

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **Commissioners' Meetings Tuesday, September 2nd, Monday, September 15th and Monday, October 6th and 20th.**

**NEWSLETTER
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Farmer Lake Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Farmer Lake Board and the Caswell County Board of Commissioners would like to thank all the county employees that came out to the Farmer Lake Pier Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, August 7, 2014. If you ever get the opportunity to thank an employee of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission please do. This project was headed up by the Engineering and Fisheries Divisions. Please go out to Farmer Lake and enjoy the new pier.



(L to R) Erik Christofferson, John Griffin, Bronson Hannah, Sam Seamster, Brian McRae, Mayor Curtis Davis, Russell Watlington, Charlie King, Chairman Kenneth Travis and Eugene Riddick.

Farmer Lake Kids Day

Farmer Lake Held their Annual Kids Fishing Day on Saturday, August 16th. This event is free to all kids and usually draws 60—100 kids ages 12 and under. The purpose of this day is to expose kids to the lake and to the sport of fishing. In addition to fishing the event included a water safety program, hot dog lunch and new Zebco 202 rod and reel and a gift bag from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission which included a fishing coloring book, pencil, wildlife button, bumper sticker and an angler's pocket guide.



"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat."

-Theodore Roosevelt

Caswell County Historical Association

By: Rhonda Griffin

The Caswell County Historical Association (CCHA), in partnership with Caswell County government and Yanceyville Town government, are excited to announce the receipt of a grant from the Danville Regional Foundation (DRF) to replace signage and update existing posts around the Yanceyville Town Square. The Historical Association believes that using attractive signage as a tangible daily reminder of Caswell's rich historic past will inspire a pride in the town and set the bar for continued enhancements around the square and throughout the county.

In May 2013, the Town of Yanceyville was selected through Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) to participate in a grant program which allowed design consultants from the Center of Creative Economy (CCE) to meet with local officials, residents, and stakeholders to develop a plan for Yanceyville's town square. The committee provided sketches of possible building designs, renovated façades, landscaping, and other improvements to attract businesses to the downtown square. One of the primary findings of the consultants (and the top recommended future project to pursue) was to replace signage around the town square. The consultants stressed that the beautification of the square would bring more pride to the community, highlight the county's rich heritage, which would, in turn, promote economic development and tourism. The grant from DRF allowed funding through the Historical Association to expand upon the previous grant by using the same consultants to work with a local committee to design and develop the new signs.

The Caswell County Historical Association (CCHA) was organized in 1956 to promote the study of local history, to collect and interpret historical artifacts, and to preserve local historical structures. CCHA President Sallie Smith stated, "Years ago, the Town Square was bustling with excitement and energy from people throughout the county. They came to town to take care of personal business or go shopping at the local stores. The Historical Association is excited to be able to administer this grant to help with the beautification of the Square and bring back some of the pride to the center of our community." Rhonda Griffin, Project Manager and CCHA Secretary added, "Although there have been some 'bumps in the road' while working on the sign project, I hope that everyone will be pleased with the appearance of the signage around the Square." To help protect the new signs and posts, video surveillance has been placed on the square.

The grant was awarded by the Danville Regional Foundation (DRF). DRF focuses on transforming the regional economy and creating a prosperous culture to benefit all Dan River Region citizens. It does so by making long-term investments to improve education, economic vitality, community wellness, financial stability and civic capacity for citizens throughout the City of Danville, Virginia; Pittsylvania County, Virginia; and Caswell County, North Carolina.

The long term goal of this project is a greater sense of community pride, beautification of the courthouse square, more civic engagement, greater tourism and better communication within the region. With the amount of participation in the workshops provided through CCE, it is obvious that local citizens have a strong interest in making the square more attractive and functional.



Library

By: Rhonda Griffin

The Caswell County Public Library is excited to announce the receipt of a Health and Wellness Grant through the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.

Often when people are diagnosed with an illness or disease, they are not familiar enough with the condition, side effects, or treatments to be able to ask the health care provider appropriate follow-up questions needed to make informed decisions. Therefore, the person will try to find out as much information as possible on the topic. Unfortunately, the internet is full of misleading, misinformed or just plain scary information that could cause them to make misguided decisions that might not be in their best interest. Reliable and accurate information is essential to make correct decisions that could affect a person's health for the rest of their life.

The Health and Wellness Grant will provide funding to allow the library to partner with local health care agencies to provide public programs on health and wellness.

