

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Commissioners' Meetings Monday, November 3rd and 17th and Monday, December 1st and 15th.

NEWSLETTER
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Library News

By: Rhonda Griffin

Health and Wellness Grant!

Teen Programs:

Sept 11 – Nov 20, 2014 Thursdays 3:30 – 5:00pm Von Wellington of Wellington Film Group in Danville, Virginia, will be volunteering his time, talent and equipment to teach local teens about video and photography. This program will allow teens to produce a public service announcement focused on the health and wellness issues of their choice utilizing digital cameras & technology.

March 5, 2015 3:30– 4:30 EMS will come to the library to teach teens some basic CPR skills.

April 2, 2015 3:30– 4:30 Teens and STDs Talk provided by the Caswell County Health Department.

May 7, 2015 3:30– 4:30 The library will be partnering with UNCG to discuss BMI and nutrition. We will be making SMOOTHIES!!

Additional Computers!

In addition to the programs offered through the Health and Wellness Grant, funding allowed for the purchase of 3 additional public computers – bringing the total number of public computers in the library to 22!

Adult Programs

Nov. 12, 2014 10:30am Caswell Family Medical Center; Eating Healthy for Cancer Protection, presented by [Penny Duckett Crumpton!](#)

Dec. 8, 2014 10:00am UNCG; Cardiovascular Health Ed Workshop

Grant Partners include:

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

LSTA funds awarded by the State Library of North Carolina are made possible through funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources. The LSTA grant program administered by the State Library of North Carolina funds library projects across the state that advance literacy and lifelong learning, expand access to library resources and expertise, promote partnerships and collaboration, and digitize materials important to the cultural heritage of North Carolina.



Cycle NC came through Yanceyville on September 30th



*"We could never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world."
-Helen Keller*

2016 Caswell County Tax Revaluation

By: Sylvia Johnson

Caswell County is in the process of doing a countywide revaluation of all real property located within the county. This will include all commercial, residential, industrial, and farms including all structures and land and all vacant properties and forestry tracts. No timber will be assessed for taxation according to North Carolina General Statutes.

NC General Statutes 105-286 require every county to conduct a revaluation of all real property at least every 8 years and the last revaluation in Caswell County was completed in 2008. General Statute 105-283 provides that all real estate property be appraised or valued, at its true value in money. True value is interpreted as meaning market value, that is, the price estimated in terms of money at which the property would change hands between a willing and financially able buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell, and both having reasonable knowledge of all the uses to which the property is adapted and for which it is capable of being used.

This revaluation will be conducted by JWE Services, LLC and they have already started the process with verification of recent land sales for all types of real property. The process will take place over the next 18 months and a notice of value will be mailed to all property owners by January 20, 2016. Owners at that time will be able to discuss the new valuation with the company. Property owners can expect someone from the company to visit their property within the next 10 to 12 months to review the information on the property record card and take pictures of all buildings located on the property. All vehicles used by the company will be marked by a sign stating "County Revaluation" and each vehicle has been registered with the Caswell County Sheriff's office. All company personnel will be wearing a picture identification badge.

JWE Services, LLC has been assigned an office within the Caswell County Tax Department and the telephone number is 336-694-1381 if you wish to contact them.

***"Gratitude
is the
fairest
blossom
which
springs
from the
soul."***

***-Henry
Ward
Beecher***

Library's Butterfly Garden By: Rhonda Griffin

The Enchanted Garden at the library hosted numerous butterflies this fall. Several emerged from their chrysalises in the "changing station" inside the library. They were then tagged and released to complete their migration to Mexico!



"If you're not using your smile, you're like a man with a million dollars in the bank and no checkbook."

-Les Giblin

Senior Center

By: Robbie Jean Yarbrough

The Senior Center enjoyed a wonderful trip to Lancaster and Hershey, Pennsylvania in October. We toured the town of Hershey and Chocolate World where you could buy many kinds of chocolate. We also learned how the chocolate was made. We had a Tour of the Amish country and learned about Amish life. Our next stop was the Sights and Sounds Theater, where we saw the production of "Moses". It was a great trip!! The Senior Center is offering a trip to Charleston, SC, December 10-12, 2014, to see a Christmas Show and the Holiday

Festival of Lights. We still have openings so if you are 55 and looking for a Christmas trip give us a call!!



