell County will certainly benefit from this program. We strive to use the information we obtained to create a program that will be able to assist more victims of domestic violence and to share the knowledge with our fel-

low non-profits here in Caswell County to build a stronger community. A special thanks goes out to Starling McKenzie and Danville Regional Foundation for organizing and providing this program at a very reasonable cost and to Kimberly Hamlett for working with our 501c3 Board in funding the cost that was required so that we was able to attend. Congratulations also to Nate Hall, Executive Director for D.E.E.D.S and Catesby Denison, Foundation Assistant for The Danville Science Center who were the only other two residents from Caswell County to attend and receive their certificate.

## Environmental Health

By: Donnie Powell

In May Environmental Health welcomed Matt Maness as he joined our department. Matt graduated from UNCW with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science and a minor in Biology. We are very excited about Matt bringing a fresh new perspective to our staff and look forward to him becoming a valuable addition to the Caswell County Government family.

Our department continues to integrate the FDA Food Code into our inspection process as we teach and enforce the new rules. (FDA Food Code became effective September 1, 2012) Most of our facilities are somewhat



familiar with this national code because it has been in place in other states previous to North Carolina's adoption last year. We ask that all of our partners be patient with us through this process. We like other counties across the state are "learning as we go" and plan to have all estab-

lishments compliant as soon as possible.

In other news, we are beginning the process of moving into the digital age. Our staff is tackling the task of scanning and digitizing all of our files. This will be a long process as we have accumulated years of permits that need to be retained. Our goal is to create an electronic file system that can be searched quickly, backed up and easily reproduced. Our current system is not backed up and could not be reproduced in the event of a natural disaster or fire.

We are definitely excited about the future of the Environmental Health Program in Caswell County.

# Upcoming Library Programs

By: Rhonda Griffin

## Children's Programs – YAY!!!!

Once school starts back, so does Story Time!

Wednesday - **Lambs and Lions** 10:00 am – ages 0-5.

Tuesday - **Book Baggers** after school – ages 6 – 12. Join the fun!!!



Teen Programs – Once school starts back, the library will host teen programs every Thursday from 3:30 – 4:30. Crafts, games, contest and more...

**Let's Talk About It!!!**  
The Friends of the Library will be hosting a "Let's Talk About It Series" provided

through a NC Humanities Council Grant. The first book discussion will be held Saturday October 26 from 10:30 – 12:30 in the library meeting room. The book series features: "Tar Heel Fiction: Stories of Home": Raney – Clyde Edgerton. Discussions will be led by a local scholar.



*"The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green."  
-Thomas Carlyle*

# Movies at the Library!

**Skyfall (2012)**  
145 min

Ratings: 7.8/10

Bond's loyalty to M is tested when her past comes back to haunt her. Whilst MI6 comes under attack; 007 must track down and destroy the threat, no matter how personal the cost.

**Director:** Sam Mendes  
**Writers:** Neal Purvis, Robert Wade  
**Stars:** Daniel Craig, Judi Dench, Javier Bardem

**Coofs:**  
When Bond is about to fight Patrice in Shanghai, the hammer of his gun changes its position (cocked and un-cocked) multiple times.

In the Shanghai Tower scene, the terrorist/sniper is seen operating a manual, bolt action rifle. Right after during the fight with James Bond, the gun is shot several times just as if it was a semi-automatic weapon.





## More Library News

By: Rhonda Griffin

The Friends of the Library will be hosting a book sale September 21st—28th in the Library meeting room. The book sale will begin during the Hoedown and run through the following week. Funds raised from the book sale are used to provide children and teen programs, maintain the butterfly garden, etc.



Help support the Library.

### Ipads for Kids

The Library now has Ipads available in the Children's Area. The Ipads contain learning and interactive games and give both children and adults a chance to experience this developing technology.



## Getting Ready for Fall at the Senior Center

By Robbie Jean Yarbrough

The Senior Center is getting ready for the fall months ahead.

Some of our exciting events coming up are a breakfast that will be September 11, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. We have a wonderful Country Breakfast for only \$5.00. Please call to sign up! Come join us!!

Another event that will be held September 13, 2013 is a parking lot/

patio sale. This will start at 8:00 am. You can reserve a spot for only \$10 for a parking space and \$5 for a small table that you furnish. If you do not want to reserve a spot come on over and shop for awhile. We would be glad to have you!!

