

### A Message from the County Commissioners



County Manager, Bryan Miller, completed the County Administration course at the UNC School of Government in May. Bryan began this course in September 2014 and finished in April 2015. This course is designed for county managers, department heads, and other county officials whose responsibilities require understanding the functions beyond individual areas of specialization. This program gives you the chance to: Understand the legal framework and administrative requirements of North Carolina county government; Learn about how specific county services are organized and provided; Appreciate the interrelation among different activities or departments and how specific laws, programs, and functions contribute to the achievement of the overall mission of a local government; and Become part of a broader network of local government peers on whom participants will be able to draw for assistance in the future. Some of the major course subject areas that Bryan took were in Local Government Law which broadly encompassed a variety of critical topics including open meetings and public records laws and purchasing and contracting laws, as well as laws covering the disposal of public property; Organization & Management which took an extensive and in-depth look at the basic functions and structure of local governments in North Carolina and the United States and at complex in intergovernmental relationships, including aspects of regionalism, which guide the way we govern; Finance & Budgeting which explored the constitutional and statutory aspects of government finance in North Carolina in addition to the tax and public finance systems that furnish the foundation of public administration; Public Employment Law which impacts every aspects of local government administration and management; Planning & Regulation of Development which delved into issues and implications of the county planning functions together with environmental law and planning; and County Services where he investigated the laws and issues relevant to organizing and providing county services in North Carolina local government.

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Newsletter Editor:

Paula P. Seamster

~Submitted by Paula Seamster

## Soil and Water News

With mixed emotions we are reporting that Carolyn Harrelson, District Secretary at Caswell Soil and Water Office is retiring in August. Carolyn stated that she has enjoyed being a Caswell County employee for the past 25 years and that all of you are the best employees ever!

Carolyn, we think you are one of the best employees ever and we here in Caswell County wish you many happy and healthy years to enjoy your retirement. Please don't forget to come by and visit with all of us from time to time. You will be missed!

~Submitted by Sherry Ramsey

## Section (8) Housing

Samantha Shumaker started to work with our Section (8) Housing family on May 1, 2015 as the new Housing Specialist II. Samantha was born and raised in Caswell County and is married to Justin Shumaker and has 3 beautiful children. She is a graduate of BYHS and studied at Piedmont Community College.

Elliott "Ray" Fearington became a full time employee with our Section (8) Housing family on May 15, 2015. Ray has been with the agency as a part time Inspector since August 1, 2011. We are pleased that he is full time now.

~Submitted by Tonya Pegg



## Department of Social Services

It is summer time at Department of Social Services, and the workers are in full compliance. The DSS workers are in tune with their children and family. This is the time of the year many people are vacationing and attending summer camps. So let's see what is going on here.

Tosha is keeping her daughter busy this summer by attending a basketball camp, going to the pool and Adventure Landing. Sounds like fun to me. Sonia is putting in the work this summer; her children have plans for a beach trip, movies, Water Park, and sports camp. Crystal is looking ahead, her daughter, Cayden, is going to the Rose of Sharon summer camp. This camp will allow the children to work on academics and fun field trips, a mixture of fun and learning.

Both of her children, Cayden and Peyton, will be attending swimming lessons. Sounds Awesome!! Bettie Lea has a lot going on this summer. Her son Trey, a rising senior, at Bartlett Yancey High School is working at VIR and taking online classes at PCC. He has just completed his Scouting Eagle project with Troop 372. Her son Evan will be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Dillard Middle School is going to camp this summer at Cherokee Scout Reservation with Troop 372. Can you say summer fun? We want to also celebrate with Bettie Lea and her husband Roger who will be assisting the opening of a new hospital in Hillsborough NC. Roger is the New Respiratory Care Manager of UNC Hospital. Again Congratulations! Lisa will be cruising to the BAHAMA'S this summer to celebrate her daughter's birthday. Casey will also be interning with Von Wellington of Well Works Visual Art in Danville VA. Now this family knows how to have fun. Lelia is celebrating with family, the longevity of an Aunt's **90 Years Young**. We say Happy Birthday to you Auntie. Chuvola will be spending the summer with the family roughing it or semi roughing it on a weeklong camping trip. I wonder how many luxuries she will be taking along with the kitchen sink. They are going to have lots of fun. Christy's daughter Stephanie, a rising Sr. at Tunstall, at the age of 17 has graduated from DCC a licensed CNA. She is now working at Riverside Health Care as a CNA. Way to go Stephanie. Congratulations are in order for Lucinda. Her sun Omar is a 2015 graduate of Bartlett Yancey High School. Not only did he graduate but graduated Cum Laude and is now on his way to the next level of education a Liberty University in Lynchburg VA. Congratulations! Finally, Yvette, your writer, will be spending a week in Florida and Disney World with my family of 28. This will be interesting but fun. I would like to congratulate my God-daughter Izellia a 2015 graduate of Morehead High School in Eden, NC and Angelica a rising Jr. at Reidsville High School IB program and a Senate Page.

