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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST!

- Citizens/Council Meetings: Monday, November 4th & 18th; Monday, December 2nd & 16th.
- Veterans Day Ceremony—November 11th

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Juvenile Crime Prevention Council News

By: Tonya Pegg

The CCPR Youth O/E Program is in full swing with the Community Service & Restitution program and Teen Court will be up and running within the next couple months. Our "That's Life, Why Try" Life Skill classes have begun.

What is Why Try?

We want to help youth answer the question, "Why try in life?" The Why Try organization offers useful solutions for helping students of all ages overcome daily challenges and live lives of opportunity, freedom, and self-respect. The Why Try program teaches social and emotional skills using a practical, multi-sensory curriculum. Hands-on learning activities engage students while they learn skills for overcoming challenges and improving outcomes in the areas of truancy, behavior, and academics. Why Try teaches students that putting effort into challenges at

home, at school, and with peers is worth the effort.

Our programs teach important life skills, including:

- Basic problem solving
- Anger management
- Dealing with peer pressure
- Living by a safe society's laws
- Building a support system
- Visualizing future goals

We are looking for group mentors for the "That's Life, Why Try" Life Skill classes. If you are interested please contact Tonya at 336-694-1725.

Tonya completed CFT (Child & Family Team) Training in Alamance County through Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions. CFT's are a way for families, community groups, and agencies to collaborate on goal settings, making service agreements, carrying out these plans, and evaluating and revising the agree-

ments as needed.

Also in October, Gwen Vaughan and Tonya attended the North Carolina Juvenile Service Association conference. There they attended workshops such as, *The Juvenile Kitchen Sink: Gangs, Families, & Sex Crimes*, *The Governor's New School Safety Initiative*, and *Changing Behavior: Implementing Evidence Based Practices with Juveniles*. Information gained at the conference will be passed on the county schools.

As you can see, it has been busy but very productive and there is still more to come!

Wishing everyone a Thankful Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



Caswell Area Transportation Services

By: Melissa Williamson

The American Legion Post 210 members honored CATS and EMS with an Appreciation Luncheon for the services that they provide here in the county. The Appreciation Luncheon was held on October 11th at the CATS and EMS base. American Legion Vice Commander Turner Totten welcomed every and Commander Leroy Harrelson thanked the agencies for their service to the community.



ROAD TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE...

Caswell County DSS (Part 3)

By: Debbie Rascoe

We have just completed with our temporary pit stop, but we are all buckled up and ready to pursue our trip down memory lane.....

..... The year is 1965.

As the 1960s progressed, increasing numbers of young people began to revolt against the social norms and conservatism from the 1950s and early 1960s as well as the escalation of the Vietnam War and Cold War. A social revolution swept through the country to create a more liberated society. As the Civil Rights Movement progressed, feminism and environmentalism movements soon grew in the midst of a sexual revolution with its distinctive protest forms, from long hair to rock music. The hippie culture, which emphasized peace, love and freedom, was introduced to the mainstream.

On a lighter note, in 1965, Spaghetti-O's were first sold; Sonny and Cher's "I Got You Babe" hit the charts as #1; the television shows "F-Troop", "Lost in Space" and "Get Smart" premiered. Hopefully either by way of reminiscing or by just hearing about some of the historical events of 1965, your mindset is now in the year 1965. During this leg of our road trip, let's pick up with what was happening in Caswell County Department of Social Services as the following information was originally written by Mr. Harold L. Dodson in August 27, 1987 as he recorded "The History of the Caswell County Department of Social Services".

Three events occurred in September 1965- Mr. Green, Agency Director, began educational leave to complete work on the degree of Master of

Social Work; Mr. Howard Sparks was appointed in-charge of the agency and final approval was given to the plans for the new Welfare Building. With the return of Mr. Green from educational leave, Mr. Sparks and Mrs. Leatrice Overby Wilson became the agency's first acting supervisors. Mr. Green also returned in time for Dedication Services and Open House for the new building on October 2, 1966. A new face to the Welfare Program in North Carolina appeared also with the appointment of Clifton M. Craig as Commissioner of the State Welfare Department in late 1966.