Partners include:

- Caswell Family Medical Center
- Caswell County Department of Social Services
- Caswell County EMS
- Caswell County Health Department
- UNC Greensboro School of Nursing

The purpose of this grant application is to address the lack of access to reliable health care information for Caswell County residents. With limited internet access to most county residents, high poverty rates, and limited transportation in a rural area, the public library is often the only place where citizens can obtain free access to up-to-date, accurate information.

The Health and Wellness Grant will allow the library to partner with area health care providers and agencies to provide offer free health and wellness programs to area residents, focusing on the specific health concerns and needs of this area.

Programs will be offered throughout the year and announced on the library's Facebook page, in local newspapers, on local radio stations and through flyers.

"When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everybody will respect you."

-Lao-Tzu

Caswell Family Medical Center

By: Donna Allen

NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

Caswell Family Medical Center is available to all area residents to help you navigate through the new health reform law, the Affordable Care Act. Certified Application Counselors can meet with you to discuss your insurance options and assist with application enrollment. This service is **FREE!**

Although the first Open Enrollment has ended, you **STILL** may qualify for affordable health care. If you have experienced a life-changing event, you should contact us within 60 days of this event and let's review your options. Life-changing events include:

- Getting Married
- Having or adopting a child
- Losing a job
- Moved from another area
- Turned 26 years of age
- Gaining Citizenship
- Leaving Incarceration

If there are any questions or you need to schedule an appointment, please call us at 336-694-9331.



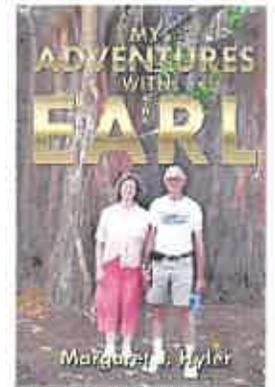


Open House



You are invited:

Caswell County Public Library
September 16, 2014
4:00 –6:00pm floating

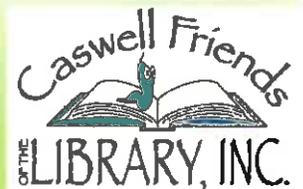


Meet Local Author: Margaret J. Hyler

Enjoy Refreshments Provide by the Friends! Release a Butterfly!
Enjoy Library & Garden Tours! Learn about upcoming programs & events!
"Check-out" the new grant funded circulation desk & parking lot!

Stop by and "Check us out!"

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library!



JCPC News

By: Tonya Pegg & Kamara Graves

“Working Together for a Better Tomorrow” was the theme for a meeting hosted by the Caswell County Parks and Recreation Youth Outreach Enrichment Program Staff held on August 13, 2014 with Fellow Stakeholders dealing with Youth. We had representation from Dr. Brock Womble – Superintendent, Sandra Woolard- NCDPS, Patrolman Mike Dodson- State Highway Patrol, Officer Mike Adkins- Sheriff’s Department, Dallas Stephens-Magistrate, Officer Brian Jones -SRO BY, Officer Cynthia Williamson- SRO Dillard, Racquel Hughes-DSS, Brenda Day- JCPC Chairperson, Tonya Farrish-South Elem, and Romanda Graves- Oakwood Elem.

Community Service and Restitution and Life Skills. The programs are designed to hold juvenile and youthful offenders accountable for criminal and delinquent behavior and to provide constructive opportunities. The restorative process gives all stakeholders the opportunity to discuss how they are affected by the injustice of youth offenders and to decide what should be done to repair the harm. In this meeting we were able to establish different ways to better assist our youth that we work with on a daily basis. The cliché “it takes a village to raise a child” is definitely defined with this group of people. Thanks to everyone who attended as the CCPR Youth O/E Program Staff looks forward to working with each of you.

A special thanks to Troopers-Dodson & Sloop for educating the high school on the dangers of driving under the influence.



The Caswell County Parks and Recreation Youth Outreach Enrichment Program is comprised of three Restorative Programs; Teen Court, Community Service

Caswell County Shooting Range

Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game land is now home to a gun range open to the public four days a week, Thursdays through Saturdays 9 a.m.—5 p.m. and Sundays 1—5 p.m.. Currently it houses a rifle range and a pistol range and hopefully there will be more to come. If you like to target shoot try out this new facility and take the family.



(L to R) Wildlife Commissioner Tom Berry, Wildlife Capt. R.T. Sharpe, Wildlife Piedmont Regional Supervisor Chris Dawes, N.C. Rep. Bert Jones, Wildlife Resources Division of Engineering and Land Management Erik Christofferson, Wildlife Engineer Steve Bailey and Caswell County Board of Commissioners Chairman Kenneth Travis.

“A man without a passion is like a vessel waiting for wind and not budging.”
-Arsene Houssaye

News from DSS

By: Debbie Rascoe

“By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at his chosen goal or destination.”