We also here at DSS like to enjoy each other and one way we choose to do this is to celebrate our birthday. We will be celebrating birthdays on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

~Submitted by Yvette Williams



# Welcome

... to the Caswell County  
Family



*Jennifer Hammock*  
Register of Deeds' Office



*Samantha Stumaker*  
Section 8 Housing



*Jennifer Mann*  
Dept. of Social Services

# Spotlight on New Employees

## Caswell County Parks and Recreation

Baseball/Softball season is winding down. Tournament starts this coming Friday 6/13. Giants go against Big Show at 6 PM, followed by Redsox against Orioles at 7:30 PM.

Summer sports camps will be offered this summer. There are nine different camps to choose from. The duration of each camp is from 3 to 5 days. The registration fee for each is \$40.



Registration is underway for Fall Football and Soccer. Registration period ends Jun 30<sup>th</sup>. Games will start in September.

We want to thank all of our coaches/volunteers for all their hard work. We couldn't have done it without you.

~Article by Matthew Sidney

### Electronics Have Feelings Too- Sort Of

As the weather turns warm we are all doing more. We are going places, spending time outside , etc. It's during the warmer months that people tend to leave electronics in their vehicles, out on the deck, or otherwise in a hot place.

Electronics including cell phones, tablets, laptops, USB drives, anything electronic pretty much are not tolerant to extreme temps.

Heat is the enemy of your electronics in many ways. A vehicle in the warm/hot months can reach well over 120+ degrees inside.

Leaving your electronics inside for any amount of time beyond an hour is not a good habit to get into. Never leave your devices in direct sunlight for any length of time for sure, and keep in mind what can happen with just leaving it in a hot place for over an hour.

Some of the things that can happen are:

- cracked screens
- reduced long term battery life and capacity due to heat
- reduced hard drive life
- warped plastic components

It's just as bad to keep electronics in your vehicle during the winter at or below freezing levels. When you go from freezing cold to operating temp inside the device too quickly, condensation can form and cause all sorts of problems.

The safest bet is to take your devices with you when you can, and if you have to leave your electronics in the car for any amount of time over an hour, either leave them at home or office and when you do bring them in allow another hour for them to acclimate to the new environment before powering up. With all the things we use our electronics for, and how much they cost taking into consideration their limits once in a while can extend the time they are working at an optimum level for us. It will also extend their service life.

~Article by Robert Webb

## Congratulations!



**Tonya Pegg's new G'Baby:**

**Jordan Devon Tate was  
born May 7, 2015 at  
4:16am.**

**He weighed 7lbs 3oz.**



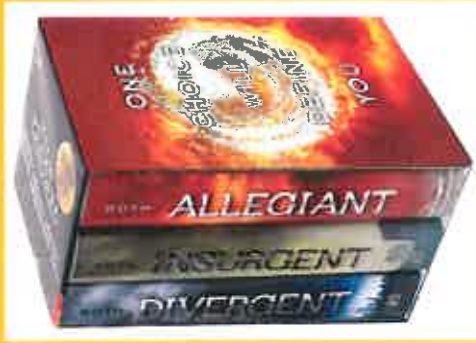
**Jordan Devon's older  
brother, Jadian Devon Tate,  
was promoted to G'Man.  
We went on a class field  
trip to Lazy 5 Ranch in  
Mooreville, NC on May  
12th.**



## 2015 Teen Summer Reading Program Begins June 15th!

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Register at the front desk and pick up your entry forms to be entered into two weekly drawings for prizes. Each prize consists of a book & a DVD. Drawings will be held each Friday—June 19th through July 24th.