These events are sponsored by the Advisory Board as a fundraiser for the Senior Center.

We are getting ready to travel again in October. We have a trip planned to Nashville, Tennessee. Maybe by some small chance one of us may become a star. We are looking forward to a great time of fun and fellowship. We are always looking for new Meals on Wheels volunteers. Our exercise room is open for anyone 55 or over. Come join us!!

### COUNTY 911 Officer makes Dean's List

Pamela Anthony has been named to the Dean's List for the spring terms at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. She is a junior and is majoring in business administration/public administration. Anthony plans to pursue her masters degree when she finishes her undergraduate work. Pamela is a training officer at the Caswell County 911 Center. Congratulations Pamela, we are so proud of your accomplishments!!!

"Friendship is a word, the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm."

-Augustine Birrell

# Keep Your Home Safe While Away

By: Melissa Williamson

While you're away from home, make sure your personal property doesn't end up in the hands of a burglar. Protecting your home can be as easy as making it look occupied while you're gone.

Here are some simple measures you can take that can pay off in security and peace of mind:

- Leave drapes and shades open. If closed, it's a sign you're gone.

- Don't stop all deliveries. Have someone you trust pick up mail and newspapers every day.

- Leave a radio on. It signals to a burglar that someone's home. Also, turn the volume adjustment on your telephone bell down so a prowler will be less likely to hear the ringing of an unanswered call.

- Use automatic light timers. Set them to turn lights on

and off in different rooms at different times.

- Park a car in your driveway or parking space. If you plan to be gone for just a few days, park your second car in the driveway or space, or ask a neighbor to park a car there.

This not only gives the impression you're home but also stops burglars from backing up a van and loading your possessions.



*"The chief condition on which life, health, and vigor depend on, is action.*

*It is by action that an organism develops its faculties, increases its energy, and attains the fulfillment of its destiny."*

*-Pierre-Joseph Proudhon*

## Happy Retirement, Mr. David Kennedy!!

Mr. David Kennedy was honored with a retirement reception by the employees of Caswell Department of Social Services on Wednesday, August 28, 2013. He has been coming to Caswell County for 41 years serving veterans and their families. He will retire with 42 years of service with the State of North Carolina and 41 years of service with the N.C. Division of Veteran Affairs. He has helped many veterans in Caswell County receive benefits from the Federal Department of Veteran Affairs. Mr. Kennedy will be well missed by many, especially the employees of the Caswell County Department

of Social Services, whom he would treat with a basket of candy every Wednesday. Mr. Kennedy plans to enjoy life bike riding, swimming, and working in his yard. Also he

plans to continue to be a servant of others by facilitating divorce recovery groups for his church. Good Luck and God Bless, Mr. Kennedy.



# Extension News

BY: Sherry Ramsey



Some of you may have noticed a new face around the county over the past couple of weeks. Mike Lanier is not new to Extension however he may be new to some of you in the county. Mike is the Area Agri Business Agent responsible for Agricultural Economic Development and he is also the Local Foods Coordinator. Mike is working through the North Carolina A&T Extension program, which is part of North Carolina Cooperative Extension. He will be in the Caswell Extension Office one day a week usually on Mondays or Tuesdays. If you have any questions for Mike, please give him a call at 336.694.4158.

## **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been detected in North Carolina**

The emerald ash borer (EAB) has been detected in North Carolina for the first time. The detection was made in Granville County with the collection of an adult beetle that was confirmed by taxonomists. Several other sites in Granville County also had trees with classic signs and symptoms of EAB including D-shaped exit holes, meandering galleries, dieback and thinning crowns, epicormic sprouting, vertical bark splitting, and increased woodpecker activity. There were trees in Person and Vance County that displayed positive signs also.

Because of the serious nature of this invasive pest, a quarantine has been implemented for Granville, Person and Vance Counties. This quarantine will restrict the movement of ash trees, ash logs, etc. from these counties to other areas of the state. It will also restrict the movement of hardwood fire-

wood from these areas. These are the same as those imposed in other states where EAB has been found



as this is a federally regulated pest.

## CCPR Youth Program

By: Tonya Pegg

The Caswell County JCPC (Juvenile Crime Prevention Council) has undergone several changes since the new financial year began. The Park and Recreation Department is presently sponsoring the Caswell County Youth Outreach/Enrichment Program.