Senior Center News

By: Robbie Jean Yarbrough

We would like to welcome James Long, Jr. as the new Site Manager for the Caswell Senior Center. James will be working with the nutrition program that we offer here at the center. We are excited to have James on board and look forward to what he has to offer the seniors of Caswell County. We would like to send out a big welcome to James!!



My name is Rev. James E. Long Jr. I am a native of Caswell County. I am the Youth Minister at Jones Crossroads MBC and a Correctional Lieutenant at Polk Youth Institution. I began working at The Caswell Senior Center in August. Caswell County has many seniors with various needs. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be here. I hope that my presence here will help brighten someone's day. I also hope that that at least one person will be blessed from my assistance along the way. I look forward to spreading the word and getting more to take part in what we offer. God Bless.

Parks & Rec. Halloween Sports Bash

The Caswell County Parks & Recreation held it first Halloween Sports Bash on Saturday, October 25th. More exciting events to come.



“Life takes on meaning when you become motivated, set goals and charge after them in an unstoppable manner.”

-Les Brown

Cooperative Extension News By: Sherry Ramsey

Great ideas for promoting your farm and farm products or ideas for use in a backyard get-together were shared with us from White Fall Farm: quick tables for guest tours of kids and adults to eat in the woods or use in your backyard: wheat grain piled up in an old tobacco barn for kids to jump in, a castle made out of round bales of hay for pictures, and a hay vegetable bin.



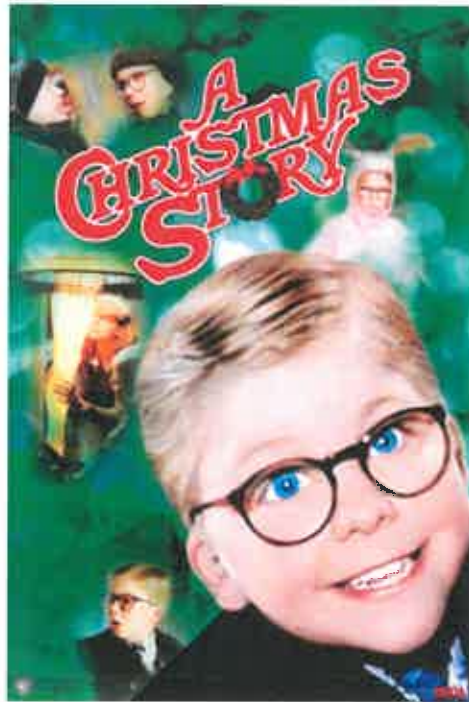
*“A life lived with integrity—even if it lacks the trappings of fame and fortune is a shining star in whose light others may follow in the years to come.”
-Denis Waitley*

Yanceyville Convenience Center By: Tim Smith

The Yanceyville Convenience Center has mulch that is free to anyone that comes to pick it up. If you have any questions please feel free to call 694-5811.

Movies at the Library

By: Rhonda Griffin



“The
thankful
receiver
bears a
plentiful
harvest.”

-William
Blake

A Christmas Story (1983)

Christmas is approaching and 9 year-old Ralphie wants only one thing: a Red Ryder Range Shot 200 BB gun. When he mentions it at the dinner table, his mother's immediate reaction is that he'll put his eye out. He then decides on a perfect theme for his teacher but her reaction is like his. He fantasizes about what it would be like to be Red Ryder and catch the bad guys. When the big day arrives he gets lots of present under the tree including a lovely gift from his aunt that his mother just adores. But what about the BB gun?

Goofs: This film takes place in 1939: Some of the Lionel electric trains in Higbee's window are identifiable as 1980s production. A kid in a classroom scene has [The Dukes of Hazzard](#) digital watch.