## Grand Prize is a Kindle Fire HD

**Summer Reading Funded by:** Caswell County Government Caswell Friends of the Library  
State Library of North Carolina The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region  
Parents / Grandparents / Local Businesses / Community and Library Staff & Supporters !

# Caswell County Library Summer Reading Program 2015!

Caswell County Public Library  
**Summer Reading  
Program 2015!**

**Library Hours:**  
Mon & Thurs. 9-7:00  
Tues & Wed. 9 - 6:00  
Friday 9:00 - 5:00  
Saturday 10:00 - 1:00



Phone: 336-694-6241



## Rags to Riches

**Thursday, June 18, 2015**  
10:00 am @ Civic Center

Come see the live performance of Rags to Riches adaptations of folk and fairy tales from around the world.



## String Celebration

**Thursday, June 25, 2015**  
10:00 am @ Civic Center

Hear music & sing along with String Celebration



## Fish the Magish

**Thursday, July 2, 2015**  
10:00 am @ Civic Center

will bedazzle young and old by wonderful storytelling and mind-bending magic



Enjoy a fishing story at Farmer Lake!

Bring your fishing pole and enjoy the new pier (provided by NC Wildlife) and outdoor classroom (grant via the Danville Regional Foundation)

**Wednesday, July 8, 2015**  
\* Farmer Lake Story Time



## Birdman Dave

**Thursday, July 9, 2015**  
10:00 am @ Civic Center

Birdman Dave and Belle are coming to visit us again! Make sure you are there to see our gorgeous winged friends.



## Fred Motley

**Thursday, July 16, 2015**  
10:00 am @ Civic Center

Enjoy interactive stories with our favorite local storyteller!



## Silver Trout Arts

**Thursday, July 23, 2015**  
10:00 am @ Civic Center

Let Susana and Timmy Abell introduce you to some of their favorite heroes.

**Summer Reading Funded by:** Caswell County Government / Caswell Friends of the Library / State Library of North Carolina / The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region / Parents / Grandparents / Local Businesses / Community and Library Staff & Supporters! This project received support from the CASWELL COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS, with funding from the Grassroots Arts Programs of the North Carolina State Legislature and the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources.



**Caswell County Public Library 161 Main Street East, Yanceyville, NC 27379**





Caswell County Public Library now offers free access to [ancestrylibrary.com](http://ancestrylibrary.com) from the public computers inside the library! [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) is now available INSIDE the library! Thanks to a History United project through the Danville Regional Foundation, Caswell County Public Library patrons now have free access to [www.ancestrylibrary.com](http://www.ancestrylibrary.com) at the library's public computers for fiscal year 2015 - 2016. Come to the library to access the world's largest online history resource. Just type in a name and search!!!!

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### **Big Hero 6 (2014)**

PG | 102 min | [Animation](#), [Action](#), [Adventure](#)

From Walt Disney Animation Studios, the team behind "Frozen" and "Wreck-It Ralph," comes "Big Hero 6," an action-packed comedy-adventure about the special bond that develops between Baymax, a plus-sized inflatable robot, and prodigy Hiro Hamada. When a devastating event befalls the city of San Fransokyo and catapults Hiro into the midst of danger, he turns to Baymax and his close friends adrenaline junkie Go Go Tomago, neatnik Wasabi, chemistry whiz Honey Lemon and fanboy Fred. Determined to uncover the mystery, Hiro transforms his friends into a band of high-tech heroes called "Big Hero 6." *Written by [Walt Disney Animation Studios](#) Stars: [Dylan O'Brien](#), [Kaya Scodelario](#), [Will Poulter](#) |*