The Surplus Food Program was begun in the county on September 5, 1968 with Mr. Wilson Watlington serving as Commodity Supervisor and Warehouse Manager.

In an attempt to get the community, clients and other agencies more involved with the Welfare Program and delivery of services, the agency organized in January 1969 an Advisory Committee for AFDC and Child Welfare Services.

The 60's have been described as a decade of turmoil. It was out of this period of turmoil that the Department experienced its greatest growth. A Department and Program is made up of people. Attitudes and traditions were slowly and gradually tested and tried.

Mrs. Ethel Fuller was employed on May 29, 1967 as a Child Welfare Worker. In November, 1968 a reorganization of personnel was accomplished dividing the eligibility and services functions of the agency. For the first time the service worker was allowed to be strictly a social worker. This change in functions required redefining roles which some-

times caused pain and conflict but never-the-less resulted in clients receiving more efficient financial and social services.

Not only were there new programs and services in the late 1960's, the department also got a new name.

In January, 1969, the Caswell County Department of Public Welfare became the Caswell County Department of Social Services.

In January 1970, a new medical assistance program called Medicaid was begun under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

In 1971, Mental Health Services were made available on a part-time basis with staff from the Alamance County Mental Health Center seeing clients at the Public Health Department.

On January 17, 1972, Mr. Lovelace resigned as Director. Mr. Harold Dodson was appointed Supervisor in Charge. In the spring of 1972, the Supreme Court ruled that states could no longer require AFDC applicants to issue non-support warrants against putative father of children born out of wedlock. The Caswell County Social Services Board decided to abolish its policy requiring this to be done as an eligibility requirement.

In July 1972, Mr. Victor S. Batchelor was appointed Director. In the spring of 1973 the agency implemented the Work Incentive Program (WIN) for the first time. Also on September 1, 1973, the Food Stamp Program began operation in the county replacing the surplus of food. During this leg of our road trip, we have traveled seven years. For now, we need to stop and rest.

Road Trip down Memory Lane to be continued in next newsletter.....

"What we
actually learn,
from any given
set of
circumstances,
determine
whether we
become
increasingly
powerless or
more
powerful."
-Blaine Lee

Upcoming Library Programs

By: Rhonda Griffin

Teen Programs—Thursday from 3:30—4:30 p.m.

The Library (in partnership with Parks and Rec) received a LSTA Grant to help implement teen programs.

The Book or the Movie?

The grant will provide furniture, supplies, and equipment to create a teen area at the Library. In addition, the grant will provide funding to purchase a movie system for the Parks and Recreation Department. A main component of the programs will be "The Book or the Movie?", where teens will be provided books to read that have been made into movies. A short time later, Parks and Recreation will show the corresponding movie. Teens will then have the opportunity to discuss which they like better, the book or the

movie...Supplies and equipment for the programs are currently being ordered. The programs are expected to begin around the beginning of the year! If you know a teen that is looking for something both fun and productive to do after school, this is the perfect opportunity.

Library Fundraisers:

The Friends of the Library is sponsoring two fundraisers: Money raised through the Friends is used to provide Library supplies and programs.

1. **Adopt-A-Bear:** Stuff bears are for sale at the Library. Take one home for a gift or buy and donate one to a local charity (Women's Shelter, DSS, Sheriff's Dept., Nursing Home...) Prices rang from \$7 to \$9.



2. **Doll House Raffle:** Purchase tickets for a chance to win a cute doll house. \$2.00 per ticket.



"People who lean on logic and philosophy and rational exposition end by starving the best part of the mind."
-William Butler Yeats

Movies at the Library!

North America" (2013)

[More at IMDbPro](#) »

Sweeping across some of the most diverse landscapes on the planet, North America takes viewers from the silent grandeur of lofty snow-capped peaks to fertile forests and dramatic windswept coasts. The continent's unique geography creates some of the most extreme weather on the planet. Wild animals living in these astonishing and sometimes brutal habitats must be fiercely resilient sharing that human spirit the continent is known for. From jaguars to spinner sharks, wolves that fish to wolverines high in the mountains, this is North America. *Written by Discovery*

Genres: [Documentary](#)

Narrator: Tom Selleck



Tax Office News (Taken from an excerpt in the Caswell Messenger)

Out of 100 counties in the state, Sylvia Johnson was presented an award of Tax Mapper of the Year at the North Carolina Tax Mappers Association's fall conference. The honor took Johnson by surprise.