-Christopher Columbus

There is a chill in the air, fall is near and we are in the second half of 2014. We need to take this time to review DSS programs and provide to you a current employee directory.

We will begin by reviewing Food and Nutrition Services: Food and Nutrition Services

Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) is a federal food assistance program that helps low-income families. In North Carolina monthly allotments of FNS benefits are issued via [Electronic Benefit Transfer cards \(EBT cards\)](#). The purpose of Food and Nutrition Services is to end hunger and improve nutrition and health. It helps eligible low-income households buy the food they need for a nutritionally adequate diet.

Food and Nutrition Services is an entitlement program, so all eligible individuals and households can receive assistance. Benefits may be used to purchase most foods at participating stores. They may not be used to purchase tobacco, pet food, paper products, soap products, or alcoholic beverages.

Eligible households must have the opportunity to access benefits no later than thirty days from the date of application.

Individuals with special circumstances must have an opportunity to use their benefits within seven days from the date of application.

Applicants must meet the following criteria: [Income](#);

[Household Composition; Citizenship/Immigration Status](#) and [Resources](#)

Income All households must meet an income test to receive benefits. Income limits vary by household size. You *may* be eligible for Food and Nutrition Services if your total income falls below the appropriate gross income limits for your household size. Please be aware that the eligibility workers at your [local county Department of Social Services](#) determine which income limit applies to your household and have many other factors to consider in determining if you are eligible.

Household Composition Individuals residing together, but purchasing and preparing their meals separately, may participate in FNS as a separate household. Some individuals must participate in FNS as one household even though they purchase and prepare their meals separately.

Individuals who must participate in FNS as one household are:

- Individuals living together who purchase/prepare their food together or will do so upon receipt of food assistance
- Spouses living together or individuals representing themselves as husband and wife to the community
- Individuals under 22 living with a parent
- Individuals under 18 under the parental control of an adult living in the home; or
- Two unmarried adults living in the same home who are parents of a mutual child

Contact Information for DSS Employees: Information also on county website

Can Call Direct 694 and then the extension:

Allen, Magan	2028
Anderson, Lisa	2032
Barnett, Lisa	2033
Barton, Lindsay	2056
Breedlove, Tonya	2047
Brown, Renisha	2055
Brown, Tosha	0/2021
Connally, Wanda	2006
Delva, Jeannette	2034
Durden, April	2012
Katie Evans	2024
Faison, Afrika	2014
Garland, Janice	2011
Harrelson, Mary	2050
Hodges, Tammy	2009
Holt, Jennifer	2022
Hudson, Lauren	2035
Hughes, Racquel	2054
Johnson, Chuvola	2042
Johnston, Ashlee	2005
Knight, Bettie	2001
Loper, Don	2044
Lynn, Carol	2059
Marlowe, Christy	2010
Massey, Evelyn	2046
McCollum, Brenda	2031
Moorefield, Dianne	2037
Oakley, Diane	2027
Paschal, Tammy	2040
Rascoe, Debbie	2025
Server Room	2002
Shelton, Lelia	2052
Simpson, Audrey	2007
Slade, Sylvia	2023
Starr, Heather	2029
Waddell, Michelle	2008
Watson, Kayre	2058
Webster, Lisa	2045
Wiley, Bernardo	2016
Wiley, Crystal	2048
Williams, Yvette	2030
Wilson, Angela	2026
Wilson, Catherine	2036
Wilson, Lucinda	2051
Zimmerman, Kathy	2013

*"All the forces in the world are not so powerful as an idea whose time has come."
-Victor Hugo*

Can I Ride?

By: Jeff Sicz

EMS is asked often if a person can ride the ambulance to the hospital, NO...and yes usually in the passenger seat. First and foremost it is the decision of the senior EMS person from the ambulance crew whether or not to take a "rider". The legality of a rider when a loved one is being transported, especially emergency traffic, is precarious at best. The most obvious reason a person cannot ride is possible injury. Also, distracting the driver or attendant caring for the patient and the psychological effect on the rider of not knowing or understanding what's happening. Yes, because there are times when a rider is paramount to treating the patient. The most obvious is a child/infant. EMS will usually allow a parent/legal guardian to ride in the back, properly seat belted, to calm

the child and provide information. If an infant's condition allows it to be seated the infant must be properly secured in a car seat and that car seat properly secured to a seat in the back of the ambulance or the stretcher. Standard operating procedure is to use the family's car seat. Condition dependent, a parent or legal guardian may hold the child/infant while being assessed and/or treated. Before the ambulance moves, the patient and adult must be properly secured. Another is if an elderly person can't answer questions. Other reasons may be if the rider has power of attorney over the patient (that must be proven), has no means (does not mean immediate means) to get to the hospital, is also injured (minor injury) and there is no other ambu-

lance immediately available, or an unforeseen circumstance warrants a rider. However, EMS will not wait for a rider. People have asked if they can change clothes, make a phone call, or do various other things before the ambulance leaves. When the ambulance is ready to go, it is leaving, especially in a critical time sensitive emergency situation. You can ask, but now you know why if the answer is no.