Vehicles parked outside [Warren G. Harding](#) School include a 1948 Chevrolet Fleetmaster and a 1947 Ford half-ton pickup.

Emergency Management

By: Barry Lynch

On October 4, 2014 Caswell Emergency Management and the Caswell Explorer Post 4911 had its second annual Breast Cancer 5K walk/run which also included a 1 mile kids run. The event was a big success. We had 52 participants take part this year. The purpose of this event was to raise money to assist any Caswell County resident that is battling breast cancer. The proceeds from the race will be put into an account that breast cancer

patients can apply for if needed. We have put together a committee that will oversee distribution of funds. We plan on making this an annual event and hope to make it bigger each year. I have been offered support from a couple other agencies to make it bigger next year.





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*PRESERVING THE PAST,
EMBRACING THE FUTURE*

History of Why we eat Turkey at Thanksgiving

The history of the Thanksgiving turkey is a bit of a mystery. Nobody knows exactly how this particular bird earned a place of honor at the table each November, but historians have a few different theories.

Thanks to letters and records kept by early American settlers, we know that when the colonists sat down to dine with the Wampanoag Indians, beef and fowl were on the menu. This historical meal would later become known as the first Thanksgiving.

Although historians cannot say for sure which types of fowl were served up that day, a letter written by pilgrim Edward Winslow mentions a turkey hunting trip before the meal.

Another theory attributes the Thanksgiving turkey to the Queen of England. During the 16th century, a fleet of Spanish ships sunk on their way to attack England.

According to legend, Queen Elizabeth received this news while eating dinner. She was so thrilled that she ordered another goose be served. Some historians say the early settlers were inspired by the queen's actions and roasted a turkey instead of a goose.

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Welch and the Sheriff's Office Staff presented the Caswell County Board of Commissioners a check in the amount of \$174,570.55 to represent the revenues billed out for the months of July, August and September for inmate housing at the new Detention Center.



December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy Birthday Jeff Sizc <i>Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	2	3 Happy Birthday Dianne Johnson <i>Employee Appreciation Luncheon—12:00</i>	4 Happy Birthday Tonya Wingate	5	6 Happy Birthday Afrika Faison
7 Happy Birthday Michael Allen	8 Happy Birthday Joyce Rainey	9	10 Happy Birthday Robbie Jean Yarbrough	11 Happy Birthday Ricky Young	12 <i>Emergency Mgmt. "Light Up The Night" 5k Run/Walk</i>	13 Happy Birthday Laura Beagle
14 Happy Birthday Cameron Gannaway	15 Happy Birthday Daniel Jourdan <i>Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	16	17 <i>Library Holiday Party 10:00 a.m.</i>	18 Happy Birthday Rebecca Foster Barry Lynch <i>Red Cross Blood Drive - Senior Center</i>	19	20 Happy Birthday Donnell Corbett
21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Tommy Ray <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 <i>Christmas Holiday</i>	27
28	29	30 Happy Birthday Eugene Riddick	31 Happy Birthday Heather Welch <i>New Year's Eve</i>			

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Tim Smith
2	3 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ray Fearrington <i>Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	4 <i>4-H Livestock Show</i> <i>Sign ups</i> 4	5 <i>4-H Livestock Show</i> <i>Sign Ups</i> <i>Staff Meeting—10:00</i>	6 <i>4-H Livestock Show</i> <i>Sign Ups</i>	7 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Brenda McCollum	8
9	10	11 <i>Veterinarian's Day</i>	12 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Frank Rose Christy Marlowe Francina Jones Naomi Stewart	13 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Betty Hodges Susan Cox <i>United Way Poker Tournament</i>	14	15
16 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Sylvia Price	17 <i>Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	18	19 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Jennifer Fain	20	21 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Chuvola Johnson Pamela Powell	22 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Jimmy Taylor
23 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Matthew Sidney	24 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Cynthia Jones Carol Dodson	25	26	27 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Chris Albert <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	28 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Katie Miller <i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	29
30						