This program includes a social skills training class, "That's Life, Why Try", Community Service/

Restitution and Teen Court. Tonya Pegg is the program administrator. The CCPR Youth O/E Program offices are at the Guilford Mills/Mental Health building, Offices 403 and 404. You are invited to stop by anytime.





# EMS Corner

## Tragedy on the Home Front

I hear all too often, "How can EMS deal with the pain and agony of people every day they work?" It is a passion to help that allows EMS to overcome such things that bring some people to a condition of inability to do anything. There is a myth that people who work medical related jobs seldom get sick or deal with the heartache of severe injuries or death. Not true!

Since I was given the honor of becoming Director of Caswell County EMS (CCEMS), July 1, 2011, there have been at least 10 deaths of immediate family members of CCEMS employees, one as recently as last week. Also there has been, at least, one serious motor vehicle accident resulting in a prolonged hospital stay. So yes, we do understand and sympathize with every patient, every loss, and every heartache.

Currently CCEMS is struggling with a daily reminder of the ravages of cancer. Ms. Windy Wiseman was recently diagnosed with cancer and is well into the treatments. She is very open about her quest against cancer and wants everyone possible to learn how to cope with and fight against it. Everyday she comes to work she inspires CCEMS to perform their duties, obtain education to provide the best and most applicable treatment (she is in class to become a paramedic), and serve those in their worst time of need. You may have seen Ms. Wiseman, clearly recognizable by a brilliant smile, outgoing personality and no hair. I asked, she said it would be okay to say that about her hair. Just to add insult to injury, her mother has cancer that has now spread to her spine. The prognosis for her mother is not good.

Next time you see her or any CCEMS employee I hope that you look at them in a different light. We do understand what you are experiencing. I hope that you accept when CCEMS employees says, it is not just words, we are sorry for the situation that you are in when we are providing assistance.

## Doing the right thing when it matters the most!

(An email received).

Hi Mr. Sicz,

My name is Jessica Barnwell. Yesterday my amazing cousin, Destiny Dodson, passed away in her sleep

where she lived with my parents. My husband and I were in visiting so we were there for everything. With it being such an unexpected thing my entire family was devastated. Your men were great but there was one in particular that was beyond amazing to us. I did not catch his name so I will try to describe him to you. He was there as a volunteer fire fighter but mentioned that he works as a paramedic. He had a reddish tint to his hair. I also noticed a tattoo on his arm that looked to me like a medical symbol. He also mentioned that his son just turned a year old and has another child on the way. I don't know if this is enough information to know who I am speaking of but I wanted you to know that I know I couldn't have held myself together if it was not for him. I could tell that he truly cared about what me and my family were going through. My parents, of course, were completely devastated. He was so amazing at calming them down and making sure they were okay. He made us all feel better. Everyone has mentioned how much of a blessing he was. I truly believe God blessed my family with someone so thoughtful and caring when we needed it the most. As I think about yesterday especially those first few hours he was the only glimpse of hope and light we had. I will never forget what he had done for us and will be forever grateful. I was also wondering if there is a way I can send him a thank you note. I would like for him to know how much of a blessing he was to us.

(This amazing story refers to **Tim Shaver**. Thank you Tim for everything you did for this family.)

## A Can of Worms

I have been at this job for over two years now. Thank you for allowing me to lead those who have such a significant role in the health and well-being of the citizens of Caswell County. I feel, however, that we can do more and do better. There are things in the works, but there is room for more, to accomplish just that.

BY: Jeff Sicz

I have answered my fair share of complaints. In all of them, legitimate or not, there was something to learn, something that could be "tweaked", something that caused me to do some research or think, and something that required that I thank the person who submitted it. I have told CCEMS employees if you are attentive at all training sessions, you may not learn what to do, but what not to do. In the EMS profession you go to scenes that cause heartache, joy, or simply confusion or frustration. Trust me, we learn from these situations. However, CCEMS knows that things happen that we never see. Situations occur in which CCEMS may never get involved. That is learning missed. It is the "street wisdom" that is not taught in classes and at training. Training that is lost in modern technology and shortsightedness. Help CCEMS to improve. If that help is in the form of a complaint, so be it. If it is in the form of stopping us at one of the early morning gathering spots and asking us questions, please do. If it is calling the Emergency Management Coordinator, a Shift Supervisor or me, 336-694-5177 is the number. As long as CCEMS can learn I look forward to, "You guys did a great job, BUT...", or "Why did you do this that way?" and "Have you thought about this or that?" We have some brilliant people that work at CCEMS, a massive amount of experience, and openness to change. We can't, however, improve and progress to our greatest extent without your help. Yes, I may have opened a can of worms. Being true to my belief, there is something positive to learn from every situation. In this case I may have learned how many worms are in the can or emptied the can so I can use it for a constructive purpose.