Johnson received this award by hard work and staying up-to-date with her education that entailed her job. Even with all of the work, she

managed to pass her exams with excellence. Johnson has been with the county for 30 years and is currently a Geographical Information Systems director and assistant tax director. Her job mainly focuses on helping tax assessors keep inventory of the taxes in the county, and on cadastral mapping—a survey or map of the value, extent and ownership of land a basis of taxation.

Caswell County is very proud of you Sylvia. Keep up the good work.



*"An unhurried
sense of time is
in itself a form
of wealth."*

*-Bonnie
Friedman*

Senior Center

By Robbie Jean Yarbrough

We enjoyed a great trip to Nashville, Tennessee October 14-16, 2013. We had about 40 people that enjoyed the 3 day trip. We saw great shows and many sights while in Nashville. We are looking forward to our next great adventure.

We will have a stew on Saturday, November 16. It will be ready to pick up at 12:00. Call the Senior Center to

order. 336-694-7447.

The Meals on Wheels Program is hoping to provide "basic necessities" to our clients for Christmas. Please consider donating the following types of items to be delivered: batteries, hard candy, gum, lotion, toothbrushes/toothpaste, tissues, socks and gloves. Monetary donations to purchase additional items would

also be appreciated! Donations will be accepted through November 29, 2013. We are always looking for volunteers to deliver meals.

Donna Kopec will be retiring as of October 31, 2013 as our Director. We wish Donna the best in her future endeavors.



Thank You!!!

By: Jeff Sicz

There are countless times that Caswell County Emergency Services has made it an honor for me to be their Director. The pride and professionalism displayed by the Caswell Emergency Services' employees who strive to comfort the injured and save lives or assess severe weather damage and clean up hazardous materials was displayed in a more personal nature this Saturday during the Caswell Breast Cancer Run/Walk for one of our own, Ms. Wendy Wiseman. For those who have never organized a fundraiser, especially one involving numerous organizations, participants, trip hazards,

awards, donations, etc. this type of event is time intensive and detail inundated. Mr. Barry Lynch, with the help of many, organized this extremely difficult event with the professionalism of a seasoned pro. From the simply outstanding design on the shirt to the marking and safety on the course there was little left unattended. Awards were donated, volunteers stationed, music provided, and runners were running from the air horn start through the timed finish. From the youngest child to an 83 year-old participant (who finished the course) there were no injuries. Mr. Lynch's effort stemmed from the love, respect, and caring for a

family member, which is how we think of each other, especially Ms. Wiseman in her time of need. There was no concern about accolades or rewards. He did not anticipate or desire pats on the back or hand shakes. This event came from the heart making it even more special. I have no idea if Mr. Lynch has been involved in things of this nature in the past. It matters not, for he should be as proud of himself for what he did on Saturday for Ms. Wiseman as Caswell County Emergency Services is and Caswell County should be in having him as their Emergency Management Coordinator.

"A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams."

-John Barrymore

We have MOVED!!!

By: Karen Davies

The Sheriff's Office is proud to announce that we have moved into the new Caswell County Law Enforcement Center. The open house that was held on October 18, 2013 was a huge success. We would like to thank everyone that helped to make that special day possible.



Parks and Rec.

BY: Ashley Williamson

We have had a great September and October 2013. It has been dry, so games and activities have been going with no rain days.

We have 3 tackle football teams that have been improving their skills. Their last day is Tuesday Oct. 15th. Way to go to the Vikings, Bulldogs, and Eagles for their hard work.

Flag football has been great with just two teams. They seem to be getting better about pulling the flags and not tackling. Shout out goes to the Dolphins and Bears on their last game Monday Oct. 14th.

Little Kickers soccer is finished with 21 3-4 year olds. They had a

great time and are full of energy.