### **Movies at the library:**





# Happy Birthday !!

EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDATE
<b>JULY</b>		
Marcy Williams	Health	1
Patsy Lane	Elections	6
Lauren Hudson	DSS	6
Ava Brackin	Register of Deeds	6
Jennifer Hammock	Register of Deeds	6
Debra Simpson	Family Services	6
Beth Jones	Health	7
Rhonda Pleasant	Health	8
Dianne Moorefield	DSS	9
Rohelia McCain	Family Services	9
Cheryl Huskey	Health	10
Crystal Wiley	DSS	14
Jane Bason	Library	16
Kacy Bowe	Detention Center	17
Melissa Poole	Sheriff Department	18
Terri Reynolds	911 Communications	19
A.D. Rainey	Detention Center	21
Michael Thompson	911 Communications	22
Mike Reaves	911 Communications	27
Angela Benson	DSS	28
Cheryl Fuqua	Sheriff Department	29
Virginia McIntyre	Tax Department	30

<b>AUGUST</b>		
Kent Williamson	Commissioner	1
Dr. Fred Moore	Health	1
Michael Adkins	Sheriff Department	1
Carolyn Harrelson	Soil & Water	2
Donnie Powell	Environmental Health	2
Perry Caudill	EMS	2
Keith Fuqua	Solid Waste	3
Suzanne Yarbrough	Family Services	6
Annie Lea	EMS	8
Angy Turner	Section 8 Housing	8
Charlie King	Farmer Lake	13
Calvin Connally	Maintenance	13
Lindsay Barton	DSS	14
Eric Barnhardt	Farmer Lake	15
Lea Walter	CATS	19
Christopher Rigg	EMS	20
Lisa Barnett	DSS	22
Tammy Paschal	DSS	23
Tonya Pegg	Youth Outreach	23
Paula Seamster	Administration	24
Rick Mishue	Sheriff Department	25
Keyon Robinson	Detention Center	25
Clayton Myers	Sheriff Department	26
Mitch Thompson	Soil & Water	26
Jordan Edge	Detention Center	27
Terry Walker	Farmer Lake	27
Jeremiah Jefferies	Commissioner	28
Kamara Graves	Youth Outreach	28
Vincent Corbett	Sheriff Department	30

## Fearless Caregiver Conference

As many of you have seen in your email, mailboxes and across town, the Caswell Senior Services and Piedmont Triad Regional Council Area Agency on Aging recently partnered with Today's Caregiver magazine to host the 152<sup>nd</sup> Fearless Caregiver Conference. Until joining the Caswell Senior Services team in November, I had never heard of these conferences or thought about what it meant to be a caregiver. I've always helped take care of my grandparents – taking them to appointments, helping them around the house, etc. Let me just say, I have become a master decorator and wrapper during the holidays at my Granny's. But I was never a caregiver until the last two years when my role increased with my Pawpaw. Let me explain. You see my Pawpaw was a fighter. He'd battled back from numerous heart attacks, congestive heart failure, two VAD (ventricular assistive device), and strokes. After his second VAD device was implanted, he was different. His memory was slipping, his temperament fragile. He rarely left the house. His appetite varied. My grandmother cared for him around the clock – administering meds, changing his batteries, adjusting his hearing aids so he might be able to understand her. I think you can understand, it was job and it was taking a toll on her. I decided I needed to step up. I would come in during the week and “kick” her out of the house. Tell her to go shopping. Visit friends. Just get out of the house. It was then that I bonded with my Pawpaw – more than I can ever remember as a child. I'd fix him lunch and we would watch Wendy Williams and the Talk, ensuring we stayed on top of the latest gossip and fashion trends. We watched westerns and action movies, “shoot-em-up bang bang” movies as he called them. When TV wasn't stealing our attention we exercised. Pawpaw had been ordered 8 weeks of physical therapy after his second VAD. But I knew that wasn't enough and once the sessions ran out he'd stay in his favorite recliner for hours on end. His physical therapist and I spoke, and with my degree and certification I was permitted to continue his therapy once his sessions ended. We did laps, squats, knee extensions, hamstring curls, marched in place, and more laps. He'd stand up, I would tell him, “take off” and before he made it to the kitchen his pants were falling and it was a full moon. He'd cut corners like a NASCAR driver. We couldn't help but laugh. Then it was time to “take a break”. That was always his favorite – he'd repeat the words back with a smile. My Meme started telling everyone I could get him to do whatever I wanted – get him out of bed, up and walking, eating, or outside. That was before he really started to decline. My Pawpaw passed away in April of this year. And like anyone else who has lost loved ones, it has been a struggle. I tell you this story to tell you the one thing I that stuck with me from the Fearless Caregiver Conference – remember the good times with your loved ones and laugh. I try not to think about his last few days when he was in pain and just wanted to go Home. I remember him in his garden. I remember him working on this old Ford pickup. I remember him shooting guns with my brother. I remember him blowing silks off corn with an air compressor because it was “faster” than using his hands. I remember my little Richard Petty cutting corners with his walker, pants halfway to his knees. But most of all I remember his smile. The smile I see every time I look at my dad. Being a caregiver is both a struggle and a reward. You are with them through everything – and everything affects you in some form or fashion. Something I did not understand until a few years ago, something that was not reiterated until June 10 at the Fearless Caregiver. But I would do it all again because the bond and memories I made are priceless.