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EMBRACING THE FUTURE*

### Caswell County Sheriff's Office

By: Karen Davies

Hello from the Sheriff's Office, we are getting excited as it gets close to the completion of the new building.

We ask you to keep Deputy Kyle Underwood, his wife and his family, in your prayers as he is on tour serving our Country and defending our Freedom.

#### THE BADGE

It is polished and shiny and looks so fine.  
Once you earn it you have to tow the line.  
The minute you wear it upon your chest  
It becomes a symbol that you are the best.  
It means honesty, integrity, and fairness to all.  
You life is never your own, but at the publics call.  
Night or day, any hour, it makes you a mark.  
It doesn't protect you from a shot in the dark.  
Over the years the shine starts to fade,  
But brighter still is the man its made.  
It is often what separates you from the crowd.  
It is a second family of which you are proud.

Author Unknown



## Commissioners News

By: Paula Seamster

Commissioner Nathaniel Hall was recognized at the 106th Annual North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Conference held in Guilford County August 22nd through 25th for achieving Practitioner Level in the Local Elected Leaders Academy (LELA).

LELA is a partnership program of advanced learning for county and municipal elected officials housed at the School of Government. The program was developed in response to an NCACC strategic goal to strengthen county leadership and board development. The recognition program consists of three levels: Practitioner, Master and Mentor.

Commissioners began accumulating credits toward LELA recognition in January 2009. A commissioner must attend the Essentials of County Government course to fulfill the orientation requirements. In order to reach the entry level of recognition (Practitioner), commissioners must accumulate 18 credits through various workshops and programs sponsored by the School of Government or NCACC—such as the Pre-Conference Seminar offered on the Thursday of each Annual Conference—plus 12 credits of Association-sponsored programs (Annual Conference, NACo con-

ference, district meetings, legislative updates).

Congratulations Commissioner Hall for your accomplishments in becoming a Practitioner through the LELA Program.





# September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3	4 Happy Birthday June Dailey	5	6	7 Happy Birthday Shannon Tickle
8 Happy Birthday Bernardo Wiley Jonathan Elixson Larry Hamlett	9	10 Happy Birthday Mary Harrelson	11	12	13	14
15	16 Happy Birthday Spencer Rivers	17 Happy Birthday April McKimmy	18	19 Happy Birthday Dwayne Doss	20 Happy Birthday Joshua Kylander	21 Hoedown
22 Happy Birthday Teresa Roberts  Fall Begins	23 Happy Birthday Ginny Mitchell Dustin Smithey	24 Happy Birthday Sonya Patterson	25	26	27	28 Happy Birthday Karen Harville Sherry Ramsey
29 Happy Birthday Stephanie Luck	30 Happy Birthday Ronald Harris Tammy Hodges					

# October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy Birthday Rita Simon Brad Gregory Jacob Miller	2	3	4 Happy Birthday Kathy Tolles	5 Happy Birthday Tonya Breedlove Sandra Tate Beverly Gwynn
6	7 Happy Birthday Heather Starr Daniel Sloan	8	9	10 Happy Birthday Jonna Lunsford	11 Happy Birthday Thomas Bernard	12
13 Happy Birthday Whitney Duncan	14 Happy Birthday Tony Durden	15 Happy Birthday Sharna Poole Gwen Vaughn	16	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Melissa Williamson Rhonda Griffin
20 Happy Birthday Lisa Anderson	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Happy Birthday Casey Moore	28 Happy Birthday Sylvia Slade	29 Happy Birthday Kenneth Underwood	30 Happy Birthday Shaunnette Wilson	31 Happy Birthday Megan Allen  Halloween		