The K-1st grade soccer, 2-3rd grade soccer, 4-5th grade soccer, and middle school soccer is doing a good job. They are learning new skills and seem to be having fun together. Big thanks to coaches and parents: Warriors, Knights, Tigers, Storm, Lightning, Dragons, Pumas, Stars and Stripes, Crushers, and Little Kickers Adult CO-ED softball ends its season on October 9th. Caswell Tire was the season champs and PP Crew was the season tournament champs. Caswell Tire came in 2nd place and 3rd place was KB Hamlett. Thanks to all the teams for participating: Dirt Bags, Walker

Farms, KB Hamlett, PP Crew, Bulldogs, Bar 119, and Caswell Tire.

We are now registering for Youth Volleyball until Oct. 25th. They will practice and play games in November.

In November, we will have registration for Youth Basketball. They will practice in December and play in January and February 2014.

We still have Zumba class and need more people to come out. It is on Mondays 6:30pm and cost is \$3.00 per person.

Always feel free to come by office and gym to see about any new activities or signups!!!

Health Department News

By: Sharon Hendricks

Congratulations to Whitney (Social Worker at the Health Department) and JR Duncan on the birth of their first child, Grace Addison Duncan. Grace was born on October 16, 2013 at 3:39 a.m. She weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz.



Welcome Grace Addison Duncan!!!



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NC Zoo brings dinosaur to Caswell County Public Library



*PRESERVING THE PAST,
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Breast Cancer 5K

By: Barry Lynch

Caswell County Emergency Services and the Caswell County Explorer Post 4911 sponsored the first annual Breast Cancer 5K trail run on Saturday, October 26, 2013. All proceeds from this event will be going to Wendy Wiseman. Wendy is one of our employees that is currently battling breast cancer. We had a total of 59 runners/walkers who registered for this event. The morning of the race just happened to be the coldest day that we have had so far this fall but most everyone showed and participated. We had people come from as far away as Raleigh and Salisbury, NC to run in the event. We plan to make this an annual event. Next year we plan to pick another Breast Cancer Patient to receive the proceeds from the event.



November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy Birthday Tim Smith Staci Collie	2
3 Happy Birthday Ray Fearrington	4	5 Happy Birthday Jason White	6 Happy Birthday Stephen Vernon	7 Happy Birthday Brenda McCollum Judy Slade	8	9
Daylight Savings Ends	Commissioners Meeting	Election Day				
10	11	12 Happy Birthday Frank Rose Christy Marlowe Francina Jones Naomi Stewart	13 Happy Birthday Betty Hodges Susan Cox	14	15	16 Happy Birthday Sylvia Price
	Veteran's Day Ceremony					
17 Happy Birthday Brian Collie	18	19 Happy Birthday Jennifer Fain	20	21 Happy Birthday Chuvola Johnson Pamela Powell Dine & Donate Lone Star Steakhouse	22 Happy Birthday Jimmy Taylor	23 Happy Birthday Matthew Sidney
	Commissioners Meeting					
24 Happy Birthday Cynthia Jones Carol Dodson	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Chris Albert	28 Happy Birthday Katie Miller	29	30
				Thanksgiving Day	Thanksgiving Holiday	

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy Birthday Jeff Siz	2 Commissioners Meeting	3 Happy Birthday Dianne Johnson	4 Happy Birthday Tonya Wingate Employee Appreciation Luncheon	5 Happy Birthday Ricti King	6 Happy Birthday Afrika Furlow	7 Happy Birthday Will Strader Michael Allen
8 Happy Birthday Joyce Rainey	9	10 Happy Birthday Robbie Yarbrough	11 Happy Birthday Ricky Young Johnny Hodges	12	13 Happy Birthday Laura Beagle	14 Happy Birthday Cameron Gannaway
15	16 Commissioners Meeting	17	18 Happy Birthday Barry Lynch	19 Happy Birthday Pamela White Wade Anderson	20 Happy Birthday Dalphus Cooper	21 Winter Begins
22 Stompin' All Over Cancer Texas Roadhouse	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Happy Birthday Kevin Howard Christmas Day	26 Happy Birthday Michael Barnes Christmas Holiday	27	28
29	30 Happy Birthday Engene Riddick	31 New Year's Eve				