The photo is from the Fearless Caregiver Conference held at the Civic Center. It is the panel of experts and host Gary Barg, Editor-in-Chief of Today's Caregiver magazine. The panel of experts were (from left to right) Steven Arrington, an Elder Law Attorney out of Greensboro, Jeannine Everidge, Anthony Robertson, PA-C from the Caswell Family Medical Center, Cynthia Moir, a regional Long-Term Care Ombudsmen at Piedmont Triad Regional Council, and Teresa Jackson, a Family Caregiver Support Program Specialist from Piedmont Triad Regional Council Area Agency on Aging.

## Other Caswell County News & Helpful Hints

### JCPC Public Awareness Luncheon

On May 6, 2015, the Council held a Public Awareness Luncheon at Caswell Pines featuring key-note speaker Danye Perry, MPA. Mr. Perry works for Communities in Schools of North Carolina as the Director of Program and Youth Development. His presentation focused on “Raising Awareness on Youth and Gangs”. He stressed understanding the significance of signs and symbols, gang violence and the influence to youth regardless of age and identifying the gaps in services within our community to provide prevention and intervention programs for youth.

A special thank you to programs (Community Service/Restitution, Teen Court, Roots and Wings Parenting Class) for their services to the community.

A gracious thank you to Mr. Perry for sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm to enhance communities about gang violence.

*~Submitted by Brenda Day, Chairperson*

### It's Time To Test Your Pressure Canner Gauge

Have you had your dial gauge tested this year? Accuracy of the gauge can make the difference between over or under processed jars in your canner. You can get your pressure canner gauge tested at the Caswell County Extension Center for free. Only dial gauge canners can be tested. Older models may not fit the tester. To get your dial gauge pressure canner tested, please contact Sonya Patterson at 336-694-4158 or reach her through email at [sonya\\_patterson@ncsu.edu](mailto:sonya_patterson@ncsu.edu).

### Adventure in Europe

Paula Seamster's daughter, Mikayla Seamster is a senior at NC State and will graduate in December. Mikayla spent three weeks in Europe for her senior trip where she visited London; the English Channel; Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Cologne, Germany; the Rhine River in Heidelberg; Rothenburg; Munich, Germany; Berchtesgarden Saltmines; Salzburg, Austria; Venice, Italy; Florence, Italy; Rome, Italy; and the Vatican City. 42 students from NC State, Ohio State, University of Alabama and University of Georgia visited Europe. Europe will never be the same since these college students left.



## Upcoming Events

### Caswell County Board of Commissioners Meetings

- Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting
- Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting
- Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – Public Officials Workshop

### Caswell County Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm – Senior Center

### Farmer Lake to Host Grant Celebration

Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – Farmer Lake



## Newsletter Staff

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WXII, Channel News 12 will be installing a weather camera on the Drug Store the week after July 4<sup>th</sup> so please watch Channel 12 to see the big city of Yanceyville. You never know you may be on TV.