Emergency Management

By: Barry Lynch

September is National Preparedness Month. FEMA, North Carolina Emergency Management as well as Caswell Emergency Management are teaming up to focus on disaster preparedness across the nation. Caswell Emergency management will be posting preparedness messages on our Face Book page in the Caswell Messenger and on our electronic message board throughout the month of September. Caswell EM and the National Weather Service will be visiting every fifth grade class in the county. We will do 30 minute presentation on severe weather and a 30 minute presentation on disaster preparedness. Each person or family should be able to be self sufficient for

72 to 96 hours after a disaster strikes. This means that you should have food and water to last 72 to 96 hours along with other essential items. Some of these items include your medications, clothes, flashlight, weather radio, and first aid supplies. All of these items should be kept together in a kit where you can easily get to them. The reason for this 72-96 hour Emergency Kit is that it may take Emergency Management that long to get needed resources into the county and then get them to you. Emergency Management, 911 and a few Local Fire Departments are working to have tornado sirens operational in several communities in the county. Once we have the

system in place we will be doing a lot of public education on what siren will sound like and what to do if siren sounds. The first two that will be put in-service will be Yanceyville and Providence. Others will be added as we get the needed equipment and permission from the Fire Departments. If anyone has any question on preparedness or needs help putting together a kit feel free to contact me. I would also love to come to any church or civic group to give a presentation on preparedness. My new office is located in the Guilford Mills Building room 412. My new office number is 694-1268.



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EMBRACING THE FUTURE*



WXII In Caswell County

Caswell County was spotlighted on WXII Channel 12 News on Wednesday, August 27, 2014. Thank you to all the county employees that were interviewed and helped participate in this event. Also thank you to all the individuals that donated food items to the Second Harvest Food Bank. The food items that were collected filled the back of a pick up truck. If you would like to see some of the clips from yesterday's show you can go to WXII's webpage and view some of those clips. Thanks again for coming together as a community and showing off Caswell County and what we have to offer.



(L to R) Lanie Pope, Cameron Kent
and Kenny Beck.

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2 Happy Birthday Beth Ann Buono Deluca <i>Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	3	4 Happy Birthday June Dailey	5	6 Happy Birthday Darrell McLean
7 Happy Birthday Shannon Tickle <i>Grandparent's Day</i>	8 Happy Birthday Jonathan Elixson Bernardo Wiley James Rowell Larry Hamlett	9	10 Happy Birthday Mary Harrelson	11	12	13
14	15 Happy Birthday Karen Richardo	16 Happy Birthday Spencer Rivers <i>Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	17 Happy Birthday April McKinney	18	19 Happy Birthday Dwayne Doss	20 Happy Birthday Joshua Kylvander
21 Happy Birthday James Barrick	22 Happy Birthday Teresa Roberts Wendy Fields	23 Happy Birthday Ginny Mitchell Dustin Smithey <i>First Day of Fall</i>	24 Happy Birthday John Loftis Sonya Patterson	25	26 Happy Birthday Jackie Little	27
28 Happy Birthday Sherry Ramsay	29 Happy Birthday Stephanie Luck	30 Happy Birthday Tammy Hodges Lisa Raines				

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy Birthday Rita Simon Brad Gregory Jacob Miller	2 Happy Birthday Corey Ward	3 Happy Birthday Mary Jo Henderson	4 Happy Birthday Kathy Tolles
5 Happy Birthday Tonya Breedlove Sandra Tate Beverly Gwynn	6 Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 p.m	7 Happy Birthday Heather Starr Daniel Sloan	8	9	10 Happy Birthday Jonna Lunsford	11 Happy Birthday Thomas Bernard
12 Happy Birthday Wesley Harrington	13 Happy Birthday Whitney Duncan Columbus Day	14 Happy Birthday Emily Pleasant Tony Durden Robert Mitchell	15 Happy Birthday Shanna Poole Gwen Vaughn	16	17	18
19 Happy Birthday Melissa Williamson Rhonda Griffin	20 Happy Birthday Jonathan Long Lisa Anderson Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 p.m	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 Magan Allen Halloween	